



Trinity Tidings

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TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF COLEBROOK
COLEBROOK, PENNSYLVANIA

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"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own" 1st Corinthians 6:19

We are not like those empty pots sitting on the shelves in the fellowship hall. We are unique, yes, different shapes and sizes, sure, but we are also vessels filled with the same Spirit. We all are overflowing with God's goodness. And yet, as Paul reminds the church in Corinth, we are merely stewards of these bodies, given to us for a short while. How do we care for this holy temple of God that we live in? Is it even possible? Good stewardship requires striving to be righteous. It means being right with God. It does not mean, however, that we are better than others, a bunch of goody two shoes. It means we set ourselves apart from secular influence. The word Holy in Hebrew (kadesh) means to set apart, for sacred use. And in the Greek (hagios), holy means different or special to God. What a beautiful gift; to be God's special and holy vessel set aside for God. Being holy means intentionally connecting with God so often that God becomes part of our every breath. I think my mom knew she was a holy and special vessel of God. She told me that when she woke up after an emergency surgery her first thought was *"Be still and know that I am God."* She couldn't move or talk, but she knew she was not alone. If her loved ones could not be there when she first woke, she would find solace in summoning the One who promises to never leave us or forsake us. She knew how to create a quiet moment in the presence of Christ Himself. As she focused her mind and heart on God, she soaked in the light of His Holiness and God filled her with His peace. What a comfort for her to feel sacred midst strange voices, tubes, monitors and bright lights.

I pray that in 2016 we, too, will be filled with God's peace. I pray that we will treat our bodies as holy temples and carve out more time to be with God. That prayer will be on the tip of our tongue all day long, from the first thing we do in the morning, to the last thing we do before we go to sleep; so that, after awhile, God will be in our *every* moment. Living in the light of God shapes our priorities, our decisions and our behavior. We have a responsibility, to the One who created us because *"we are not our own. We were bought at a price"* 1st Corinthians 6:20

May God fill you with blessings in the New Year!

Pastor Cheri

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colebrook Mission Statement

Trinity Lutheran Church is a warm and welcoming fellowship of believers called to worship God in Word and Sacrament. Through prayer, education, fellowship and benevolence we seek to make the Good News of Jesus Christ known to our congregation and our community. Seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we use our gifts and talents to support the spiritual needs of an active and growing community now and into the future.



January

Organist/Musicians

Joe Buchmoyer

Liturgist

Makenzie Cuthie

Communion Assistants

Jan 3	Renie Sanders
Jan 10	Shirley Keener
Jan 17	Helen Row
Jan 24	Wendy Hammer
Jan 31	Sandy Walborn

Youth Assistants

Jan 3	Katelyn Brooks
Jan 10	Madison Fanus
Jan 17	Victoria Brooks
Jan 24	Maya Fanus
Jan 31	Gabby Craig

Readers

The Lessons will be available in the Narthex. Feel free to pick a Lesson up as the Spirit moves you to be a reader.

Altar Care

Wendy Hammer	Mel Kulp
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Head Ushers

Wayne Defelice	Barb Witmer
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Offering Counters

Jeff Keener	Bob Yeingst
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Your contribution to each worship service is very important to every member in attendance. If you are unable to be at the service you have been assigned to, please call and ask another volunteer to substitute for you. Perhaps you can arrange a switch and fill in for that person on another date.

If you are unable to find a substitute, please call Renie Sanders at 272-3264 (leave a message) or email her at sanders94@comcast.net. If you are unable to come at the last minute, please call the church on Sunday morning at 665-6670.

HOW TO REACH US

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Pastor Cheri will be on vacation January 18 through 24. Pastor Bob Hoffman, 717.228.9985, will cover emergencies.



Sunday, January 3

Burning of the Greens following church service. Hot chocolate and treats will be served.



Sunday, January 10

Baptism of Our Lord



Sunday, January 17

Bishop James Dunlop Visit

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2016

Continuing Members

Bill Calhoon
Diane Carroll
Audra Cuthie
Rick Fox
Glenn Hoy
Connie Kelly
Bob Walborn

Newly Elected Members

Elwood Weaber
Brad Yingst

Out-Going Members

Bob Hammer
Greg Kulp

FINANCIAL OFFICERS

Financial Secretary – Audra Cuthie (newly elected)
Treasurer – Craig Korte

Thank you to our church council members and financial officers, both current and out-going, for faithful service and diligent stewardship on behalf of Trinity Colebrook. God's blessings and heartfelt thanks to Marlene Stehman, out-going Financial Secretary, as she and John move to their new home in Georgia.

From Your Church Council

Dear Trinity Congregation,

Thank you for your generous support this year of our building improvements. The new windows, gutters and shutters were a cost of \$16,978. We also had some other improvements: more work in the kitchen, including a new stove and refrigerator.

As a result, for much of this year, the building fund was carrying a significant negative balance. But, due to the generosity of our members, as of mid-December, the building fund shows a negative balance of only \$900 and will soon be in the black again.

Yours in Christ,
Trinity Church Council

What *not* to take into the new year

- Self-help books — Trust in God first; don't turn to him as a last resort. (See Proverbs 3:5-6.)
- Tape measure — Consider only God's standards; don't compare yourself to other people. (See Luke 18:9-14.)
- Rearview mirror — Don't live in the past. You'll miss out on what God is doing in your life now. (See Philippians 3:12-14.)
- Gavel — Instead of judging others, pray for them, help them and team with them. (See Luke 6:37-38.)
- Life vest — Don't be overly cautious spiritually. Peter experienced Jesus in a real way because he dared to step out of the boat. (See Matthew 14:22-33.)
- Garage-door opener — We think we're networked but often isolate ourselves from our neighbors. God intended for us to live in community with one another. (See Hebrews 10:23-25.)
- Handcuffs — Don't offer excuses about why you can't help out. God can do amazing things through — and despite — us. Just follow him, with no excuses. (See Mark 6:35-44.)

—Gregg McCaslin

**WE NEED
YOUR
HELP!!!**

- Pastor Cheri is looking for someone to help update Facebook and Trinity's website.
- Another volunteer is needed to prepare bulletins. The job will be shared with Connie Weirich.

Food Bank Sunday

January 3 (1st Sunday of Each Month)

Thank you everyone for your help and dedication by helping with the local food bank donations. Every month a very generous amount of food and toiletries are delivered to either the Manheim or Palmyra facilities and it is very much appreciated. Thank you to all who help make this giving possible



Women of the **ELCA** 

TRINITY SOUP AND PIE SALE

Trinity's Famous
Chicken Corn Noodle Soup & Fruit Pies

Made by Women of the Church

- Cherry Crumb • Apple Crumb
- Peach Crumb
- Blueberry Crumb



Look for pre-order forms or call:

Margaret Daub at 964.3342

Melody Kulp at 665.9768

Order Deadline — Saturday, January 30

Pickup — Saturday, February 6

Perfect for the Super Bowl!!

Pauline and Morris Greiner delivered 67 Christmas stockings to St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Lebanon, on Wednesday, December 9. They were distributed to Lebanon County health care and correctional facilities the next day. Our goal was 50 stockings — way to go Trinity, you did a great job with this outreach. Thank you Pauline and Morris for getting them to St. Luke's.



In 2015, the prayer shawl and quilt ministry provided:
24 quilts for Lutheran World Relief
1 quilt for The Lutheran Camping Corporation Auction
10 quilts and 8 blankets for Project Linus

Project Linus is a non-profit organization, dedicated to "Providing Security Through Blankets," for ill or traumatized children and teens. Inspired by a picture of a three-year-old cancer patient holding her security blanket, Project Linus was begun in 1995. Nationally, Project Linus has donated more than 5 million handmade blankets to help comfort children in need in hospitals, shelters, and hospices. Project Linus was named after the adorable security blanket toting character from the Peanuts comic strip.

Wandering Singles

The Wandering Singles did not meet in December due to the congregational meeting. We will be going to the Hide A Way Restaurant in Mt. Gretna on Sunday, January 10. — Barb Hardy



Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." Romans 15:7



Betty Kreider
16 Harvest Mill Lane
Palmyra, PA 17078

Betty Kreider and Keith, Kristi, Kayleigh, Grayson and Trenton Leedy joined Trinity on Sunday, December 20.

Cards of welcome can be sent to:

Keith & Kristi Leedy & Family
1156 Harvest Drive
Lebanon, PA 17046

(Also, a reminder to add them to your church directory.)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January 6	Samantha Lund
January 8	Barbara Hardy & Dylan Yeingst
January 14	Betty Chatten
January 23	Pat Clare
January 28	Tom Campbell
January 31	Megan Kelly



January 2	Rodney & Karen Rhoades
January 8	Gregory & Melody Kulp
January 28	John & Marlene Stehman

We are always looking to celebrate good news. If you know of anyone's birthday or anniversary that has been missed or know of any errors, please contact Diane Calhoon.

It's A Boy!

Grayson Joseph Mercier was born on Friday, December 11. Baby Grayson weighed over 8 pounds and was 20 inches long.

Parents are John and Megan Mercier. Great-grandparents are Glen and Janet Hoy and Barbara Hardy.



We Remember In Our Prayers



Andrew Barnett	Marty III
David Boltz	Connie & Megan Kelly
Harold Brown	Cloyd Martin
Josh Buchmoyer	Bob McAlpin
Doris Bucks	Larry Minney
Geri Calhoon	Don Monn
Tom Campbell	Leonard Reisinger
Pat Clare	Karen Rhoades
Wayne Defelice	Tammy Sanders
Carol Gingrich	Bob Yeingst
Remington Paul Hardy	Mary
Sandra Hull	

Grieving

The Family of Sylvia Hoover

Assisted and Skilled Care

Betty Chatten	Ellen Gepfer	Effie Neiswender
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Others in Need

Andrew & Angie Hammer & Family (Synod Missionaries)
Kiwira Coal Mine Congregation

First Responders

Brad Yeingst	Dylan Yeingst	Tim Yeingst
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Military



Todd Campbell	William Rimpler
Joe Dempsey	Missy Singer
David Martin	David Walborn
Townsend Mundorf	



To have the Prayer Chain activated for a family member or friend who is in need of our prayers, please contact:

1. Pastor Cheri at 717.606.8851 to begin the prayer chain.
2. If Pastor Cheri is not available, call Barb Hardy.
3. If Barbara Hardy is not available, call any other person listed.

Barb Hardy	867.1286
Irene Sanders	272.3264
Connie Weirich	665.6448
Margaret Daub	964.3342
Pauline Greiner	664.2011
Helen Row	626.6076

February Tidings Deadline

Sunday, January 17

Items can be put in Diane Calhoon's mailbox or emailed to grannycalhoon@gmail.com. **PLEASE** include your name with submissions.

Friday Prayer Service

A prayer service is held every Friday at 10:00 AM, in the Sanctuary. Bring your concerns, thoughtful support and may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ bring peace and healing to our world.



To every thing there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven. - Ecclesiastes 3:1

An Open Letter to Trinity Congregation,

Wow! How quickly God works providing new opportunities for service as John and I move to a log cabin in the forest near Buena Vista, Georgia, to be close to our son Anthony and his family.

God has truly blessed me as a member of this congregation where my children were baptized, confirmed, and grew up as part of our church family. I was able to serve God through our church in so many capacities and have seen us accomplish so much and meet so many needs throughout the years.

Am a bit sad at the thought of leaving so many special people in my life, particularly Pastor Cheri. She was a blessing to me when I retired and needed to rethink how I could still make a difference in this world. She took full advantage of my skills and encouraged me to share them. Before you know it, she has you involved and you're wondering how it happened. ☺ That's the way God works, if we listen to the nudges in our lives. I know God has touched several hearts in our congregation to continue where my service here has ended.

You're an amazing group of believers at a small church who know how to serve God in a big way. Please keep in touch and let me know about the new ways you continue to serve Him!

May God bless each and every one of you! Looking forward to what He still has in store for me in Georgia!

In Christ's Love,
Marlene

P.S. I will be out of touch for a while until I can get service set up in Georgia; but here is my info:

John and Marlene Stehman
165 Westwind Trail
Buena Vista, GA 31803

Email: jmstehman@yahoo.com
Telephone: my cell 717.228.8882 (I will have to drive 15 min toward
Columbus to reach a cell tower)

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose - Romans 8:28



Words You Can Live By

(Shared by Helen Row)

People are often unreasonable and self centered;
forgive them anyway.
If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives;
be kind anyway.
If you are honest, people may cheat you;
be honest anyway.
If you find happiness, people may be jealous;
be happy anyway.
The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow;
do good anyway.
Give the world the best you have and it may never be
enough;
give your best anyway.
For you see, in the end it is between you and God;
It was never between you and them anyway.

Little Things

(Shared by June Tschudy)

It takes a little muscle and it takes a little grit,
A little true ambition with a little bit of wit.
It's not the "biggest" things that count
and make the "biggest" show;
It's the little things that people do that
makes the old world go.
A little bit of smiling and a little sunny
chat,
A little bit of courage to a comrade
slipping back;
It's not the "biggest" things that count
and make the "biggest" show;
It's the little things that people do that
makes the old world go.



JANUARY

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 NO PRAYER SERVICE TODAY Lawn Turnpike Toll Plaza Food Pick-Up NEW YEAR'S DAY	2
3 FOOD BANK SUNDAY Burning of the Greens Following Church Service 6:00 pm Church Council Mtg	4	5 6:30 pm Social Outreach Committee Mtg Lawn Turnpike Toll Plaza Food Pick-Up	6 7:00 pm Choir Practice EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD	7	8 10:00 am Prayer Service Lawn Turnpike Toll Plaza Food Pick-Up	9
10 10:45-Noon Confirmation Class Wandering Singles TIDINGS INFORMATION DEADLINE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD	11	12 5:30 pm Christian Education Committee Mtg 6:45 pm Worship and Music Committee Mtg Lawn Turnpike Toll Plaza Food Pick-Up	13 7:00 pm Choir Practice	14	15 10:00 am Prayer Service Lawn Turnpike Toll Plaza Food Pick-Up	16
17 BISHOP JOHN DUNLOP VISITING TRINITY 1:00-3:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	18 Pastor Korte on Vacation	19 Lawn Turnpike Toll Plaza Food Pick-Up Pastor Korte on Vacation	20 7:00 pm Choir Practice Pastor Korte on Vacation	21 Pastor Korte on Vacation	22 10:00 am Prayer Service Lawn Turnpike Toll Plaza Food Pick-Up Pastor Korte on Vacation	23 Pastor Korte on Vacation
24 Kid's Special Music EVERYBODY'S BIRTHDAY Pastor Korte on Vacation	25	26 Lawn Turnpike Toll Plaza Food Pick-Up	27 7:00 pm Choir Practice	28	29 10:00 am Prayer Service Lawn Turnpike Toll Plaza Food Pick-Up	30 WELCA SOUP & PIE SALE – ORDER DEADLINE
31 10:45-Noon Confirmation Class Note Date Change						