



Trinity Tidings

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TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF COLEBROOK
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"Such things were written in the Scriptures long ago to teach us. And the Scriptures give us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God's promises to be fulfilled" Romans 15:4



Why is it when our children or other family members and friends come to us all excited about a possibility of something great that just might happen, we feel it our responsibility to counter it with the negative? Why do we think we have to protect them from disappointment by saying, "Don't count your chickens before they're hatched," or "Oh honey, that's great, but don't get your hopes up?"

Why? And Why not get our hopes up? Isn't that what faith is all about? *"Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see."* Hebrews 11:1. What are we so afraid of? Honestly, this happens to all of us, all too often, and so I find this verse from Romans to be fitting, for this time, for this congregation. The scriptures will sustain us and motivate us while we wait for God's promises to be fulfilled. We ought to be excited and full of faith!

The disciples had difficulties believing, even when in the presence of the living God, so we should not be surprised when we fail to be faithful to the One who will never forsake us. Jesus knows how difficult it is for us to appreciate what we have and to hold out in hope for that which we cannot see. However, there is pure love, hope and faith exploding off the pages of the Holy Bible. How often do we take time to read this awesome book so that we might hear what God is saying to us at any given moment of our lives? There is also the e-devotion *Light for the Day* which, once again, was the inspiration for this month's message. The beautiful pictures that accompany each random daily verse speak to me in ways only God can define.

You may have noticed members are taking words from Scripture and literally transforming the fellowship hall with inspiration from the Holy Spirit. Soon there will be Bible verses on the walls, along with clay jars to which we hope you will contribute. Watch for shelving to be hung, and an invitation to bring in a jar or pot that is indicative of God's molding and shaping of your life. *"We're the clay, you're the potter, form us O Lord"* Isaiah 64:8. We have already begun to hang pictures of our beautiful neighborhood as the seasons come and go. The kitchen has been renewed, walls have been repaired and painted inside and out. We continue to add to our music portfolio. There will soon be a new Pentecost booklet to also enrich our worship. Whatever we can do to create preludes for the Holy Spirit, the wider the door will open. Everyone is invited to help us improve our Sunday morning experience, our church building, and our outreach ministries. I was encouraged by the turnout at the special meeting held last Sunday and council members appreciate your input. Now we ask that you use your feet and hands to implement some of these ideas. *"We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us"* Philippians 4:13. *"And let us consider each other carefully for the purpose of sparking love and good deeds"* Hebrews 10:24.

"May the God of endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude toward each other similar to Christ Jesus' attitude!" Romans 15:5.

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COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 3rd 2015

MEETING MINUTES: Minutes from the April 12th 2015 meeting were transmitted electronically and reviewed prior to the meeting by council members. The minutes were approved as written.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Rusty Korte discussed his report and confirmed that his report matched that of Marlene Stehman. Rusty requested that the Offering Counters be reminded to enter the attendance number on their weekly Offering Sheets. He advised that we have approximately \$28K in our checking account and approximately \$35K in our Mutual Fund Accounts. A motion was made by Connie Kelly to approve both the Treasurer's Report as well as the Financial Secretary's Report and this was seconded by Glenn Hoy. The motion passed.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC: The cost of the Sound System as discussed in their report is closer to \$6,000 than \$4,000. It was also discussed that anyone can come up front and sing during the Outside Services. A note will be put in the Bulletin and in the Tidings.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: No report and the next meeting is scheduled for May 4th, 2015. Audra Cuthie also kept us up to date concerning The SAFE background checks. A 4 person committee was set up to monitor and handle these issues.

FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP: No report and their next meeting is set for May 21st, 2015. Jim Gill of Thrivent plans to attend our June Council meeting to discuss how Thrivent can help us individually and as a church.

PROPERTY: We had our Clean Up Day on May 2nd 2015. We had a very good turnout and a lot of work was completed. There will be a work list posted by the Mailboxes for additional jobs that need to be done. On May 7th Rick Fox will be painting the back door and the railing. On May 7th the Bell Tower is to be pressure washed. The last Property meeting was not well attended. It was to be the 3rd Thursday of every month but unless this is in the Bulletin or Tidings, people will not remember to attend.

CEMETERY: Greg plans to set a work date to work on some of the damaged tombstones.

OLD BUSINESS: We discussed the Constitution and Church Bylaws. Pastor Cheri and Bill Calhoon have worked hard to update and bring these up to date. We need to make sure our Bylaws conform with the Constitution. Glenn Hoy made a motion to approve the changes to the Constitution and Diane Carroll seconded it. The motion passed. In the Fall these will be presented to the Congregation for their approval.

Retreat Objectives: On May 17th Greg will run a meeting after church to discuss the results of our Retreat. This will occur during Fellowship time. Copies of our retreat outline will be available for review and we hope to have a good discussion with the congregation.

SAFE Update: Audra Cuthie discussed our progress in getting the required clearances for all those working with the children. A 4 person committee was set up to handle this issue. The Committee is made up of Audra Cuthie, Greg Kulp, Connie Kelly and Pastor Cheri Korte. A motion was made by Bill Calhoon and seconded by Connie Kelly to pay for Pastor Cheri's clearance now since she plans to go on the Mission Trip. This motion was approved. We also discussed the coverages from Church Mutual. Would there be coverage for any Child Abuse? Greg Kulp will follow up with our Agent and help clarify that we are properly covered.

Property Committee Structure: Our Bylaws indicate that any Chairman for any of our Committees should only be for a 2 year period. We need to decide if we want this enforced or changed. An Emergency Meeting needs to be set up with the Property Committee to make a better list of what jobs need to be done around the church. Glenn Hoy will be talking to Brad Yeingst about setting monthly meetings to ensure things get completed timely. Rusty Korte would like to update our Church's Mission Statement. Rusty Korte would also like to have old reports reviewed and shredded if appropriate.

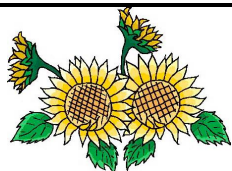
NEW BUSINESS: We discussed non-budgeted items and will try to get these budgeted next year. Steve Miller will need to set up a Picnic meeting in the near future. A Thrivent Representative may want to set up a table at our picnic. A Motion was made by Audra Cuthie and seconded by Connie Kelly to donate \$2000 to the Nepal Disaster. The donation will go through Lutheran World Relief. This motion passed.

A Motion was made by Glenn Hoy and seconded by Connie Kelly to adjourn. We adjourned with the praying of our Lord's Prayer.

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for June 7th 2015 at 6PM.

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.



June

Organist/Musicians
TBD

Liturgist
Renie Sanders

Communion Assistants
June 7 Renie Sanders
June 14 Jeff Keener
June 21 Dan Hardy
June 28 Brad Yeingst

Youth Assistants
June 7 Katelyn Monette
June 14 Madison Fanus
June 21 Katelyn Brooks
June 28 Outdoor Srvice

Readers

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

Altar Care
Tracy Craig Alma Stober

Head Ushers
Renie Sanders Bob Yeingst

Offering Counters
Rick Fox Brad Yeingst

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 ask another volunteer to substitute for you. If you are unable to find a substitute, please call Renie Sanders at 272-3264 (leave a message) or email 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 the Mission Trip June 21-27.



OUTDOOR SUNDAY SERVICES
4th Sunday of each summer month
June 28, July 26 & August 23
Bring your lawn chairs!

Christian Education
End of the Sunday
School Year
Celebration



ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN INVITED!

Sunday, May 31
During Sunday School Time

Pizza Lunch • Tye Dye Craft • Water Balloons

Parents, please be sure to have a change of clothes for your kids. We don't want church clothes to get dirty or wet.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Everest: Conquering
Challenges with God's Mighty
Power

Sun, June 14 – Thurs, June 18
6:00 – 8:00 pm

Salem Lutheran Church
119 N 8th Street, Lebanon

For registration forms and any questions see Audra Cuthie.

HELP NEEDED

- Crew leaders to shepherd children around to stations.
- Blankets for children to sit on. Please put your name on them so they can be returned to you.
- Hiking equipment to decorate the base camp area (free standing pup tents, ropes, snow shoes, boots, lanterns, ski poles, little fishing chairs and lanterns). Please put your name on them so they can be returned to you.



SYNOD ATTENDEES STILL NEEDED

Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly
Friday, June 5 and Saturday, June 6
Messiah College
Grantham, PA

Parmer Hall is the new venue for Assembly business on the campus of Messiah College. This state-of-the-art worship and performing arts space offers a sacred setting for assembly business. Theater-style seating and professional sound and projection reduce overall event costs and improve our environment.

Anyone interested in attending our Synod Assembly, please see Pastor Cheri **as soon as possible**. We are allowed two voting delegates.

SUMMER WORSHIP SUPPORT . . . CAN YOU HELP?



- Be part of the worship team assisting Joe Buchmoyer in leading the outdoor services.
- Provide special music for our regular services.

Contact Karen Miller for Outdoor Services
Contact Pastor Cheri for Regular Services

News from Social Outreach

Mother's Day was celebrated at Trinity, first by a beautiful poem written and shared from our local poet, Pauline Greiner! After church, members were treated to a breakfast brunch. The menu consisted of egg/sausage and cheese muffin sandwiches, danish, donuts, sweet treats, fruit salad, oj, chocolate milk, and coffee! Thank you to all who helped cook, wrap, set-up and clean-up, especially to the Buchmoyer family and Janet Hoy for coming early and getting it all together! There were no left-overs to be found!!

Lawn Plaza Food Pick-up is still going strong every Tuesday and Friday afternoon. We have been doing this outreach for well over 16 months and distributing food to about 6 different shelters and centers. If we didn't pick it up, it would be thrown away. What a total waste when it can help feed others! We have several faithful helpers who make these trips, but a **few more helpers would be welcomed**. Please consider helping, even once a month. Any of us would be happy to have you go along with us to see the route and what we do. It just takes some of your time and a little gas in your car. The sign-up sheet is outside Pastor Cheri's office. Please consider this outreach so we can keep it going!

Wandering Singles

The Wondering Singles went to the Three Loaves Restaurant on Sunday May 17 for a nice lunch after which we visited Betty Chatten who now lives in the Health Center at Masonic Village. It was a surprise for her and said she appreciated our company. The next luncheon will be at Iron Valley Golf Course and Restaurant on June 14th.
-Shirley Keener



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

Nikolas Daub

Grandson of Margaret Daub. Nikolas graduates from Cedar Crest High School on Friday, May 29. He will be attending HACC and will transfer to Penn State University to study computer science.

Gregory Preston Hoch

Grandson of Sandy and Bob Walborn. Gregory will graduate from Lower Dauphin High School on Thursday, June 4. He will enter Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) in the fall to major in the physics program with intentions to be a bio-engineer.

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Trinity Weddings

Let the wife make the husband glad to come home, and let him make her sorry to see him leave. - Martin Luther

Patricia Wickard and Drew Wiggin, were married on Saturday, May 9. Patricia is the daughter of Pauline Greiner.

Tiffany Zentz and Jeremy Speraw, were married on Saturday, May 16. Tiffany is the daughter of Betsy Hoy and Michael Zentz and granddaughter of Glen and Janet Hoy.

Tara Bockey and Kyle Greiner will be married on Saturday, May 30.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 9 Skylee Sweitzer
 June 15 Collin Row, Tom Stager, & Tiffany Zentz
 June 17 Mary Stager
 June 20 Betty Lighty
 June 25 Kendra Wolf
 June 29 Effie Neiswender

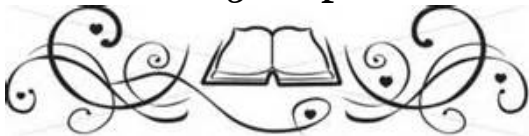


HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

June 6 Earl & Mary Lois Smith
 June 11 Tom & Diane Haney
 June 24 Leonard & Tracy Monette
 June 24 Rev. Robert & Sandy Walborn

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.

Sharing Scripture



From Helen Row

I Corinthians 16:13-14

Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.

Help the Tidings make this a regular monthly inclusion. Trinity members of ALL ages...do you have a favorite Bible verse(s) or one you have heard and just like? Please share this with the congregation. You never know when it could touch another's heart. Let Diane Calhoon know at grannycalhoon@gmail.com or put in her mailbox. Hey, friends, listen up - I'm counting on you!

Altar Flowers

FLOWERS NEEDED FOR

June 7 & 28
 July 5, 12, 18 & 26

Royers will deliver at a cost of \$30. If you would like to buy and arrange your own flowers, you still need to sign up on the chart, but note that you are bringing your own.

Flower sign-up chart is now located at the bottom of the stairwell leading into the Fellowship Room.

We Remember In Our Prayers



Barbara Bowen	Karlyn Grace Morgan & Family
Josh Buchmoyer	Bob McAlpin
Doris Bucks	Leonard Reisinger
Diana Campbell	Jack & Renie Sanders
Ralph Clare	Doris & Ron Savage
Tom Daub	Mary Spess
Suzanne Davis	Tom Stager
Harold Ebright	Sandy Walborn
Carol Gingrich	Jay Weidman Sr.
Sylvia Hoover	Teresa Weidman
Connie & Megan Kelly	Barbara Witmer
Betty Lighty	Noah & Ben
Samantha Lund	Twila

Assisted and Skilled Care

Betty Chatten Ellen Gepfer Effie Neiswender

Others in Need

Kiwira Coal Mine Congregation

First Responders

Brad Yeingst Dylan Yeingst Tim Yeingst

Military



Todd Campbell	William Rimpler
Joe Dempsey	Missy Singer
Eric Richards	David Walborn



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	838.1929
Irene Sanders	272.3264
Connie Weirich	665.6448
Margaret Daub	964.3342
Pauline Greiner	664.2011
Helen Row	626.6076

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.





2015 Mission Trip News June 21 - 27

We deeply appreciate all your help in the various fund-raising activities throughout this year. You have made this third mission trip possible for Trinity members.

Below is a list of final items that are needed for this year's trip.

Spaghetti	Saltine crackers
Paper towels	Peanut butter
Toilet paper	Charcoal
Handi-wipes	Snacks of any kind
Large garbage bags	Cereal
12 oz PAPER bowls	Catsup
9 or 12 oz PAPER cups	LOTS of bottles of water

Items need to be brought to church by Sunday, June 14.

Please put items with the mission trip display in the social hall.



FOOD BANK SUNDAY

June 7 (1st Sunday of Each Month)

Serving Manheim Central Food Bank, LCCM Lebanon and Caring Cupboard of Palmyra.

JULY TIDINGS DEADLINE

Sunday, June 21

Please submit information for anything happening that you wish to publicize to Diane Calhoon. Items can be dropped off in her mailbox, emailed to grannycalhoon@gmail.com or by phone at 273-9436.



Lebanon County Lutheran Church Men's Group

LCLC (Lebanon County Lutheran Church) Men's Group will meet for our upcoming quarterly meeting on Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 6:30 pm. Saint Matthews will be sponsoring the meeting. It will be held at the Cedar Crest High School pavilion located on State Drive. Coming from Lebanon it is right after the VA Hospitals water tower. There is a small stone driveway on the right side. You can see the pavilion from the street. We will have a sign out near the entrance. We will be grilling hotdogs and hamburgers with all the sides.

See Dan Hardy for information.

ELCA Provides \$500,000 For Emergency Aid In Nepal

CHICAGO (ELCA) – In an effort to continue meeting the needs of earthquake survivors in Nepal, members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) have allocated \$500,000 to support ELCA partners there engaged in relief and emergency assistance.

The funds were sent through this church's Lutheran Disaster Response to ACT Alliance – \$200,000 allocated to The Lutheran World Federation based in Geneva, \$200,000 to Lutheran World Relief based in Baltimore, and \$100,000 to the United Mission to Nepal.

Active in Nepal since 1984, The Lutheran World Federation began an immediate large-scale emergency response in and around Kathmandu, Nepal's capital. The earthquake's epicenter was approximately 50 miles northwest of the city. As of May 4, the confirmed death toll is more than 7,270 people. The Lutheran World Federation is a global communion of Christian churches in the Lutheran tradition. The ELCA is the only U.S. member church of the communion.

ELCA funds will support the communion's establishment of shelters and camps and the distribution of clean water, food, sanitation supplies and more in several districts in the Kathmandu Valley. The Lutheran World Federation is the lead agency for ACT Alliance and is working directly with the Nepalese government.

Active in Nepal since 2009, Lutheran World Relief is distributing quilts, water filtration systems and other emergency relief supplies.

The most pressing emergency needs are providing "food, health services and water and sanitation through our cooperative operational partners – Lutheran World Federation and Lutheran World Relief," said the Rev. Daniel Rift, director for the ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal.

"We anticipate continuing support of rehabilitation, shelter and economic development both through the operational partners and other church companions in the longer term," he said.

"The ELCA grant is an expression of our solidarity with the Nepalese people," said Vitaly Vorona, program director for ELCA International Disaster Response.

"The ELCA and its partners are planning to reach approximately 20,000 families. My thoughts and prayers are with the (survivors) of this disaster. I hope this grant will facilitate the provision of timely, urgent materials to the (survivors) and help them restore to their normal living. As soon as our immediate assistance is completed, we will look into how we can further support people in Nepal," Vorona said.

ELCA funds allocated for the United Mission to Nepal oversees health care services with special medical, surgical and orthopedic care units in four districts in the Kathmandu Valley. "United Mission is receiving patients from many outlying districts, as well," Rift said.

"The ELCA has a long relationship with United Mission to Nepal, which in part provides health care services," said the Rev. Y. Franklin Ishida, area program director for Asia and the Pacific, ELCA Global Mission.

"Nepal is a country where poverty and underdevelopment continue to be issues," Ishida said. "The ELCA has long supported organizations that are devoted to bringing holistic development to the people of Nepal. With this disaster, the needs of the country, both immediate and long-term, are deeply on our minds as we embark on disaster response."

Through its Direct Choice Dollars program and personal donations, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will match donations made to Lutheran Disaster Response.

"The ELCA's focused earthquake efforts are being supported through gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response. All gifts designated for the 'Nepal Area Earthquake' will be used 100 percent for this response," Rift said.



June

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	1 6:00 pm Christian Education Mtg	2 Lawn Turnpike Toll Plaza Food Pick-Up Social Outreach Committee – no meeting this month	3	4 6:00 pm Trinity Youth Mtg	5 10:00 am Prayer Service Lawn Turnpike Toll Plaza Food Pick-Up	6
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