



Trinity Tidings

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TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF COLEBROOK
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"Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord" Psalm 36:5-6

There is a website called *Light for the Day* and this was the verse chosen for Saturday, April 18th. It happened to be the day that Sam was riding in the beautiful Sedona Mountains. She had told the director of her program, that it was the most exhilarating experience she had ever had... just before she fell off the 4 foot cliff.

Though she could have sustained much worse injuries, she will heal, thank the Lord. So I found this verse appropriate and a good reminder to glorify God through the beauty of this world in spite of the difficult turns and tumbles we must endure. Life is going to throw us curves and bumps and take us over big drop offs during our lifetime, but that doesn't mean God is not right there with us when we fall. Like a parent watching his or her child taking its first steps knowing the little one will eventually fall, but get up and start over again. It is part of the learning process.

We too, as Christians, have to learn to walk through each day trusting that if and when we fall we will not only get up again but will be stronger because of it. We also have to remember that God is like that loving parent who feels our pain and frustration and showers us with love and healing. When we have a bad day at work, when we or a loved one suffers or when we argue with a spouse, child or neighbor, keep in mind it is all part of living and dying. God offers us comfort, reassuring us that every step of the way is covered with blessings.

Rather than obsess of the things we cannot control, we ought to give our concerns and needs over to God in prayer. Prayer is indeed the best and most powerful tool we have. We want to remember to keep that line of communication open so that when we are desperate, going to God in prayer doesn't seem so foreign. We are never alone, God offers us refuge – God's righteousness is like the mighty mountain – God offers us the fountain of life – nothing can overcome or deny us that truth. God actively pursues us through scripture, prayer, newspaper, internet, people and every part of creation, even angels.

God sent me an angel last week after a harrowing experience while driving. I felt the love and comfort of my daughter Tricia, as if she were sitting beside me, just as I know she was there to pick up Sam when she was propelled to the earth. Praise our omnipresent God for sending wonderful caretakers to be at her side that day; the EMTs, the ER personnel at both hospitals, the plastic surgeon and most certainly, the Cairn University family who brought her home to us. God works miracles through people and other times God just gives the miracles to us.

"How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light" Psalm 36-7-8

Pastor Cheri

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF COLEBROOK
COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 12th 2015

MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the March 7th 2015 meeting were transmitted electronically and reviewed prior to the meeting by council members. The minutes were approved as written. It was requested that I also forward the minutes to Craig Korte and Marlene Stehman in the future

TREASURER'S REPORT None.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Marlene Stehman supplied her Financial Report and confirmed that her numbers matched with Craig Korte's. We discussed various aspects of the report and discussed what should be put into the Tidings. A Financial update will go into the Tidings quarterly. We will supply just the basics and not Marlene's entire report. A Motion was made by Glenn Hoy and seconded by Connie Kelly to accept the Financial Secretary's report.

PASTOR'S REPORT No report.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

A meeting was held on March 9th 2015 and their report is attached. Mike Chapman has resigned as Co Chairman. This committee is also starting to analyze the need for a new sound system.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Audra Cuthie went over the details of what her committee is doing. She discussed in detail information dealing with the SAFE background checks. She will continue to keep us up to date. Audra advised that Tracy Craig has resigned from the Christian Ed Committee. Wendy Hammer, in conjunction with the Christian Ed Committee, requested and obtained council's approval to take any interested youth and their parents to Kirchenwald's open house on March 22nd 2015. After a luncheon at church, she took a small group over to the open house.

FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP Report attached.

PROPERTY There was no report and no date discussed for their next meeting. We need to make sure our Church insurance policy is up to date. There was an indication from Rick Fox that someone from our Insurance Company stopped by and was unaware that we combined both of our buildings. Mary Stager had been in charge of dealing with these issues. We want to make sure we're adequately insured. Our Church Clean-Up Day is scheduled for May 2nd.

SOCIAL OUTREACH

No report but a meeting is scheduled for April 15th. Since there were some committee changes, a Motion was made by Glenn Hoy and seconded by Bill Calhoon to approve all committee reports. The motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS: None discussed.

NEW BUSINESS: Funding Youth for the Mission Trip: After discussing that Makenzie plans to attend the mission trip, a Motion was made by Bob Hammer and seconded by Glenn Hoy that the church would pay any balance owed by Makenzie up to \$100 for the trip. This motion was approved. The MS Walk in Hershey is scheduled for April 26th 2015. Mike Chapman would like to put a church group together and asked for council's approval. Connie made a Motion to approve the church walk and this was seconded by Audra Cuthie. The Motion was approved. We discussed putting the Church Retreats notes in the Tidings and then scheduling a session with the congregation to discuss our findings. We'd like some input from the congregation if possible. We will discuss the timing of this meeting with Pastor Cheri. The representative from Thrivent plans to attend our May Council meeting.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for May 3rd, 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.



May

Organist/Musicians

Shirley Keener

Liturgist

Renie Sanders

Communion Assistants

May 3	Mike Chapman
May 10	Helen Row
May 17	Wendy Hammer
May 24	Bob Walborn
May 31	Renie Sanders

Youth Assistants

May 3	Amelia Granthon
May 10	Katelyn Monette
May 17	Maya Fanus
May 24	Anna Craig
May 31	Victoria Brooks

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

Barb Buchmoyer Janet Hoy

Head Ushers

Brad Yeingst Dylan Yeingst

Offering Counters

Phil Row TBD

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.

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Thursday, May 14

Ascension of Our Lord



Sunday, May 24

Day of Pentecost

Children's Choir



Sunday, May 31

The Holy Trinity

Praise & Worship Ensemble

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

Sunday, May 10

EVERYONE INVITED!

Immediately Following Church, Fellowship Room

Eat a lite breakfast and save room for *breakfast sandwiches, fruit salad, Danish and beverages.*

Plan to stay for food, fellowship and honoring our fabulous females!!



Christian Education

will be sponsoring a Mother's Day Craft on Sunday, May 10. This will be during and in place of Sunday School, so it won't interfere with any Mother's Day lunches that may be planned.

Altar Flowers

FLOWERS NEEDED FOR

May 10, 24 & 31
June 7 & 28

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.



Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly

Friday, June 5 and Saturday, June 6
Messiah College
Grantham, PA

NEW VENUE Inside the Janet & Calvin
High Center for Performing Arts of
Messiah College

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. We are allowed two voting delegates.

Wandering Singles

The Wandering Singles journeyed to the Brickerville House for lunch on Sunday, April 12. There were six of us enjoying the meal and conversation. The next luncheon will be on Sunday, May 17 (please note date change due to Mother's Day) at the Three Loaves Restaurant at the Masonic Village.

THANK YOU to all who donated food items for the local food banks during the Lenten Season. Social Outreach was able to make a generous donation to the Lebanon, Palmyra and Manheim food banks, along with \$40.00 to each food bank. Your blessings will be appreciated by many! !



Church Clean Up Day

Saturday, May 2

HELPING HANDS NEEDED!

Lunch Will Be Served

(There are 3 weddings planned for May, the first being May 9.)



FOOD BANK SUNDAY

May 3 (1st Sunday of Each Month)

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



Evelyn "Effie" Neiswender
Room 214
1200 Grubb Road
Palmyra, PA 17078
Phone: 717.641.4073

Betty Chatten
Masonic Village
Roosevelt Building, Room 4687 A
Elizabethtown, PA 17022

JUNE TIDINGS DEADLINE

Sunday, May 17

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





Happy Birthday!

May 2	Sandy Walborn
May 7	Greg Kulp
May 9	Matthew Monette
May 13	Madison Fanus
May 14	Melissa Ward
May 15	Katie Kimmel
May 18	Larry Minney
May 21	Robert Hammer
May 22	Steve Miller
May 23	Zach Haney
May 25	Jason Haney
May 28	Morris Greiner
May 29	Karen Rhoades
May 31	Bill Calhoon



May 14	Ryan & Kristina Sweitzer
May 22	Daniel & Lucrecia Hardy
May 31	Rob & Tracy Craig

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.

GRADUATIONS are around the corner. Are you, or a family member, graduating from an educational program? Please let us know so we can share the good news in the *Tidings*. Include relationship to congregational member, where they are graduating from and any brief information about degree earned or future plans. Information can be dropped off in Diane Calhoon's mailbox or sent by email to grannycalhoon@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, May 2 – Spring Clean Up Day

Friday, June 5 & Saturday, June 6 – Synod Assembly

We Remember In Our Prayers



Barbara Bowen	Betty Lighty
Josh Buchmoyer	Samantha Lund
Doris Bucks	Cloyd Martin
Diana Campbell	Karlyn Grace Morgan & Family
Barbara Cardy	Jack & Renie Sanders
Betty Chatten	Mary Spess
Ralph Clare	Tom Stager
Tom Daub	Jay Weidman Sr.
Carol Gingrich	Teresa Weidman
Morris Greiner	Barbara Witmer
Sylvia Hoover	Noah & Ben
Connie & Megan Kelly	Twila

Grieving

The Family of Janet Englehart (Audra Cuthie's mother)

Assisted and Skilled Care

Ellen Gepfer Frances Miller Effie Neiswender

Others in Need

Kiwira Coal Mine Congregation

First Responders

Brad Yeingst Dylan Yeingst Tim Yeingst

Military



Todd Campbell William Rimmler
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.



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Helping you to be wise with money and live generously



Thrivent Financial has again been named one of the World's Most Ethical Companies by the Ethisphere Institute – for the fourth year in a row. The World's Most Ethical Companies designation recognizes those organizations that have had a material impact on the way business is conducted by fostering a culture of ethics and transparency at every level of the company.

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Learn more about the Thrivent difference and how we can help you to connect your faith and your finances for good. Visit www.Thrivent.com or contact Jim Gill, Trinity's local Thrivent Representative (867-1500, Jim.Gill@Thrivent.com).



TRINITY MEMBERS SHARE . . .

(Shared by June Tschudy)

Father, God bless all my friends whatever it is that you know they may be needing this day. And may their life be full of your peace, prosperity and power. As he/she seeks to have a closer relationship with You. Amen

You Know You're Lutheran When...

(Shared by June Tschudy)

- You hear something really funny during the sermon and smile as loudly as you can!
- It's 100 degrees, with 90% humidity, and you still have coffee after the service.
- Doughnuts are a line item in the church budget, just like coffee.
- The communion cabinet is open to all, but the coffee cabinet is locked up tight.
- All your relatives graduated from a school named Concordia (or Luther).
- When you watch a Star Wars movie and they say, "May the Force be with you," and you respond, "and also with you."
- You actually understand those folks from Lake Wobegon, MN.
- And lastly, it takes ten minutes to say "good-bye."

KUDOS

Company Receives National Attention Keener Brothers Adapt Business To Changing Economy By Marylouise Sholly

This complete article can be found in the Lebanon Daily News, Monday, April 20, 2015 issue. Only a small portion is printed here because of space.

A plaque on the wall of Keener Electric Motors honors the business with a 2012 Lebanon Valley Chamber of Commerce Milestone Anniversary Award. Celebrating its 53rd year in business, the company has another recent feather in its cap — an article about its ability to thrive in an uncertain economy, which was published in an **international electric business magazine**. The February issue of *Electrical Apparatus* features the State Drive, Lebanon, business, which was founded in 1962 by Carl Keener of Colebrook. Keener got much of his training when he was in the Navy during World War II, when he studied wiring and motors. Keener established his company and ran it for many years before turning the business over to sons Jeff and Dave, who remain the owners and operators.

TRINITY FRIENDS OF ALL AGES . . . DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE(S) – THAT YOU GO TO FOR STRENGTH, COMFORT, JOY OR YOU JUST LIKE? Please share this with the congregation. You never know how it could touch another's heart. Let Diane Calhoon know at grannycalhoon@gmail.com or put in her mailbox.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 10:00 am Prayer Service Lawn Turnpike Toll Plaza Food Pick-Up	2 <div>CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY</div>
3 <div>FOOD BANK SUNDAY</div> 6:00 Church Council Mtg	4 6:00 pm Christian Education Mtg	5 Lawn Turnpike Toll Plaza Food Pick-Up 6:30 pm Social Outreach Committee Mtg	6 7:00 pm Senior Choir Practice	7 6:00 pm Trinity Youth Mtg	8 10:00 am Prayer Service Lawn Turnpike Toll Plaza Food Pick-Up	9
10 <div>Mother's Day Brunch Following Church Service</div> <div>Happy Mother's Day</div>	11 6:45 pm Worship & Music Committee Mtg (Tentative) 7:45 pm PWMM Mtg	12 Lawn Turnpike Toll Plaza Food Pick-Up	13 7:00 pm Senior Choir Practice	14 6:00 pm Trinity Youth Mtg ASCENSION OF OUR LORD	15 10:00 am Prayer Service Lawn Turnpike Toll Plaza Food Pick-Up	16
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