

Trinity Tidings

May 2023

"I can do everything through Christ who gives me strength" Philippians 4:13

One of my favorite verses, over the years, has been this one, originally written as a reminder to the church in Philippi. A major city of Macedonia, Philippi, was essential for transporting goods and supplies between Rome and the eastern part of the empire, a causeway for ships' easy access to Italy. This drew people of all backgrounds and statuses, a diversity that often brought trouble, especially against this newfound Christian movement. Consequently, Paul was in prison for his preaching and teaching. But that did not stop him from communicating with his churches.

As Paul wrote this letter to the Philippians from behind bars, where death was surely imminent, he focused more on the growth of Christianity. Paul was concerned for the welfare of the church and the spread of the gospel, a mission this church shared, which walked alongside Paul in his journey. The other churches were not as amenable as this community, thus the reason for such a joyful letter. Paul was thankful for their support and mutual ministry and ultimately praised God for all of it, even for his prison sentence. He wrote, "For to me to live is Christ, to die is gain" (1:21). His twofold message was joyful with a caveat 'beware of pride and self-centeredness.' These are not the only distractions in life that keep us from being joyful.

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!" (4.4). Throughout the four chapters of Philippians, various forms of words of joy are expressed sixteen times. Paul took it all in as a blessing recognizing that sometimes we must hurt or fail for us to live a full life, to gain true love for Christ. Anne Bradstreet once wrote, "If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant; if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome." When we are in the middle of a storm it is difficult to see the sun. Through Christ, God's Son, we can do all things!

Whether we are happy and content or suffering in any form Christ is there with us which is why I see divine activity in each one of you. When I say my prayers I remember these words from Paul, "Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God." Philippians 1:3. Without each of you this church would not be what it is. Your gifts put a spark in this place and give us the energy to continue every day. Your flames of enthusiasm and commitment make Trinity complete. Remember the Holy Spirit is actively pursuing you as she (*pneuma*/Greek, *ruah*/Hebrew are feminine nouns for Spirit) paves the way, fills your heart with God's comforting Word, and offers strength.

"And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns" Philippians 1:6.

Blessings, Pastor Cheri




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ASCENSION OF OUR LORD – Thursday, May 18

We celebrate Ascension Day 40 days after Easter, 10 days before Pentecost and always on a Thursday.

After His resurrection from the dead, Jesus appeared several times to His disciples and others. During this time, He spoke to them further about the kingdom of God and the coming of the Holy Spirit, for whom they were to wait. After 40 days of these appearances, He was taken up to heaven for the last time. As the disciples watched Him go, two angels appeared and declared to them that, just as He ascended, Jesus would return in glory.

DAY OF PENTECOST – Sunday, May 28

At Pentecost we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and falls 50 days after Easter. It is a celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit in the form of what seemed to be tongues of fire that came to rest on each of Jesus' disciples. The Holy Spirit enabled the disciples to speak languages other than their own and equipped them to go out into the world to tell all nations and people about Jesus.

Pentecost is the beginning of the Christian Church and why it is also called the birthday of the Church. The story of the Pentecost miracle tells us that God is present in the world again. Just as God was present in His son Jesus, God is now present through His Holy Spirit. The fellowship that was built around Jesus when He lived here on earth, died and rose from the dead was to be extended to the entire world.



Don't forget to wear red for Pentecost! The color red symbolizes joy and the fire of the Holy Spirit.



HAPPY MOTHERS DAY - Sunday, May 14

Dear Lord, Bless every mother and every grandmother with the finest of your spiritual blessings today. Confirm in her heart and spirit the work of her hands and the love that she has so freely given to those children under Your care. Validate her worth daily so she has no reason to doubt whether she is loved, valued, and cherished in the eyes of her Heavenly Father. Amen



This summer we hope you will share your gifts (craft, woodwork, art, poetry, song, dance, instrument) before, during or after worship. Just let Joe Buchmoyer or Pastor Cheri know.

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. Please put information in Diane Calhoon's mailbox or email to grannycalhoon@gmail.com



LENTEN SERVICE PROJECT UPDATE - Lutheran World Relief

\$700 was collected that was earmarked for Turkey and Syria disaster relief. God bless each one of you and thank you!



PERSONAL CARE KITS PROJECT - Lutheran World Relief

Collection Time — Sunday, April 16 to Sunday, May 21

Assembly of Kits — Sunday, June 4

Blessing of Kits — Sunday, June 11



HOW
YOU
CAN
HELP

■ **You can purchase items to complete the Thrivent towel purchases.** The Buchmoyers will provide a Thrivent card to purchase towels and provide some shipping funds.

Items Needed: — soap (2-4 oz bars or 3 smaller bars in original packaging); — a set of 2 adult toothbrushes in original packaging; — metal nail clippers; — sturdy comb (no picks or fine-toothed combs)

■ **You can supply the whole kit.**

Items Needed: — 1 medium weight darker colored bath-size towel (52"x27"); — soap (2-4 oz bars or 3 smaller bars in original packaging); — metal nail clippers; — a set of 2 adult toothbrushes in original packaging; — sturdy comb (no picks or fine-toothed combs)



RETURN OF DINNER & A MOVIE NIGHT!!

We feel the time has come to return to our monthly Friday Night Dinner and a Movie. Our goal is to have our first event on Friday, September 8th, beginning with the dinner "kick-off" at 6:00 pm. Our intent is to maintain the format much the same as the "pre-pandemic" era.

Feel free to suggest movies to Pastor which you feel are appropriate for all age groups. If available to help out with providing a meal, serving meals, clean-up, popcorn professional, monthly raffle assistant, or just bringing your smiling faces to the show...anyone qualifies.

Thanks for all your support in the past and here's to looking ahead.



FOOD BANK SUNDAY – *First Sunday Each Month*

May Collection is for Caring Cupboard

UPDATED FOOD PANTRY REQUESTS: ketchup, vegetable oil, stove top stuffing, instant mashed potatoes, canned pasta (Chef Boyardee, etc), Spam, canned veggies (carrots, mixed veggies), pasta sauce, instant coffee, beans (navy, pinto, kidney, chili), baby wipes, diapers

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Ruth Beane; Dale Brandt; Victoria Brooks; Evonne Buckner & daughter Tristin Megolis; Mary Carroll; Rod Carroll; Ben Chicoria; Rick Fox; Pennie Freet; Charlotte Funk; Michael Hill; Carol & Rick Keener; Betty Lighty; Lois Lum; Marie Martin; Wilder Emmanuel McCullough; Steve Miller; Karlyn Morgan; David Peaslee; Freddie Ray; Ken Scanlon; Gerrie Scheidler; Frank Smith; Mary Lois Smith; Mary Stager; Bill & Alma Stober; Caleb



Heartfelt Condolences – Sympathy to Sue & Jeff Long on the death of Dale Long

Others in Need – Kiwira Coal Mine Congregation; the people of Ukraine; earthquake victims of Turkey and Syria

First Responders – Abigail Romberger; Brad Yeingst; Dylan Yeingst; Tim Yeingst

Military – Drue Gerasimoff; David Martin; Gavin Overholser; William Rimmler III; Adam Thieroff; Luke Waltz; Andrew Yeingst

To have the Prayer Chain activated for a family member or friend 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 Sandy Walborn at 717.838.1681
3. **If Sandy Walborn is not available**, call Carrol Brown at 717.367.4053
4. **If Carrol Brown is not available**, call any other person listed below

Margaret Daub 717.964.3342

Lillian Minney 717.964.5032

Pennie Freet 717.269.3292

Connie Weirich 717.665.6448

Karen Miller 717.304.7012



FRIDAY PRAYER SERVICE

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



Sandy Walborn (May 2); Greg Kulp (May 7); Matthew Monette (May 9); Madison Fanus (May 13); Melissa Ward (May 14); Katie Kimmel (May 15); Liam Sonan (May 17); Bob Hammer (May 21); Steve Miller (May 22); Larry Freet (May 28); Karen Rhoades (May 29); Bill Calhoon (May 31)

Daniel & Lucrecia Hardy (May 22)

Rob & Tracy Craig (May 31)



Dylan would like to thank everyone at Trinity ...

for your support of his racing, he is very proud to have Trinity Colebrook on his car. He will be an excellent representative for our church.

Dylan's schedule will include racing every Wednesday evening at Shellhammers Dirt Track in Leesport until the end of September with the exception of 8/16 and 8/23. He will be at Clyde Martin Memorial Speedway in Newmanstown every Saturday evening through September with the exceptions of 6/3, 7/2, 8/5. If planning to attend, watch track Facebook pages if weather is questionable.

Dylan's results and track videos will be posted on his Facebook page Stormerunner Motorsports.

Trinity Lutheran Church is proud of Dylan too!



2023 CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Barb Buchmoyer, Diane Carroll, Pennie Freet, Bob Hammer, Dan Hardy (Secretary), Greg Kulp (President), Sally McGeehan, Steve Miller (Vice President) and Rich Scanlon

Finance Committee:

Diane Carroll, Dan Hardy, Jeff Keener (Chair), Craig Korte (Treasurer), Audra Spang (Financial Secretary) and Brad Yeingst

Cemetery Association:

Rod Carroll, Bob Hammer, Greg Kulp (Treasurer), Shaina Kulp, Steve Miller, Brad Yeingst and Tim Yeingst

A Message from the Property Committee:

The congregation voted to approve the purchase of a gas furnace at a cost of \$10,000. Greiner Bros. were approved to complete the installation. They are a local company that will be available to repair any problems that may arise. The goal is to have the furnace installed in June of this year. If you would like to make a donation to help defray the costs of the furnace, please place your donation in the offering marked "Furnace." Thank you for your support.



Treasurer Report

ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF 4/7/2023

<u>ASSETS</u>		<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Bank Accounts		LiabilityAccounts	
Business Savings – T XX0000	27,935.16	Building	- 6,795.09
Checking	40,959.03	Memorial Fund	- 7,421.00
Youth Savings – Trin XX0001	81.09	TOTAL Liability Accts	- 14,216.09
TOTAL Bank Accounts	68,975.28		
Cash Accounts			
15 MO CD	10,000.00		
TOTAL Cash Accounts	10,000.00		
Asset Accounts			
MUTUAL FUND	58,841.69		
TOTAL Asset Accounts	58,841.69	OVERALL TOTAL	123,600.88

TIDINGS INFORMATION & ARTICLES



June/July 2023 Tidings Deadline
Sunday, May 21

August 2022 Tidings Deadline
Sunday, July 16

PLEASE NOTE – NO TIDINGS IN JULY

The Tidings will be publishing a combined issue for June and July. If you need information put in the Tidings pertaining to specific dates in July, keep in mind that it needs to be submitted by May 21 and will appear in the June/July issue.

Items can be emailed to grannycalhoon@gmail.com or put in Diane Calhoon's mailbox



FRIENDS OF SPANG CREST

Spring Chicken Bar-B-Que by Kauffmans

Friday, May 5

2:30 - 6:00 PM

Spang Crest, 945 Duke Street, Lebanon

COST: \$10.00 includes 1/2 chicken, baked potato, roll and applesauce

Proceeds Benefit the Residents of Spang Crest

FOR TICKETS SEE DAN HARDY

CARING & SHARING

(Shared by Bob Walborn)



"A Story from the Church Mouse"

A mouse, looking through a hole in the wall, sees the farmer and his wife open a package. He was terrified to see that it was a mousetrap. He ran to the patio to warn everyone.

"There is a mousetrap at home!"

The chicken that was cackling and digging says: "excuse me, Mr. Mouse, I understand that it is a big problem for you, but it does not hurt me at all."

So, the rodent went to the lamb and he says the same thing. The mouse went to the cow and she said: "But am I in danger? I think not!" said the cow.

The mouse returned to the house, worried and dejected to face the farmer's mousetrap.

That night a great noise was heard like that of a mousetrap catching its victim, the woman ran to see what she had caught.

In the dark she did not see that the mousetrap caught the tail of a poisonous snake.

The speedy snake bit the woman, the farmer immediately took her to the hospital, she came back with a high fever.

The farmer to comfort her prepared a nutritious soup, grabbed the knife and went to find the main ingredient: the chicken. Since the woman did not get better, friends and neighbors went to visit them, the farmer killed the lamb to feed them, the woman did not get better and died.

And in the end, the husband sold the cow to the slaughterhouse to cover the funeral expenses.

The next time someone tells you about their problem and you think that it doesn't affect you because it's not yours and you don't pay attention to it, think twice, "he who doesn't live to serve, doesn't serve to live."

The world is not going badly because of the wickedness of the bad, but because of the apathy of the good.

So when someone needs you for their problems, give them your hand or give them a word of encouragement.

May you never lack empathy! Remember it very well, EMPATHY.