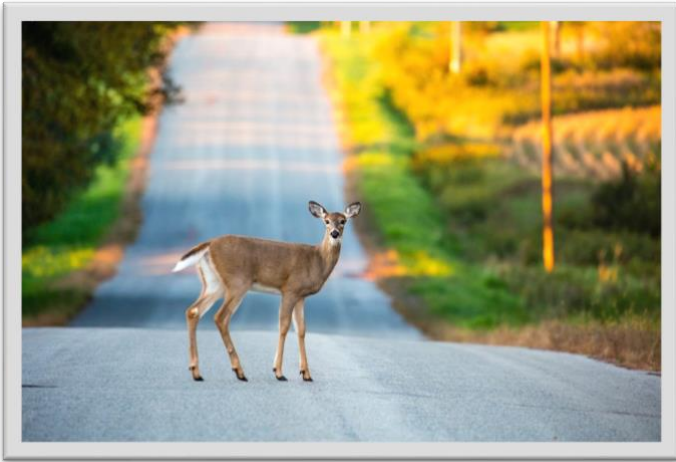


Trinity Tidings

November 2023



“Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you.” Proverbs 4:25

This picture is pretty close to what I saw the other morning as I drove along the wooded area on Camp Road. The only exception is that the deer was looking the other way. With her head turned away from this oncoming car, she stood in the middle of the road, gazing off for a full fifteen

seconds at something which I could not see. So, I just sat there, with the car idling, waiting for her to turn her head and finally notice me.

I wondered what had caught her attention as she stood there so dangerously vulnerable. When the sweet young thing finally turned and looked at me, she swiftly disappeared into the woods. Imagine her surprise! Curiously, I decided to drive the next few hundred yards slowly to see if I could figure out what had mesmerized this animal. And then I realized it was not what she saw but what she heard. There, in a driveway, was a person waving a leaf blower back and forth. Spellbound by an unfamiliar noise, the doe had forgotten to remain vigilant which, in her case, could have been fatal.

This occurrence (and close call) reminded me of the noise we encounter daily. I can think of dozens of disruptions that tempt us and lead us astray, and I am sure you can too. It is not necessarily a bad thing; in fact, sometimes distractions can be good. However, living in a fast-paced world, where everything is close at hand, it is important to know when to look away or pay the consequences. Our fingers can do the walking when we want the latest news in our neighborhoods, our country, and the world. Successful raising of a family, grandparenting, or any other childcare role you may play usually occupies a large portion of one’s brain. Work related stress, obligations, and expectations can make us blind to everything else around us when we are preoccupied. Sometimes it can simply be a new experience like a fascinating sound that captivates us.

There is no shortage of disruptions in our world, good or bad, and that will never change. In fact, according to experts, this will only increase. Prospects of improved technology which promise greater opportunities has accelerated in recent years. AI (Artificial Intelligence) which, slowly entered our society decades ago, is now imminent causing experts to argue on its merits and trustworthiness. Whenever there is change there is a call for caution. We must be attentive to our surroundings while focusing on that which is important; otherwise, we put our lives in danger.

When we stop in the middle of our day to focus on that which has competed for our attention it is time to seek God’s guidance. Let God’s Word bring us back to reality because the only cure for staying alive, spiritually, is to allow scripture in. Not sure where to start? Let your Bible fall open to a random page, find a chapter or verse and focus on that. Read your favorites, find new ones, and allow the Spirit to take you from standing in the middle of no good and put you in a haven where you belong. *“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith” Hebrews 12:1-2a.* Over the course of Biblical history, God was actively present guiding the faithful.

God is still actively present in your life and in mine. God never goes away. *“It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed”* Deuteronomy 31:8.

May your Thanksgiving be filled with joyous memories and hopeful anticipation of tomorrow and may we try to remember to *“Set our minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.”* Colossians 3:2

Blessings Pastor Cheri

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ALL SAINTS SUNDAY – November 5

All Saints' Day is November 1 every year, but it is celebrated on the first Sunday in November.

In the Lutheran Church, we see all Christian believers as saints. We are made saints, or made 'holy', by what Jesus accomplished on the cross. So, we don't just celebrate people who have died in faith. We also use All Saints Day to remember all Christians, past and present, as holy in God's eyes.

Each person can come to the front of the sanctuary after the prelude to light **one** candle (so we have enough to go around) in remembrance of family and friends.

Those candles will stay lit throughout the service to remind us that we are in the presence of all saints, living and dead.

For those at home please light a candle in honor of your loved ones.

Commemorating Betty Kreider, David Peaslee, Renie Sanders and Ruth Yeingst Bean

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY – November 19

Christ the King Sunday, is a feast day that focuses on the authority of Christ. Created by a Pope less than 100 years ago, it is also celebrated by Lutherans, Methodists and Presbyterians.

Pope Pius XI, in his 1925 papal encyclical *Quas Primas*, says that the kingship of Christ is a bulwark against the "manifold evils in the world." He instituted the feast day of Christ the King, to remind Christians reeling from the aftermath of World War I, that the central theme of Jesus' teaching was the kingdom of God.

While the problems our world faces today differ from the particular events that inspired Pope Pius XI to establish this feast in 1925, his message and call to honor Christ the King in a society that denies the authority of Our Lord is no less pertinent now than it was then. In a fallen world corrupted by sin and lust for power, Christ proclaims a kingdom based on love and mercy. Grace and truth flow freely, beyond the goodness of what any earthly kingdom can provide.



THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Combined with Christ the King Sunday, November 19

Thanksgiving in the Bible means to respond to God's goodness and grace with gratitude.

O, heavenly Father: We thank thee for food and remember the hungry. We thank thee for health and remember the sick. We thank thee for friends and remember the friendless. We thank thee for freedom and remember the enslaved. May these remembrances stir us to service, that thy gifts to us may be used for others. Amen

Advent Marks the Beginning of the Church's Liturgical Year

The Season of Advent is a Period of Both Repentance
and Celebration

HOPE – Sunday, November 26

On the first Sunday of Advent, the first candle is lit. This is called the "Prophecy Candle" and recalls the prophets, particularly Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Jesus Christ. It represents **HOPE** or expectation of the coming Messiah.



Sunday, December 17
Immediately Following Worship Service

Adoption of the 2024 Budget — Election of Council Members
All Confirmed Members are Encouraged to Attend

CHRISTMAS "STOCKINGS" ARE NOW CHRISTMAS BAGS

COMING SOON – LOOK FOR BAGS IN THE NARTHEX

It is time to support a project that has been in place for 72 years to help the health facilities in Lebanon County. (All the health facilities are located in Lebanon County, except Wernersville and Hamburg.) Today these remembrances are actually token evidence of the continuing concerns of the Christian churches in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for nursing residents.



Material to make the "stockings" is no longer easy to purchase so plastic Christmas "bags" will do the job!

**HOW
YOU
CAN
HELP**

Pick up a bag and fill it with items listed. Please only take a bag if you are able to fill it. Include at least 5 items in each bag.

- ★ Consider small sizes in order that at least 5 items can be put in each bag
- ★ Items should be **UNISEX**
- ★ Please include just items listed, so bags will be more uniform

- Toothpaste ● Toothbrush ● Large Sturdy Comb ● Chap Stick
- Hand or Body Lotion ● Individual Kleenex Packages ● Emory Boards

★ **PLEASE NO:** *Body Wash, Hand Sanitizer, Mouthwash, Nail Clippers, Nail Files, Shampoo & NO GLASS CONTAINERS*



Stockings Need to be at Church by Sunday, December 3



Thank You for Your Support of This Project!!

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Sharon Albertson; Nancy Balmer; Mary Carroll; Rod Carroll; Ariella Coyin; Wayne DeFelice; Warren Gingrich; Glenn & Janet Hoy; Carol & Rick Keener; Lois Lum; Dana Lutz; Wilder Emmanuel McCullough; Steve Miller; Gerrie Scheidler; Sandy Walborn; Caleb

Condolences – The Family & Friends of David Peaslee (Beloved Friend in Christ of Trinity Congregation); The Family and husband Charles & Friends of Bunny Armstrong (Dear Friend of Pastor Cheri); The Family & Friends of Renie Sanders (Beloved Former Member of Trinity Congregation)

Assisted & Skilled Care – Ed Schaeffer

Others in Need – Humanitarian Crisis in the world; Kiwira Coal Mine Congregation

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



Rick Fox & Shaina Kulp (Nov 1); Warren Gingrich (Nov 2); Lily Kimmel; Talon Speck & **Martin Luther** (Nov 10); Daniel Hardy (Nov 12); Carrol Brown (Nov 17); Audra Spang (Nov 18); Douglas Kimmel (Nov 20)

Elwood & Terry Weaver (Nov 3); Bradley & Mandy Yeingst (Nov 7);
Bill & Diane Calhoon (Nov 11)



Celebration of Irene "Renie" Sanders' Life

There will be a service on **Saturday, November 11** at 2:00 PM to honor Renie and share joyful memories. Her family will receive friends beginning at 1:00 PM. Cookies and coffee will follow.



TRINITY'S NEWEST MEMBER

Sue Hoover has transferred her membership to Trinity. She is the daughter of our dear late sister in Christ, Sylvia Hoover. We welcome and thank her for joining our faithful community.

**May you always know the PEACE of Jesus, the light of His LOVE
and the JOY of His life within you.**



Sue Hoover

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THANK YOU!!

In case you haven't taken a peek, Randy Sweitzer has made a project over the past few years of cleaning up the tombstones in our cemetery. He has spent many hours spraying and power washing and the stones are showing great results. Thanks, Randy, for your time and care!

Many thanks also to our dedicated lawn mowers and outdoor caretakers who, in all kinds of weather, keep our cemetery grounds wonderfully well-groomed and cared for.



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.

MONTHLY FOOD BANK COLLECTIONS

NOVEMBER FOOD GIVING (throughout NOVEMBER) Caring Cupboard of Palmyra

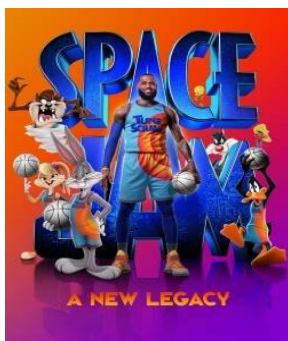
UPDATED FOOD PANTRY REQUESTS: Canned Veggies, Canned Potatoes, Stewed Tomatoes, Canned Fruit, Canned Pasta (Chef Boyardee, etc), Cooking Oil, Sugar, Tuna/Chicken (Can or Pouch), Spam, Jarred Pasta Sauce, Kidney Beans, Hot Tea Bags, Cream of Mushroom Soup



PARK CITY DINER & KNIGHT and DAY DINER

Park City Diner - 884 Plaza Boulevard, Lancaster ★ Knight and Day Diner - 3140 Lititz Pike, Lititz

Both diners will donate 10% of your sales to the **MANHEIM CENTRAL FOOD PANTRY**. During checkout, at either diner, please ask the cashier to donate your sale to the non-profit listed. This includes take-out meals, use of banquet rooms and curbside pick-up.



FREE Dinner and a Movie Night!! SPACE JAM

Friday, November 10 @ 6:00 pm

- Mac 'n Cheese
 - Refreshments
 - Popcorn
- Door Prizes including the DVD and Poster



We are looking for helpers to set up, clean up and make popcorn.
If you want to help, see Pastor Cheri, Craig or Barb Buchmoyer.



CELEBRATION VILLA SING-ALONG — EVERYONE WELCOME!! Monday, November 27th at 3:00 pm

Our first visit was so appreciated that we are doing it again! Come join us for some singing and fellowship with the residents of **Celebration Villa** in Lebanon. We'll be doing a mix of Christmas carols, hymns and other songs.

See Debbie Olweck if you'd like to go or have any questions.

LEBANON LUTHERAN MISSION TRIP 2024 - Camp Kirchenwald



Sunday, June 23 thru Saturday, June 29

Anyone over the age of 14 is welcome.

Commitment forms and information about clearances are available from Bill Calhoon. Although commitment forms are not required until March 3, PLEASE talk to Bill now if you are interested in participating. We need to get some idea of how many people want to participate so that when detailed planning is done in December and January, we have a good idea about the number of volunteers.



See Bill in church, phone at 717.450.5926 or email bcretired@gmail.com.

2 OPTIONS ARE BEING OFFERED:

LODGERS will stay overnight at the Schreiberhaus at Camp Kirchenwald for the entire week. The cost is \$425 (includes meals and lodging).

COMMUTERS can work any day(s) best suited for them. You will be included in a group lunch with the Lodgers on the day(s) you work. The cost will be \$10 for each day worked (includes the last evening meal and ceremony).

R&K SUB & PRETZEL SANDWICHES SALE

\$7.00 for subs / \$6.00 for pretzel sandwiches

Orders are now being taken thru Sunday, November 5 - see Bill Calhoon

**Subs/Sandwiches can be picked up right here at Trinity Colebrook
on Wednesday, November 15, 3-5:00 pm.**

All fund raising goes to reduce costs for those attending the Mission Trip.



Snack Bags for Elizabethtown Emergency Shelter (ECHOS)

The shelter provides small baggies filled with a few non-perishable snacks to hand out to clients when they visit the shelter.

So, we would like to collect some of these items and put together baggies to donate to the shelter. We will start collecting on **Sunday, November 5th** and bag the items on **November 19th** after church during fellowship time.

Suggested items: packaged chips, pretzels, cracker packs, fig newtons, granola and protein bars, tuna packs — anything that is non-perishable, does not require a refrigerator, stove, or microwave.

Watch for the display in the narthex where items will be collected.

ADOPTIONSWAPTION

See Display in Narthex

The organization was founded by two friends who are also foster moms; one from the Lebanon area and one from Douglassville. They realized there was a need to be filled. "As a foster parent, you may have time to gather some items for kids, but sometimes people such as grandparents are thrust into foster care without much notice. Foster placements can happen at all hours—late at night or early morning; times when stores aren't open. Sometimes the kids only have the clothes on their back, so it's little things like a toothbrush or a stuffed animal as well as things like clothes and shoes that foster parents may need."

URGENTLY NEEDED (Deadline is Sunday, November 5)

Diapers Size 3, 4 & 5 ■ Baby Wipes ■ Children's New Socks and Underwear

God's work. Our hands.

LCCM (Emergency Family Shelter) No-Sew Blanket Knot Tying Event - Sunday, October 22



Some Reminders ...



**DUE TO
INCLEMENT
WEATHER**

The Trinity prayer chain and email will be used to contact members if church services need to be cancelled.

As always, everyone is encouraged to decide about safe travel on roads.



Sunday, November 5

Daylight Savings Ends

Don't forget to set your clocks back

Saturday night!



Tuesday, November 7

Your vote is your voice!



Saturday, November 11

A day to honor all veterans and thank them for their service.



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



**Treasurer
Report**

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10/23/2023	Banking Summary - Last month 9/1/2023 through 9/30/2023					OVERALL TOTAL
Category	9/1/2023- 9/2/2023	9/3/2023- 9/9/2023	9/10/2023- 9/16/2023	9/17/2023- 9/23/2023	9/24/2023- 9/30/2023	
INCOME						
ELECTRONIC PAYMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,972.00	2,972.00
SUNDAY OFFERING	0.00	2,700.00	2,549.40	1,834.51	11,510.00	18,593.91
TOTAL INCOME	0.00	2,700.00	2,549.40	1,834.51	14,482.00	21,565.91
EXPENSES						
ADMINISTRATION	0.00	0.00	2,422.62	1,800.00	2,347.00	6,569.62
ADMINISTRATION UTILITY	0.00	120.94	216.42	0.00	0.00	337.36
BENEVOLENCE	0.00	0.00	312.40	0.00	0.00	312.40
CHRISTIAN ED	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	90.00	90.00
IN AND OUT (BENEVOLENCE)	0.00	180.47	0.00	0.00	0.00	180.47
IN-OUT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PORTICO	0.00	0.00	820.00	0.00	0.00	820.00
PROPERTY	795.00	1,805.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,600.00
WORSHIP AND MUSIC	44.50	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	144.50
TOTAL EXPENSES	839.50	2,206.41	3,771.44	1,800.00	2,437.00	11,054.35
OVERALL TOTAL	-839.50	493.59	-1,222.04	34.51	12,045.00	10,511.56

TIDINGS INFORMATION & ARTICLES



December 2023 Tidings Deadline

Sunday, November 19

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