

Trinity Tidings

OCTOBER 2018



“Honor the Lord by giving him the first part of all your income.”
Proverbs 3:9

The above translation comes from The Living Bible and seems to get right to the point. Giving may be a difficult topic for us to discuss in the church. We know that God asks (even commands) that we give a portion of our blessings. God prefers that it be the first not the last part. Recently the church sign on the roadside, read *“Give God what is right, not what is left.”* (Thanks Josh!) This simple but straightforward truism speaks to the above Proverb quite nicely. God wants the best, the first fruits, the authentic offering from each of us.

One blogger (<https://gettithe.ly>) stated “God talks an awful lot about money in the Bible. In fact, there are more than 2,000 scriptures on giving, money, and possessions in the Old and New Testaments. If you’re doing the math, God spoke more often about money than he did about faith and prayer combined.” Abraham and Jacob (Genesis 14:19-20 and 28:20-22 respectively) both offered 10% of their abundance to the Lord. In Exodus we read, at least five times, where God says that all *who are willing should give*. All who are willing...that’s the key my friends. Our readiness, our enthusiasm, our passion underscores our giving. God wants our hearts completely...more than anything else. When we allow the Holy Spirit to move us and challenge us we can come to a decision that we can live with.

When discussing stewardship, people will often ask this 10% should come off the gross or net income. They want to know if *all* charitable donations should be included in this recommended proportion of giving. Two good questions but really not the point. The point is this, as 2nd Corinthians tells us, *“whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he or she has decided in his or her heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver”* (9:6-7). Let no one judge or dictate a number that only you can determine. You and I have to make these decisions on our own and can do so, confidently, when we allow the Holy Spirit to inspire. Remember, God knows our hearts like no one else can. When our hearts are in the right place there will be no question as to the choice. Eugene Peterson says in The Message, *“Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don’t try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for God’s voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he’s the one who will keep you on track”* (Proverbs 3:5).

May God bless you richly as you continue to give to one another planting the Word of God along the pathway of life so that *all* people will experience God’s abundant grace and mercy!!! “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also” Matthew 6:21.

Pastor Cheri

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colebrook

Reverend Cheryl A. Korte, Pastor

Office Phone: 717.665.6670
Cell Phone: 717.606.8851

Email Address: cheri.korte@hotmail.com
Website: Trinitylutherancolebrook.org



Follow on Twitter @cherikorte



"Like" us on Facebook



REFORMATION SUNDAY - October 28

The new group of Martin Luther followers became known as "Luther-ans." Come to worship wearing red to celebrate Luther's effort to search for answers and redirect people to the God who loves us with no conditions or price tags.

Why wear red? The liturgical color of this day is red, which represents the Holy Spirit.

Wear red and celebrate our Lutheran heritage!

WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP?

From The Finance and Stewardship Committee

With inspiration from: *How Much is Enough? A Deeper Look at Stewardship in an Age of Abundance*, Catherine Malotky, Editor, and Contributing Authors

A steward is one who cares for that which belongs to someone else. The first step to understanding stewardship is to realize that God is the source of all that exists - God owns everything. And what exists is abundance because of God's generosity.

Paul, in 2nd Corinthians, Chapter 9, says God is able to provide us with every blessing in abundance, so that always having enough of everything, we may share with others. The idea of sharing God's abundance with others is counter to the world's view. The world would say that you must accumulate as many possessions as you can so that an attitude of scarcity - I don't have enough - overshadows abundance. In our consumer culture, we are told we must buy things to be happy, but how will we know when we have enough? When we have this attitude, there is a reluctance to give generously.

When we trust God's abundance, it transforms our lives. We realize that God is the source and owner of all that is, and clarifies our roll of steward or caretaker. Trusting in God's abundance drives a person to a generous life. One biblical standard for a generous life is a tithe, giving away 10% of what God has entrusted to the steward's care.

Congregations become different when God's abundance is recognized. Trust and faith transform the congregation's life. They are free to give to programs and causes because they trust in God's providing. Congregations thrive because their life reflects God's call to be his presence in the world.

So, what makes a good steward?

- Gratitude in believing God's generosity
- Spiritual strength in resisting the world's measuring of riches and accumulating wealth
- Care for one's neighbor
- Care for God's creation
- Tithing assists the steward in worshipping God above all things

Finally, stewardship is a way of life, a way of living in gratitude for God's generosity and remaining accountable to God for how we use our time, spiritual gifts and possessions.





Ellen Gepfer (Oct 8); Doris Bucks & Elwood Weaver (Oct 10);
 Ralph Clare (Oct 12); Ruth Beane (Oct 13);
 Diane Haney (Oct 15); Victoria Brooks (Oct 17);
 Jessica Granthon, Lucrecia Hardy & Bob Walborn (Oct 18);
 Jeffrey Keener (Oct 23); Craig Korte (Oct 31)

Clyde & Connie Weirich (Oct 11)
 Glenn & Janet Hoy (Oct 20)



WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Disaster Victims; Dick Bailey; Ruth Beane; Audrey Bissell; Jim Brophy; Doris Bucks;
 Ben Chicoria; Jan Condran; Ella Coyn; Carol Gingrich; Abel Granthon Sr; Pauline
 Greiner; Diane Haney; Millie Jones; Denny Martin; Norma Phillips; Jim Shirato; John
 Stehman; Randy Sweitzer; Bob Wagner; Doug Weaver; Teresa Weidman; Robert
 Yeingst; Kristine; Jackson

Grieving – The Family of Cynthia Fischer; The Family of Jose Baez

Assisted and Skilled Care – Ralph Clare; Ellen Gepfer

Others in Need – Kiwira Coal Mine Congregation

First Responders – Brad Yeingst; Dylan Yeingst; Tim Yeingst

Military – Matthew Buchmoyer; Todd Campbell; Roger Daub; David Martin; Sawyer Mundorf; Townsend Mundorf; William
 Rimmler; David Walborn; 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 Barbara Hardy.
3. If Barbara Hardy is not available, call any other person listed.

Margaret Daub	717.964.3342	Helen Row	717.626.6076
Barbara Hardy	717.867.1286	June Tschudy	717.964.3291
Lillian Minney	717.964.5032	Connie Weirich	717.665.6448



Reverend Brinkley Craft Goranson Pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church of Colebrook, 1978-1983

Reverend Goranson died on September 6, at the age of 97. She attended Harvard Divinity School, completed a M. Div. degree, and was ordained a Lutheran (ELCA) minister. At the time, she was living in Virginia where newly-ordained women were not assisted in obtaining church positions. She turned to Pennsylvania, where she was welcomed and served in churches in Ashland, Gordon, Colebrook and Arendtsville.

Upon semi-retirement, she returned to Virginia and continued with hospital chaplaincy and frequent substitute preaching. Some of her sermons are gathered in a book, "The Word of the Lord" (2015).

HELP FILL THE TOOLBOX

On November 4, there will be a Quilt Auction held at Camp Nawakwa to help raise money for the Endowment Fund and future generations of campers. Along with quilts to auction off, they will have various crafts, gifts, and baskets of goodies for a silent auction, which is where our toolbox will help. Check out the toolbox in the Narthex and please consider buying an item to help fill the box.

All items are needed by September 30.



DINNER & A MOVIE for ALL AGES



Friday, October 12 at 6:00 PM

Enjoy hot dogs, popcorn and refreshments while watching the current attraction, "Wonder."

Movie Poster & DVD Give-Away

Invite family, friends and neighbors.

★ ★ ★ Stay Tuned for Upcoming Attractions on the Second Friday of Each Month ★ ★ ★



TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT FOR EVERYONE Invite Your Friends & Neighbors!!



Saturday, October 27, 5:00-7:00 PM

It's time to get creative! Chris Ed is looking for people to decorate trunks. If it has wheels, you can decorate it. Pick a theme and go wild.

Come for Treats and Vote for the Best Decorated Trunk
\$50 first prize ♦ \$20 second prize ♦ \$10 third prize

Hot Dogs and Drinks Provided



Lutheran World Relief School Kits

To everyone who provided items, funds and helped assemble the kits, the Social Outreach Committee extends our grateful thanks. We also thank WELCA for providing \$40.00 toward shipping.

We put together enough kits to help educate 138 children. We beat last year's record of 126 kits. GREAT JOB!



MISSION TRIP APPLE DUMPLING SALE



SYCAMORE SPRING ORCHARD APPLE DUMPLINGS ARE BACK!!

\$5.00 for both regular and sugar free

Order Deadline is Sunday, October 21

Pick-Up: Saturday, November 3, 11:00-12:30 pm or Sunday, November 4 after church

See Bill Calhoon or call at 717.450.5926

OCTOBER WORSHIP TEAMS



*Thank you for serving as a team member at Trinity Lutheran Church!
Worship is enhanced with everyone's participation.*

Volunteers are reminded to sign up on the monthly assignment sheets. If there is a certain month you would prefer to serve, please let Barb Buchmoyer know.

	Sunday October 7	Sunday, October 14	Sunday, October 21	Sunday, October 28
Music Leader	Joe Buchmoyer	Joe Buchmoyer	Joe Buchmoyer	Praise Ensemble
Head Usher	Craig Korte	Glenn Hoy	Diane Carroll	Bill Calhoon
Head Usher	Glenn Hoy	Bob Hammer	Rod Carroll	Bob Hammer
Acolyte	Katelyn Brooks	Victoria Brooks	Lilly Kimmel	Katie Kimmel
Communion Asst	Jeff Keener	Dan Hardy	Wendy Hammer	Karen Miller
Liturgist	Wendy Hammer	Dan Hardy	Dan Hardy	Wendy Hammer
Altar Care	Magaret Daub	Marie Martin	Wendy Hammer	Margaret Daub
Altar Care	Diane Carroll	Barb Buchmoyer	Bob Hammer	Mary Lois Smith
Offering Counter	Barb Buchmoyer	Barb Buchmoyer	Barb Buchmoyer	Barb Buchmoyer
Offering Counter	Phil Row	Phil Row	Phil Row	Phil Row
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.			



**Amelia Granthon and Keaira Haney
Will Confirm Their Belief in Christ Jesus
Sunday, October 28, 2018**

This past year I have had the privilege of getting to know these two girls on a more intimate level. Through hours of serious, as well as light hearted conversations, enjoying music and drawing, I believe Amelia and Keaira, through the Holy Spirit's power, have grown in wisdom and understanding.

It is my hope and prayer, then, that as reawakened Christians they have been strengthened so that they may endure and accept the challenges that await them as well as feel energized knowing all the possibilities God has in store.

May God bless these two beautiful souls and may they always remember they are children of God.

Pastor Cheri

HELPING LOCAL FOOD BANKS



FOOD BANK SUNDAY

October 7 (First Sunday of Each Month)

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

The Manheim Central Food Pantry is in need of volunteers once a month. For more information, call Cathy Knittle at 717.665.3404.

CARINGS & SHARINGS

(Submitted by Craig Korte)

Record keeping can be very time consuming and a tedious undertaking. Here at Trinity Lutheran Church, we are fortunate; being rich in records, ledgers, dated documentation and photographs. In various places our history of the people, our property and deeds, our buildings and our numerous procedures and functions exist.

As I searched through files looking for some information I came upon this gem of an article.

BRIEF HISTORY OF ORGANIZATION AND ACTIVITIES CEMETERY ASSOCIATION OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COLEBROOK, PENNSYLVANIA

It was not addressed to anyone, nor was the article signed. The letter was neatly typed by its obvious preparer. What captured my attention was the script on the second page. It read, "Read at Homecoming Service, Sept 29th, 1968." This week we'll reach Sept 29th, 2018. On that date we'll have lapsed 50 years since the article was read. It seemed critical or important to someone, or many, to take the time to write the article; then narrate it to the congregation.

The "modern era" of the cemetery began with several meetings of interested individuals in 1928. Prominent members of the local community, interested congregants, and those focused on preservation were invited. The intent of these first meetings was not to separate the Cemetery control from the church, but rather to establish an auxiliary group whose purpose was based on maintaining the existing grave markers and generating funds to continue the program forward

On September 15th, 1929, the official inaugural meeting raised \$42.37. This was the entire budget at the time. Notable is; the meeting was held just forty days prior to the Stock Market crash on October 24th, 1929. They pressed on. The first panel guide lines stated a group of seven would comprise the board. Four would come from Trinity members, and three would be from the local community. The next order of business was to obtain a Charter of Incorporation. An endowment fund of \$1000 was sought through solicitation of families and friends who showed interest. On February 15th, 1932, \$1250 had been raised and immediate steps taken to secure the Charter.

Fifty years later, 1968, the Cemetery fund had grown to \$7207.62. The unknown author who wrote this original statement said, "Over the years every effort has been made to maintain and preserve the cemetery in good condition befitting of the hallowed ground in which reposes the mortal remains of our loved ones. The Board is grateful for the interest and support it has received from you and those dedicated persons who have contributed to the establishment and continuing service of the Association."

I encourage everyone to take an active part in viewing the history of our church and the local area. It's actually quite fascinating!

TIDINGS INFORMATION & ARTICLES

November Tidings Deadline

Sunday, October 21

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

Please remember to include your name with submissions.



More About the Elizabethtown Sewing Group Mentioned in Pastor Cheri's Sermon



E-Town Sewing Studio 40 S Market Street, Elizabethtown

Delivering dresses and hope to girls in need and at risk around the world.

Volunteers meet weekly on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 am to Noon where we get together to mass produce cute and modest dresses using a pattern designed by instructor Renita.

No sewing experience necessary.

We take donations of fabric and notions and turn them into cute little dresses to send to little girls around the world.



Dress a Girl Around the World is a Campaign under Hope 4 Women International, a nondenominational independent Christian organization.

This dress may be the ONLY dress they EVER have and we want it to be a high-quality product in which they feel dignified and beautiful. These girls live in areas where they are easy targets for trafficking and many girls miss out on an education because they can't afford the garments required to attend school. Some of these dresses will go to some of the poorest of the poor.



We dream of a world in which every girl has at least one new dress. We want girls to know that they are worthy of respect, and that they are loved by God.



TICKETS FOR THE LEBANON COUNTY CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES BENEFIT DINNER Are Now Available

- When:** Thursday, November 15, 2018
Time: 5:30 pm (Auction) – 6:30 pm (Dinner)
Place: Lebanon Area Evangelical Free Church
600 Shepherd Street, Jonestown, PA 17038
Music: Brothers in Grace Gospel Quartet
Cost: \$25.00 each
Table Sponsorships available: \$300.00 includes 8 tickets

Obtain tickets by calling the LCCM office at 717.272.4400 ext. 211, by emailing lyonel@lccm.us or by contacting your church's delegate (Dan Hardy).

Deadline for ordering tickets is November 10.



OCTOBER

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colebrook
 58 Church Road
 Manheim, PA 17545
 Church Office Phone: 717.665.6670
www.trinitylutherancolebrook.org

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 2019 Budget Requests Due to Jeff Keener, Finance Committee	2 Lawn Turnpike Toll Plaza Food Pick Up	3 7:00 pm Choir Practice	4 6:30 pm Social Outreach Committee Mtg	5 10:00 am Prayer Service Lawn Turnpike Toll Plaza Food Pick Up	6
7 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin-bottom: 5px;">FOOD BANK SUNDAY</div> 6:00 pm Church Council Mtg	8	9 Lawn Turnpike Toll Plaza Food Pick Up 6:45 pm Worship & Music Committee Mtg	10 7:00 pm Choir Practice	11 6:00 pm Christian Education Committee Mtg	12 10:00 am Prayer Service Lawn Turnpike Toll Plaza Food Pick Up 6:00 pm Dinner & A Movie 	13
14	15	16 Lawn Turnpike Toll Plaza Food Pick Up	17 7:00 pm Choir Practice	18	19 10:00 am Prayer Service Lawn Turnpike Toll Plaza Food Pick Up	20
21 APPLE DUMPLING ORDER DEADLINE 1:00-3:00 pm Prayer Shawl & Quilt Ministry Mtg <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin-top: 5px;">TIDINGS INFORMATION DEADLINE</div>	22	23 Lawn Turnpike Toll Plaza Food Pick Up	24 7:00 pm Choir Practice	25	26 10:00 am Prayer Service Lawn Turnpike Toll Plaza Food Pick Up	27 5:00-7:00 pm Trunk or Treat Event 
28  Reformation Sunday Wear Red! AMELIA GRANTHON & KEIRA HANEY CONFIRMATION	29	30 Lawn Turnpike Toll Plaza Food Pick Up	31 7:00 pm Choir Practice			