

Trinity Tidings ~ October 2023



“Jesus said, Someone gave a great dinner and invited many...but they all alike began to make excuses...Then the master said [in anger], Go out at once...and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame...when there was more room, the master said, Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled!” (Luke 14:16-23 paraphrased).

A banquet prepared for friends and friends in high places was an epic fail. After hearing multiple lame excuses, the infuriated man opened his house to anyone who would come. I believe this is what Jesus experiences when His people make excuses Sunday morning. God wants His house to be filled so that we can be made whole again, born anew in Him. His unconditional love, His compassion, His willingness to die for us are the reasons answer the invitation to sit at the Lord’s Table. “That sin and shame that you brought with you, you can leave it at the door, and let mercy draw you near,” are lyrics from, “Come to the Table” and sung by Sidewalk Prophets. We leave at the table what we no longer need to carry within.

The song “Come to the Table,” was inspired by the movie, “Hook,” more specifically the line, “motley crew of misfits.” In the “scene where Peter Pan and Rufio and everybody is throwing food at each other,” reminded them of themselves. Self-described ruffians, the members of Sidewalk Prophets claim that these are the kind of “people that God calls,” the lost children of God and we need to come back home. Everybody is invited!” The poor, crippled, blind, and lame are just as much metaphors as corporeal. Our spirits need the richness only Jesus can give. We reach a deficit if we stray too far, and our shortsightedness prevents us from the One who can heal all things. God wants His house filled!

The dinner table scenario described above twice warms my heart. Partly because our family gathered around a long table in the dining room for noon dinner every Saturday and so the “Hook” image reminds me of food fights my siblings and I had, even long after we reached adulthood. It was a silly dare which sometimes turned into a little food on the face or clothing. Our table was always a table of love, a welcoming one where life was measured, and distractions were few. Today, abundant opportunities vie for the attention of kids and adults alike making it difficult for even one meal be shared each week where the entire family is present. Also, the table represents continuity and a safe place where, we can reconnect weekly, here at church with one another and with God. Jesus asks us to ‘Come to the Table’ where “Love opened the door for us. [we are invited to] Take our place beside the Savior, sit down and be set free. There's no one unwelcome here.” Come and dine, be present at the Lord’s Table, and continually be refueled, reenergized and renewed through the body and blood of Jesus Christ. Because God wants His house to be filled...at church, at home and wherever there are two or three gathered in His name. Come Lord Jesus, be our guest, let these gifts to us be blest. Amen!

Blessings Pastor Cheri

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Reformation Sunday – October 29

Martin Luther said that the Bible and the teachings of Jesus can all be understood by three solas. **The three Lutheran SOLAS** (sola, Latin from alone) are core principles of the Reformation that guide Lutheran Theology to this day.



If you understand these three solas, you will be able to wonderfully explain what the Reformation was all about and what is the heart of the Bible as we understand it even today.

Sola Gratia Grace Alone

We are saved by God's grace alone and not by doing good works, believing the right things or behaving in a certain way. Indeed, we are not even able to participate in our salvation, because humans are and will always be sinful, part of the human condition we cannot escape. We completely rely on God in Christ to be graceful and save us even though we do not deserve it.

God's unconditional love for us is the reason for God's free gift of grace. Grace frees the Christian from all worries about salvation. It frees us up to do God's work with our hands in this world. We are called to pour the love we receive from God back into the world again and to become Agents of God's grace.

**God's work.
Our hands.**

Sola Fide Faith Alone

Faith comes from God through the Holy Spirit as you participate in the life of the church. Sometimes, you feel Christ's presence within your soul and life, and that is always a great blessing. Sometimes you feel nothing. Sometimes your faith is passionate and fervent. At other times you are full of doubts. Independent of what you feel and think, Christ is always with you, and his promise of forgiveness and salvation is for you.

Sola Scriptura Scripture Alone

Lutherans follow a man, Jesus Christ, not a book. The Holy Scriptures testify to the Word of God becoming flesh in Jesus Christ. The authority of the Lutheran church is rooted in the testimony of scripture. The Lutheran church reads that testimony through the eyes of the gospel, which is the good news of Jesus Christ who defeated death and bridged the gap between humans and God.

Wear red and celebrate our Lutheran heritage!
Why wear red? The liturgical color of this day is red, which represents the Holy Spirit.



Celebration of Ruth Yeingst Beane's Life

There will be a luncheon on **Sunday, October 15**, after 10:00 am worship to honor Ruth and share joyful memories with the family. Everyone is invited.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Nancy Balmer; Ruth Beane; Isaac Bennetch & Family; Evonne Buckner; Mary Carroll; Rod Carroll; Ben Chicoria; Ariella Coyin; Wayne DeFelice; Charlotte Funk; Janet Hoy; Carol & Rick Keener; Ronald Lance; Lois Lum; Dana Lutz; Wilder Emmanuel McCullough; Steve Miller; Karlyn Morgan; David Peaslee; Renie Sanders; Gerrie Scheidler; Bill & Alma Stober; Katie Vaughen; Gary & Jen; Caleb

Condolences – The Family of Emma Mae Hoke (Betty Lighty's sister); The Family of Ruth Yeingst Beane; The Family of Sandra Rebman (Margaret Daub's neighbor)

Assisted & Skilled Care – Ed Schaeffer

Others in Need – Kiwira Coal Mine Congregation; the people of Ukraine; all those inflicted by human and natural disaster

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:



**PRAYER
REQUESTS**

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

Pennie Freet 717.269.3292

Karen Miller 717.304.7012

Lillian Minney 717.964.5032

Connie Weirich 717.665.6448



Elwood Weaber (Oct 10); Diane Haney (Oct 15); Victoria Brooks (Oct 17); Lucrecia Hardy, Robert Walborn and Jessica Writer (Oct 18); Jeffrey Keener (Oct 23); Craig Korte (Oct 31)

Clyde & Connie Weirich (Oct 11)

Glenn & Janet Hoy (Oct 20)



SURPRISE!! HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Following church service on September 17th, a surprise celebration was given for Janet Hoy and Josh Buchmoyer — grandmother and grandson — by their families.

Janet's birthday is the 17th and Josh's is the 23rd. We also celebrated Josh's eight years of being seizure free. Thanks be to God!



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

OCTOBER FOOD GIVING (throughout October) is for Manheim

UPDATED FOOD PANTARY REQUESTS: canned potatoes, Spam, boxes of rice, dry pasta, rice/pasta sides, soup, applesauce, diapers



FREE Dinner and a Movie Night!!

Friday, October 13

6:00 pm

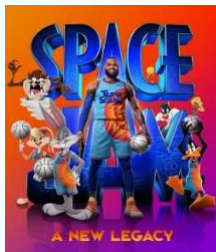
BBQ, Applesauce, Chips ■ Refreshments ■ Popcorn
Door Prizes including the DVD and Poster



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.

Coming Attractions

Space Jam
November 10



Spirited
December 8

LCCM (EMERGENCY FAMILY SHELTER) NO-SEW FLEECE BLANKET PROJECT



KNOT TYING EVENT

Sunday, October 22 following church



There will be a chicken pot pie lunch
Mark your calendar and join us!





This year, Trinity will be sending LWR 96 Personal Care Kits, 24 Quilts, 176 School Kits and 12 Fabric Kits. The Social Outreach Committee is extremely grateful for your support and generosity. Thanks for helping those in need. God bless.

	Lutheran World Relief School Kits	
	<p>We are thankful for the Thrivent card/shopping done by the Calhoons and to everyone who donated items, funds and helped assemble the kits. The Social Outreach Committee extends our grateful thanks.</p>	
	<p>Through your loving care for others, we have met and passed — for the second time — our goal of 150 kits. We will be sending 176 kits this year!</p>	
	<p>KITS WILL BE BLESSED ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1.</p>	

LEBANON LUTHERAN MISSION TRIP 2024



We're Back After Covid! **Sunday, June 23 to Saturday, June 29, 2024** **Anyone over the age of 14 is welcome.**

We are working hard to plan a flexible and enjoyable program to help The Lutheran Camping Corporation right here in our own back yard. Most of the work will be done at Camp Kirchenwald with the possibility of working at The Wittel Farm in Elizabethtown.

There will be a wide variety of requested tasks which could possibly include construction or painting.

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).

<p>R&K SUBS COMING SOON fund raising to reduce costs for those attending the Mission Trip</p>	
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For questions talk to Bill Calhoon.

If interested in helping with planning this Mission Trip — the next meeting will be Wednesday, October 11, 6:30 pm at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Lehman Street, Lebanon

God's work. Our hands.

Assembling LWR School Backpacks - Sunday, September 10





Celebration Villa Sing Along - Tuesday, September 12



BLESSING OF THE BRIDGE - Thursday, September 14

This bridge on Middle Creek Trail was rebuilt by Grayson Leedy and a team of Boy Scouts from Troop 439 as Grayson's Eagle Scout project.





BUDGET SUBMISSIONS

Committee chairs - please prepare your 2024 budget request and give to Jeff Keener by Sunday, October 8.



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

Banking Summary - Last month
8/1/2023 through 8/31/2023

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9/20/2023	Category	8/1/2023-8/5/2023	8/6/2023-8/12/2023	8/13/2023-8/19/2023	8/20/2023-8/26/2023	8/27/2023-8/31/2023	OVERALL TOTAL
INCOME							
	SUNDAY OFFERING	0.00	4,475.00	1,990.00	1,775.00	1,445.00	9,685.00
	TOTAL INCOME	0.00	4,475.00	1,990.00	1,775.00	1,445.00	9,685.00
EXPENSES							
	ADMINISTRATION	0.00	300.00	2,843.49	0.00	4,050.00	7,193.49
	ADMINISTRATION UTILITY	0.00	120.97	0.00	276.53	0.00	397.50
	CHRISTIAN ED	0.00	40.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	40.89
	IN-OUT	0.00	119.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	119.25
	WORSHIP AND MUSIC	0.00	118.98	100.00	0.00	44.50	263.48
	TOTAL EXPENSES	0.00	700.09	2,943.49	276.53	4,094.50	8,014.61
	OVERALL TOTAL	0.00	3,774.91	-953.49	1,498.47	-2,649.50	1,670.39

TIDINGS INFORMATION & ARTICLES



November 2023 Tidings Deadline
Sunday, October 22

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