

Trinity Tidings for June, 2024

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“I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions.”

Congratulations to our newest youngest members of Trinity Lutheran Church: Jocelyn Enck, Carson Enck, Caidyn Schaeffer, Owen Wentzel, and Michael Weiler. What a joyous occasion for us to welcome them not only into the folds of this church family, but we have the privilege of continuing to encourage them and equip them to go into the world to be Christ in the world.

For those of us not being confirmed this past Pentecost Sunday, we were much more than just spectators. In hearing these words spoken over each youth, “Stir up in them the gift of your Spirit; confirm their faith, guide their life, empower them in their serving, give them patience in suffering, and bring them to everlasting life,” we too were affirmed in our own baptisms. And like our newly confirmed, we are each “sent” into the world in many and various ways to use our Spirit-given gifts to be Christ in the world.

In the weeks ahead take time to speak with each of our young people—and not just the most recent confirmands—but all the Faith Formation students. Ask them about their hopes and dreams for this congregation and their own lives. Show an interest in who they are and what they are doing. Encourage them to go deeper into their faith lives. Remember they are not the future of the church. They are the **now** of the church. How can we involve them more and give them voice in the daily workings in the life of Trinity? How can we better *hear* them, know their needs, and allow them to voice their ideas?

So, let’s join them, and together we can grow the church. Alleluia Christ is risen!

Blessings,
Pastor Julie



We will recognize the fathers in church on Sunday, June 16th. Hope to see you there. Fathers and children are invited to sing God of Our Fathers that day. We will have a rehearsal after worship on Sunday's June 9th.

Carla



Congratulations to our Graduates

Timmy Houck
Aislin Given
Emily Kaiser

Kutztown State University
Conrad Weiser High School
Conrad Weiser High School



Thanks to Tedd Hickernell who planned and prepared our Mother's Day Banquet on May 13th. And thanks to the guys who set up, served, brought desserts, and cleaned up. We also appreciate the music of the Conrad Weiser High School Jazz Band and Choraliers.

Thank you to the Bell Choir Members, Sr. Choir members and instrumentalists for sharing your musical gifts! While the Choirs takes a little break for the summer, we invite anyone who would like to provide music for our summer worship services to please sign-up on the list in the narthex. Carla is happy to accompany and rehearse with anyone who would like to share their musical gifts.



David Schwalm entered the Church Triumphant on Wednesday, May 22nd. David and his wife Marjorie had been active members of Trinity for many years before moving to Lancaster County over 5 years ago. Many of you know his son Tom and his wife and children who are still members here as they live in Sinking Spring. A memorial service will be held for Dave on Thursday, June 6th at Trinity @ 12 with visitation with the family beginning at 11:00 AM. Please remember the family in your thoughts and prayers.

Please remember in your prayers:

Members who are sick or recently hospitalized: Cindy Hassler-Schappell.

Members who are homebound or in care facilities: Mary DeLong, Sharon Gring, Joan Kava, Diane Klinger, Bob Kohler, Carolyn Kurtz, Janice Lamm, Betty Reber, Pat Sickles, and Kay Weatherholtz.

The Military: John Kurtz.

Family and Friends: Karen, Linda, Barry Chapman, Arline G, Delores Hickernell, Shirley Kerchner, Tom Koerner, Vanna Piedras, True Portalatin & Michael Yachnik.

Special Ministries: Our missionary in Tanzania-Stephen Friberg and his Family.

Please let us know when our prayers are answered so we can keep our prayer list current.

Prayer Chain

If someone you know-- or you yourself-- are in need of prayer, allow us to add your prayer request to our daily prayers. Prayers will always remain confidential. Prayer requests may be as detailed or as anonymous as you prefer. Ex. "Pray for my Aunt Nellie who has cancer," or "Pray for healing for a friend." To activate the prayer chain, please call Mary Young at 610-678-4470. If there is no answer, please leave a message or call at a later time if you are not comfortable leaving a message. Your prayer request is important and we do not want to miss it.

Fellowship trip to American Music Theatre – Christmas Show

Friday, Nov. 15, 2024 - 7:30 pm show

New sign-up sheet posted including names of those who already signed up. You can sign up or call (610-678-1377) to add your name up until June 30st. I have reserved 30 tickets which I can increase or decrease at that time. Those who have already signed up please indicate the number in your group. (transportation – carpooling)

Payment will be due between Aug, 4 – Aug. 10.

How are We Doing?

Trinity's Financial Summary through April

Average Weekly Giving in 2024: **\$3,843.36**

Average Weekly Giving in 2023: **\$3,452.99**

Average Weekly Attendance in 2024: **105**

Average Weekly Attendance in 2023: **85**

Total expenses to date in 2024: **\$66,016.01**

Total expenses to date in 2023: **\$67,698.15**

Year to date giving: **\$65,337.11**

Percentage of increase in giving from 2023 to 2024: 5%

Percentage of Increase in expenses from 2023 to 2024: 0%

Synod Mission Support to date for 2024-\$5518.32, 32% of \$17,100.00 committed.

West Berks Mission Support to date for 2024-\$150, 25% of \$600.00 committed.

Thank you. It is your giving that enables Trinity to continue to do ministry as well as provide for the cost of insurance, salaries and benefits, heat, air conditioning, worship and learning opportunities, engage in outreach and evangelism initiatives and missional programs. These are difficult times for everyone—including our church family as the cost of living, even basic necessities, is rising. So, if you are able, please consider how you might give in the weeks ahead.

Please note a change in the labeling of offering envelopes. What was once labeled "Maintenance and Repair," is now labeled, " Major Property Expense Fund". Hopefully, this clarifies any confusion as to how this fund is used. Its purpose is not for everyday maintenance but rather extraordinary building expenses such as a new furnace should the need arise.



Families and Youth Fall Campfire at Pastor Julie's House
Mark your calendars now for
Friday, November 22, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
Details coming in the fall

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

130 S. WALNUT ST. WERNERSVILLE

**STRAWBERRY
FESTIVAL**



June 8, 2024

3:30 TO 7:30 PM

RAIN OR SHINE

***Featuring... Wood-Smoked
Pulled Pork, BBQ Nachos
and Pit Baked Beans***

***STRAWBERRIES, ICE CREAM AND
SHORTCAKE!***

**GAMES, PRIZES, COSTUME JEWELRY,
RAFFLES, HOMEMADE BAKED GOODS**

****LIVE MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT****

including 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Trinity Sunday School Orchestra

(You are welcome to bring lawn chairs)

**All proceeds benefit the Community through
the Community Response Fund**

Raffles/Strawberry Festival

If you are planning to donate a raffle item, please contact Barbara Debiec @488-599-1057 to make arrangements to drop off at the office. We will need to have your item prior to the date of the festival.



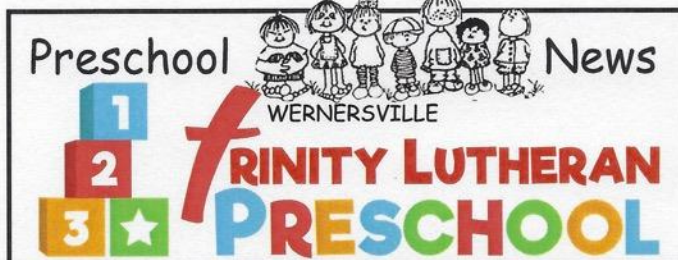
God's Good Creation

Join us for this intergenerational event beginning with dinner at 6:00 p.m. on the following summer Wednesday's:

June 19
July 10
August 7

There will be a study for adults led by Pastor Julie, and activities for kids: crafts, music, and lots of other creation fun. Come to one, two, or all three evenings.

Sign up in the Narthex.



We completed another successful Preschool year in May with 11 students. Six students will be moving on to Kindergarten next fall.

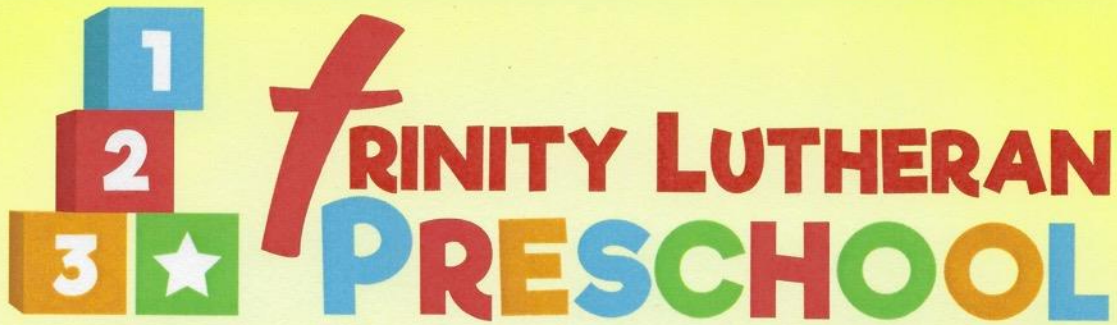
One of the spring highlights was our field trip

on April 22nd to the Conrad Weiser East Elementary Center. We played on the playground, ate our snack in the cafeteria, toured the Kindergarten classrooms, and enjoyed a story read by Mrs. Yourkawitch, the librarian, in the library. We thank Principal Rhoads for facilitating our trip.

Our Farewell Program was on May 23rd when families came to see their students sing, play rhythm instruments, flourish scarves, manipulate bean bags, and introduce themselves and their artwork. Our class/family picnic followed the Program as we gathered and shared food at the Wernersville Playground Park.

As always, we thank the Congregation for their support through the Endowment Committee with tuition scholarships and the Thrivent Choice contributions. Registration forms, brochures, and more information about tuition, fees, and class schedules are available on our website www.trinitywernersville.org.

--Mrs. Betty Lou Franzen, teacher/director
--Mrs. Stefanie Steffey, teaching aide



Register now for Fall 2024

2-day, 3-day Morning Classes
for ages 3-5 years

plus Full-day PreK Thursdays

—Afternoon STEAM curriculum

—Tuition Scholarships available—

A faith-based Education Program of
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New families welcome!



— Trinity Lutheran Preschool admits students of any religion, race, color, national and ethnic origin.
Founded in 1982

See next month's newsletter for pictures from Mother's Day, Mother's Day Banquet, Confirmation, and probably Strawberry Festival. Since summer is usually our downtime for "news" we will provide you with the pictures of events in May and June.

Flower and Bulletin Sponsorship

The cost of sponsoring the flowers is \$40.00. The cost of sponsoring the bulletins is \$15.00. If you are sponsoring the flowers or bulletins, please note that there are blank envelopes in the narthex below the sign up lists. Please put your check (payable to Trinity) or cash in the envelope (be sure your name is on the envelope) and place in the offering plate. **We need a Bulletin Sponsor for 6/30. Please sign up on the appropriate chart in the narthex.**

Altar Flower Sponsors for June: 6/9-Barbara Debiec in memory of Rich Debiec, 6/16-Betty Schaeffer in honor of Harley's 45th birthday, 6/23-Betty Schaeffer in honor of Devin's 12th birthday, 6/30-Stefanie Steffey in honor of Cheyenne's 24th birthday.

Bulletin Sponsors for June: 6/9-Barbara Debiec in memory of Rich Debiec, 6/16-Betty Schaeffer in honor of Harley's 45th birthday, 6/23-Betty Schaeffer in honor of Devin's 12th birthday, 6/30-available.

Helpers for June

Altar Guild: Anne Marie Rinehimer and Cheyenne Loring

Communion Assistant: 6/9 & 6/16-Kathy Lawry, 6/23-Bob Bashore, 6/30-TBD.

Acolytes: 6/2-Tedd Hickernell, 6/9-Caidyn Schaeffer, 6/16-Kay Stout, 6/23-Owen Wentzel, 6/30-Quentin Light

Lay Readers: 6/2-Kathy Lawry, 6/9-Kerri Searfoss, 6/16-Kay Stout, 6/23-Anne Marie Rinehimer, 6/30-Kelly Light

Ushers: 6/2-Lawry, 6/9-Bashore, 6/16-Kurtz, 6/23-Given, 6/30-Shoumlisky.

Sound System: 6/2-Wendell Byler, 6/9-Caidyn Schaeffer, 6/16-Scott Franzen, 6/23-Stephanie Kurtz, 6/30-Wendell Byler

Counters: 6/2-Rapley/Pirl-Roth, 6/9-Hummel/Jarsocrak, 6/16-Debiec/Rinehimer, 6/23-Franzens, 6/30-Hassler-Schappells

Snacks: 6/2-Kay Stout, 6/9-Helen Hummel, 6/16 & 6/23-available, 6/30-Stefanie Steffey.

Bulletin Assemblers: 6/5-Diane Shoumlisky, 6/12-Mary Young, 6/19-Mary Jane Evans, 6/26-Tony Ludovici.

Newsletter Assembly: Kathy Lawry

Church Council Members

Bob Bashore, President 484-336-3638

Betty Lou Franzen, Vice President 610-781-8132

Beth Byler 610-781-2161

Dawn Hickernell 717-507-3549

Helen Hummel 610-678-1377

Kevin Kurtz 610-413-5240

Rick Lawry 610-670-1401

Cindy Hassler-Schappell 610-451-6131

Stefanie Steffey 484-721-1161

Church Council Highlights for May

- Beth Byler will obtain a Thrivent action grant to fund the food for July and August VBS. June's meal will come out of Parish Education.
- Mission Possible and Endowment will send \$1000.00 to Carolina Rebuilding Ministries.
- Property Committee will investigate UGI bill and payments over the last year.
- \$500.00 from the Community Response Fund will be sent for Antietam Lutheran Disaster Response Fund.
- Church Worship & Picnic @ Dick Hummell Park in South Heidelberg Twp. will be held on 8/4.
- There will be no council meeting in July. June and August meetings will be on the 3rd Tuesday @ 7:30.

Happy Birthday

Birthday Milestones in June

Pat Sickles will be 91, June Rapley will be 83, Marilyn Weatherholtz will be 83, Karen Wilkinson will be 80.
Happy Birthday to all of you.