

Trinity Tidings for August 2026

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Summer Greetings

I hope the August newsletter finds you in the midst of a restful, restorative summer. That you have taken time to restore your soul, your mind, and your body. That you have taken the time to travel locally or afar. That you have explored extraordinary and interesting places, and learned new things. That you have encountered Spirit-led and Holy-soaked moments.

And that you continue to enjoy the summer days yet to come as we look forward to September even so. The Psalmist writes, “He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; [the Lord] restores my soul.” The following are some up-coming fall dates and events to put on your calendar for fall (and the end of summer, too!):

August 15, Saturday from 8a.m.-12 noon: Preschool Supply Giveaway (donations accepted)

August 16, Sunday from 2-4p.m.: Preschool Supply Giveaway

September 8, Tuesday at 1:00: Women’s Bible Study begins

September 13, Sunday 4-6p.m.: *God’s Work Our Hands*: Free Spaghetti Dinner and Health Fair

There will also be a Blessing of Vocations and School Supplies/Backpacks during worship.

September 20, Sunday: **FAITH FORMATION begins**. This fall we will continue to work on our tie blankets and determine when we will deliver them to our homebound as well as explore how to be disciples of Jesus in our daily lives.

Most importantly, we will begin preparations for the Youth Gathering. The Youth Gathering is June 26-July 2, 2027 in Minneapolis, MN. We already have interested Youth, so we are going!! Registration begins October 21.

October 4, Sunday: Blessing of the Animals

May God’s peace surround you all with green pastures and still water. May your souls be restored. Safe travels to those who are vacationing, and restful days to those who are home.

Blessings,
Pastor Julie

Kids of the Kingdom
Sundays During Service



Beginning Sunday, February 1st, a new Sunday School for children ages preschool through 4th grade will be offered. Kids of the Kingdom will meet after the Sunday morning Children's Message. We will meet twice a month in the library. Our time will be filled with Bible stories and activities. On Sundays when we don't meet, children will receive an activity bag to enjoy during worship. Following are dates for Kids of the Kingdom:

April 5, 19	July 5, 19
May 3, 17	August 2, 16
June 7, 21	Fall Schedule TBD

From the Global Church at ECLA

On behalf of the ELCA Leadership Circle team, I would like to thank you for your sponsorship of our ELCA missionaries. Your prayers, communication, and financial support helps makes this ministry possible. As you may know, *Stephen & Bethany Friberg* are completing their service. We thank God for their faithful service in Tanzania and for your faithful sponsorship.

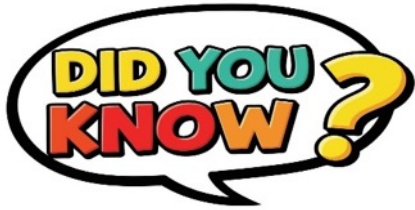
Dear friends,

We trust the attached letter finds you well and experiencing God's presence.

Steve and Bethany



See following page for their letter....



Did you know . . .

. . . that we are a partner congregation of the West Berks Shepherding Ministry? This ministry provides drivers for people who need assistance getting to doctor's appointments, the bank, pharmacy, or the store. In past years, Trinity has provided drivers for this local and much needed ministry. The WBSM is always looking for more volunteer drivers.

Each year our Endowment supports the WBSM with a financial gift of \$700. In addition, this inter-faith organization meets four or five times a year on a Monday afternoon at Hain's UCC. Meetings last for about 30 minutes or less. Every participating congregation is asked to send a representative to these meetings. Currently, Trinity does not have a representative to attend meetings. Maybe you are just the person to represent Trinity at these meetings. Maybe the Spirit is calling **you** into this ministry. Representatives do not have to also be drivers. If you are feeling a nudge to be a representative, let Pastor Julie know.

And more! As we move closer to September, the new school year revs up, and the Chancel Choir and Bell Choirs start up again, there are other little jobs that also need doing around our church home. Below is a list of needs. Maybe you are feeling called to adopt one of these tasks and make it your own:

Kitchen Keeper: This is someone who sees that the refrigerator contents are up-to-date, the kitchen is clean, things are put away and well kept.

Facebook Administrator: This person would keep information up to date on our Facebook page remembering to invite the community to worship, special events, etc . . .

Bulletin Board Boss: This person would keep all our bulletin boards up to date, making sure they are nicely decorated and current.

Blessing Box and Little Library Leader: This person would keep tabs on the outdoor boxes making sure they are neat, clean, and appropriately stocked.

Gardening Guru(s): This person(s) will keep up with flowers and plants growing around our church's building seeing that gardens are weeded, new flowers and plants are planted and watered—perhaps in the spring start some planters of annuals. This person would take seriously God's call to be a good steward of the land and all creation.

If you notice that there are other jobs around the building that need attention and you'd like to make them happen, let Pr. Julie know.



Bell Skills & Try It

All bell ringers, adults and teens who would like to try ringing bells are invited to come Wednesday 8/5 at 6::30 PM or after worship on 8/9 for some fun bell ringing. We will refresh with some ringing skills and show anyone interested in ringing bells how much fun it is. Please come to any of the times that work best for you!

Please remember in your prayers:

Members who are homebound or in care facilities: Sharon Gring, Joan Kava, Diane Klinger, Bob Kohler, Carolyn Kurtz, Janice Lamm, Ruth Rush, Pat Sickles, Bonnie & Margie Stine.

The Military: John Kurtz.

Family and Friends: Justin Audet, Barbara Cox, Arline G., Delores Hickernell, Barbara Hill, Karen Kline, Thomas Levesque. Eileen Rhoad, , Pat Zerby, Karen and Linda.

Please let us know when to remove people from the prayer list.

PRAYER CHAIN

For confidential prayers for yourself or other
Call Mary Young at 610-678-4470 to activate the prayer chain.

Thank you for participating in the mission of Jesus Christ through your gifts to Trinity. How gifts may be received:

***Online giving via Trinity's website:** www.trinitywernersville.org



Or scan the QR-code with your phone camera to connect to Trinity's Donate page. There you can securely make a one-time gift or set up recurring donations.

*Regular mail: 130 S. Walnut St., Wernersville 19565

*Vanco Mobile App. using debit or credit.

*To make changes to automatic withdrawal use invite code hpfk34.



Preschool Supply and Furniture Give-Away

Don't pass up this opportunity!

Our 40-year-old Preschool is transitioning into a Music School, and we have years of preschool supplies that need a new home. So come and check out what we have to offer for your early childhood needs.

Financial donations will be accepted.

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**Saturday, August 15th, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
and**

Sunday, August 16th, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.



After School Music Classes begin January 2027.

Stay tuned for more information!

If you are interested in Family Music and Movement classes for infants to children aged 5, please call and leave a message at 610-678-1782.

Flower and Bulletin Sponsorship

The cost of sponsoring the flowers is \$50.00. The cost of sponsoring the bulletins is \$15.00. If you choose, you may decide how you want to sponsor flowers. There are any number of ways to do that: cut your own when appropriate, provide potted plants or flowers like mums, poinsettias, lilies, etc. . . . You are free to design your own arrangements. As always you may take your arrangements home with you after worship. You may also request we use our own artificial flowers and donate the \$50 to the general fund. Or please feel free to purchase them the traditional way: simply sign up, put \$50 in an envelope, and place it in the offering plate. **Most importantly, you must indicate on the flower sign up if you are going to provide flowers yourself so Barbara knows not to order them from Royer's.**

We need altar flower sponsors for 8/16. We need bulletin sponsors for 8/23. Please sign up in the book in the narthex.

Altar Flower Sponsors for August: 8/2 – In memory of Betty Reber; 8/9 – Barbara Debiec in memory of Rich Debiec's birthday; 8/16-Available; 8/23 – Kathy & Rick Lawry in honor of their wedding anniversary; 8/30 – Mary Young in memory of her wedding anniversary.

Bulletin Sponsors for August: 8/9 - Barbara Debiec in memory of Rich Debiec's birthday; Leslie Pirl-Roth in memory of her parent's 70th anniversary; 8/23 – Available; 8/30 – Mary Young in honor of Alexis Young's birthday.

Helpers for August

Altar Guild: Cheyene Loring

Communion Bread: 8/2-Beth Byler; 8/9-Cindy Hassler-Schappell; 8/16-Cindy Hassler-Schappell; 8/23-Cindy Hassler-Schappell; 8/30 Barbara Debiec

Communion Assistant: 8/2-Kay Stout; 8/9-Alexis Shoumlisky; 8/16-Kevin Kurtz; 8/23-Betty Lou Franzen; 8/30-Cindy Hassler-Schappell

Acolytes: 8/2-Cindy Hassler-Schappell; 8/9-Sam Shoumlisky; 8/16-Arianna Sitlinger; 8/23-Julie Sutliff; 8/30-Alexis Shoumlisky

Lay Readers: 8/2-Stephanie Holmes; 8/9-Julie Sutliff; 8/16-Pam Guigley; 8/23-Charlotte Moyer; 8/30-Elaine Briner.

Ushers: 8/2-Lawry; 8/9-Bashore; 8/16-Kurtz; 8/23-Hassler-Schappell, 8/30-Shoumlisky

Sound System: 8/2-Wendell Byler; 8/9-Stephanie Kurtz; 8/16-Scott Franzen; 8/23-Owen Wentzel; 8/30-Wendell Byler

Counters: 8/2-Jarsocrak; 8/9-Franzen; 8/16-Hassler- Schappell; 8/23-Rapley/Pirl-Roth; 8/30-Debiec/Rinehimer

Snacks: 8/2-Beth Byler; 8/9- Available; 8/16-Available; 8/23-Betty Schaeffer; 8/30-Available

Bulletin Assemblers: 8/2-Barbara Debiec; 8/9-Mary Jane Evans; 8/16-Marilyn Weatherholtz; 8/23-Betty Schaeffer; 8/30-Kathy Lawry

Newsletter Assembly: Kathy Lawry

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Happy Birthday

Birthday Milestones in August

Laura Krick will be 83. Nancy Moyer will be 84. Robert Wilkinson will be 83. Ronald Harman will be 80.