

TIDINGS

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“They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.” Acts 2: 42

This is a description of the very early church right after Pentecost. It is also a good model for the church today. There are many opportunities at Holy Trinity for teaching and learning- Sunday School for children, youth and adults, Confirmation Classes, Women’s group, Men’s Group, Monday and Thursday Bible Studies, younger adults Group and Pub Theology are all offered regularly.

My heart is full when I see people gathering with joy from our youth to older adults. We gather for the Lord’s Supper, the breaking bread at each worship service on Sunday.

We also gather to pray- at worship, at each meeting and gathering, on Monday evenings and through music. When we continuously pray, we are asking for God to be central in all that we do. We are stressing that we want God’s will to be done and to make that our own. We are opening ourselves, our congregation and our community to be changed and guided by the Holy Spirit.

To help us be centered in prayer and on God, the monitor in the narthex showcases each meeting, worship, gathering and event at the church that week (they are also in the bulletin). Please pray for God to be present and lead all we do here. If you can, pray at the time of an activity or meeting so participants are being held in prayer. If you don’t know what to pray, there are prayer books in the narthex for you to take home.

Thank you for your prayers for Holy Trinity. May we continue to devote ourselves as the members of the early church did in Acts.

Let us pray. Almighty God, you have called us to labor in your vineyard, and without you we can do nothing. Grant your gracious presence at (the meeting, worship service, class, choir or whatever the event), that what we do will build up your whole church. Let your Holy Spirit govern and direct; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen. (From the ELW)

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Sarah



Welcome back to Sunday School this Fall!

We are so excited to begin a new year of learning, exploring, experiencing, and growing in faith with you and your child. To register your child, please pick up a Sunday School Registration form in the Narthex or call the office and we can mail or email you a form. Sunday School meets at 9:30am every Sunday! All are welcome!

COMING EVENTS

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And we bring you the good Tidings that what God promised to our ancestors he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising Jesus; Acts 13:32-33a

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Remember to get your Commemorative 150th Pewter Ornament in the office, Monday to Friday 9am until Noon.
Cost...\$15 each



Food Pantry

2024 Dates: October 12, December 14

Special request Items:

- | | | | |
|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Canned yams | Stuffing mix | Mashed potato mix | Turkey gravy |
| Canned pumpkin | Cranberry sauce | Paper towels | Deodorant |

Soup IS NOT needed at this time

Items always needed:

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|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| Mac & cheese/pasta | Applesauce | Baked beans | Cake/muffin/brownie mix |
| Canned fruit | Canned tuna | Cereal | Granola bars |
| Pasta Sauce | Oatmeal | Paper towels | Toilet paper |
| Peanut butter & Jelly | Potato/rice mix | Pudding Cups | |

Many thanks for the generous donations to date! If you would like to donate, please mark "food pantry" in the subject line on your check or you may use one of the pew envelopes if you would like to donate cash. Food pantry contact: Jodi Waugaman at 724-516-9680 or waugawoman86@comast.net

Church Finances

CONGREGATIONAL AVERAGE OFFERING AUGUST 2024

| <u>2024 BUDGET</u> | <u>BUDGET NEEDS WEEKLY</u> | <u>AVERAGE WEEKLY OFFERING</u> |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| \$391,718 | \$7,533.00 | \$5,581.26 |
| <u>2024 IMPROVEMENT FUND</u> | <u>WEEKLY GOAL</u> | <u>AVERAGE WEEKLY OFFERING</u> |
| \$24,000.00 | \$461.00 | \$139.75 |
| <u>2024 Roof ORGAN FUND</u> | <u>WEEKLY GOAL</u> | <u>AVERAGE WEEKLY OFFERING</u> |
| \$40,000.00 | \$770.00 | \$81.75 |

Online Tithing ...The church has set up online giving through **Tithley**. (the church incurs approximately a 3% fee or you may add the fee into your donation to cover that 3%). To donate through online giving please visit: <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1399928>

Trinity Lutheran Care Fund (TLC) is a ministry of the church that offers assistance to members of the congregation experiencing financial need, due to extreme, unusual and/or medical circumstances. If you'd like to request help, please contact Pastor Sarah, Julie Kuhn, or Jodi Waugaman.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN OUR PRAYERS IN SEPTEMBER:

| | | | | |
|------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| DYLAN KUNKEL | MICHAEL TOMASELLO | NANCY BOYD | MICHAEL SHOTTS | RACHEL FAULKNER |
| RUTH PORTER | DAVE STRAZINSKY | ELAINE RHODES | PAT GRANNY | ANN DRURY |
| JACKIE TODD | ERIC WALT | DEB AND JOE STICKLE | SANDRA TOMKO | JODI WAUGAMAN |
| PAULA USTAZEWSKI | PAT WALT | DEE WITHROW | JOHN AND GLENDA WENDLING | |
| VALERIE WAUGAMAN | CHUCK AND MIMI WIELOBOB | HERB AND DEB WILLSON | RAY AND LINDA WEST | |
| EARL WRIGHT | DOUG AND NANCY WOODRING | SANDY YONIKA | STAN AND DONNA YUSKO | |
| SHIRLEY ZINCK | TERRY AND PEGGY ZIMMERMAN | KIRA ZYVITH | NANCY BOYD | |
| ADRIENNE AMANTEA | RONI BARRY | PAT BAIRD | RICK AND SHERRY BAVOLEK | |
| JOE THOMAS | ZACK AND SAMANTHA TINSLEY | LUELLA TOMASELLO | LORI AND GEORGE THOMAS | |

WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER THE FOLLOWING MILITARY PERSONNEL:

SHANNON DAWSON ZACHARY ZEHNER BROOKE NEWELL



*May the Lord Bless
Elyse Grace Sladky
on her Baptism – September 29, 2024
Daughter of TJ and Rosemary Sladky*

ANNOUNCEMENTS!



**Come & Join the Fun
Sunday, October 20th**

Immediately following the 2nd Service

**Featuring:
*Your Favorite Fall Foods***

**Entertainment:
*My Three Sons Barbershop Quartet***

**Tickets on Sale Every Sunday
through Sunday, October 13th**

**All tickets are \$10
Free for Children 10yrs & Under
(110 tickets are available so first come, first serve)**

All Members and Friends are Welcome!

October 20th we will have services reminiscent of services from **1874**,
150 years ago! Plan to attend!



The Annual Pet Blessing will take place outside at 2:30 on Sunday, October 6th.

Please bring your furry or feathered friend in a crate or on a leash.



BIBLE STUDY

BIBLE STUDY on THURSDAY at Noon resumes September 5th.

BIBLE STUDY continues on MONDAY Evenings at 7:00PM in the Miller Parlor.

Join us!

All are invited Mondays at 6:00pm for PRAYER



MEN'S GROUP MEETING – OCTOBER 12

All men of Holy Trinity are encouraged to join us for our monthly meeting which will be held Saturday, October 12, at 8:00 AM. The breakfast will be held at Penn Zion Lutheran Church (3417 Route 130 in Harrison City) with men from Holy Trinity, Immanuel, Paintertown, Brush Creek, Penn Zion and First United Church of Christ.

Please join us and sign-up on the bulletin board in the narthex or the one outside our Church Office. Please sign no later than October 6.

There will be a **New Member Class** on Sunday, October 6th at Noon. If you are interested in joining please stop by the meeting.



The choir season has started!

There is always room for new singers! Choir rehearsals are Thursday evenings at 7:00 in the Bob Kunkle Music Room.

We are always welcoming new members into our choir family, and no experience is necessary!

See David after any service if you are interested.

TO ALL HOLY TRINITY MEMBERS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 25-45

Our next gathering will be on **Sunday, November 3**. Come and join us for breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. We will begin gathering at 9:15 AM and eat at 9:30 AM while discussing Christmas sponsorships and other areas of need. Please sign the list on the narthex bulletin or the one outside the office. Questions? See or contact Pastor John at 724-610-1441.

WOMEN'S FAITH and FRIENDSHIP GROUP:

Next meeting is October 16 at 6pm to see the Jack O'Lantern Lights at the Pittsburgh Zoo.
Tickets are \$21. RSVP to Julie by October 13.

Thousands of artistically carved pumpkins will glow in the night during the walk-through Jack O'Lantern Extravaganza, presented by Beverlynn and Steven Elliott. These *gourd-geous* works of art will feature beloved Zoo animals and familiar characters from the worlds of entertainment, science, fantasy, pop culture, sports, and more, presented with sound, light, and other special effects.

This family friendly event is the perfect combination of nighttime fun, the spirit of autumn, and artistry. Thousands of pumpkins will illuminate The Islands and Jungle Odyssey in a spectacle unlike anything you've ever seen, including differently themed areas with a Pittsburgh connection.

In addition to pumpkins of all shapes, sizes, and designs, the Jack O'Lantern Extravaganza will feature activities for children, gently spooky seasonal displays, and specialty seasonal food items. The evening Jack O'Lantern Extravaganza adds a fall family tradition that will delight guests of all ages.

DINNER CHURCH TO BEGIN DECEMBER 1

WHAT IS DINNER CHURCH? *It began in 2008 in Brooklyn, NY. In the span of a few years, dinner-church communities emerged all around the world. They do not focus on worship first and then eating together later; they understand the meal itself as worship. Found in urban, suburban and rural areas, they attract wealthy, middle-class, and unhoused neighbors.*



This form of worship is not new. After all, the Gospel is a story of meals. Records of the early church suggest that they primarily met for worship through eating meals. Something powerful happens at the table. ("We will feast, rethinking dinner, worship, and the community of God", by Kendall Vanderslice)

Holy Trinity is eager to join this growing way to worship and find community while we join together for a meal. **Our first Dinner Church will be Sunday, December 1, at 6:00 PM.**

We would love to have you be a part of this new exciting form of worship at Holy Trinity. If you plan to attend, please sign the list on the bulletin board in the narthex and on the bulletin board outside the Church Office. Questions? See or contact Pastor John at 724-610-1441 or email him at outreach@htlc.church.

THE CHURCH LIBRARY IS HERE FOR YOU!

Our church library is filled with books and DVDs that are available for children, teens, and adults. They cover various topics and themes that we emphasize through the church year.

Take a look at the library cart in the narthex. We are excited to provide these books to you. Also, please watch for special opportunities that will be offered through our church library.

HOLY TRINITY OUT IN THE COMMUNITY

“LICK OR TREAT” – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12 – 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM - This annual Trick or Treat event is for any pet who comes in costume. Almost 20 businesses will welcome the participating pets. **Holy Trinity will be there to welcome these creatures of God’s creation and provide treats for them.**

PASTOR JOHN AT IRWIN MANOR – OCTOBER 24, at 1:00 PM. Combining efforts with the new bookstore in Irwin known as *Completely Books*, Holy Trinity will offer a Halloween event and activity for the residents of Irwin Manor.

DOWNTOWN IRWIN TRICK or TREAT is SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 – 1:00 to 3:00 PM
Youth in grades 7th -12th will be passing out treats and water. Please meet at the church at 12:30. Irwin’s Halloween Parade is at 3:00 PM.

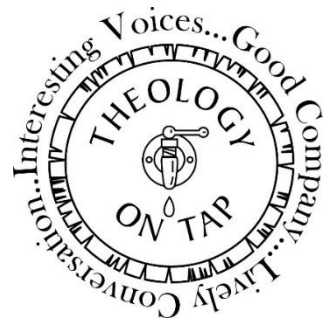
YOUTH GROUP TO MEET:

7-12th grade will meet via Zoom for Youth Group on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 7:00PM. A Zoom link will be sent to all families.

ALL YOUTH – please meet at the church on Saturday, October 26th at 12:30 to hand out candy and water for the downtown Irwin Trick or Treat!

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Have you joined us yet for our Theology on Tap evenings? We have had some great conversations and interaction, as well as refreshments and beverages from the tap of our hosts, Josh and Angela Brittingham. **COME AND JOIN US AT OUR NEXT GATHERING ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, AT 7:00 PM** at Josh and Angela Brittinghams, 875 Lockport Drive, Irwin, PA. **Please** sign up on the lists in the narthex or outside the Church Office.



COMMUNITY MEAL IN OCTOBER

Holy Trinity will welcome the community for our next Community Meal on Monday, October 21, in the church Fellowship Hall. Fellowship Hall doors open at 5:00 PM. Dinner is served at 6:00 PM. Including the in-house diners and those at Irwin Manor to whom we deliver the meals, we are averaging more than 60 dinners. All who are lonely, seek a sense of community, or anyone who needs a good home-cooked meal, are invited to these monthly meals.



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP....please see the sign-up lists on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor John by seeing him at church, email him at outreach@htlc.church or call 724-610-1441.

HOLY TRINITY RECYCLES!!

The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. (Psalm 24:1)
To offer our care to God’s creation, we have recycling bins in various places in the church.

| <u>DUTIES for October</u> | | Assisting Minister | Communion Assistants | Acolyte | Lector | Altar Flowers |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Sunday, Oct. 6 | 8:15AM | Tracy McNelly | Connie Berg Glenda Wendling | Garrett Fennell | Angela Brittingham | |
| | 10:45PM | Jodi Waugaman | Joe Thomas Diane Kowalski | Ty Cessna | Mary Myers | |
| Sunday, Oct. 13 | 8:15AM | Joe Thomas | Maria Clark Lois Brown | Delany Hillier | Maria Clark | Andrea Smith |
| | 10:45PM | Colleen Cochenour | Susan Siems Mary Smaligo | Ty Cessna | Bob Cessna | |
| Sunday, Oct. 20 | 8:15AM | Jerry Kuhn | Connie Berg Julie Kuhn | Andrew Sheleheda | Tracy McNelly | |
| | 10:45PM | Jen Fitzgerald | Kira Zyvith Jeffrey Horvath | Will Little | Mike Little | |
| Sunday, Oct. 27 | 8:15AM | John Smaligo | Jaden Brittingham Glenda Wendling | Jericho Brittingham | Pat Koos | |
| | 10:45AM | John Smaligo | Mary Smaligo Eric Walt | Grace Darby | Karly Kunkle | Susan Siems |

Altar Guild

Oct. 5 Set Up Mauritta Moyer and Cindy McCune
 Oct. 6 8:15 Mauritta Moyer and Cindy McCune
 10:45 Mimi Wielobob and Karly Kunkle
 Oct. 12 Set Up Diane Kowalski and Sandy Tomko
 Oct. 13 8:15 Mauritta Moyer and Cindy McCune
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 Oct. 19 Set Up Glenda Wendling and Julie Kuhn
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 Oct. 26 Set Up Mimi Wielobob and Karly Kunkle
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10:45 Greeters:
 Oct. 6 Clyde and Carrie Ellen Stewart
 Oct. 13 Debbie Kunkle & Nancy Woodring
 Oct. 22 Joy and Jocelyn Snyder
 Oct. 29 Heidi and Grant Darby

Please note....
 Your green offering envelope currently states
ROOF FUND.
 Moving forward those funds will be moved to the **ORGAN FUND.**

OCTOBER 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--|---|---|--|--------|--|
| | | 1 Safety Committee Meeting 6:00PM Property Committee Meeting 7:00PM | 2 Boy Scouts Fellow. Hall 6:30-9 | 3 Bible Study at Noon Choir Rehearsal at 7:00PM | 4 | 5 |
| 6 Pentecost 20 8:15 Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship Noon – New member class 2:30 Pet Blessing | 7 Prayer Meeting 6:00PM Bible Study 7:00PM | 8 Men's Group 7:00PM | 9 COUNCIL 7:00PM Boy Scouts Fellow. Hall 6:30-9 | 10 Church Office Closed Bible Study at Noon Choir Rehearsal at 7:00PM | 11 | 12 Men's Breakfast 8:00AM at Penn Zion Food Pantry Distribution 9AM |
| 13 Pentecost 21 <i>Receive new Members</i> 8:15am Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship- <i>Baptisms</i> 7:00PM Youth Group via Zoom | 14 Prayer Meeting 6:00PM Bible Study 7:00PM | 15 | 16 Women's Group at Pittsburgh Zoo 6:00PM Boy Scouts Fellow. Hall 6:30-9 | 17 Bible Study at Noon Choir Rehearsal at 7:00PM | 18 | 19 |
| 20 Pentecost 22 <i>1874 Service</i> 8:15am Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship HARVEST FEST following 2 nd service | 21 <u>Community Meal at Holy Trinity 5:00pm w/dinner @ 6:00PM</u> Prayer Meeting 6:00PM Bible Study 7:00PM | 22 Men's Group 7:00PM | 23 Boy Scouts Fellow. Hall 6:30-9 | 23 Bible Study at Noon Choir Rehearsal at 7:00PM | 25 | 26 Irwin Trick or Treat - Youth handing out candy and water at Church at 12:30 |
| 27 Reformation <i>Confirmation</i> 8:15am Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship with Confirmation | 28 Prayer Meeting 6:00PM Bible Study 7:00PM | 29 | 30 Pub Theology 7:00PM Boy Scouts Fellow. Hall 6:30-9 | 31 Bible Study at Noon NO CHOIR | | |

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