

The Herald

Trinity Lutheran Church
1141 West Chester Pike Havertown PA 19083

September 2022



"September days have the warmth of the summer in their briefer hours, but in their lengthening evenings a prophetic breath of autumn."

~~~ Rowland E. Robinson

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR

Welcome Back! Hopefully all of you had a chance to relax and renew yourselves this summer. As well as, keeping hydrated and having some time for fun. As I write this article the summer is waning and school and Sunday School (Sunday Funday) are about ready to begin. Kids across the country are getting excited about starting a new school year, while many parents are relieved that their children are going back to school or starting a new school. New beginnings open the door to new opportunities and possibilities.

This is also true in the life of Trinity, Havertown. In September, we begin a new program year with potential and opportunities to learn and grow. A time, to deepen our knowledge and love of God and each other. A chance to worship, to share in the sacraments together, to give witness to the presence of God in our lives, to offer service, to explore God's word, and to enjoy fellowship, fun and food together. New possibilities and new life abound!

This time of transition also offers opportunity for us, as a community of faith, to examine the past and look to the future. To discover and affirm our mission and purpose. To look at the possibilities for ministry and discern the direction in which **God** wants us to go. To access **all** of our resources and **be** the people of God in this place and community. We will confront challenges along the way, but with a positive attitude knowing we are not alone, and that God will provide direction. Trinity's Transition Team has been active this summer, while also taking some time off to relax, reflect, and renew themselves.

As I've said many times before, **prayer** is an important companion during this process of transition. With God, **all** things are possible. Without God, we stand still, nothing seems to work and we become stagnate.

Jesus said, "I have come that you might have life and have it more abundantly." (John10:10b)

It is the **living presence** of God that we celebrate in our lives and here at Trinity, Havertown. So let us continue to call upon God and allow the Spirit of God to **embrace** all of us, as God guides and direct us through this process. Please continue to pray for our life together as a community of faith and for our surrounding community.

In the 1970's there was a TV show called "Welcome Back Kotter". Its' theme song contained the following words: "Welcome Back! Your dreams were your ticket out." Trinity, let us **dare to dream** and **reimagine** the future together. With God, the possibilities are endless!

May God's **dynamic** presence be seen in all of us. God **is** with us as we journey. Remember, God is good, all the time! All the time, God is good! **Welcome back!**

Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Gwen, Interim Pastor (AKA: Rev. Gwendolyn King)



TRANSITION TEAM REPORT

Trinity's transition process is moving along and will continue throughout the autumn and we meet regularly. The Synod requires the completion of seven documents including: a history of the congregation, our budget and actual financial figures for last year and this year, an audit certification by an external financial professional, and the most recent Annual Report of the congregation in addition to the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) a computerized form used by congregations needing a pastor. We are currently preparing for the audit.

We will keep you informed of our progress. Please feel free to call on any of us with comments or questions. And most importantly, please pray for our Congregation, our Team, and the process.

Yours in Christ,

Your Transition Team

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TRINITY IS OPEN FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP

9:45 AM – Worship Time – September 4 and 11, 2022

ATTENTION!!!

10:30 – Worship Time – Begins on September 18, 2022

Those who cannot join us in person can follow us on “Facebook Live.” Please go to Trinity Lutheran Church Havertown on Facebook and the link is <https://www.facebook.com/groups/trinitylutheranchurchhavertown>

Council Notes

We, as council, are looking forward to a very fulfilling year. There are several events that we have planned such as BINGO in October and a Flea Market in November. (We will be needing volunteers for both events.) We will also be meeting in person! Our meetings will be in the Fritsch Room. You will have the option to be with us either in person or on Zoom. Something new this year, we will be alternating meeting days so all of the members of council are able to attend. In September we'll meet on the third Tuesday, the 20th; October will be the third Wednesday the 19th. I will keep everyone up-to-date using the Sunday announcements, the Bulletin, and the Herald.

~Alice Huntington, Council President

Financial Update

Our 2022 approved budget for the church expects an average income of \$9,950 a month from contributions, outreach, grocery dollars, etc. (Excludes Nursery School). While we have bigger income months due to Easter, Christmas, and the Crab group in the summer it would be wonderful if we could meet or exceed the budget each and every month!!

January our income was \$6,281 versus the monthly budget amount of \$9,950.

February our income was \$7,116

March our income was \$6608

April our income was \$19,098!!! Wow and Yay. Thank You.

May our income was \$5274

June our income was \$13,780!! Yay.

July our income was \$ 6563

For first 7 months of 2022

YTD our income was \$64,740

YTD needed budget \$69,400

~~ Barbara Ryan, Treasurer

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Our first meeting will be on Friday, September 16, 2022, 10 AM, via ZOOM. At this meeting we will discuss and decide what we shall explore and study. Please think about joining us! Following our opening time of catching up with each other from the previous week, we begin with prayer. It is a wonderful time to share our concerns, sorrows and joys and then bring them to the Lord. After that time of fellowship and prayer we begin our study. If you would like to join us on Fridays send Peggy DiSciascio an email for the ZOOM link peggy@bytemonkey.net or Darlene Leech, office@trinityhavertown.org.

MUSIC MINISTRY – ADULT CHOIR AND BELL CHOIR

You are invited to join the Adult Choir and/or Bell Choir when we begin to meet in the fall.

In Memoriam.

"It's so fantastic to know that there are no right things to say, but in that, there are no wrong things either. Instead, we will just say things. " D. Hartwell

It has been two years since my Mom passed away, and some days are still incredibly difficult. I have been a part of therapy, group grief counseling, antidepressants, and read countless books all trying to process this void. Worst of all, the final moments of her life are sometimes all-consuming. She was suffering multiple organ failure brought on in combination from diabetes and early-stage dementia. She was confused and angry when she was awake--talking about

people long gone, moments that occurred in years past. On occasion, she was alert and those moments were almost worse. She cried about not being able to see the grandkids, her cat, her home.

I rode this wave with her for 36 hours. When she talked about her bowling score that afternoon, I told her that we'd grab a pizza and beer before we left. When she cried about not seeing the kids, I called them so she could hear their voices. And when I was told I should go, I said goodbye--that I was going for dinner, and she asked me what I was going to have, and I told her probably a taco. She asked if I was going alone, and I said yes--so she started to sing and swing my hand to "All by Myself" by Eric Carmen.

I berated myself for weeks and months that I didn't tell her how much she meant to me, how sorry I was that I had not been out to see her in almost a year, and that I knew she had done her best to make sure I grew up okay. Weren't these the right things to say?

In Matthew 6, Jesus teaches us the right way to pray--that we go quietly into our room and tell Him our heart. We hear in Matthew 11, Jesus asks us to come to Him with our burdens. He already knows our heart. There is so much comfort in knowing that He just wants us to come, we don't have to have the "right" words. Our words just need to be honest and true. God also told us that He is near to the broken-hearted and saves the crushed in spirit (Psalm 34), so being true to my prayer has given me more peace to accept God's will and timing.

There are no right words, just right ways to approach what's on our heart. Pray fervently, my friends, in your joy and your pain; in words or song. There is no wrong way, but definitely His way will bring you great peace. *~~ Kirsten Kratz*

TRINITY LUTHERAN NURSERY SCHOOL AND MOTHERS MORNING OUT NEWS

The Aurora Borealis, the Milky Way, Venus, Mars and a Space Ship.... Were we at the Smithsonian? No, we were in the Chapel under the stars in the dark during one week of summer session in July! Can't beat the price of the Space Tour....\$90.00 for 3 days!

Another adventure, brought us into the Wilderness at Camp Trinity. We fished on a carpet stream, roasted marshmallows over an open tissue paper fire and took a nap inside a tent, right in our front yard.

Couldn't miss Captain Hook on the Pirate ship! The pirates of Trinity boarded the SS Trinity and sailed on the Chapel Sea and spotted a shark with their binoculars. Some of the children pretended to be like Jonah and gazed at us from inside the Shark.

We did these things and many more. We thank our coordinators Miss Aimee and Miss Naomi for their creative skills and to our teachers who encouraged enthusiasm for each event in our little adventurers.

We still have a few spots in our classes for September. We created two morning and two afternoon enrichment classes so we have more space!

~~ Miss Marian



Trinity has a prayer ministry comprised of 30+ members. We pray for concerns and joys not only for our Trinity family but for relatives and friends of our Trinity family. We also pray for those whom we do not know but whose story has touched our hearts. If you would like to be a part of this important and powerful ministry contact Peggy DiSciascio (peggy@bytemonkey.net) or Darlene Leech (office@trinityhavertown.org).

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**PRAYING THROUGH MEMBERSHIP**

The Nicole Robinson Family, Daniel and Kari Romano, The Barbara Ryan Family,

**Please Pray for...** Dorothy Plantholt, Don and Nancy Cornman, Susan Haines, Carol Lyons, Dave Huntington, Louise Wallace, Glenn Miller, Margit Hibben, Debbie Maguire, Richard Campbell, Tom Shiffer, Jim McDevitt, Marilyn and Ray Lindelow, Heather Seifert and Leslie Carden.

**MEALS FOR THE LIFE CENTER**

We **NEED** the following to make hot casseroles for the Life Center:

**Cream of Mushroom soup, Mayonnaise, Canned Tuna, Mixed Vegetables, and Shredded Cheese (you can put the cheese in the silver refrigerator in the Social Hall)**

**Please help** when you are out grocery shopping.

Cooks for the Life Center meal in July were Linda Weiser and in August, Amy Gagas. Servers: Ann Shiffer, Fred Sanger II and Fred Sanger III from St. Paul, Lansdowne.

We are now serving ice tea and/or lemonade from Swiss Farms rather than in powdered form, so any donations for drinks can be made in the gallon jug or perhaps a gift card from Swiss Farms or Wawa. Thank you again for your continued support and generosity.

**PLEASE HELP TRINITY HELP OTHERS**

Trinity is continuing to provide a hot meal the first Tuesday of each month for the Life Center.

In addition, we are going to provide **30 substantial lunches for PROJECT SHARE** to be dropped off at Trinity on the **first Sunday of the month**. **PROJECT SHARE** provides daytime mental health services for about 25-30 homeless persons. There is no meal program. The lunches we and other groups provide are their only sources of a balanced cold meal. If you can volunteer to make lunches, please contact Ann Shiffer at [t.shiffer@comcast.net](mailto:t.shiffer@comcast.net) or Darlene in Trinity's office.

**These lunches will be dropped off at Trinity on the first Sunday of the month. Please label them (SHARE) and place them in the refrigerator downstairs in the Social Hall.**

**The lunches need to be dropped off the FIRST SUNDAY of the month.**

Ann Shiffer or a volunteer will take them to **SHARE**. Remember, we need 30 lunches; if you can make 5 that would make it easier for more to volunteer and share the love of helping others.  
~Ann Shiffer ([t.shiffer@comcast.net](mailto:t.shiffer@comcast.net), or 484-995-1751)

***Helen and David Koch made lunches in July – Thank You!!***

***Brigitte Gdovin made lunches in August – Thank You!!***

***Amy Gagas, Darlene Leech and Linda Weiser made lunches in September – Thank You!!***

***HUNGER DOES NOT TAKE ANY HOLIDAYS!!!***

***WE NEED LUNCHES FOR OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER!!!***

There is a sign-up sheet, indicating drop-off dates, on the bulletin board by the elevator. Remember, you do not have to make all 30 lunches yourself. Ask a friend or a member of our Trinity family to help. Folks love to help!!!

### **FREE MONEY FOR TRINITY**

SCRIP = gift cards for food stores and easy way to donate to Trinity. Acme, Giant (use them for gas as well as groceries), Colonial Village in Manoa Shopping Center, each will give the church 5% of the amount you purchase. Although the stores make these donations, you can still make purchases equal to the face value of the gift cards you purchase. Buy them on Sunday mornings from Peggy DiSciascio or call her during the week (610-446-2695) to make arrangement for purchasing during the week.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS**

**September 11, 2022, 9:45 AM**

Students of all ages, get your backpacks ready! On Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, we will be blessing the bearers of the backpacks, and teachers, during the morning worship service. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us for this new school year send-off. God is with us everywhere we go, including to a new school year!

**After worship please join us for fellowship and food.**

# **Trinity Rally Day**

**September 18, 2022**

“Sunday Funday,” Adult Bible Study and our regularly-scheduled worship time fun-filled educational opportunities.

**We will enjoy a Fellowship Hour following worship with coffee and tasty goodies.**

Adult Bible Study will begin at 9:00 AM and there will be a fresh pot of coffee ready for you to enjoy!

“Sunday Funday” will begin at 9:15 AM

**Worship Service begins at 10:30 AM**



**Tuesday, September 20, 2022, 7:00 PM**

**Church Council in person and via ZOOM All are welcome!**

Let Alice Huntington, President of Council ([alicehuntington@gmail.com](mailto:alicehuntington@gmail.com)) or Darlene Leech ([office@trinityhavertown.org](mailto:office@trinityhavertown.org)) know you would like to attend via ZOOM and you will be sent the ZOOM link to join the meeting.

**Monday, September 26 – Worship and Music Committee meeting  
in the Fritsch Room**



*Welcome back, Trinity!  
Let's have a great year with worship, fellowship and  
service.*





**Happy Birthday!**

- Kari Romano 9/02
- Leslie Ann Carden 9/13
- Michael Gdovin 9/14
- Dylan Johnson 9/18
- Ardeh Berg 9/18
- Matthew Carden 9/19
- Amy Gagas 9/19
- Marie Lord 9/29

If your name is missing from this birthday list, please call the church office at 610-446-6398 or e-mail us at [office@trinityhavertown.org](mailto:office@trinityhavertown.org).

# SEPTEMBER 2022

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| 4<br>9:45 AM Worship and Communion                                                                 | 5<br>8 PM Al-Anon                                           | 6<br>9:30 AM Al-Anon<br>6 PM Weight Watchers  | 7         | 8<br>7:30 PM - AA  | 9                                        | 10       |
| 11<br>BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS<br>9:45 AM Worship and Communion<br>POTLUCK MEAL FOLLOWING SERVICE | 12<br>7-8:30 PM Delaware County Camera Club<br>8 PM Al-Anon | 13<br>9:30 AM Al-Anon<br>6 PM Weight Watchers | 14        | 15<br>7:30 PM - AA | 16<br>10 AM Women's Bible Study via ZOOM | 17       |

**GROUP CONTACT INFORMATION**

**Church Groups**  
 Choir~ Kirsten Halker-Kratz  
[khalker1@swarthmore.edu](mailto:khalker1@swarthmore.edu)

**Homeless Ministry~**  
 Linda Weiser ~ [lnw1sr@gmail.com](mailto:lnw1sr@gmail.com)

**Women's Bible Study**  
 10 AM Friday via ZOOM

**Community Groups**  
 Thurs. A.A.~ [alcoholics-anonymous.org](http://alcoholics-anonymous.org)  
 Monday Camera Club  
 Monday Al-Anon & Tuesday Al-Anon  
 (888) 4Al-Anon  
 Recovery Meeting~  
 Tuesday Weight Watchers~  
[www.weightwatchers.com](http://www.weightwatchers.com)  
 800-275-2583

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| <b>RALLY DAY!</b><br>9:00 Adult Bible Study<br>9:15 Sunday Funday<br>10:30 AM Worship and Communion<br><b>COFFEE HOUR FOLLOWING SERVICE</b> | 7-8:30 PM Delaware County Camera Club<br>8 PM Al-Anon                                                     | 9:30 AM Al-Anon<br>6 PM Weight Watchers<br>7 PM Church Council in person and via ZOOM<br>Fritsch Room |    | 7:30 PM - AA | 10 AM Women's Bible Study via ZOOM       |    |
| 25<br>9:00 Adult Bible Study<br>9:15 Sunday Funday<br>10:30 AM Worship and Communion                                                        | 7 PM Worship and Music Committee<br>Fritsch Room<br>7-8:30 PM Delaware County Camera Club<br>8 PM Al-Anon | 27<br>9:30 AM Al-Anon<br>6 PM Weight Watchers                                                         | 28 | 29           | 30<br>10 AM Women's Bible Study via ZOOM |    |