The Herald

Trinity Lutheran Church
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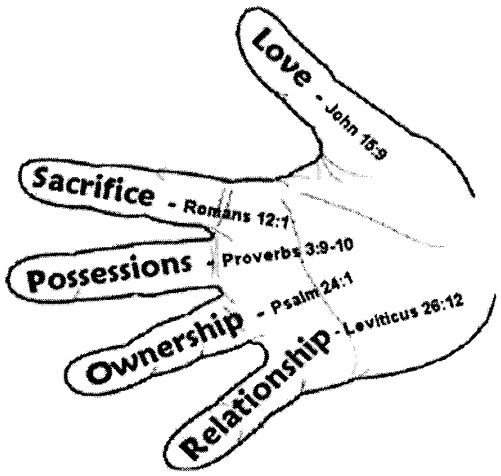


"Like a sunflower that follows every movement of the sun,
so I turn towards you, to follow you, my God."

-John of the Cross (1542-1591)

A message from Pastor Skyle

The Stewardship Hand – by Christopher Sealey
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RELATIONSHIP Leviticus 26:12
God desires a close relationship with us. God loved us before we loved God. Our relationship with God is not one of equals since God is the Owner and we are the stewards of God's possessions.

OWNERSHIP Psalm 24:1
God is the owner of everything and has transferred dominion over all creation to us (Genesis 1:26). As faithful stewards, we understand that we have been assigned the management or stewardship of God's possession. We are responsible to the Owner for the manner in which we conduct our stewardship responsibilities.

POSSESSIONS Proverbs 3:9-10
Because God loves us, God blessed us with many possessions, such as time, talent, and treasure. The way we use our possessions demonstrates our love to God. As faithful stewards, we must use our possessions for the Lord's glory, to benefit others, and not for personal gain.

SACRIFICE Romans 12:1
The Hebrew word used in the Old Testament for sacrifice is "korban", and it means to come close to God. Sin separated us from God, but Christ's death on the cross, as the sacrifice for our sins, provided a way for us to come close to God. As a Christian, living for Christ is our sacrifice to God. When we use our possessions (time, talents, and treasures) to Christ's glory and to benefit others, we signal to God, and to the world, our desire to have a close relationship with our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

LOVE John 15:9
God is love. Stewardship that is based on God's love allows us to look beyond the faults of others while using our possessions to supply their needs (John 13:34,35). The thumb is the only finger that can touch all of the other fingers, so our love for God and for our fellow humans must permeate all aspects of our stewardship experience. Stewardship is God's love in action.

Pastor's Message

Grace and peace to you from our Lord, Jesus Christ!

In the coming weeks, we will be talking about stewardship – and all the ways we use our time, talents and treasure to glorify God.

Our ELCA mission statement is *God's Work, Our Hands.* Chris Sealey provides a wonderful way of looking at the hand we use to do God's work in the sense of stewardship.

For many people, stewardship is about money. But look at this hand – it helps us see that stewardship is how we are in relation to God and to each other. How we place God at the forefront, willing to follow. How we thank God for giving us what is God's to tend. How we live in a way that may require sacrifice. How we love God and our neighbor. How we live as good stewards of all that is God's.

As we use our hands to do the work of God in ministry together, remember this stewardship hand.

All that we do, all that we give, all that we are…comes from God.

I can think of no better way to start a new year of stewardship in Christ's ministry than to thank God for all we have been given.

And then, to share our resources of time, talent and treasure to praise and glorify God, who loves us and breathes new life into us.

Blessings, Pastor Skyle

Save the Date

INSTALLATION OF

Rev. Stacey-Kyle "Skyle" Rea

AS PASTOR OF

Trinity Lutheran Church

1141 W. Chester Pike
Havertown, PA 19083



Sunday, November 15, 2026

3:00 PM

Seminarian **Kendyll Ward** will preach.

Rev. Marie Sager, Dean of the DELCO Conference will preside.

A light reception will follow.

Clergy are invited to vest.
Color of the day is red.

CHURCH COUNCIL

The Church Council members will be meeting on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 PM in the Fritsch Room in person or by ZOOM. All are welcome to attend.

GENEROSITY TEAM

The dates for the remaining 2026 BINGO games are: October 10 and December 5. The first BINGO game in 2027 will be January 23. Doors open at 5 PM and games begin at 6 PM. Come and have an evening of fun, prizes and delicious food!

We are in need of $25 gift cards. These can be anything from retail stores, restaurants, movie theaters or grocery stores. Each BINGO needs three cards for door prizes; any cards not used for one evening are saved for the next game. If you have gift cards that you think you might not use please consider donating them to the Generosity Team for BINGO prizes.

~~Alice Huntington, Generosity Team

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

The Laity Service of the Word will be the second Sunday of each month. Occasionally this may change; flexibility is the key here. If you would like to participate in the service as a Leader or deliver a Message, please let a member of the committee know. The members of the Worship and Music Committee are: Pastor Skyle, Peggy and Don DiSciascio, Amy Gagas, Linda Weiser and our Music Director, Kirsten Halker-Kratz.

Alice Huntington
Darlene Leech
Co-Chairs

MUSIC MINISTRY

Choirs are back!

Back to school means back to choir! Our bell choir is open to all of God's children age 10 and up. We will start rehearsals on Monday, September 14 at 7 pm in the sanctuary. Our adult choir will resume rehearsals on Sunday, September 13 at 10 am. It is open to confirmation candidates and up. You do not have to read music to join either choir. If you have any questions, please reach out to me at 610-420-9782 or by email at kirstenkratz92@gmail.com.
~~ Kirsten Halker-Kratz, Director of Music

TRINITY LUTHERAN NURSERY SCHOOL AND MOTHERS MORNING OUT NEWS

What a summer at Trinity!
We welcomed the World Cup by celebrating this huge event with a MMO premium soccer game. The children each had a ball and used their excellent

foot skills to move the ball into the nets. When finished they posed for a photo shoot with one foot on the ball in front of the net… with huge smiles...What a team!

Nursery School camp focused on a dinosaur museum, a pirate ship adventure following a map to find a treasure. Once again the princesses entertained campers in the castle with games. We threw hoops, balanced bears, stacked cups, shot pom-poms from a catapult and wrote with feather pens!

Happy Birthday USA...We each colored a small booklet on some major historical places in our country. We identified the Statue of Liberty, the White House, the Liberty Bell, George Washington, and Abraham Lincoln with his tall black hat.Summer flies by when you are having fun! *~~Miss Marian*

YOUTH MINISTRY

ELCA National Youth Gathering Minneapolis 2027

June 28- July 2 2027
308 days until to the Gathering!!!

What's The Gathering?

Every three years, thousands of high schoolers and their adult leaders from across the ELCA come together for the ELCA Youth Gathering. It's not just an event but a movement in which faith ignites and community comes alive. Through inspiring speakers, experiential learning and transformative connections, young people experience the church in bold, unforgettable ways. Each night, participants share a unique faith experience through high-energy worship and powerful storytelling. The Gathering is an opportunity to ask big questions, grow in faith and be part of something bigger than yourself. Are you ready to join the movement?

Also, Youth will be doing fall clean up again this year. If anyone (local) is interested in having the youth help out, they can reach out to me or Pastor to sign up. Date is TBD, I'm attempting to schedule clean ups around Havertown's leaf pick up schedule.

thanks,
Jenn

PRAYER MINSTRY

More than thirty people participate in Trinity's Prayer Chain Ministry. We love to hear good news that new can thank God for but we also pray for concerns and sorrows of our Trinity family

and their friends and relatives. To be a part of this important ministry or submit a prayer request, please contact Peggy DiSciascio (peggy@bytemonkey.net) or Darlene Leech (office@trinityhavertown.org)

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We especially pray for: Don and Nancy Cornman, Louise Wallace, Glenn Miller, Margit Hibben, Debbie Maguire, Richard Campbell, Jeanette Dick, Lizz and Joyce Hendricks, Donna Keenan, Harry Henrich, Maryann VanHee, Gabi, Janice Koch, the Koch Family, Jim McDevitt, John Crossley, Donna Shaffer, Jon Sweeney, Dan Causland, Lillian Thompson, Marie Lord, Steve Pickhaver, the VanderWerff Family, Lily Walker, Mary Finn, and the family of Bishop Patricia Curtis Davenport.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Friday morning at 10 AM via ZOOM

In Matthew 28:19, Jesus told his apostles to "Go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." While this passage in Matthew is the most famous, variations of Jesus' parting charge also appear in the other Gospel accounts and is referred to as The Great Commission. The Acts of the Apostles not only records the actions and travels of Jesus' apostles as they follow His instructions, but it also gives glimpses of the history and culture of the time when they did so.

At the end of our last season, the Women's Bible Study group at Trinity decided we would like to dive into the book of Acts. I am excited for our group to study this book together and invite you to join us. Our discussions are educational and thought-provoking, but our time together is also fun.

Since there are a couple people who join from a distance, our classes take place on Zoom. We will begin our study on Friday, September 18 at 10 AM. I will be sending out an invitation to join via Zoom when the time draws closer. All you need to do is be sure you have that program or app on your computer or tablet; find a nice quiet, comfortable spot; and then click on the link I will send.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me (peggy@bytemonkey.net or 610-446-2695) or Darlene at the church office (office@trinityhavertown.org or 610-446-6398).

Looking forward to seeing you then.

Blessings, Peggy DiSciascio

SCRIP

What is a great way to donate to Trinity that will not cost you anymore than you spend to feed your family? Purchase scrip for Acme, Giant or Colonial Village. When you do so, each of these stores takes 5% off the price that the church pays for the gift cards and you can still spend your usual amount. It is easy, and a win-win-win for the stores, the church and you. Please consider participating.

Peggy DiSciascio sells scrip cards on Sundays at church following Worship.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

SHARE

Thank you to all those who are signing up for the 40 lunches on the first Sunday of each month (the sign-up sheets will have the specific date lunches are needed). Just a couple of reminders: They should be delivered right after church to SHARE in Upper Darby. When you sign up, please let Linda Weiser 484-995-3520, Brigitte Gdovin (610-202-1541) or Jim Hasselman (609-313-6765) know if you can deliver the lunches yourself or if we need to find someone else to drive them down. Thanks.

SHARE LUNCHES
(40)

Our 2026 SHARE lunch schedule is on the bulletin board. Please indicate your name, how many lunches you can make and if you are able to transport them to SHARE. The dates are (all Sundays):

January 4	Brigitte and Bob Gdovin, and Amy Gagas
February 1	Helen and Dave Koch
March 1	Cheryl and Ken Boberick
April 5	Bernice Coffey and her work colleagues (Easter Sunday)
May 3	Helen and David Koch
June 7	Cheryl and Ken Boberick
July 5	Chris and David Teter
August 2	Darlene Leech and Alice Huntington
September 6	Bernice Coffey and her co- workers
October 4	Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study
November 1	Chris and David Teter
December 6	Helen and Dave Koch

A 2027 schedule will be placed on the bulletin board later on in the autumn.
Thank you for your participation and generosity for this much-needed ministry!

LIFE CENTER MEALS

we are preparing meals for the first Tuesdays of the even-numbered months (Feb, April, June, August, October and December). This meal feeds 40.

Thank you, Brigitte Gdovin, for preparing these delicious meals for the Life Center!!! Thank you to Phyllis Silverstein for transporting the meal and the donations to the Life Center in December.

FEAST INCARNATE MEALS

Trinity provided a meal on the fifth Tuesday of the few months that have a fifth Tuesday. In 2026 those months are March, June, September and December. Another organization takes care of our commitment in December so that we can relax and enjoy the Christmas Season. Brigitte Gdovin and Jim Hasselman coordinate this meal and we ask the Congregation to provide the items needed to make this meal a nutritious success. A list will be on the bulletin board for those who wish to donate to this much-needed ministry. Hunger is all around us and never goes away.

FEAST INCARNATE – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Pick whatever you would like to bring and add your name to the list on the bulletin board. Do not feel that you have to bring all parts of a category. That is, you can bring a portion of the 10 pack of fruit cup, etc. Just let me know how much you are committing to provide.

Please bag and label and deliver to church kitchen by Sunday September 27, 2026

-Dole Fruit cups. They come in 12 packs. We would need a total of 10 packs
-2 large powdered iced tea powders (BJs has the Lipton brand)

-30 individual drinks (bottled/canned iced tea, lemonade, etc)

-3 16 ounce bottles of regular Italian dressing (they pre-dress the salad and serve it so it needs to be 3 of same variety).

-Dessert x 120. Can be bought, homemade, whatever. Individually wrapped.

-Salad ingredients:

-6 large bags of lettuce

-Shredded carrots (2 large bags of shredded carrots-or one average bunch of carrots. They can be shredded at feast as part of the prep)

-Cherry / grape tomatoes (3 large containers)

-Cucumbers (8 average size cucumbers)

If you would like to donate money for a specific item Darlene will shop for you.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Church Council

7 PM Wednesday, September 15 – Fritsch Room
All are welcome to attend1