

## TRINITY LUTHERAN

Danville, Pennsylvania

*Believe. Belong. Become.*

### Stewards

### In Christ

*Danville Area*

*Food Bank*

*April Needs*

*Peanut Butter & Salteines*

*Good Samaritan*

*Mission*

*The Gate House*

*Transitional*

*Housing*

*Trinity Lutheran*

*Church Grace*

*Fund*

*Upper Susquehanna*

*Synod*

*Local Congregation*

*Support,*

*Global Partnerships*

*Evangelical*

*Lutheran Church*

*In America*

*World Hunger Appeal,*

*Lutheran World*

*Relief,*

*Lutheran Disaster*

*Response*



# The Good News!

April 2018

## "Pastor's Pause - April 2018

April showers bring May flowers. Oft repeated, that rhyme rarely had any impact upon me other than I should expect a month of rain and mud, then enjoy flowers the next month.

The idea of flowers sprouting up, of course, brought some joy to me as a child. My grandmother had lily of the valley planted across one of her little gardens and, as soon as they gave bloom, I would plant my nose into them! I still cherish the smell of lily of the valley.

These days I take plenty of allergy medication before I delve into the plants growing wild here and about. The medication makes me think of that little rhyme and I'm back to wondering why on earth did anyone need to write down the obvious (rain is needed by plants)? Why would anyone be so inclined as to remind me that one of the parts of creation I really enjoy (lily of the valley) also causes discomfort (allergies) and that I have to deal with a lot of dreary weather (April showers) to enjoy those plants that will cause that discomfort?!

April rain and May flowers. Perhaps if applied to our lives as a metaphor that little rhyme could have a little more meaning. Perhaps as a metaphor it would not remind me that a spring cold and an itchy nose are likely in my near future.

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### *Some ideas for April...*

*The month of April is recognized for more than tax day! April is also Autism Awareness Month, National Mathematics Education Month, and National Garden Month. April 22 is Earth Day. April 26 is National Arbor Day. Consider stewarding creation and/or advocating for autism awareness and for education.*

The April rain is not necessarily dreary by its nature, but it is how we experience that rain that determines if it is a joy or a displeasure. The May flowers are also experienced as something that brings visual joy to some and histamine agony to others. How we might experience the rain and the flowers is circumstantial, personal, and somewhat of a God moment for us as God reveals details about our person to us.

How do we experience creation? How do we experience the rain? The sun? The flowers? The moon? The stars? Perhaps as we experience them as Christ's resurrection each Eastertide - as a new thing, a new opportunity, and a new beginning.

An opportunity lies before us in God's grace - the Grace on the cross, the Grace resurrected, and the Grace ascended - to experience all things new. In the Lord, the freshness of the rain can be as beautiful as the fragrance of the flowers *and* we have the opportunity to experience the rain in a new way.

Ponder the rain and the flowers in your life anew and allow this new life in the Lord to bring a new experience to you. Live in the risen Christ.

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

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*National Poetry Month - write a tanka! 5 lines and 31 syllables (5-7-5-7-7).*

*Thunder, then rainfall  
seeds broken open for bloom  
scents are abounding  
new life springs forth in glory  
Blessed to touch and to breathe all.*

June 24-28 Vacation Bible School sponsored by Trinity Lutheran, Pine Street Lutheran, and Christ Episcopal Churches. Hosted on-site at Trinity and led by Camp Mount Luther.

## FELLOWSHIP!

Join in, and sign up to serve, in the lower level Fellowship Hall following Worship!



## PLEASE NOTE!

**MAILING ADDRESS FOR TRINITY:**

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DANVILLE, PA.**

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

**MONDAY-10AM –1PM**

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## Our Congregation Council, Ministry Team Leaders & Staff

### Council President

Peg Reed

### Council Vice President

Dave Ruths

### Worship & Music

Dave Ruths

### Council Secretary

Susan Marcoz

### Youth Ministry

Betsy Reed

### Mutual Ministry

Peg Reed

### Finance

Jim Kishbaugh

Barry Ashenfelder

### Christian Education

Susan Marcoz

### Outreach/Nurturing

Edna Ulrich

### Property

Gary Patterson

### Communications

Barbara Fruin

### Evangelism/

### Fellowship

Edna May Ulrich

### Stewardship

Peg Reed

### Custodian

Ed Haas

### Assistant Custodian

Shawn Haas

### Church Organist

Carol Payne

### Church Secretary

Donna Evans

### Treasurer

Tom Summers

The next regular Congregational Council meeting will be  
April 26th.. at 7:00 PM in the 2nd floor conference room.

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## THE GOOD NEWS!

The deadline for the May Newsletter is: **April 25, 2018 @9:00AM**



# Church Events Calendar

- Apr. 22 Mount Luther Open House
- May 2 Montour County Historical Society Dinner
- May 12 Mount Luther Spring Work Day
- May 14 13<sup>th</sup>. Annual Bishop's Open Gold Classic
- May 20 Confirmand Gradation  
Parent Child Dinner
- June 10 Trinity Annual Picnic @Knoebels
- June 24-28 Vacation Bible School at Pine Street Lutheran [Trinity & Pine St. combined]

## BULLETINS

- Apr. 1 IMO Audrey Stump & Tammy Stump Heebner by Kathy & Barry Mordan
- Apr. 8 IMO Loved Ones by Peg & Ray Fryling
- Apr. 15 Open
- Apr. 22 Open
- Apr. 29 IMO Mr. & Mrs. Henry Coira Jr. & Son, Butch by Jerry & Doris Lemon

## FLOWERS

- Apr. 1 IMO Audrey Stump & Tammy Stump Heebner by Kathy & Barry Mordan
- Apr. 8 Open
- Apr. 15 Open
- Apr. 22 Open
- Apr. 29 IHO Matt & Laurie Fitzpatrick's 17th. Wedding Anniversary  
By Laurie Fitzpatrick

*Council Liaisons and  
Committee Chairpeople*

*Please note there is addition bulletin board space available in the Church Street entrance. Please post your meeting dates and events there to invite and welcome even more participation in these ministries!*

## April Birthdays

Apr. 2 Janice Erb  
 Apr. 5 Raymond Fryling, Garrett Ruths  
 Apr. 7 Randy Huber  
 Apr. 9 Stephen Humphries  
 Apr. 10 Emma Lehr  
 Apr. 14 Lynn Dempsey  
 Apr. 16 Emmett R. Gerringer  
 Apr. 18 Sydney Fedder  
 Apr. 22 Cortney Semiclose, Amelia Bromwell  
 Apr. 26 Shawn Haas, Duane "Dewey" Summers  
 Apr. 27 Hurley Moll, Harper Hendrickson  
 Apr. 29 Terry Keefer



Mother & Child Dinner, May 20th. At 5:00PM. At

Trinity :Lutheran

Come and enjoy the fun

Entertainment: Bruce Weaver & Friends [Ventriloquist & cast of Zany Characters]



**Trinity Dinner Club**

**April 5th.  
 @ Friendly's Rest.**

## Jubilee Kitchen

*Is now being held at*

**Trinity Lutheran**

**Each Saturday Morning**

**@9:00 AM**

**Volunteers Needed**

**Contact Nancy Davies**



## NIGHT OF JOY

The final Tuesday night of each month sees our worshipping community come together, through our Fellowship, Evangelism and Outreach Ministry Teams, to plan, make and serve a complete meal to all who join us that night.

**Next Night of Joy**

**April 24th.. 4:00PM**

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 \* Looking for a Mission Project? \*  
 \* \*  
 \* Consider Night of Joy (TLC), Jubilee \*  
 \* Kitchen (Trinity Lutheran every Satur- \*  
 \* day), the Diaper Bank (Christ Episcopal), \*  
 \* or the Food Bank (Shiloh UCC). \*  
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The Nursery will no longer be staffed after March 31- The Nursery room on the first floor will be open for parents to use with their children. Staff will no longer be on hand to attend children. Beginning April 1, parents using the nursery will need to remain with their children as they cannot be left unattended. The Chapel on the second floor is available as a cry room for parents to use with their children during worship, as well. Children are encouraged to remain in worship and for parents to make their own choice regarding their use of the Chapel or nursery.



**Outreach Committee is collecting:**  
**packaged snack items.**  
 Cocoa packets, cereal bars,  
 crackers, cookies, raisins,  
 nuts, popcorn, candy, granola bars  
 to send to Trinity Lutheran college students

**Dead line for this project is April 16th.**

**Please place your items in the church kitchen.**

## **GOOD SAMARTIAN MISSION HYGIENE GIVEAWAY**

***There will be a basket in the  
 Fellowship Hall  
 to collect the following items:***

***Tooth Paste & Tooth Brushes***

***Shampoo***

***Soap, Body Lotion, Body Wash***

***Vaseline***

***Wash Cloths***

***Razors & Shaving Cream***

**The Mission will be distributing  
 these items**

**Every 3 months.**

**Please help by donating items  
 from the above list**





## April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00AM Serv/Comm 10:40AM Easter Egg Hunt	2	3 6:30PM Chancel Choir 7:40PM Hand Bell Choir	4	5 5:00PM Trinity Dinner Club @ Friendly's	6	7 9:00AM Jubilee Kitchen
8 9:00AM Serv/Comm 10:40AM SS/Confir Evan/Fellowship	9 7:00PM Worship & Music	10 6:30PM Chancel Choir 7:40PM Hand Bell Choir	11	12	13	14 9:00AM Jubilee Kitchen
15 9:00AM Serv/Comm 10:40AM SS/Confir Outreach Meeting	16	17 6:30PM Chancel Choir 7:40PM Hand Bell Choir	18 6:00PM Finance Meeting	19	20	21 9:00AM Jubilee Kitchen
22 9:00AM Serv/Comm 10:40AM SS/Confir	23	24 4:00PM Night of Joy 6:30 Chancel Choir 7:40PM Hand Bell Choir	25	26 7:00PM Council Meeting	27	28 9:00AM Jubilee Kitchen
29 9:00AM Serv/Comm 10:40AM SS/Confir	30					

# April 2018 SERVICE MINISTER SCHEDULE

DATE	ACOLYTE	ASSISTANT MINISTER	BREAD BAKER	COMM. ASSISTANT	CRUCIFER	LECTOR	Sound System
April 1 Easter	Anna & Leah Tessarvich	Kathy Mordan	Laura Ashenfelder	George Underwood Joe Muscato	Bob Reed	Linda Tessarvich	Staff
April 8	Megan Fitzpatrick	Colleen Ruths	Wafers	Marvin Sassaman Edna Ulrich	Bob Reed	Zach Miller	Staff
April 15	Sydney Fedder Cora Charlton	Kathy Mordans	Wafers	Tom Schneider Jennifer McWilliams	Bob Reed	Brenda Reber	Staff
April 22	Abby Irvine Olivia Thompson	Dave Ruths	Wafers	Barb Fruin Kathy Mordan	Bob Reed	Celeste Ryan	Staff
April 29	Ben Bulger	Abby Miller	Wafers	Bob Reed Peg Reed	Bob Reed	Colleen Ruths	Staff

Date	ALTAR CARE	Altar Color	FELLOWSHIP TIME	LIBRARIAN	DEACONS	USHERS
April 1 Easter	Robyn Sharretts	White	Fellowship	Staff	Betsy Reed Jim Kishbaugh	Brandon Temple, Don Holdren, Ken Holdren, Bradley Lewis, Craig Lewis, Gary Patterson
April 8	Robyn Sharretts	White	Joe Muscato	Staff	Dave Ruths Peg Reed	Shawn Haas, Bob Kirkner, Dave Ruths Harry Mateer, Joe Muscato, Wayne Tessarvich
April 15	Robyn Sharretts	White	Edna Ulrich	Staff	Betsy Reed Sue Marcoz	Eric Bouse, Ryan Brouse, Brandon Temple, Marvin Sassaman, Ron Rudy, Brandon Temple
April 22	Robyn Sharretts	White	Randi Spayd	Staff	Edna Ulrich Jim Kishbaugh	Shawn Haas, Don Holdren, Ken Holdren, Bob Kirkner, Bradley Lewis, Craig Lewis
April 29	Robyn Sharretts	White		Staff	Gary Patterson Karen Humphries	Eric Brouse, Ryan Brouse, Gary Patterson Harry Mateer, Wayne Tessarvich, Eric Brouse

## Quick Study of the Bible - John 21:15 Christ Absolves Peter

This reading is from the very end of the gospel of John and depicts Christ establishing His church on Earth. We know from Matthew 16:18 that He has already told Peter: “Upon this Rock, I will build my church and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.” The name “Peter” (*Cephas*) means “rock” and “head”, so Jesus was saying that Peter would head up the new church of all people who believed in Christ. Our church is descended through the years from it. Everyone in any Christian church who personally believes in Christ is part of it. Peter is now known as the Rock of the church. But how did he get to be that Rock?

Of course, Peter has been depressed and is disheartened at this time because He has denied Jesus three - times just after Christ’s apprehension by the authorities. He feels guilty and wants to ask Jesus for his forgiveness, but at this time Christ has been crucified (dead, to Peter’s horror!) and is risen. He has appeared before to the disciples, but this is his last appearance before His Ascension to Heaven.

Jesus appears and instructs the fishermen so that they make a huge haul without even tearing their nets (which was unusual). Christ makes a fish breakfast over a fire for the disciples, then He takes Peter aside.

He asks, “Peter, do you love me?” Peter answers, “Yes, my Lord.” Jesus answers, “Feed my sheep.” He must think it odd when Jesus asks again, “But, Peter do you love me?” Peter answers, “Yes, my Lord, you know that I love you.” Jesus answers, “Feed my sheep.” Not much later Jesus again asks, “Simon Peter, do you love me?” By this time Peter must be hurt that Christ has had to ask three times just to be certain. He feels discouraged, doubtful and guilty. He has denied Christ so many times that now Christ is no longer sure if Peter even loves him! He answers, “Yes, Lord, you know all; you must know that - to my heart and soul- I love you!” Jesus answers again “Feed my sheep”.

In this interaction, Christ absolves (forgives) Peter three times, which is symbolically very personal to Peter. Christ also engages Peter to take care of his sheep, meaning the people, Christ’s church on Earth. Peter is not only relieved of his guilt and doubt, but he is implored by Christ to lead the people – the new Church! Christ knew it was necessary for all this to happen (Peter’s denials and low point) so that Peter could move forward in his own life to establish the Christian Church.

Peter had thought he was so in charge of his actions that he wasn’t capable of denying Christ. Afterward, he felt just sick over it, that way we all feel sometimes about our mistakes. It is in humbling ourselves to these feelings that we regain perspective. When we do that, and ask forgiveness, we are often surprised at the way we can suddenly move forward again. We see that we are neither “beyond wonderful” nor “beyond horrible” but merely human.

It is okay to be merely human. God loves us this way - He made us this way - we are precious in His sight!



*Confirmation*

**2018**

***Will Be***

***May 20, 2018***



***Easter Sunday April 1, 2018***

***Service at 9:00***

***Fellowship follows service***

***With***

***Easter Egg Hunt***

***For***

***The children***

### *The Library Corner*

## **HELP WANTED**

**Can you spare 1 Sunday a month to help in the Library?**

Volunteers are needed to help on Sundays in the Library. Jennifer McWilliams and Eleanor Sandmeyer would be happy to show you the ropes. It is for a short time following service.

Can you help when they are cataloging books?

If you are interested, please contact the office at 570-275-0283 and your name and phone number will be forward to Eleanor and Jennifer.

Thank you



**PRAYER LIST**

Al Churm  
Patty Fox  
George Gehrig  
Ed Haas  
Zachery Holdren  
Reba Jacobs  
Dan Landis  
Joann Kelly  
Nancy Leidacker  
Roxanne Oubenali  
Karen Payan  
Ron Rudy  
Veda Straub  
Tom Summers  
Joan Stump

**To the Family & Friends of:**

Karen Eister Gerst  
Margaret Ann "Peg" Rudy  
Anna Mary Yeager



**Serving in our Military**

Gage Braddock  
Jay Brennan  
Rob Bromwell  
Andrew Deck  
Michael Deck  
Rob DeWire  
Derek R. Kirkner  
Garrett Krum  
Jason & Nicole Lee  
Jason McCann  
T. R. Marks  
J. T. Mullen  
Tyler Quinton  
Dalton Semiclose  
Kurt Wimble



**Pastor's Schedule:**

**Church Offices:** You can access all church offices by the East Market Street entrance. Church Office Hours are Monday 10:00AM -1:00PM., Tuesday-Friday 9:00AM-1:00PM

E-mail: [trinitylutheran@ptd.net](mailto:trinitylutheran@ptd.net) Pastor's e-mail: [pas-tortlc@ptd.net](mailto:pas-tortlc@ptd.net)

Please call the office at 570-275-0283 to schedule appointments to meet with pastor. Pastoral Care emergencies should be made to the pastor regardless of day and time at 570-486-3792.

Thank you!

Pastor Trevor

**Pastoral Emergencies**

The Pastor's emergency number is his personal phone number as published in the member directory. Please be sure to add this number to your speed dial on your home phone, on your cell phone, or both. Pastor can receive text messages, also.

Please contact the pastor directly when there is an urgent pastoral need (an emergency visit to the hospital, accident, coping situations, family death). Please let the pastor know when there is a change in residence (such as from assisted living to the hospital, even if temporary). *We currently are not advised by area hospitals of when our members and member relatives are admitted, so we depend very heavily on the contact you make to the pastor and/or to the church office.*

Remember! All **medical** emergencies require you to **call 9-1-1!**

# FINANCE

CURRENT ACCOUNT - February 1, 2018

\$ 25,658.31

## INCOME

Member Giving	\$ 10,099.00
Rent	3,025.00
Bulletins	90.00
Flowers	210.00
Miscellaneous Adjustment	-0-
Lenten Offering	106.00
Ash Wednesday	299.00
Wells Fargo TLC Invest.	2,381.00
Grace Fund	20.00
Oppenheimer Fund Interest	566.62
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TOTAL INCOME	\$ 16,796.62

## EXPENSES

Pastor & Staff Compensation	\$ 11,650.04
	427.86
Flowers	119.00
Parish Admin.	1,617.81
Church Property	6,420.03
Apt. 1 343 Church	93.97
Apt. 2-343 Church	-0-
339 Church Street	376.44
Ministry Expense	276.78
Education/Outreach	820.12
Prof/Assem/Conf -Exp	-0-
Grace Fund	<u>40.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 21,842.05

Ending balance as of February 28, 2018

\$ 20,612.88

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

241 East Market Street,

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RETURN  
SERVICE  
REQUESTED

**Believe, Belong, Become!**

**THE MISSION OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH IS TO INVITE PEOPLE TO**  
*BELIEVE* AND KNOW JESUS CHRIST AS SAVIOR, TO ASSIST THEM TO *BELONG* TO A CARING  
COMMUNITY OF FAITH SO THEY CAN *BECOME* ALL THAT GOD CREATED THEM TO BE.

**WORSHIP SERVICES**

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