

TIDINGS

September 2025

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"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."
Proverbs 22:6

Since she was two, whenever we fly out of Pittsburgh, Rachel sits at the front of the tram connecting to the terminal. She watches the tiny red dot at the end of the track turn into a red circle. She gets excited when she can see the breaks in the circle, because that means we are almost to the terminal and our journey is about to begin. For her, stepping off the tram is adventure in and of itself. When she was little, we spent hours in the play area (once it was hours straight during a snow storm). She still wants to go to the shops and at least get coffee while we wait for our flight. Watching the dot grow is a ritual that starts our journey.

Rituals are also important on our journey of faith. Devotions, prayer, and Bible readings at home help us grow in faith. As communities we have rituals- our liturgy, the sacraments, affirmation of baptism, and the liturgical year among many others. What rituals are important to you? What rituals are important in your faith journey?

As we start a new season at Holy Trinity, what new ritual can you begin?

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Sarah

COMING EVENTS

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| Sept. 7 | Outdoor Worship Service at 10:45 and Church picnic,
Dinner Church at 6PM |
| Sept. 13 | Men's Group Breakfast at 8AM at Zion Lutheran |
| Sept. 14 | SUNDAY School Returns |
| Sept. 14 | High School Class Picnic at Pastor John's at 5:00
(parents & students) |
| Sept. 15 | Community Meal Dinner at 6:00PM |
| Sept. 17 | Women's Faith and Friendship at 7:00PM |
| Sept. 21 | Young at Heart Breakfast at 9:30am |
| Sept. 24 | Scrapbooking Night, 7PM in the Miller Parlor |
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³²And we bring you the good **Tidings** that what God promised to our ancestors ³³he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising Jesus;
Acts 13:32-33a

Food Pantry

2025 Dates: October 11

December 13

Items needed currently:

Canned yams Stuffing mix
Kleenex

single serve Chef Boyardee

Mashed potato mix
Bar soap

Turkey gravy

Antibacterial wipes/spray

Cranberry sauce

Items always needed:

Mac & cheese/pasta

Canned fruit

Pasta Sauce

Peanut Butter & Jelly

Applesauce

Canned tuna

Oatmeal

Potato/rice mix

Baked beans

Cereal

Paper towels

Pudding Cups

Cake/muffin/brownie mix

Toilet Paper

PB/Cheese Crackers

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 JULY 2025

<u>2025 BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET NEEDS WEEKLY</u>	<u>AVERAGE WEEKLY OFFERING</u>
\$392,407.00	\$7,547.00	\$5,540.49
<u>2025 IMPROVEMENT FUND</u>	<u>WEEKLY GOAL</u>	<u>AVERAGE WEEKLY OFFERING</u>
\$24,000.00	\$461.00	\$70.50
<u>2025 ORGAN FUND</u>		<u>AVERAGE WEEKLY OFFERING</u>
		\$579.75

Online TithingThe 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>

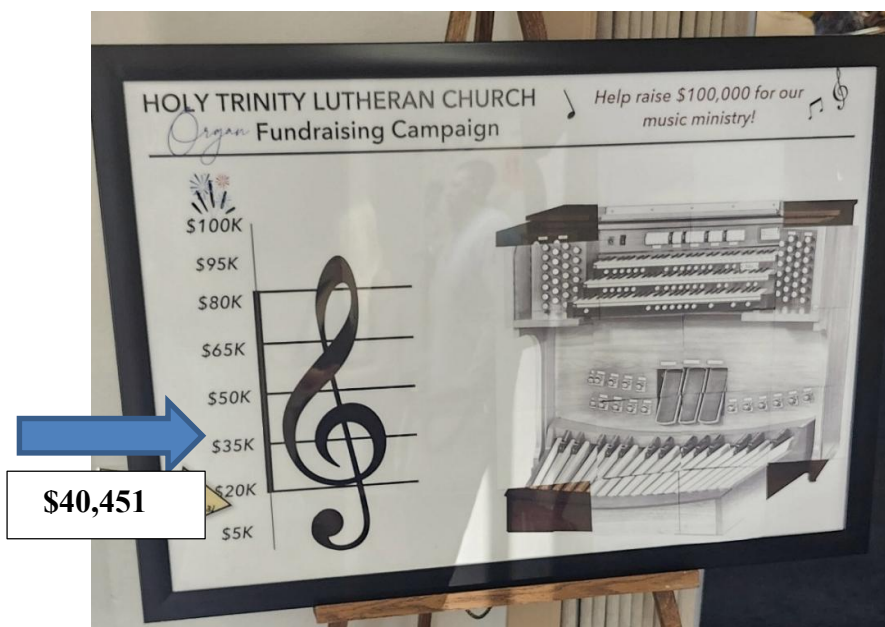
Trinity Lutheran Care Fund (TLC) is a ministry of the church that offers assistance to members of the congregation experiencing financial need, due to extreme, unusual and/or medical circumstances. If you'd like to request help, please contact Pastor Sarah, Julie Kuhn, or Jodi Waugaman.

THRIVENT Investors:

It's time to **remember HTLC with your Thrivent Choice Dollars**. Please either go online or contact your Thrivent agent and
select Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Irwin to receive your Choice Dollars

ORGAN FUND

As you enter the church, you will notice a display in the Narthex about fundraising for the new organ that Holy Trinity is purchasing. The display reflects our progress toward the goal of \$100,000 and with each \$5,000 donated, a new portion of the organ pictured will be revealed. In addition, a running total of to-date donations will be displayed as well. We're on our way with this effort and pray for the continued support from the congregation to reach the final goal!



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN OUR PRAYERS IN AUGUST:

DYLAN KUNKEL	NANCY BOYD	RACHEL FAULKNER	MARION KUNKLE	ANN DRURY
TERRY ZIMMERMAN	PAT GRANNY	LINDA WEST	CLYDE SIMMERS	
TIM AND JANIS KLJUN	CHRIS KOCHANOV	JOHN AND KAREN MORROW	JIM AND BROOKE MORROW	
MAURITTA MOYER	COOKIE NEE	RICH & MARY MYERS	JOHN AND BEV MORROW	
PAT AND SCOTT KOOS	DIANE KOWALSKI	MARCIA KRAMER	SUSAN KRAMER	
KARLY KUNKLE	JERRY AND JULIE KUHN	PAT LOUTSENHIZER	KARL AND DEBBIE KUNKLE	
JANET MARTON	LISA AND RYAN LUCOTCH	MIKE AND AILEEN LITTLE	CINDY MCCUNE	
LEN AND JAN LUSEBRINK		BOB AND ELAINE LYNCH	MARION AND RAY McFEELY	
JESSICA MARSHALL	NICOLE McFEELY	BOB & TRACY McNELLY	JENNIFER MORGAN	
GEORGE & ADRIENNE MICHAELS		DONNELL & TAD MINERVA	BOB & LEANNA MOBERG	

WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER THE FOLLOWING MILITARY PERSONNEL:

SHANNON DAWSON ZACHARY ZEHNER BROOKE NEWELL

In the modern age of technology, we hear stories time and again of people pretending to be different people to scam others. To help combat this, the church staff has adopted email signatures that prominently feature our logo.



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If you receive an email that doesn't end with the above signature, **DO NOT RESPOND!**
If anyone "from the church" asks for gift cards through email, **DO NOT RESPOND!**
And if you ever have any doubts, call the church office!



*God Bless Jentry June Ellis
on her Baptism August 3, 2025!
daughter of Christopher and Emily Ellis*

*God Bless Ensley Rose Fayo
on her Baptism August 10, 2025!
daughter of Steven and Samantha Fayo*

ANNOUNCEMENTS!



OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE & ANNUAL PICNIC: 10:45am

Join us on **Sunday Morning, September 7th**
at the Wendel Club on Hahntown-Wendel Rd, Irwin

Lunch will be provided! So, just bring your chair for
the outdoor worship service.

Then following lunch, Lou antini, a family friendly comedian, will entertain us!

Come join in the FUN!

Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex!

*(We will still have our 8:15AM service in the Sanctuary if you are unable to attend the Outdoor
Worship event)*

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.

Upcoming Events:

Church Picnic- Sunday, September 7 at 10:45 am at Wendel Club

Bring your Family! Bring a Friend!

First Day of Sunday School – Sunday, September 14, 9:30-10:30 AM

Use the QR code below to register your child(ren)

Any questions, please call or email the office.



Grown-up and Me Class...starting Sept. 14

A new class for children 2 years and younger to learn about God's love and for their grown-ups to connect. Please share this with anyone with children in this age range.

We also need help setting up this area.

Please talk to Danielle if you can help set up the room.

OUR DEAF MINISTRY

Please note the dates of our Deaf Ministry for our 10:45 worship:

September 14th and 21st. October 5th and 19th.

Bible Studies.....

Monday night Bible Study will resume September 8th at 7:00PM. We will be discussing the Council of Nicea - which celebrates its 1700th anniversary this year!

Ask Pastor Sarah about the first rule of Council of Nicea.

Thursday Bible Study will resume on
September 11th at Noon. Topic: Who is Jesus?

Women's Faith and Friendship will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 17th at 7:00PM in the Miller Parlor. We will be talking about rituals and traditions in our lives. All women are invited to join us!

Sunday School Teacher Installation

Installation of our Sunday School Teachers will take place on Sunday, Sept. 7th at both services.

Our Harvest Festival coming this fall...

Join us on **Sunday, October 19th** following the
2nd Service with all of our favorite fall foods and entertainment by Mikey Dee.

Look for information to come!
Tickets will go on Sale in September!

Seating will be limited so mark your calendar and plan to attend!

Scrapbooking - Join us for Scrapbooking in the Miller Parlor-
The last Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM.

SIGN UP TODAY

SIGN UP FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS AND MINISTRIES AT HOLY TRINITY

On the bulletin board in the narthex, you will see included with the sign-up lists, the following events:

MEN'S GROUP... comprised of Holy Trinity, Brush Creek, Paintertown and Zion's Lutheran Churches will meet on **Saturday, September 13, at 8:00 AM in Zion's Lutheran Church in Harrison City at 3417 PA Route 130, Harrison City.** We invite all men to join us in this initial gathering of the season.

YOUNG AT HEART... will meet on **Sunday, September 14, at 9:30 AM** in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast. We will preview the topics for the upcoming months and discuss potential areas of service in our community.

SENIOR HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS PICNIC... On **Sunday, September 14, at 5:00 PM,** Pastor John will be hosting the high school Sunday School students and their parents at his house for a picnic at 5:00 PM. He hopes to see all of you there!

COMMUNITY MEAL... On **Monday, September 15,** we welcome you in the Fellowship Hall. **Doors open at 5:00 PM and dinner is served at 6:00 PM.** **HELPERS FOR THE DINNER ARE NEEDED.**

THEOLOGY ON TAP... will return on **Tuesday, September 30, at 7:00 PM** at the Manor Grill on Main Street in Irwin. Come for a time of libations and discussions of faith as this program returns.



DINNER CHURCH IN SEPTEMBER

Our September Dinner Church will be held on **Sunday, September 7, at 6:00 PM.** During this time of Sacrament and Supper, we will watch and discuss the Wedding at Cana portion of the hit series, *The Chosen*.

What is the purpose of Dinner Church and what is it based on? Hospitality was a central aspect of Jesus' ministry and the life of the early church and is being recaptured in Dinner Churches all over the country. It's a reminder of hospitality welcoming neighbors and strangers to our tables.

<u>DUTIES for September</u>		Assisting Minister	Communion Assistants	Acolyte	Lector	Altar Flowers
Sunday, Sept. 7	8:15AM	Chris Karpinsky	Doug and Vicki Hillier	Delany Hillier	Rick Bavolek	
	10:45PM	Jodi Waugaman	Eric Walt Jeffrey Horvath			
Sunday, Sept. 14	8:15AM	Jaden Brittingham	Landon Hillier Delaney Hillier	Garrett Fennell	Jericho Brittingham	Victoria McCune
	10:45PM	Sarah Lee-Faulkner	Hannah Amantea	Sean Keiser	Justin Keiser	
Sunday, Sept. 21	8:15AM	Tracy McNelly	Melissa Fox Glenda Wendling	Hannah Glenn	Pat Koos	
	10:45PM	Jennifer Fitzgerald	Zack and Sami Tinsley	Ty Cessna	Bob Cessna	
Sunday, Sept. 28	8:15AM	Heather Newell	Doug and Vicki Hillier	Delaney Hillier	Donna Yusko	
	10:45AM	John Howell	Susan Siems Mary Smaligo	Will Little	Mike Little	

Altar Guild

Sept. 6	Set Up	Lori Thomas
Sept. 7	8:15	Lori Thomas
	10:45	Lori Thomas
Sept. 13	Set Up	Tom and LouAnne Dawson
Sept. 14	8:15	Lois Brown and Debbie Reed
	10:45	Tom and LouAnne Dawson
Sept. 20	Set Up	Lori Thomas
Sept. 21	8:15	Lori Thomas
	10:45	Zack and Sami Tinsley
Sept. 27	Set Up	Nina Sacamanno and Debbie Curtis
Sept. 28	8:15	Lois Brown and Debbie Reed
	10:45	Nina Sacamanno and Debbie Curtis

Worship Recording: 10:45

Sept. 7 - TJ Sladky *(8:15)
 Sept. 14 - John Smaligo
 Sept. 21 - Bob Cessna
 Sept. 28 - Joe Thomas

Greeters: 10:45

Sept. 14 - Grant and Heidi Darby
 Sept. 21 - Luella Tomasello and Sonnie Freed
 Sept. 28 - Chris and Susan Richardson

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Pastor Sarah on Vacation August 30 – Sept. 5</i>	1 Happy Labor Day! Offices closed	2 Property Committee Meeting 7:00PM	3 Boy Scouts Fellow. Hall 6:30-9	4	5	6
7 Pentecost 13 Sunday School Teacher Installation 8:15am Worship *10:45am Outdoor Worship at the Wendel Club 6:00 Supper and Sacrament (Dinner Church)	8 Prayer Group 6:00PM Bible Study 7:00 PM	9 Men's Group 7:00PM	10 COUNCIL Meeting 7:00PM Boy Scouts Fellow. Hall 6:30-9	11 Bible Study Noon Worship and Music Meeting 6:00PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00PM	12 Girl Scouts Fellow. Hall 6:30-8	13 Men's Breakfast-Zion Lutheran 7:00AM Irwin Street Market
14 Holy Cross 8:15am Worship-New Members received 9:30am Sunday School returns! 10:45am Worship- Sign Language Interpreter 5:00 Senior High School Class Picnic at Pastor John's	15 Prayer Group 6:00PM Bible Study 7:00 PM <u>Community Meal</u> at Holy Trinity 5:00pm w/dinner @ 6:00PM	16 Stewardship Committee Meeting 7:00PM	17 Women's Faith and Friendship 7:00PM Boy Scouts Fellow. Hall 6:30-9	18 Bible Study Noon Choir Rehearsal 7:00PM	19	20
21 Pentecost 15 8:15am Worship 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am Young at Heart breakfast in the Fellowship Hall 10:45am Worship – Baptism and Sign Language Interpreter	22 Prayer Group 6:00PM Bible Study 7:00 PM	23 Men's Group 7:00PM	24 Scrapbooking in the Fellowship Hall 7:00PM Boy Scouts Fellow. Hall 6:30-9	25 Bible Study Noon Choir Rehearsal 7:00PM	26 Girl Scouts Fellow. Hall 6:30-8	27
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