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Trinity Triangle

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Latrobe, PA

Growing in Faith...Reaching out in Love...Making Disciples

Pastor's Corner

This is the time of year where the church calendar can create a bit of whiplash. You just took down your Christmas tree and here comes the *Triangle* with all the information about Lent at Trinity! We move quickly from the celebration of Jesus' birth into the preparations for marking his death and ultimately his resurrection.

There are numerous ways to dive into the disciplines of Lent in our congregation. You are encouraged and invited to make time on Ash Wednesday to come to church for confession & forgiveness, the imposition of ashes, and Holy Communion. This liturgy reminds us of the "why" of Lent – that we are sinners in need of a Savior. Throughout the season, we will hold morning devotions and evening vespers to continue on the path of the cross together as Christ's body.

Lent is a time to fast – to clear the clutter in our lives that distract us from what is truly important. You might give something up (desserts, pop, etc.), but my invitation is to "add" a practice. Add an offering to a ministry of your heart – your Lenten folder, our missionary, World Hunger. Give some time to a ministry – Shepherd Shop, Faith in Action, Club FRED. You won't regret giving it a try, and you might find that it is the place that God is calling you to serve.

Most importantly, you are invited and called to hear the Word and receive the Sacrament in worship. It is there that we are nourished in our faith and sent into the world to serve! May we return to the Lord, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

In Christ,
Pastor Jason



Lenten Vespers: "Making Change" Wednesdays at 6:30pm in Lent

Change is a constant in our lives. Some changes mark gradual transitions, as when daytime shifts toward twilight or winter turns to Spring. Others happen in the blink of an eye, separating time into "before" and "after." We choose to undergo some changes after carefully considering our options, while others are forced upon us. Join us this Lent as we explore the changes experienced by Jesus' disciples and the change offered to us in New Life through Christ.



Our newly elected **officers** are (L to R):
Jarrett Nicely (President) Heather Deemer (Secretary), Herb Harris (Treasurer) and Mark Jones (Vice President)

2026 Council members:

Back Row: Joe Bruzda, Kaden Shannon (youth), Dana Shannon, Jarrett Nicely, Kayla Yasurek, Darlene Hoffmann, Linda Brigaman

Front Row: Heather Deemer, Meri Beth Elder, Karen Clair, Herb Harris, John Hugo, Mark Jones

Our sincere thanks to outgoing Council

Members: Donna Showalter, Tiffany Shrum, David Gebhart, and Cheryl Morgan

Congregational Updates

Council Minutes (including the Treasurer's Report) are posted monthly on the Bulletin Board across from the Office and online at: www.TrinityLatrobe.com/council-minutes

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard— (*located in the narthex*) In February we are collecting toothpaste & individually wrapped toothbrushes for the Greater Latrobe Food Pantry.

Meal Ministry—If you or another member of Trinity are in need of a few home cooked meals delivered to your house to get you through a difficult season in life, please reach out to the church office at 724-537-4450 to sign up for our Meal Ministry. We are gladly accepting new volunteers to help cook; expenses incurred can be reimbursed using grant funds.

Global Ministry Updates—As of print, Trinity's final tally of ELCA World Hunger offering comes to **\$13,628.74** with an additional **\$2,936.04** in support for Missionary Support! Thank you to all who have contributed to these valuable ministries!

Current Events

New Members Class: Sun., February 22 at 12:15pm in the Café with a light lunch.

Souper Bowl of Caring, February 7-8. We will join with thousands of congregations around the country on Super Bowl weekend. Look for Trinity youth with their soup kettles collecting donations for World Hunger!



Ash Wednesday, February 18, worship services will be held at 8am and 7pm with a drive-thru communion service at 12pm. The imposition of ashes on our foreheads is a sign of repentance and a reminder of our human mortality and frailty.

Lenten Morning Communion, will be on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 8am, beginning Thursday, February 19.



Wednesday Evening Lenten Vespers Join us Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm throughout Lent beginning Wednesday, February 25.

Funerals

12/29/25— Diane Nolan (d. 12/23/25)
1/17/26— David Caldwell (d. 1/8/26)

Shepherd Shop—Did you know that Trinity feeds, on average, 40 people at our weekly lunch through the Shepherd Shop.

Club FRED—This year, Trinity has contracted with Greater Latrobe to have a school bus bring as many as 20 kids per week to Club FRED! We are still looking for cooking crews to rotate in and prepare meals for children and their families.

Hospitalized— Please contact the church office if you or another member of our Trinity family are hospitalized or to be added to our Prayer List.

Official Notice of Congregational Meeting:
Trinity's Annual Ministry Meeting will be held **Sunday, March 15**. A light lunch will be served following the 10:45am service. Meeting will begin at 12:45pm.

Upcoming Events

Watch for more details in next month's Triangle.

Communion classes for ALL children, Sunday, March 29 at noon. This class serves as "First Communion Instruction" for children who are ready to commune with us, but is intended for ALL children to attend with a parent or trusted adult as they learn and grow in faith.

Save the Date for Car Hop June 7, 2026! Our team is gearing up for Car Hop 2026! This tremendous event benefits the youth of our congregation and their many adventures. We are in need of more hands on deck! Please contact the office if you would like to help.

Easter/Holy Week Schedule:

March 29	Palm Sunday
April 1	Holy Wednesday
April 2	Maundy Thursday
April 3	Good Friday
April 4	Easter Vigil & EasterFest
April 5	Easter Sunday

Prayer List

Please join us in praying for beloved members & friends of Trinity with ongoing concerns:

David Ghrist
Shirley Kohan
John Carlson
Heather Wirick
Susan Bender
Callie Majorsky
Eleanor Kossack
Sandy Gaul
Diane Day
Brenda Rohde
Marilyn Kondrich
Patty Timpone

David Colaianne
Dave Shaffer
Caroline Kondrich
Susan Hill
Barry Niswonger
Grace Patterson
Nicole Buzzard
Aletha Young
Mark Lawry
Gary Rolfe
Abigail Glagola
Darlene Schultz

Ted Massa
Todd Hudson
Helen McCordy
Johannah Frenchik
Michael Voytens
David Meholic
Linda Taylor
Sue Wintermeyer
Annalisa Overstreet
Bill Robb
Marie Miller
Bridget Shirey-Horman
Anne Brumfield

Jackie Adams
Larry Findish
Patricia Hall
Debbie Luttner
Judy Cathers
John Thompson
Pam Terrick
Bill Krall
Jack Gunsallus
Robert Heide Jr.
Pastor Leedahl
& David Shank

Please call the Office (724)537-4450 or email Office@trinitylatrobe.com to add someone to the prayers.

Social Chit Chat



While "Social Chit Chat" is on its winter hiatus, there was a wonderful gathering of folks for their Christmas Party in December. The group was blessed with the musical talent of Ernie Sistek on the accordion and everyone enjoyed a sing-along to many old-time songs!

It's the end of an era! Trinity bids farewell to our [Birthday Call List](#) with the start of the New Year. We are grateful for all who have been committed to this ministry over the years!



[Thanks to all who helped with and attended Latrobe's Holly Jolly Event!](#) Trinity saw about 150 people come through our doors as we hosted a stop for Holly Jolly in December 2025! Thank you to our cookie bakers, our craft cleaners, and our gracious hosts and volunteers!

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

"Grandparents Raising Grandchildren" is a ministry done in cooperation between Trinity and St. Cecilia parish. It is considered the "premier" group for all of Western Pennsylvania and was recently featured in the Catholic Accent magazine! This Christmas we welcomed 93 people to the Christmas Banquet where the Greater Latrobe Choral Cats performed, a wonderful dinner was provided by Kasha and Don Loveridge, and each child received a beautiful quilt from our very own WELCA Quilters! A very special THANK YOU to all who contributed gift cards and made donations to support our "grand-families" in 2025 and we look forward with you to 2026!



Children, Youth & Family



Youth gathered for FIRST SUNDAY in December for a series of "Reindeer Games!"



Pray for the 16 youth and four adults who gather for Quake in Pittsburgh in January after the print deadline of the Triangle!

CYFM also hosted Cosmic Bowling at Ligonier Lanes on Black Friday, an annual tradition of family fun!

Jesse Tree



A special THANK YOU to John Clark who answered the call and donated a large log for us to use as the base of our "Jesse Tree," our theme for Advent this year!

And a special shout out to our **confirmands** who created the ornaments upon the tree!

Christian Ed: Advent Event & Pageant



Christian Ed. Hosted their annual "Advent Event" and Christmas Pageant this year to the great joy of many!

Children's Service on Christmas Eve



This year, Trinity hosted its first 4pm Children's Christmas Eve service with the hopes that a handful of children would be welcomed. To our joy and surprise, there were 137 people in attendance at this year's inaugural service.

A very special THANK YOU to Roxanne Lenhart who created the costumes for our Christmas Pageant, which were then utilized by children in attendance at this service to help in the telling of the Gospel message! Roxanne donated not only her time but also the materials for these costumes in memory of her mother, Joanne Hoover.

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JESUS called them one by one.
PETER, ANDREW, JAMES, and JOHN.
Then came PHILIP, THOMAS too.
MATTHEW and BARTHOLOMEW.
JAMES the one they called THE LESS.
SIMON and THADDEUS.
the twelth Apostle JUDAS made
that by him, he was BETRAYED.

(A SUNDAY SCHOOL RHYME)

Committee Command Center!

If you serve on a committee at Trinity, please take a moment to familiarize yourself with the updated Bulletin Board across from our office! You will now find Green Sheets, our new Communication Request Forms, and Room Request Forms all in one place!



Do you receive the E-Blast?

Did you know that Trinity has a weekly E-Blast that delivers straight to your in-box? Stay up to date on what's happening around here by signing up at:

www.TrinityLatrobe.com



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:15 Holy Communion 9:30 Youth Choir 9:30 SCS 10:45 Holy Communion 12:00 Men's Choir 12:00 Spaghetti Dinner 6:00 First Sunday Youth Group	2	3 9:30 Prayer Group 10:00 Bible Basics 10:00 Shepherd Shop 7:00 Handbells	4 9:00 WELCA Quilters 12:00 AA Mtg. 7:00 Choir	5 1:00 Purls of Prayer 2:00 M.O.B.Mtg. 3:45 Club FRED 6:00 BPW 7:30 AA Mtg.	6 12:00 AA	7 9:00-5:00 Sew Powerful Purses 5:30 Spoken Communion 
8  SCOUT SUNDAY 8:15 Holy Communion 9:30 Youth Choir 9:30 SCS 10:45 Holy Communion 12:00 Choir Chimes 12:15 Drive-Thru	9 NO Social Chit Chat	10 9:30 Prayer Group 10:00 Bible Basics 10:00 Shepherd Shop 6:00 Finance 7:00 Handbells	11 Council Deadline 9:00 WELCA Quilters 12:00 AA Mtg. 6:30 Line Dancing 7:00 Choir	12 10:00 Property Committee 1:00 Purls of Prayer 3:45 Club FRED 7:30 AA Mtg.	13 12:00 AA	14 12:00-3:00 GRG Pool Party @ DAHS 5:30 Spoken Communion
15 8:15 Holy Communion 9:30 Youth Choir 9:30 SCS 10:45 Holy Communion 12:00 Men's Choir	16 10:30 B.Place Communion 2:00 Loyalhanna Communion	17 Triangle Deadline 9:30 Prayer Group 10:00 Bible Basics 10:00 Shepherd Shop 5:00-6:30 Pancake Dinner 6:30 Council 7:00 Handbells	18 Ash Wednesday 8:00 Communion Service w. Ashes 9:00 Quilting 12:00 AA Mtg 12:00 Drive-Thru Communion/Ashes 6:30 Line Dancing 7:00 Communion Service w. Ashes	19 8:00 Lenten Devotions 1:00 Purls of Prayer 3:45 Club FRED 7:30 AA Mtg.	20 12:00 AA	21 5:30 Spoken Communion
22 8:15 Holy Communion 9:30 Youth Choir 9:30 SCS 10:45 Holy Communion 12:00 Choir Chimes 12:15 New Members Class 12:15 Drive-Thru Communion	23 Meals on Wheels All Week	24	25	26	27	28
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Save the Date!

Please Note: The Church Office is closed on Wednesdays at 11:00 for staff meetings.

Morning Lenten Devotions with Communion will be canceled if GLSD Schools are closed or delayed due to weather.

March 29th **Palm Sunday**

April 1st **Holy Wednesday**
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~Worship Service Volunteers for February, 2026~

To sign up for an opening, see the sheets in the Narthex or Sacristy Doors at church!

	Acolytes	Liturgical Deacons	Lectors	Gift Presenters	Tellers
Jan 31, Feb 1					
5:30		Curt Colaianne	Donna Showalter		
8:15		Kim Henry Sandy Kisick	Jean Sorber		Sandy Kisick Candace Bungard Sherry Palmer
10:45		Allie Glagola Kathe Houck	Anna Hudec		Linda McDowell Christina Andrae Mike Macey Darlene Schultz
Feb 7, 8					
5:30		Jackie Mars	Margaret Conrad		
8:15		Kim Henry Sandy Kisick	Jean Sorber		Sandy Kisick Candace Bungard Sherry Palmer
10:45		Allie Glagola Kathe Houck	Anna Hudec		Linda McDowell Christina Andrae Mike Macey Darlene Schultz
Feb 14, 15					
5:30		Jackie Mars	Margaret Conrad		
8:15		Rose McLain Dean Reed	Ted Benning		Jason Sheppard John Hugo Kathy & Mark Jones
10:45		Lindsay Deemer Sandy Redinger	Karen Clair		Eleanor Fagan Susan Vargo Anna Hudec Will & Linda Brigaman
Feb 21, 22					
5:30		Darlene Hoffmann	Rick Conrad		
8:15		Rose McLain Dean Reed	Ted Benning		Jason Sheppard John Hugo Kathy & Mark Jones
10:45		Lindsay Deemer Sandy Redinger	Karen Clair		Eleanor Fagan Susan Vargo Anna Hudec Will & Linda Brigaman

Greeters

NOTE: As Trinity begins to welcome more and more visitors, we would like to reintroduce the role of Greeters! Please see a pastor if you are interested in helping in this way!

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Trinity's Lenten Schedule:

February 18, 8a & 7p	Ash Wednesday Drive-Thru 12pm
Tuesdays, 8am	Devotions with Communion
Wednesdays, 8am	Devotions with Communion
Wednesdays, 6:30pm	Lenten Vespers
Thursdays, 8am	Devotions with Communion

Morning Lenten Devotions with Communion will be canceled if GLSD Schools are closed or delayed due to weather.

Shrove Tuesday—February 17th

Pancake and Sausage Supper 5pm-6:30pm

Come celebrate with Trinity on Shrove Tuesday, before we enter into the holy season of Lent! This event is hosted by Christian Ed and open to friends and members of the whole congregation.



Contacting the Pastors and Office Staff

In a time when phones are in our pockets or hands at what feels like all times, when social media grants us immediate access to others at all hours of the day, Trinity would like to remind folks that **you can reach the Pastors and the Office Staff through the office phone line: (724)537-4450.**

There, you will find instructions to reach the pastors for emergencies after hours or leave a message for staff to be returned when they are working. Please refrain from sending important messages through channels such as Facebook Messenger where messages may not be readily seen!

Summer Camp Registration!

Registration for Summer 2026 opens for **Lutherlyn** and

Sequanota on February 1st! While you're thinking about the summer, save the date for **Pine Springs Traveling Day Camp** July 27-31, 2026!



The Trinity Triangle is available in color on our website www.trinitylatrobe.com/triangle. If you prefer to receive a notice when it is posted instead of a paper copy in the mail, please contact the church office (724)537-4450 or office@trinitylatrobe.com