

TRINITY CHURCH TIDINGS

NOVEMBER 2025

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WORSHIP TIMES

Saturday @ 5:00 pm

Sunday @ 10:30 am



“Church Music Celebration”

Dear Church Family,

This month, we joyfully celebrate the gift of music in our worship and community life. Church music has the power to uplift our spirits, unite us in praise, and deepen our faith. Music is a vital part of our journey together. As we look back over 175 years, we see how God has used music to strengthen our faith, unite our hearts, and proclaim His Word. From pipe organs to praise bands, from German hymns to English songs, our music has always carried the same message—to God be the glory!

We are blessed with so many talented musicians who share their gifts every week. Let’s thank our praise band members, organists, pianists, handbells and all who help lead us in song. Your dedication brings beauty and inspiration to our services!

Do you play an instrument or love to sing? We invite you to join our music ministry! No experience required—just a willing heart.

Music is more than just notes and lyrics—it’s a way to express our love for God and connect with one another. Singing together reminds us that we are one body, united in Christ.

Lord, thank you for the gift of music and those who share it. May our songs bring glory to Your name and joy to Your people. Amen.

God’s Blessings,

Pastor Nyck Greig



Daylight Savings Time ends
Sunday, November 2nd at 2:00am.
 Remember to turn your clocks back!



Thanksgiving Worship

Wed. November 26 @ 7:00 p.m.

Trinity will hold a worship service on Thanksgiving Eve, Nov. 26th at 7:00 p.m. There **will not** be a service on Thanksgiving Day.

New Member Class

Interested in becoming a member at Trinity Lutheran Church? Or perhaps you are a visitor who would like more information about our church? Come and join us for a three-week introductory class about what we believe and what makes Trinity different from other churches. At the end of the class people will be invited to join our family here at Trinity. Classes will be held after the 10:30am services Sunday morning (roughly 11:45am) and will last for about an hour. Classes will take place on **November 9th, 16th, and 23rd** with a welcoming ceremony during the weekend of Dec. 7th. Come and learn more about our life together as part of the Trinity family!



2026 Altar Flowers & Candles

The 2026 sign-up charts are on the church coatroom bulletin board. Sign up for your special occasion today!

Flowers: \$10 per arrangement and you get to take them home after the Sunday service! We are asking that 2 families sign up for each week. Payments should be placed in the **Church Office's message center** - make checks payable to **"Trinity Lutheran Church"** (*memo: Altar Flowers*).

Altar Candles: \$25 per month (per family). Two families should sign-up each month to cover the total cost. Checks should be made payable to: **"Trinity Lutheran Church"** and placed in the Church Office message center.

**Please make sure to include your name and special intentions on the sign-up sheets.*

No Worship on November 1, 2025

There will not be a worship service on Saturday, November 1. All members are encouraged to attend our special Music History Celebration worship service on Sunday, November 2 at 10:30am.



Trinity's 175th Anniversary Music History Celebration Service Sunday, November 2 at 10:30am

Join us on Sunday, November 2 at 10:30am for a special Music History Celebration Service! Special songs that were voted on by Trinity members will be played and a choir assembly will also be performing during the service.

**** There will not be a service on Saturday, November 1 at 5pm. We are encouraging all members to join together to worship and celebrate at this special service on November 2. ****

Executive Board Members

Our 2025-2026 Executive Board members are:

- David Anderson (Chairman)
- Ryan McKernan (Vice Chairman)
- Courtney Jelowski
- Kevin Kot
- Brian Makey



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Please join us in collecting gift filled shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child through Samaritan's Purse. Please refer to the pamphlets on the table in the narthex for specific items to include and NOT include in the shoeboxes. Shoeboxes will be due back to church **Sunday, November 16th**. Please make sure to attach your BOY / GIRL tag securely to the top of your shoebox. *** If you are paying online via the website or QR code, please make a notation on your tag that it is paid. If you are paying with a check or cash, please attach it in an envelope to the top of your box or inside of your box.*** Thank you!

Trinity School News

Special Friends / Faith Families

At Trinity, one of our favorite traditions is the **Special Friends** program! Each year, our younger students are paired with older students to form a special friendship that lasts all year long. Together, they attend chapel, enjoy fun activities, and encourage one another in faith and friendship. These relationships create meaningful connections across grade levels and remind our students that they are all part of one big Trinity family. The excitement in the air as students find out who their Special Friend will be is always one of the highlights of the school year! These Special Friends are then grouped into one of 6 Faith Families for the year. These Faith Families sit together in chapel and do special activities during the year.



Soccer

Trinity's soccer teams had an incredible season! Our Varsity team finished the year undefeated and claimed the championship title for the fourth year in a row—a remarkable accomplishment that reflects their teamwork, determination, and strong leadership. Our JV team also had a great season, earning several wins, showing steady improvement, and giving their best effort in every game. We're proud of all our players for their sportsmanship, hard work, and dedication on and off the field. Go Trinity!



Varsity Team



JV Team

Lego Club

Our Lego Club for students in grades 1–3 has been a huge hit! Each week, students are given a new theme to spark their imaginations as they work together to build creative projects. From pumpkin patches to football stadiums, every session is filled with excitement, collaboration, and innovative ideas. The finished creations are proudly displayed throughout the week for everyone to enjoy. Lego Club is a wonderful way for our younger students to practice creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving—all while having a lot of fun!



YOUTH SCOOP

October Pumpkin Carving

We had 31 people attend our October 15th family night and carved out 17 pumpkins. The night was a success and I wanted to give a huge thank you to the parents who helped clean up afterwards!



November Events

Sundays from 9:15 am - 10:15 am ~ Sunday School, Confirmation Class, and HS Bible Study

11/1 ~ Service Project - Raking the leaves 10:00 am

11/5 ~ Youth Night - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

11/12 ~ Youth Night - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

11/13 ~ High Point - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

11/19 ~ Youth Night - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Save The Date

11/1 ~ Buffalo Fundraiser Closes

12/6 & 12/7 ~ Cookie Walk

12/10 ~ Christmas Party - 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

1/18 ~ High Point Ski Trip

1/23-1/25 ~ Youth Quake (all 6th-12th grade students)

2/8 ~ Super Bowl Sub Fundraiser

3/6-3/7 ~ Youth Lock-in

Youth Quake 2026

The Youth Quake in PA is coming up on January 23rd - 25th. It is going to be an awesome event for all 6th-12th grade students. There will be worship, different sessions to learn from, and fun events for all to attend. This weekend is hosted in the Pittsburgh Airport Marriott hotel located at 777 Aten Rd, Coraopolis, PA 15108. We are looking for chaperones to help drive and watch over the students. If you are interested, please let Nathan know at youthministry@trinitywny.org.

Click this link to register your child: <https://subsplash.com/u/-XNMXQR/forms/d/64ed3f3d-1f68-4704-ba46-841454814488>

Click this link for more details, cost, and scholarship information: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kkFJ7dFWJrcCCqLX1A0JkFWbYHvVwGYIP_iv-043eE8/edit?usp=sharing

Discounts are given for early registration!

John Crist Comedy Show

Are you looking for a fun family night of laughter? John Crist is a Christian comedian coming to Buffalo on **December 14th at 7:00pm** at the UB Center for the Arts Mainstage Theatre. I am waiting to hear if they offer group ticket rates, but if they don't, the tickets will be anywhere from \$41 to \$85. We could get people to carpool from Trinity to UB. Please fill out this form if you would like me to save you a spot for a group ticket. This event would be open to anyone and everyone who would like to come.

~ Nathan Thomack



Hope Willert Fundraising Pancake Breakfast

Come enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast on **Sunday, November 23, from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM** in the school gym. All proceeds from this free-will offering event will help Hope Willert raise funds for her ongoing mission work in Zambia. Bring your family and friends for great food, good fellowship, and a wonderful cause. Mark your calendars and plan to join us! Hope will be there, and can't wait to see everyone!



Our Stephen Ministers Are Ready to Care!

By Rick Warren — 09/30/2020

“Then they sat on the ground with him for seven days and nights. No one said a word to Job, for they saw that his suffering was too great for words.” Job 2:13 (NLT)

When you're ministering to someone in pain, you must remember this: The deeper the pain, the fewer words you use.

If you're always in a hurry, then you're never going to be a great listener. To have great conversations, you start by looking with love at the other person, but then you must invest as much time as needed. Why? Because you can't listen well in a hurry. Great listening takes time.

Job was a wealthy man who lost virtually everything, including his money, health, and even his children. *“When three of Job's friends heard of the tragedy he had suffered, they got together and traveled from their homes to comfort and console him . . . Then they sat on the ground with him for seven days and nights. No one said a word to Job, for they saw that his suffering was too great for words”* (Job 2:11, 13 NLT).

This is called the ministry of presence. When you're ministering to someone in pain, you must remember this: The deeper the pain, the fewer words you use. If somebody's having a bad hair day, then you can talk about it for 30 minutes. But if that person has a major crisis, talking about it for a long time is probably not going to help. The truth is that you don't need to say anything. Just show up and shut up. You can't talk people out of their pain. Some pain is beyond words. This kind of investment takes time. Notice how many days Job's friends sat on the ground with him . . . seven. Do you have anybody in your life who'd sit on the ground with you for seven days without saying anything?

Stephen Ministers are members of Trinity who have been through extensive training and provide confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to people who are experiencing a difficult time. They listen, care, encourage, pray, and provide weekly support for as long as the need persists. If someone you know is hurting, find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with one of our Stephen Leaders: Don Meissner, Kevin Kot or Colleen Kot.

New On-Line Giving

We are now using a new on-line giving program ... Subsplash. Set up your recurring gift here: <https://subsplash.com/u/-XNMXQR/give>. Remember to cancel your old recurring gift through Vanco by signing into your account at: <https://secure.myvanco.com/YPC5/home>

Reaching Out

We're going to start another group for Reaching Out. In our last group people really grew and appreciated the opportunity to learn and practically apply in their lives the focus of having God conversations with people and becoming inviters to our churches! There is also some newly expressed interest. Contact Mark Willert (716-601-8570 or mwillert@trinitywny.org) to join this group and the meeting time (every other week) will be according to people's availability.

Emergency Need

If a family member is **hospitalized** or there is an **emergency need**, please inform and phone Pastor Nyck (804-382-6199), the church office (674-9188), or one of the Deacons.



69th Annual Christmas Candlelight Vespers

The 69th Annual Christmas Candlelight Vespers will be at First Trinity Lutheran Church (Tonawanda, NY) on **Sunday, December 14th at 5:30pm** (pre-service carol sing at 5pm). Invite your family and friends!

LWML MITES and Stamps

MITES and stamps continue to be collected for mission work by the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Used ink cartridges are no longer being accepted. Please put your contribution in Linda Meissner's message center.

Member Contact Info

Have you recently moved or changed your phone number or email address? Does Trinity even have your email address? Not sure? If you haven't been receiving our weekly informational emails, we probably don't have it or you have changed it and we need the new one. If this pertains to you, please contact the church office (674-9188) or you can leave your new information in the Church Office mailbox in the coatroom. Thank you!

TRUNK OR TREAT 2025

October 26th saw our annual event that's been held since 2006. The turn-out was so great, we had 2 trunks form an inner circle! Families listened to Christian music as they circled the parking lot, and then Nathan gave a devotion about how the love of Christ never leaves us, even when we feel like a rotting pumpkin.

The Trunk or Treat Champ of the night was the Stobnicki Family with a Pac-Man themed trunk. →



Thank you to everyone who supported the Youth Ministry Program by buying Hot Chocolate. We were able to raise \$292 towards their next trip!



Huge thank you to the Reserve Fire Dept. and the West Seneca Police Dept. for coming out to this event as well!



West Seneca News

CROP Walk Success!

Thanks to all of you who supported and/or attended the West Seneca Community of Churches Chicken BBQ/CROP WALK on 8/24/25. It was a great success - plans are being considered for doing it again in 2026.

Over \$ 3000 was raised by walkers for the CROP WALK - a percentage of that will come right back to the West Seneca Food Pantry.

Over \$ 2000 was also raised for the West Seneca Community of Churches for use here in our community. \$500 of that amount was given to the WS Food pantry. This will be used for produce and dairy, as needed. \$500 was given as to the National CROP WALK organization. \$250 was given to the home-bound meal service program run by volunteers from 14 Holy Helpers RC Church. This group feeds pantry clients who are home-bound and cannot shop at the pantry in person.

Coat Distribution

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

4:00pm-7:00pm

The West Seneca Central School District is excited to share the gift of warmth with our families! Thanks to the generosity of Operation Warm, Coats4Kids, and West Seneca Cares for Kids, free winter coats are being offered to children and teens, along with warm winter wear and cold weather accessories like hats, gloves, and scarves. **This event is open to all West Seneca Central School District families.** The West Seneca District Clothing Closet is located at 900 Mill Road - Door 1, West Seneca. Come by and make sure your children have what they need to stay safe and cozy during the colder months. **Register for a time slot at:**

[2025 West Seneca Schools Coat Distribution | Doodle](#)

West Seneca District Clothing Closet

The closet opens their doors on select dates each month for walk-in shopping (no appointment needed). All families living in the West Seneca School District are welcome to stop by once a month to pick out free clothing, shoes, winter gear, school supplies, and hygiene items. Check the Community Resource Closet section on the below link each month for dates:

[Home / Homepage \(wscschools.org\)](http://www.wscschools.org)

West Seneca Food Pantry

The WS Food Pantry served a whopping 235 households in September ... and the number keeps growing. The pantry is always in need of rice (not large bags), jar or canned spaghetti sauce, cereal and toilet paper - in addition to other non-perishable food items.

With the approaching holiday season, there is also a request for small (\$5 ish) adult gifts such as new hand creams, candles, devotionals, notepads, etc. for moms, dads and grandparents who are shoppers. These gift items should be donated **before Dec. 5.**

Donations can be dropped off at the pantry at any time (51 St. Davids Drive, West Seneca - next to St. David's Episcopal church at the South Gate Plaza parking lot) or placed in the red food wagon located in the entryway at our church.

Thank you! A sincere thank you for your continued support to our red food wagon here at Trinity. Both the Bread of Life pantry and West Seneca pantry thank you for your prayers and generosity.

West Seneca Police Events

Food Drive: WS Police are holding a food drive for the pantry the last week in October. Food can be dropped off at the police station anytime that week.

Toys For Tots: WS Police will be collecting items for Toys For Tots after Thanksgiving. More information about this can be found on their social media platforms.

Tree Lighting Ceremony: There will be a town Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 6 at the Library / Community Center.

LOCK YOUR CARS!!! Lock them every time you park ... including outside your home and even in your garage.

West Seneca Community of Church's Lenten Journey

The next WSCC event is the annual Lenten Journey. If you are interested in serving light refreshments after a Wednesday service here during Lent, please contact Nancy Hope (nandr.hope@verizon.net).

RightNow Media

As of November 1, 2025, Trinity will no longer have a subscription to RightNow Media, which had been made available to our members over the past few years. But don't worry ... **St. John Lutheran Church in Orchard Park** has graciously extended an invitation to our member to have access to RightNow Media through their account.

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Ladies Bible Study

In November, the Ladies Bible Study will meet on **Monday, November 3 at 7:00pm**. Pastor Nyck will speak / teach about baptism. All ladies past high school age are welcome!

The Ladies Bible study group collected donations of bed linens for the non-profit organization Sleep in Heavenly Peace, a volunteer group which builds beds for needy children. A Thrivent Action Grant was also obtained to purchase pillows. Three ladies delivered the donations on October 11, when they were given a tour of the workshop and explanation of the process. What a blessing to be able to bless others!



Happy Birthday

11/2	Dawn Stroh Bonnie Schwab	11/8	Gail Rieman Lisa Manzo	11/23	Paulette Bogumil Courtney Jelowski
11/3	Carole Jaekle	11/12	Linda Hodge Dawn Barnas	11/28	Corrine Rodgers Ryan McKernan
11/4	Caitlyn McLaughlin	11/16	Dennis Glinski	11/29	Renata Schultz
11/5	Jane Sirgey Christian Tripi	11/17	Abigail Anderson	11/30	Christine Hawkins Robert Meissner Christine Harris
11/6	George Hodge Gary Haas Linda Wrobel	11/18	Nathan Barnas		
11/7	Riley Greig	11/20	Theresa McKernan		
		11/21	Aubrey Conti Joshua Barnas		

Happy Anniversary

11/26 Vincent & Lucille Zarbo

LWML Fall Event at Holy Cross in Clarence

Saturday, November 8 8:30am-12pm

Registration fee is \$5.00 (Mites monies will also be collected). RSVP to Sharon McGuan (716-803-3767 / salmcg23@gmail.com) **by Nov. 3**. There will be voting / installation of new officers, devotions, special speakers and a hands on project. Ingathering items needed are winter hats and gloves, which will be given to the Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Buffalo to be distributed to their neighborhood community families.

Cemetery Plot Increase

Effective January 1, 2026, the cost to purchase a plot in Trinity's Cemetery will be increasing.

- Members - currently \$700 per plot with a \$100 discount per plot when purchasing 2 or more at the same time. As of 1/1/26, the cost will be \$1,000 per plot with the same discount given as outlined above.
- Non-members - currently \$1,400 per plot (no discount given). As of 1/1/26, the cost will be \$2,000 per plot (no discount). Non-members must be a former Trinity member or relative of a Trinity member to purchase plots in Trinity Cemetery.



Christmas Poinsettia Plants

We will once again be placing poinsettia plants on the altar for Christmas services this year. Order forms can be found in upcoming weekly bulletins or you can contact the church office (674-9188). Both red and white plants will be offered for \$8.50 each, and you get to take them home after the Christmas Day service. Orders are **due by Sunday, November 23**.

Shut-In Members

If you know of a member of Trinity who should be on our shut-in member list, please let Pastor Nyck and the church office know. We want to care for all!

Shut-ins can receive our weekly announcement sheet and monthly newsletter by mail or email. Contact the church office (716) 674-9188 to find out more info.

Ministers: The People of Trinity Church & School

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