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Sometimes we catch glimpses of something new – a possibility – a whisper of what can be. Through all of the noise of our collective chaos, sometimes something real, something good breaks through. Just when we think that the world has gone to hell in a figurative handbasket, we do get glimpses of our humanity.

A friend told me a story recently about something that happened to him when he was a young kid. It was the summer of 1969. Vietnam was raging, they had shot Bobby Kennedy and they had shot Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X. And there was the Manson family and the Zodiac killer and it just seemed like the entire country had just lost its mind. Now, his father had grown up in the depression and as you can imagine that his faith in humanity was tanking as well. The two of them were taking a road trip in their 1960 car and the water pump blew out in a rather rural area. This was obviously before cell phones so they were getting themselves ready for the 10-mile hike back to town. But just at the moment they were getting ready to start walking, a young cowboy pulls up with a flatbed truck and said he would tow them into town.

All that his dad had on him was a Chevron gas card. Not exactly cash ready for something like this. And he kept telling the young cowboy that he couldn't pay him. To which he kept replying – I wasn't going to charge you. Now, of course, this would happen on a Sunday so nothing is open. The cowboy goes to his



mechanic friend and asks him to open his garage to help him out. And they realize that they don't have the part so they have to find the owner of the local auto parts store owner and they bring him down to grab the part for them. All the while dad is saying – I don't have any money – and they are all telling him, don't worry- we will work it out.

The cowboy says to him – you know, I have a ton of watermelons that need to be loaded onto my truck. It's hard and sweaty work and I haven't been looking forward to doing it on my own. If you two help me with that, I will pay for your part. So, they get to work loading those watermelons and 90 hot and sweaty minutes later they are done with the job and the car comes rolling up purring like a kitten once again. His dad is satisfied with the exchange and he and his son go to get in the car and drive off after thanking the mechanic and the cowboy. And then the mechanic says, "Hey wait a minute."

Now dad froze, you could see all the fear and mistrust come to his face. He stiffened up like a leopard. But the mechanic said, "no no no, my wife is going to make us all Sunday dinner. I figured while she was doing that you two could get a shower and get cleaned up, get a new t shirt, get some dinner, and head out on the road in good shape." And so, they stayed and they got cleaned up and had fried chicken from the hens that were running just outside and corn from the field just 30 feet away. And it was good.

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## Church Council Members

James C Logan (*President*)  
Judith Cassel (*Vice-President/Secretary*)  
Susan Kulakowski (*Church Treasurer*)  
Barbara Baeckert  
Kathy Bishop  
Jack Derfler  
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Louise Lundquist  
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Marie Smith  
Rita White  
Ron Witmer



## Committee Chair Persons

Worship/Music—Paul Copenhaver  
Finance—Horace Ehrgood (*Acting Chairman*)  
Social Activities—Stephanie Kaylor  
Property—Henry Wampler  
Archives—Annette Logan  
Social Ministry—Jim Dibert

## Altar Flower Change

Fresh flowers are no longer being used on the altar. Artificial arrangements will be used each week. The flower chart will remain in the Narthex to sign up to sponsor the altar flowers on a weekly basis. There will no longer be a set cost for flowers. Sponsors may choose the amount they wish to donate along with the memorial or honorarium.

If anyone signing up to sponsor flowers prefers fresh flowers, they can be placed as altar flowers or as one arrangement on the Chancel wall. **Please be advised that fresh flowers must be ordered, picked up and placed on the altar or Chancel wall by the party sponsoring the flowers for that Sunday. Sponsors must take flowers along with them after the service.**

The church will no longer be handling any of these arrangements.

## Important Update Regarding Hospital Admissions!

Due to HIPPA regulations, hospital admission of our church members is **NO LONGER MADE AVAILABLE TO US BY ANY HOSPITAL.** It is very important that you notify the church office (or have someone notify the church office on your behalf) of your hospital admission so pastoral or spiritual visitation can be provided to you. Thank you.

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When the father and son said their goodbyes and made their way home, the dad turned to the son and said, “No matter what you see in the movies, or read in the papers, you listen to me – that’s how people really are. And about a month later Neil Armstrong walked on the moon.

We have so conditioned ourselves to believe that the loudest voices we hear are the ones that define our generations. They only do if we let them. They only do if we allow ourselves to repeat those voices with our own. As Christians we are called to see the new humanity that God is creating – that God has made visible to us in Christ.

Sometimes I wonder what kind of offering Jesus needs from us today. What does the lord require of us, but to do justice, love kindness, and to walk humbly with God? I think it looks like responding to all things with this expansive image of God’s love and mercy in our minds. I think it looks like responding to hate and intolerance with a perspective that the world cannot give. When the pain of the world surrounds us and confuses us – make sure that you focus on your little corner of it. You may not be able to change things on the world stage but you sure can treat your neighbor with love, kindness, and seek to understand each other. Maybe that kindness even looks like helping someone with a water pump. We are more than the loudest and angriest voices that try to steal our attention and manipulate our actions. Remember that when fear and anxiety are trapping your joy and generosity. It is never too late for God to do a new thing. And it is never too late for God to do a new thing through you.

## October 2021 Newsletter & Calendar Agenda Deadline is September 12



Please submit **before the deadline** any newsletter articles (***including agenda items for the calendar***) to the church office via email (stephanie@trinityleb.org) or personal delivery. Anything submitted after the deadline will not be included in the next newsletter unless prearranged with Stephanie. Editor also reserves the right to edit for content and space.



## September 2021 Worship Schedule

September 5, 12, 19, 26

9:00 AM—Traditional Service

10:15 AM—Adult Sunday School

10:30 AM—Children's Sunday School (starting 9/12)



**Below you will find all of the options for worship as well as what is required to participate. It is important that you keep this information handy.**

In-person worship has resumed at 9:00 am. We are well aware that many of you will not feel comfortable resuming in-person worship. We respect that perspective and further we do not recommend participation in this service if you are in a vulnerable category. We will continue to make worship available in a variety of platforms so that anyone who wishes to worship will be able to do so.

**In-Person worship reservations are no longer required. Adhering to current CDC guidelines for this type of gathering, all participants are required to wear a mask and adhere to social distancing.** We will trust you to self-screen yourself before entering the building. *If you are running a fever or feeling ill in any way – we ask that you stay home. Also, if you have been exposed to anyone with Covid-19 or to someone who is awaiting test results for Covid-19 we ask that you not enter the church building.*

**The parking lot door will be the only door open for entry and exit.** As you enter you will pick up a communion packet and bulletin which will be laid out on a nearby table, and you will be seated in a

designated pew.

Please note that even as we try to keep the service as close to normal as possible, **there will be noticeable differences.** There will be limited congregational speaking and no singing.

After the service is over you will be dismissed by family group and asked to follow the signs leading you out of the building. We ask that any socializing happen outside with great attention paid to social distancing.

### Radio Worship Service:

There will be a radio broadcast of the service available to those who are parked just outside of the church, either in the parking lot or on the street. Just tune your radio to 88.5 and you can sing your heart out. Communion and bulletins will also be available for anyone who would like to participate. Just stay in your car and someone will bring these items to you.

### Online Worship Service:

Our online worship will continue to be available. As we begin in-person worship we will stream it through YouTube. You will still be able to find the service by going to the same website page that you have previously gone to <https://www.trinityleb.org/links>. Here you will find links to the live-stream, the bulletin, the replay of the service so that you can watch at any time you wish during the week.

Following the online service, drive-through communion will be available to anyone who would like it until 10:15 am. Pastor Gretchen will set up a distribution station on the Monument Park side of the church.

## Communion Visitation

I am now fully vaccinated and able to resume in-home communion visits. Our previous visitation list is out of date and I realize that circumstances for many of you may have changed in this last year. I plan to continue to wear a mask, hand sanitize, and maintain social distance during the visit. Please let me know before visiting if there are any other precautions you would like to observe during my visit. Please don't be shy about asking for a visit. I want to see you! And I also want you to be comfortable having a visitor. I will accommodate your needs. It is also possible for me to drop off communion at your house and call you from outside the house to communicate.

To receive a visit, I ask that you call me to set up a time for me to visit. Call me directly at 717-679-0264. If I don't answer, please make sure you leave a message after the voicemail message and I will get back to you as soon as I can. – Pr. Gretchen



## Communication to Our Members

1. We will only be using the calling feature as needed. You will not receive weekly phone calls from the church unless there is a change to the worship procedure or there is an announcement that needs to be shared church-wide.

2. We will send out weekly texts and emails. If you want to receive texts or emails, please contact us with your name and cell number and/or email address. (if you are already getting text messages and/or emails from us, you do not need to do this.)





## LCCM Food Bank Item

The item requested in September is **cold cereal**. Items can be brought to the church at any time and placed in the red shopping cart labeled “**LCCM Food Bank**” located in THE GIVING PLACE (Arnold St. side annex of Luther’s Place).



Holy Trinity donated 84 pounds of mixed non-perishable food to LCCM Food Bank in July & August. Please continue your generosity by continuing to donate to the Food Bank. Your donations are greatly needed and appreciated.

## Lutheran World Relief Campaign

On behalf of the Women of the ELCA I would like to thank you for your assistance collecting items for our Lutheran World Relief personal care kits and school kits for this year's campaign. With your help since June we have collected all the supplies needed to prepare 100 personal care kits and 100 school kits. There is a critical need for these kits throughout the world. Our commitment to this project will help restock the warehouse in Maryland which is much depleted. In addition this year's campaign is dedicated in honor of Vanessa Brown and Nancy Hoke so meeting this goal with your generous support is extra special this year. - Karen Weaver, Projects Chair



## Aluminum Can Collection

The church continues to collect aluminum cans for recycling. Please bring the aluminum cans (**rinsed & flattened**) to the church weekdays during church office hours, or bring them along to church, Sunday School, or any other church function. A container for them is located in THE GIVING PLACE (Arnold St. side annex of Luther’s Place). Thank you.



## Recycling Income

7/13—Aluminum Cans	\$8.56
8/7—Steel Chairs	\$96.00
<b>TOTAL DEPOSIT</b>	<b>\$104.56</b>



**Our Vision...**Our mission is to grow in faith and discipleship, share the Good News of Jesus through word and deed, love others as Christ loves us, and celebrate life in Christ through worship, sacraments and service.

**Our Mission...**We are a community of believers who come together in:

✠ **Worship** to be transformed by the presence of Jesus Christ in and through God's gift of Word and Sacrament.

✠ **Christian Education** to deepen our faith and strengthen us in faithful service, trusting in the creative activity of the Holy Spirit.

✠ **Friendship** to celebrate our unity in Christ and sustain and nurture each other as we journey with Him in our day-to-day lives.

✠ **Stewardship** to gratefully use the time, talents and possessions we have been given in furthering our mission in response to Jesus' call and the leading of the Holy Spirit.

✠ **Evangelism** to share the Jesus story so that others may come to know God's reconciling grace and the peace, joy and hope that his divine grace gives.

✠ **Social Ministry** to respond to the spiritual, mental and physical needs of our neighbors and advocate for the poor, hungry and vulnerable peoples of the world.



## Friends of Spang Crest Fall Chicken BBQ by Kauffman's

Proceeds benefit the residents of Spang Crest

**Date/Time:** Friday, September 6, 2021  
2:30–6:00 PM

**Location:** Spang Crest Manor, 945 Duke St., Lebanon

**Cost:** \$8.00 (½ chicken, baked potato, roll/butter, applesauce)

For tickets contact Marian Brandt.

*If you have a pre-purchased ticket, please pick up your chicken by 5:30 PM.*



## Prayer Partners

Each month names will be listed here for prayer concerns. If you would like your name added to the newsletter list for prayer, please call the church office, 717-273-8567.

We ask our readers to include the following people in their prayers:

### Students & Teachers

Barbara Atwood  
Charlie Baeckert  
Joseph Daubert  
Monique Derfler  
Elzalena Ditzler  
Raymond Kohr  
Betty Reese  
Michael Hentz  
Lemoyne Reigle  
Kenneth Shearer  
George Smith  
Shirley Smith  
Phyllis Whitman  
Eleanor Young



## September Happy Birthday Wishes

Happy Birthday to the following Golden Agers of Holy Trinity who will celebrate a birthday this month:

September 13—Marian Brandt

Add to their very special day by sending them your greetings. Addresses can be obtained by calling the church office, 717-273-8567.

**Attention – Anyone age 75 or older:** Please contact the church office to let us know your birthday so we can include you in the monthly Golden Agers of Holy Trinity birthday wish list.

## We are Hiring at HTLC

We are looking to hire a part time assistant treasurer. The assistant treasurer position should be someone who has some background in accounting and they will work alongside our current treasurer.

If you or anyone else that you know are interested in learning more about this position, please have them contact Pastor Gretchen or Jim C. Logan (our current council president) to find out more information.



## Purchase Strawberry Jelly

The Country Store ladies and men have been busy already making strawberry jelly.



pints - \$4.50  
1/2 pints - \$2.25

If interested in buying any jelly, give Louise Battistelli a call at 717-272-2747 or see her at church.



A HUGE thank you to all the volunteers who helped in so many ways with making the strawberry jelly. You are the best and you are the ones who make it possible to be able to make the jelly. Bless you all.  
- Louise Battistelli



Norma Keyser—August 1, 2021

## Taizé Worship

St. Luke Lutheran Church  
Rt. 897, Schaefferstown



Taizé provides us with an opportunity to leave behind the noisy, busy routines of the day, and reflect on our relationship with God and one another. Join us in meditative reading, singing, prayer, and some quiet time with God.

**Taizé Worship begins at 7:00 PM on the following Sunday:**

September 12



## Lutheran Camping Corp. Upcoming Events

The Lutheran Camping Corporation  
of Central Pennsylvania  
Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and  
The Wittel Farm  
PO Box 459, Arendtsville, PA 17303  
Phone: 717-677-8211

Website: <https://www.lutherancamping.org>  
Visit the website for event information, updates and  
registration.

September 24-26 - Alive @ Nawakwa  
October 3 - Capture the Flag @ Kirchenwald  
October 5-7 - Adult Study Retreat @ Nawakwa  
October 24 - Fall Foliage Day @ Kirchenwald & Na-  
wakwa  
November 7 - Annual Quilt Auction @ Nawakwa  
November 12-14 - Women's Craft Retreat @ Nawakwa  
December 4 - Advent Day Apart @ The Wittel Farm

Details on all programming, including times and loca-  
tions, available at: [https://www.lutherancamping.org/  
upcoming-events](https://www.lutherancamping.org/upcoming-events)



**Sunday, October 3 from 3-5:30 p.m.**

Review your camp map, paint your face, and practice  
your cone zone celebration dance. Invite your friends  
and family (parents, too) to join you in this CTF summer  
reunion event. Play alongside familiar faces from your  
week at camp, plus campers from every other week of  
the summer. Campfire worship to follow.

This is a free event, but please RSVP by September 24  
to 717-677-8211 or online at [LutheranCamping.org](https://www.lutherancamping.org).



## Wittel Farm Growing Project Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are needed for the following: Education Days, Campfire Worship Nights, and Weekend  
Planting Days.

To volunteer, please call 717-367-2001 or email—[lcc@lutherancamping.org](mailto:lcc@lutherancamping.org).

## Organist Eric Plutz in Concert Sunday, September 12 4-6 p.m.

Grace Lutheran  
517 North Queen Street  
Lancaster

The event is free. A Freewill  
Offering will be taken. Children  
are welcome. Masks are  
required for concert attendance,  
in accordance with CDC guidelines.



## Volunteers Needed

Lebanon Lancaster Habitat for  
Humanity is in need of volunteers  
at the Lebanon Project on the  
4th block of Cumberland  
Street. If you are able to give a  
few hours of time, please call  
the Habitat Office in Lancaster at  
717 392-8836 or email [lancasterlebanonhabitat.org](mailto:lancasterlebanonhabitat.org)  
for more information.



In Partnership with The York Revolution & The Central Pennsylvania Food Bank

## Lutherans Fight Hunger

**Saturday, September 4th - 6:30pm**  
**York Revolution vs the Southeran MD Bluecrabs**



**Buy Your Tickets Here:**  
**[www.yorkrevolution.com/fighthunger](http://www.yorkrevolution.com/fighthunger)**  
**Password: LUTHERANS**

**Lower Susquehanna Synod Lutherans**  
**feed others as we have been fed by Christ.**  
Half of every \$10 ticket purchased is donated  
directly to the mission of the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank  
Fans are also encouraged to bring  
a non-perishable food donation to the game  
Tickets must be purchased through this specific link.



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## Laboring for the Lord

For many people, the pandemic redefined work, with more employees logging hours from a home office — or kitchen table. Boundaries between job and personal life blurred, as did any sense of being “off duty.”



Most of us prefer clear divisions between our tasks and time. While such separations may help with scheduling, they are artificial human constructs. “Whatever your task,” says Colossians 3:23 (NRSV, emphasis added) — whether in public or private, family or job, spiritual or worldly activities — “put yourselves into it as done for the Lord.” Verse 17 tells us to “do everything” in Jesus’ name, “giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

That means even work and worship interlock. As Rick Warren writes, “Work becomes worship when you dedicate it to God and perform it with an awareness of his presence.”

## Be still (and silent)

We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature — trees, flowers, grass — grow in silence; see the stars, the moon, the sun, how they move in silence. ... The more we receive in silent prayer, the more we can give in our active life. We need silence to be able to touch souls. The essential thing is not what we say, but what God says to us and through us. All our words will be useless unless they come from within — words which do not give the light of Christ increase the darkness. —Mother Teresa



## Learn from leaves

As you're enjoying the fall colors and sipping apple cider, ponder this saying: “Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go.”



When leaves stop producing chlorophyll, they turn vibrant shades of yellow, orange and red. This yearly spectacle makes way for the leaves to let go and fall. It also serves as a good reminder of things we may need to drop: clutter around the home, a desire for control, commitments that no longer bring joy, personal expectations that cause added stress, a need to always be right and so on.

Just as the Israelites had to let go of their past as slaves in Egypt and Saul-turned-Paul had to abandon his persecuting ways, we, too, can let go of what weighs us down and gets in the way of God's best for our lives. Embrace fall as a season of change and see just how beautiful it is to let things go!

—Janna Firestone