

The Trumpet

October 3, 2025



Worship with us online using **this link**.



Worship with us Sunday mornings in the sanctuary at 10 am.



Pray with us Wednesdays at 7 pm at a service of Evening Prayer on Zoom.

Hebrews 13:8: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever

Embracing change by Rev Bryan Penman, Bishop of the Southeastern PA Synod

Change can be hard...but when we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, we discover again and again that God equips us to do more than we ever thought possible.

The seasons themselves are a teacher in this. Autumn reminds us that letting go is part of life. The trees shed their leaves in a glorious display of color, and winter will soon follow. Death and loss are real. And yet, hidden in the soil is the promise of spring.

Resurrection always has the final word. Change carries the possibility that God is drawing us closer to the kingdom, to each other, and to the fullness of life we are promised in Christ. We are called to embrace change.

This Week at Trinity

Saturday, October 4: Funeral for Al Rollin with visitation from 1-2 pm, and a memorial service at 2 pm

Sunday, October 5: Part 2 of the Contemplative Photography workshop is in the parish hall at **11:15 am**; Blessing of Animals is during Food Drive, **1-3 pm**. Bring your furry, finned or feathered friends for a blessing.

Monday, October 6: The Trinity Christian Book Club meets at Empire Diner on Ridge Pike for fellowship and a meal to discuss *Dinner with A Perfect Stranger* by David Gregory. The table will be ready at **6 pm** and the discussion starts at **7 pm**. Contact Peter Schell at 484-919-1473

Tuesday, October 7: The TAG Book Group meets at **11 am** to discuss *The Color of Water* by James McBride, and to begin choosing books for the coming year. Contact Heddy Martorelli at 610-247-6367

Thursday, October 9: The TAG Cards and Games group meets at **1 pm** in the narthex. Contact Linda Stone at 610-246-2853

Looking Ahead

- Stewardship Sunday is **October 12**. It's time to start thinking about how we will fund our 2026 mission by giving back a portion of what God has provided each of us. We will kick off the stewardship campaign with a **Pot-Luck Fellowship Lunch**. All are welcome to join us for lunch on October 12 immediately following morning worship. Use the sign-up in the Narthex to let us know who is coming, how many and what you will be bringing to the table. See you then!
- Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Day will be held on **October 22**. Purchase your discount shopping pass in the narthex on Sunday. 100% of your donation goes directly to Trinity. Contact Craig Moyer at 610-906-4078 or Ray Nyahay at 610-539-3734 for more information.
- Plan to attend the *SEPA Synod Fall Learning Day: Who Is Our Neighbor?* on **Saturday October 18** 8:30 am to 12:15 pm at St. John Lutheran Church, 3101 Tyson Avenue, Philadelphia. Keynote presenter: The Rev. Emily Harkins will lead an hour-long workshop titled: *Serving All People In The Name of Jesus*. Workshop presenter: Ms. Julia Frank will be leading an hour-long workshop on "Striving for Justice and Peace" which will include practical, hands-on opportunities for congregations to get involved in justice work. Contact Anne Meibohm (armeibohm@gmail.com) or Judy Flanigan (jhflanigan1@gmail.com) if you'd like to carpool. *This short video explains our Lutheran foundation of striving for social justice.*



Adult Faith Formation



Food Drive



Coffee Hour

Join us for reflection on readings from the Lectionary at 11:15 am in Room 129. We meet from October 19 through May 24. All are welcome.

Every Sunday from 1 to 3 pm. Please bring your non-perishable food items for donation to the Daily Bread Food Pantry and St. James Outreach House.

Help is needed for setting up and cleaning up for coffee hour. See the sign-up board in the narthex.

Trinity Community News

American Dancewheels

Joyful. Inspiring. Positive. Uplifting. These were just a few of the reactions to a beautiful performance at Trinity by American Dancewheels on September 26. Members of the group told-- and danced---their stories of strength, courage, resilience, creativity, and more. We celebrate and share their vision for a world of welcome and respect that sees all people as people. One of the dancers told us: "I was really 'vibing' to your energy, the energy *you* brought here today." Their performance was such a gift for the Trinity community. Thanks to all who made it happen.



Notes from the September Council Meeting *by Mike Martorelli*

- In addition to performing her regular duties, Pastor Karen has presided over a wedding, a funeral, and a local ELCA Pastors meeting. She has also been working on the Trinity Directory (with photos) and on events involving contemplative photography, Ken Crest, Ann Lamott, and the American Dancewheels.
- Finance is asking all committee chairs to submit their financial requests for inclusion in the 2026 budget. Dave Stone noted that our weekly flower bill is being raised to \$60 and hopes that all contributors will pick up that additional cost.
- Karl Schafer summarized Ron Moorehead's busy activity level. We need a new air conditioning unit, and a new fire alarm communications device. Additionally, we need to cut down three dead trees. Karl is working to procure the shade structure for the Mary Setzer Memorial and will be working with Ron to organize a group of volunteers to assemble and install it on the playground hopefully by the spring of 2026.
- TCNSK enrollment is 84, as compared to 82 last year. Everyone will be invited to another Live Nativity event on December 5.
- Emma Berk mire and Nancy Klein staffed an information table at the Worcester Community Day. Next year, we'll explore having a table at other

local townships' similar events.

- Marilou Doughty noted that we'll again be collecting blankets for Daily Bread and stuffed animals for Gemma
- Additional note from Council: We are open to rental of the Parish Hall when it is not being used for congregational activities. If you know of anyone looking for space for an event or a class, please ask them to contact the church office.

New Books in the Library

In advance of Nadia Bolz-Weber's speaking engagement at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lansdale on October 6, our library has added two of her books to our collection. The publisher's descriptions are included below.

Accidental Saints

In *Accidental Saints*, *New York Times* best-selling author Nadia Bolz-Weber invites readers into a surprising encounter with what she calls "a religious but not-so-spiritual life." Tattooed, angry and profane, this former standup comic turned pastor stubbornly, sometimes hilariously, resists the God she feels called to serve. But God keeps showing up in the least likely of people.

Pastrix: The Cranky, Beautiful Faith of a Sinner & Saint

Nadia Bolz-Weber uses humorous narrative and poignant honesty to portray a woman who is both deeply faithful and deeply flawed, giving hope to the rest of us along the way. ("Pastrix" is a derogatory term used by Christians who refuse to recognize female pastors.)

Local Community Events

Henry Melchior Muhlenberg was the founder of the Lutheran Church in America. His home in Trappe PA, The Muhlenberg House, is hosting a [Harvest Fair](#) on **October 11th from 10 am to 4 pm**. Enjoy live music, delicious food, 18th century trade demonstrations, colonial kids' games, and locally-made artisanal wares. Learn how to make sauerkraut and apple cider. The Muhlenberg House will be open for tours. Free parking will be available at St. Luke's Fellowship Church, 200 W. Main Street, Trappe (directly across from the Muhlenberg House).

Birthdays and Anniversaries



Georgia Burnett October 5
Jordan Smith October 5
Josh Sorom October 7
Darian Avery October 7
Sharon Wilson October 9
Sara Chambers October 9
Meg Smith October 10

David & Lynn Chialastri October 6
Ray & Joan Nyahay October 6

Church Office Hours: Monday to Thursday 8 am to 1 pm.

For Pastoral emergencies please call 610-584-8411, extension 2 and leave a message for Pastor Nelson. This voicemail is being monitored for emergencies.

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