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From our Pastor

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability (Acts 2:1-4).

In the story of Pentecost, the author of Luke-Acts gives focus and frame to the lives of Jesus' disciples. While there's no telling to whom the disciples will be sent, the ways in which the disciples will bear witness to the good news of Jesus, or how the disciples will be empowered, equipped, and surprised as they follow where Jesus leads, the Spirit's presence and power will be with them.

When the Spirit "calls, gathers, enlightens, and makes holy," as Martin Luther says, Jesus' disciples are crucified and raised, shaped and shaken for relationship with the wider world in ways that are authentic and vulnerable.

As we enter the summer months, we take a little bit of a rest from Bible studies, Sunday School, committee meetings and other gatherings, yet we still gather on Saturdays and Sundays, where bread is broken and wine is poured and we can encounter the risen Lord. We also begin reflecting and gearing up for the fall and how we will be church together for the sake of our community and for the world.

On the weekend of Pentecost, June 8 and June 9, the Rev. Dr. Ralph Jones, bishop of the Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod, will be with us at worship on that Saturday and Sunday as our preacher. It will most likely be his last time worshipping with the congregation at Holy Trinity before his retirement this summer.

Please plan to be with us at worship that weekend as we give thanks for his ministry to our synod over the last 18 years as bishop and look ahead to the new life God promises us as we make the transition to new leadership of our synod.

Our congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, June

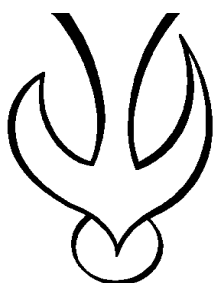
23, after worship. We'll elect new council members and also get to hear the Rev. Michael Lozano, pastor of Christ Lutheran Church in Sharon, talk about how his congregation sent teenagers for the first time to the ELCA Youth Gathering in 2018. It will help us as we prepare to send our teenagers to Minneapolis for Youth Gathering in 2021.

In September, we look forward to joining in the ELCA's annual day of service, God's Work, Our Hands, on Sunday, September 8. Tens of thousands of Lutherans from thousands of congregations join in this day of service in their communities. We are now at work on planning how we can be a witness on that day in Greenville in showing our neighbors the love of God in Jesus Christ.

We pray that the Holy Spirit continue to blow around us, calling, gathering, enlightening and making holy.

Pastor Brenda

The Day of Pentecost (Greek: "the fiftieth day.")



On Sunday, June 9, at 9:30 a.m. we will celebrate the Day of Pentecost, with pre-service music at 9:15 a.m. Pentecost is a principal festival of the church year, celebrating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples fifty days after Easter (Acts 2:1-4).

In Judaism, the fiftieth day after Passover was celebrated as an agricultural festival, known as the Feast of Weeks (Exodus 34:22; Deuteronomy 16:9-10).

The Christian Pentecost was celebrated as a festival by the late fourth century.

Pentecost is the final day of the Easter season. This festival commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit and the Baptism of 3,000 converts. **Red is the liturgical color of the day. All are encouraged to wear something red to worship this weekend.**

Note: There WILL BE Saturday 5:30 p.m.

We Welcome Bishop Jones on Pentecost Weekend

Mark your calendars for our celebration of Pentecost, June 8 and June 9.

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Lutherlyn Camperships

Once again our congregation will offer camperships to our members whose children decide to attend a camp or program at Camp Lutherlyn. Church Camp is a wonderful and fun way to interact with other Christians for summer activities including Bible Study, swimming, horseback riding, etc. The church will provide a **campership of \$250.00** for each child going to Lutherlyn. Pick up your Lutherlyn brochure today outside the church office, or visit www.lutherlyn.com to register online. For information, contact the church office.



Good Shepherd Community Meal

On Monday, June 17, Holy Trinity will be hosting the Monday night community dinner at Good Shepherd. If you are able to assist in cooking, serving, delivery of dinners or clean-up duties please call **Linda Saverino** at **724-981-2312**.

Summer Congregation Meeting – Sunday, June 23rd

This is official notification of Holy Trinity's summer Congregation Meeting to be held in Brath Hall on **Sunday, June 23, at 10:45 a.m.** A light breakfast will be provided.

The agenda will include election of Council members and voting members to Synod Assembly in 2020. All voting members (those who have given a contribution of record and communed during the past year) should attend. The reports of various committees, Council, pastor, and staff will be accepted. Our speaker will be Rev. Michael Lozano, Christ Lutheran, Sharon, and he will discuss the 2021 Youth Gathering. Plan to attend.

The Bulletin of Reports will not be mailed to each home. They will be available in the narthex prior to the meeting. If you live away or cannot be here before the meeting, please call the office and a copy can be mailed to you.

The Synod Assembly at Thiel College, June 13- 15, 2019

The annual Assembly of our Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod will convene at Thiel College on Thursday, June 13 through Saturday, June 15. This year's Assembly theme is **Making Disciples, Forming Faith, and Developing Leaders.** and forums will be offered by both the Northwestern and Southwestern Synods.

A new Bishop will be voted into office during the assembly.

The Keynote speakers will be Bishop Sean Rowe- Episcopal Diocese and Bishop Benson Bagonza, Karagwe Diocese- Tanzania.

Our congregation's voting members this year are Mike Bradley and Anna-Marie Shears.

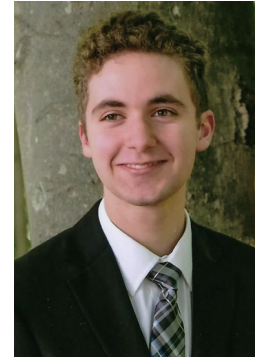
Graduates Reception

Our Graduates Recognition Day is set for Sunday, June 9 immediately following worship. Plan to be present to congratulate our Holy Trinity graduates, and enjoy refreshments at the reception where they will be our guests of honor.



Meet Our High School Graduates

Dane Abraham, son of Mike and Kris, graduated from Brookfield High School on May 26, 2019. While attending school he was a member of the National Honor Society, the International Thespian Society, Drama Club 3 years, participated in Track, Soccer, and prep Bowl Academic Games. He was also in the Academic Top 10 and elected 2019 Brookfield Prom King. Dane will attend the Youngstown State University Honors College where he plans to major in Environmental Studies and minor in Chemistry.



Roy (Trey) Wilt, III, son of Roy Wilt, Jr. and Heather, graduated from Greenville High School on June 1, 2019. While attending school he was a 3 time National Qualifier in Student Congress, 4th in the state. He was Captain of the football team, participated in wrestling, Track and Field (shot put and discus), President of Choir, President of the Media Club, and the lead in the musical, Beauty and the Beast. Roy III plans to attend Thiel College and major in Political Science.

Meet Our College Graduates



Lauren Faber, daughter of Doug and Debbie, graduated Summa Cum Laude from Westminster College on May 11, 2019 with a BM/BA in Vocal Performance/Communications. She was on the Dean's list all 8 semesters, a member of danceline, dance theatre, concert choir, chamber singers, Sigma Kappa, Mu Phi Epsilon (professional music fraternity), Lambda Pi Eta (Communications Honor Society), Pi Sigma Pi (Academic Honor Society), Sweet Trebles female A Cappella groups, and Mortar Board (Senior Honor Society). Lauren plans to attend Graduate School at Youngstown State University Dana School of Music.

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Olivia Martin-Call, wife of Tyler and daughter of James and Jennifer, will graduate from Edinboro University in August 2019 with a Major in Social Work where she will earn her Masters of Social Work. She completed two clinical internships at George Junior Republic and Regional Behavioral Consultants. Olivia plans to transition into the position of Mobile Therapist, working with children with mental health diagnoses and serious emotional disturbances, at her agency, Regional Behavioral Consultants.

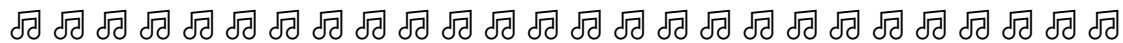
Kaitlyn McCann, daughter of B. J. and Lori, graduated from the University of Findlay in May 2019 with a Major in Biology and a minor in Chemistry which earned her a Bachelor of Science degree. She was active in Beta Beta Beta Biological honors Society, Aristos Eklektos Honors Society, Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority, and was co-captain and president of the Women's Rugby team. Kaitlyn plans to earn her Masters degree at Youngstown State University in Biology with an emphasis in cell and microbiology. She also received a teaching assistantship at YSU.



Keegan, son of B. J. and Lori, a Commodore Perry High School Class of 2018 graduate, recently received an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West point, and will attend in the fall. He is currently enrolled at Gannon University, where he participates in the ROTC program.

Congratulations and God's blessings as you
further your education.

From our Director of Music



St. Columba

This is the second in a series of articles about hymn tune names, a category of hymns that can be found in the indices [Alphabetical Index of Tunes] of Evangelical Lutheran Worship, the red worship book that has been in use at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church since 2005, beginning on page 1195.

The hymn tune is named for St. Columba and was certainly not written by the Irish abbot [521-597], meaning neither tune, i.e. melody nor lyric was composed or written by St. Colm Cille [Irish]/ St. Columbkille [the PC Scottish] as sometimes thought by clergy and laity alike. St. Columba led a contingent of twelve companions – monks - to Scotland to convert the Picts to Christianity in 563. He founded the church at Iona and led other evangelical missions throughout the northern part of the British Isles before his death at Iona in 597. Supposedly, St. Columba was the first to observe the Loch Ness monster in 546.

The first article in this series stipulated that hymn tunes were and are most frequently named for a person or place; the last or ‘sending’ hymn sung at a recently attended hymn festival memorializing Paul Manz on his one hundredth birthday, May 17, 2019, bears this out as its hymn tune name is MANZ, the melody of which was composed by Paul Weber who also composed the setting sung throughout the Easter season at Holy Trinity.

The text of St. Columba, most familiarly known by the first line title ‘The King of Love’, is a paraphrase of Psalm 23 as revised by Henry F. Baker [1821-1877] whose version was described by John Ellerton [hymn composer and compiler of English hymnals 1826-1893] as “perhaps the most beautiful of...the countless versions of Psalm 23.” [Hymnal Companion to Lutheran Book of Worship]. Marlowe Johnson, PhD., founder and conductor of the Thiel Choir, arranged stanzas 1, 3, and 5 of *St. Columba* and its melody as an anthem during his tenure at the college. This was sung by Parish Choir on the fourth Sunday of Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday, May 19, 2019 at Holy Trinity.

Maidene Hackett



Second Mile Giving For June 2019 – ELCA Youth Gathering

The church council and finance committee are working to revise the Second Mile Giving list for 2019, but the two groups have committed to a conversation in the first part of this year about sending Holy Trinity's high school youth to the ELCA Youth Gathering in 2021.

Youth Gathering gathers about 30,000 of our youth from around the country every three years for a week of worship, learning and service opportunities. The Gathering in 2021 will be held in Minneapolis.

Those who have attended Youth Gathering have said that no one — not the teens or their adult leaders — comes home unchanged. It is an amazing experience in a life's faith journey.

Because Youth Gathering involves significant preparation in advance — the teens spend a lot of time together and the congregation would help with fund-raising — we will lift up Youth Gathering as a repeated emphasis in Second Mile Giving this year.

Second Mile envelopes can be found in the pew racks, or you may mail your contribution to the church office in an envelope clearly marked, “Second Mile Giving.” All Second Mile contributions received during the month of June will be given to the designated cause.



Good Shepherd Request for June

The Good Shepherd Center is our church community social service agency that supports the needs of many in the area.

The Good Shepherd Center's request for Holy Trinity for **June is canned or boxed meals.** Donations may be placed in the marked box in the cloister.

June Birthdays

- 1 Cindy Farrell
- 2 Brekken Hedderick
- 3 Max Hildebrand
Barbara Swartz
- 8 Philip Schell
- 10 Henry Heil
- 12 Denise Hall
- 13 Patricia Roth
- 16 Gaye Gargas
Kathy Thompson
- 20 Georgia Perkins
- 22 Michael Eppley
Jane Towle
- 24 Dane Abraham
- 25 Sue Achenbach
Marie Lineman
Jason Oros
Griffin Richardson
- 26 Danielle Gainor
- 27 Christian Hootman
- 29 David Long

June Anniversaries

The following members of our congregation are celebrating anniversaries this month. Congratulate them when you see them.

Charlie and Marie Eaves	67 years	June 2, 1952
Warren and Patricia Roth	62 years	June 4, 1957
Curt and Kathy Thompson	38 years	June 6, 1981
John and Mary Moore	52 years	June 7, 1967
Allen and Connie Davis	41 years	June 10, 1978
James and Jennifer Beach	9 years	June 11, 2011
Jim and Nancy Bittel	58 years	June 16, 1961
David and Billie Hollenbaugh	53 years	June 18, 1966
Doug and Debbie Faber	26 years	June 19, 1993
Matthew and Carrie Moinet	8 years	June 19, 2010
Dan and Anna-Marie Shears	10 years	June 20, 2009
Mike and Heather Balas	12 years	June 24, 2007
Conrad and Carol Koehler	58 years	June 24, 1961
Tyler and Olivia Martin-Call	3 years	June 25, 2016



Trinity Travelers

If you visit another church, drop off a bulletin from that church, with your name on it, so that you can be a *Trinity Traveler*.

Olivia Martin-Call
St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church
Centre Hall, Pennsylvania
The Rev. Becky Horn

Jerry and Mary Larson
Peace Lutheran Church
Peoria, Arizona
The Rev. Al Cassel

Ken and Lori McEwen
St. Philip Lutheran Church
Mt. Dora, Florida
The Rev. Johan Bergh

