

# Trinity Lutheran Church

## May 2019 Newsletter



### Getting to Know the Body of Christ

**Name:** James W. Gearhart “Jim”

**What brought you to Trinity, and how long have you been attending?** I came back on a Christmas Eve service and everyone was so kind and polite. I came back and here I am.

**What keeps you here?** Trinity is home to me, I enjoy worshiping my God here.

**What fills your time?** My Son Jim Jr. and his two daughters, Emma and Evie. They are 5 and 3.

**What are you good at?** I like to repair old things and make them work again it's a hobby for me and gardening.

**Share a favorite memory of a worship service or event here.** When Herb Dubler baptized my son, Jim. Getting married to Deb by Pastor Pfeifer. Pastor Kerri being there in times of need. All the friends.

**Share your favorite hymn/Bible verse/Bible story.** The 23 Psalm. Song: *I Love to Tell the Story*

**Share about a time God seemed especially present with you.** He is with me every minute. Always in time of troubles.

**What do you think God is calling our congregation towards?** With all the low attendance, uniting St. Paul's in Scottsdale, St. John's, and Trinity into one church somewhere.

### Faith Formation

**Adult Sunday School** – We will meet on **May 5 & 19 following worship** for conversation and learning. Hope you can join us!

**Bible Storytime** –Kids 4 and under and their parents or grandparents are invited to join us for Bible stories, songs, and play. We will meet **Thursday, May 9 at 10:30am upstairs**. Hope you can join us!

**Meditation on the Psalms at YHL** - In the midst of busy schedules and unceasing demands, it can be difficult to find time to stop and attend to God's presence with you. Join us for half an hour in the middle of the week to breathe, be still, and listen to God's voice in the psalms. **Pastor Kerri will be leading this time for meditation and prayer on May 8 & 22 from 11:30am to noon at Youghioghney Holistic Living (144 N. Third St.)**.

**Community VBS** – Mark your calendars: Community VBS will be held **Sunday, June 16 through Thursday, June 20 here at Trinity! Dinner will be served beginning at 5:15pm and the program will be held from 6-8:30pm**. More information to follow; participating churches are Trinity, First Baptist, Connellsville Presbyterian, and City Church. If you are interested in helping in the kitchen, running the projector, or as a “crew leader”, please let Pastor Kerri know.

## **Fellowship & Outreach**

**Meeting** – Join us on **Monday, May 6 at 11am**. Hope to see you there!

## **Finance**

**Meeting** – The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 8 at 7pm**.

## **May Offering Counters**

- 5** – Ken Goucher, Melva Roland, Linda Ruth, & Cindy Workman
- 12** – Ron Kerns Sr., Melva Roland, Alan Sandusky, & Ken Goucher
- 19** – Marcia Davis, Ken Goucher, Carolyn Kerns, & Melva Roland
- 26** – Ken Goucher, Melva Roland, Linda Ruth, & Alan Sandusky

## March 2019 Income & Expense

	March	Jan. – Mar. YTD Actual	Jan. – Mar. YTD Budget
<b>Total Income</b>	\$11,737	\$25,507	\$27,363
<b>Total Expense</b>	\$16,219	\$41,619	\$37,325
<b>Net Income</b>	-\$4,482	-\$16,112	-\$9,963

## Shout Outs

Thank you to everyone who washed extra dishes and put care for the earth ahead of convenience as we participated in our synod's single-use plastics challenge during the season of Lent.

Thank you for your contributions toward April's restoration projects. The new heating/air conditioning units have been installed, and the roof has been repaired.

Thank you to all our worship leaders for Holy Week and Easter – your hard work is appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who helped prepare and clean up the Palm Sunday breakfast. Your time and dedication are appreciated.

Thank you to those who planned and led the Easter Egg hunt – it was a fun time for everyone!

Thank you to Linda Ruth for helping me put together this month's newsletter.

## Property

**Restoration Projects** – Donations towards repairing the roof or replacing the heating/air conditioning units in the offices are much appreciated and should be marked "Restoration Account".

## Social Ministry

**Meeting** – The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 14 at 6pm**. Hope to see you there!

**Strawberry Social** – Join us on **Saturday, May 4 from noon to 6pm**. Menu includes choice of ham barbeque, sloppy joes, or hot dogs & sauerkraut, strawberry shortcake & ice cream, and drinks. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under.

**Food Collection for Community Ministries** – Every third Sunday at the beginning of worship we'll invite the kids to collect the non-perishable food items you bring in for Community Ministries. Be sure to bring in some food items on **Sunday, May 19!** If you didn't yet get a red "Trinity" reusable grocery bag, you can pick one up at the rear of the sanctuary.

## **Stewardship**

**Amazon Smile** – Do you often shop on Amazon? Be sure to sign up for Amazon Smile to support our ministry at Trinity! Amazon Smile will donate 0.5% of the cost of eligible purchases to Trinity. To sign up, visit [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com), sign in with your regular Amazon username and password, and follow the directions to search for "Trinity Lutheran Church Connellsville." If you have questions about how to register, please contact Pastor Kerri.

## **Visioning Team**

At our April meeting, we read an interesting article about shifting perspectives from "What deficits are in our neighborhood?" and "What can we do to serve people?" to "What gifts do people in our neighborhood have?" and "How can we make connections and partner with people?" As we look at opportunities going forward, we are hoping to meet with the Lutheran congregations closest to us about how we might more closely support one another and work together. Thank you for your continued prayers for fruitful meetings and an attentiveness to God's call.

## **Worship & Music**

**Communion Assistants** – In order that the choir may better lead congregational singing during communion, the Worship & Music committee invites members of the congregation to serve as communion assistants during worship (pouring wine and

collecting communion cups). If you are interested in learning more or getting on the schedule, please see Pastor Kerri.

**Meeting** – The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 8 at 3pm.**

**Dinner Church** – On the second Saturday of each month we will participate in an ancient format of Christian worship – gathering for word and sacrament around a meal. On **Saturday, May 11**, we will gather downstairs in the Social Room for a simple meal of lasagna/baked pasta, salad, and bread, a time of scripture and teaching, and communion. If you'd like to bring food for our meal, please sign up on the bulletin board in the sanctuary. Hope you can join us!

**Pentecost Sunday** – **June 9** is Pentecost Sunday, and you are invited to wear red to worship that weekend!

### **May Greeters**

**5** – Sandy Nicholson (E) & Karen Pastorius (W)

**12** – Alan Sandusky (E) & Melva Roland (W)

**19** – Sally Stoots (E) & Bill Stoots (W)

**26** – Jim Workman (E) & Jeff Williams (W)

### **Altar Flowers**

The cost for sponsoring altar flowers is **\$25**. Please make sure to make your check payable to Trinity Lutheran Church and write Altar Flowers in the memo portion of the check or place a cash payment in an envelope with your name and Altar Flowers written on the outside of the envelope.

Payment must be received by the end of the month that flowers had been ordered. **Thank you!**

### **Dates Available**

**May** – 5, 19, & 26

**June** – 2, 30

**July** – 7, 15, 22, & 29

### **Altar Guild**

Anyone interested in helping to launder linens, please call Linda Ruth.

**Thank you Ginny Beecher** (April) for all your help doing the linens, your time and hard work is gratefully appreciated.

**May – Janie Tikey**

**June – Sally Stoots**

**July – Beckie Merchant**

**August – Cassie DeAngelis**

**September – Carol Filburn**

If you are unable to serve, please contact Linda Ruth.

## **Youth**

**Graduate information** – We hope to include information about 2019 graduates in the June newsletter. If you have information about a high school or college graduate (including future plans), please contact the church office.

**Camp Blast** – Head up to Camp Lutherlyn for a FREE preview day on **Saturday, May 11 from 11am-4:30pm**. Tour the camp and try your hand at all kinds of indoor and outdoor activities!

**Baccalaureate service** – The graduating class of Connellsville Area High School is invited to attend the Baccalaureate service on **Wednesday, May 29 at 7pm at the Connellsville Church of God** (126 Breakneck Rd.).

## **SWPA Synod Calendar of Causes**

SWPA Synod Calendar of Causes – As a way for us to support the many ministries supported by our synod, a Calendar of Causes has been developed. Each month we will lift one ministry. You are encouraged to learn about these important ministries working in our area and support them with prayer and monetary donations as you feel called to do so.

**May's highlighted ministry is Camp Lutherlyn**, our synod's outdoor ministry facility. Lutherlyn offers year-round programming, retreats, and a fully-staffed summer camp. To support this ministry, visit their website at [www.lutherlyn.com](http://www.lutherlyn.com).

## Community Ministries

Connellsville is blessed to have such a great resource present in Connellsville Area Community Ministries. Their food pantry, thrift store, medical supply distribution, case workers, support of the Circles program, and more serve hundreds of people in our area each month. As a congregation, we can point people in need to them for a more thorough supply of resources than we are able to provide alone.

In support of this important ministry our goal is to send financial support to CACM on a regular basis. **If you would like to contribute to this, check the box marked “other” on your offering envelopes and write “Community Ministries”.**



Start saving your Best Choice labels. Each bundle of 1,000 Best Choice labels is worth \$30.00. If 50 families buy only 25 Best Choice products per week. In only eight months' time, we will have accumulated \$1,200 for Trinity. Just place your labels in an envelope and turn into the church office.

## Memorial Donations

**In memory of Sharon Lininger**

Joan Udovich

**In memory of Marie Musser**

Ron & Carolyn Kerns

**In memory of Helen Widener**

Diane Crago

*Please call or email the church office  
if you would like to see your name added  
to the birthday, anniversary, or  
baptismal anniversary monthly lists.*



## **May Anniversaries**

**9** – Eric & Vicky Sheetz

**25** – Joe & Kim Petko

## **May Baptismal Anniversaries**

**2** – Josh Tikey

**24** – Scott Kress

**7** – Grayson McCutcheon

**25** – Linda Ruth

**20** – Marcia Davis

**30** – Madeline Jaynes

**22** – Kalie Williams

## **May Birthdays**

**1** – Derek Soforic &  
Kalie Williams

**15** – Lee Martin &  
Bruce Jaynes

**2** – Ron Kerns Sr.

**16** – Allison Means

**4** – Cole Connors &  
Brandy Sirianni

**18** – Ron Friend

**6** – Charles Enos II

**20** – Wayne Richter &  
Joanne Fox

**7** – Alan Sandusky

**22** – Carl Wilttrout &  
Cameron McGinley

**8** – Donna Crocetti

**24** – Cherie Nicklow

**9** – David Dusha &  
Shane Morrow

**27** – Ron Filburn &  
Louise DeMott

**10** – Michelle Nicklow,  
Eric Sheetz, &  
Cole Tikey

**28** – Patricia Striner

**11** – Caleb Connors

**29** – Richard Camp

**14** – Barbara Bryner

**30** – Robbie Craddock





## May 2019

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>  7pm – NA Group	<b>2</b>  6:30pm – Cub Scouts	<b>3</b>  9pm – AA Group	<b>4</b>  <b>Noon-6pm: Strawberry Social</b>
<b>8</b>  <b>11:30am-noon: Meditation on the Psalms at YHL</b>  <b>3pm – Worship &amp; Music Meeting</b>  <b>7pm – Finance Meeting</b>  7pm – NA Group	<b>9</b>  <b>10:30am – Bible Storytime</b>    6:30pm – Cub Scouts	<b>10</b>      9pm – AA Group	<b>11</b>  <b>9am-3pm: Dave Daubert Event @ St. John's of Highland</b>  <b>2pm – Women's Tea @ St. Paul's</b>  <b>6pm – Dinner Church</b>
<b>15</b>  <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>  10am – Garden Club Meeting  7pm – NA Group	<b>16</b>    6:30pm – Cub Scouts	<b>17</b>    9pm – AA Group	<b>18</b>
<b>22</b>  <b>11:30am-noon: Meditation on the Psalms at YHL</b>  7pm – NA Group	<b>23</b>    6:30pm – Cub Scouts	<b>24</b>    9pm – AA Group	<b>25</b>
<b>29</b>  7pm – NA Group	<b>30</b>  6:30pm – Cub Scouts	<b>31</b>  9pm – AA Group	<b>AM:</b> Assistant Minister <b>R:</b> Reader

## Parish News

*Anyone desiring a ride to church may call the Church Office, and transportation will be made available.*

### May Bible Readings

1: Daniel 2:17-30

2: Daniel 2:31-49

3: Daniel 3:1-18

4: Daniel 3:19-30

#### **Easter 3 – 5**

Acts 9:1-20

Psalm 30

Revelations 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

6: Daniel 4:19-27

7: Daniel 4:28-37

8: Daniel 5:1-12

9: Daniel 5:13-30

10: Daniel 6:1-15

11: Daniel 6:16-28

#### **Easter 4 – 12**

Acts 9: 36-43

Psalm 23

Revelations 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

13: Wisdom 1:16-2:11, 21-24

14: Wisdom 3:1-9

15: Wisdom 4:16-5:8

16: Wisdom 5:9-23

17: Wisdom 6:12-23

18: Wisdom 7:1-14

#### **Easter 5 – 19**

Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148

Revelations 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

20: Wisdom 9:1, 7-18

21: Wisdom 10:1-21

22: Wisdom 13:1-9

23: Wisdom 14:17-15:3

24: Wisdom 16:15-17:1

25: Wisdom 19:1-8, 18-22

#### **Easter 6 – 26**

Acts 16:9-15

Psalm 67

Revelations 21:10, 22-22:5

John 14:23-29

27: Deuteronomy 8:1-10

28: Deuteronomy 8:11-20

29: Baruch 3:24-37

30: Ezekiel 1:1-14, 24-28b

31: Ezekiel 3:4-17

## Community Events

### Mental Health Awareness Series

- Where:** **St. Peter's Lutheran Church**  
121 Walnut Hill Rd.; Uniontown, PA 15401
- When:** **May 2** – Facts or Fiction? Introducing  
Mental Health & Illness
- May 9** – How to be an Advocate & Ally
- May 16** – A Personal Look on Mental Health
- May 23** – Resources for Prevention & Recovery
- Time:** **7-8:30pm**

Join us for one night or all.  
Come for yourself, a family member, or a friend.  
All ages welcome.

### Mother's Day Luncheon

**Greendance The Winery at Sand Hill**  
306 Deer Field Rd; Mt. Pleasant, PA 15666

**Saturday, May 11 – Sunday, May 12**  
**12-3pm**

Happy Mother's Day Weekend! Join us for our annual Mother's Day Luncheon – Saturday & Sunday from 12-3pm both days.

Luncheon includes your choice of entrée, sides, lemonade or water, and special seating next to our nectar garden. Entrees: Chicken Salad on buttery croissant, Roaster Turkey Sandwich, or Tomato-Basil-Mozzarella on fresh naan bread. All seating will be reserved right next to our nectar garden and stage (rain or shine, our luncheon will be fully tented). **Tickets can be purchased online.**

## Garden Club

Wednesday, May 15 at 10am

**15<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Connellsville Geranium Festival  
Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> 2019  
9 am – 3 pm**



**Food  
Crafts  
Music  
Geranium's  
Fun Times**

Sponsored by the Connellsville Area Garden Club  
Vendor applications available at the Connellsville Canteen

## Antiques & Collectibles Market

**Historic Hanna's Town  
809 Forbes Trail Rd; Greensburg PA, 15601**

Lovers of antiques, collectibles and one-of-a-kind items will enjoy the Antiques and Collectibles Sales at Historic Hanna's Town. This longstanding community tradition brings together 110-180 vendors in a quaint and historic setting and is western Pennsylvania's oldest show of its kind.

**The gate opens at 7:30am on Sunday and the market continues through early afternoon, although many vendors are set up by 1pm Saturday and sell that afternoon.** There is parking on-site. **Admission is \$3 per car.** Parking revenues are divided equally between the Forbes Road Volunteer Fire Department and the Westmoreland County

Historical Society, who administers Historic Hanna's Town for Westmoreland County Parks and Recreation.

The **Antiques and Collectibles Markey** is held the **second Sunday of the month May through October**. The public is cordially invited to browse for bargains, enjoy a variety of food booths and support local history preservation as well as a local fire department at the Antiques & Collectibles Sales at Historic Hanna's Town. Sorry, no pets are permitted at this show.

## **Mamaw Emily's Strawberry Cake**



<https://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/mamaw-emily-s-strawberry-cake/>

**Prep Time: 15 mins.**      **Bake: 20 mins. + cooling**  
**Serves: 12**

### **Ingredients**

- 1 pkg. white cake mix (regular size)
- 1 pkg. (3 oz.) strawberry gelatin
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 cup water
- ½ cup canola oil
- 2 large eggs, room temperature
- 1 cup finely chopped strawberries

### **Frosting**

- ½ cup butter, softened
- ½ cup crushed strawberries
- 4½ to 5 cups confectioner's sugar

## **Directions**

- Preheat oven to 350°. Line the bottoms of two greased 8-in. round baking pans with parchment; grease parchment.
- In a large bowl, combine cake mix, gelatin, sugar and flour. Add water, oil and eggs; beat on low speed 30 seconds. Beat on medium 2 minutes. Fold in chopped strawberries. Transfer to prepared pans.
- Bake until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean, 25-30 minutes. Cool in pans 10 minutes before removing to wire racks; remove paper. Cool completely.
- For frosting, in a small bowl, beat butter until creamy. Beat in crushed strawberries. Gradually beat in enough confectioners' sugar to reach desired consistency. Spread frosting between layers and over top and sides of cake.

## **Contact Us**

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**Pastor Kerri Clark**

## How to Garden Love

Plant three rows of peas:

Peace of mind  
Peace of heart  
Peace of soul

Plant four rows of squash:

Squash gossip  
Squash indifference  
Squash grumbling  
Squash selfishness

Plant four rows of lettuce:

Lettuce be faithful  
Lettuce be kind  
Lettuce be patient  
Lettuce really love one another.

No garden is complete without turnips:

Turnip for meetings  
Turnip for service  
Turnup to help one another

To conclude our garden must have thyme:

Thyme for each other  
Thyme for family  
Thyme for friends.

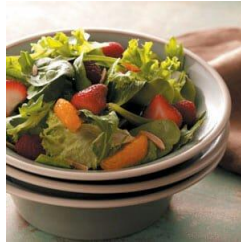
Water freely with patience and cultivate  
With love. Yours will be a fruitful garden because  
You reap what you sow.

Anonymous





# Spring Greens with Berries



<https://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/spring-greens-with-berries/>

**Prep / Total Time: 15 mins.**

**Serves: 7**

## **Ingredients**

- 2 pkgs. (5 oz. each) spring mix salad greens
- 1 can (11 oz.) mandarin oranges, drained
- $\frac{3}{4}$  cup sliced fresh strawberries
- $\frac{3}{4}$  cup fresh raspberries
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup slivered almonds, toasted

## **Orange Vinaigrette**

- $\frac{1}{4}$  cup canola oil
- 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon orange juice
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 teaspoon grated orange zest
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- $\frac{1}{4}$  teaspoon salt
- $\frac{1}{8}$  teaspoon pepper

## **Directions**

- In a large bowl, combine the greens, oranges, berries, and almonds.
- In a jar with a tight-fitting lid, combine vinaigrette ingredients; shake well. Drizzle over salad and toss to coat.

# May Word Search

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S T R A W B E R R Y S O C I A L E  
E E L R W Y R R X F Y E W B C J Y  
I L I D Q O A M A P A H I H L A R  
L O L E W O N D P N I M I N D U A  
F I A N S R I M L T I C I S O M E  
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AMERICAN FLAG

BIRDS

BLUE

BUTTERFLIES

CARNATIONS

CHICKENS

DAISIES

DUCKS

FAMILY

GARDENING

GERANIUM FESTIVAL

GERANIUMS

LILACS

MEMORIAL DAY

MOTHER'S DAY

PARADES

PEONIES

PICNICS

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