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NOVEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 WORSHIP SERVICE 9am Daylight Savings Ends	2 OFFICE HOURS 8am-1pm Boy Scouts 7pm	3 OFFICE HOURS 8am-1pm Thrift Shop 9–12:30 ELECTION DAY	4 OFFICE HOURS 8am-1pm	5	6	7 **CHURCH BAZAAR 9AM-2PM**
8 WORSHIP SERVICE 9am Girl Scouts 1:30pm	9 OFFICE HOURS 8am-1pm Boy Scouts 7pm	10 OFFICE HOURS 8am-1pm Thrift Shop 9–12:30	11 OFFICE HOURS 8am-1pm VETERANS DAY	12	13	14
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A tradition that exists in some families is to take time before the Thanksgiving meal to remember all of the things for which you are thankful. If your family does this, then you can probably guess the answers: family, health, a home, a good job—big, vague things. Certainly, it is good to be thankful for all of the blessings that are those big things, but I've spent a lot of time giving thanks for the "little stuff" that happens in life.

A few examples follow. When I started at Holy Trinity a year and a half ago, I had to get used to a different way of handling communion. A tray sits off to the side next to my seat. On that tray is all of the communionware. So, during the offering I would grab the corporal (that's the large cloth upon which sits the elements) and place that down on the altar, and then set up the chalice, ciborium (where the wafers are held), and the purificators (in case there's a mess). I did this for a few months until I looked one Sunday and the corporal was already set on the altar instead of with the other communionware. I never asked anyone to do it, but my heart was warmed. Here someone on the altar guild noticed I did it every week and took it upon themselves to do it. It's that little gesture that really is a big thing to be thankful for—to be heard and seen and understood.

In that same vein, Holy Trinity does not currently use a pouring chalice for communion for the way we are currently doing distribution. Once again, someone figured out that the chalice on the altar did not need a lot of wine—just enough for me and the communion assistant. As someone who drinks all of the wine leftover in the chalice, my liver thanks you! It is another case of someone noticing an issue and problem solving. It seems small, but to some of us it is a big thing!

I have a member at St. John's who I know watches out for me. If copies of something need to be made or if I leave something sit somewhere for the 100th time, I know they'll make copies and they'll bring me the thing knowing that pastor is going to lose his stuff if nobody reminds him where he put it down! It is so comforting and wonderful to know that, as I often tell them, "I'm glad someone's looking out for me!"

So, this year at the Thanksgiving meal: Sure, give thanks for the big stuff. Do not, however, neglect the small stuff, for it is the abundance of those small blessings that bring big joy.



Peace,
Pastor Ken

THE BLESSINGS THRIFT SHOP:



Tuesday 9am-12:30pm

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY – WEDNESDAY 8AM-1PM

It's Your Birthday!

November 09	Dennis Dorshimer
November 10	June Andreas
November 11	Kara Suarez
November 11	Nancy Young
November 15	James Miller
November 16	Stephen Schmidt
November 17	Sharon Bowman
November 19	Suzanne Bloomfield
November 23	Layla Schmidt



COUNCIL MEETING



November 15 6:00PM

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jon Kistler	***President***
Steve Berger	***Vice-President***
Rich Hyer	***Secretary***
Jim Miller	***Asst. Treasurer***
Krissy Keblish	
Ron Keblish	
Gerry Dorshimer	
Scott Heinrich	
Eric Reif	
Gordon Walls	
Deb Hansut	
Don Delich	

FINANCIAL PERSONNEL

Larry Arner	***Treasurer***
Jessica Hansen	***Financial Sec.***

FINANCES & ATTENDANCE

Sept. - Envelope Offering:	$4,916
Sept. - Additional Income:	$439
Sept. - Expenses:	$7,143
Attendance:	
September 06	38
September 13	37
September 20	22
September 27	36

SUNDAY WORSHIP – 9:00 AM

NOVEMBER 01
Assisting Minister: Rich Hyer
Ushers: Kelly & Scott Heinrich
Altar Guild: Deb & Steve Hansut, Gerry Dorshimer
Flowers: Diane & Jim Miller – IHO Jim's Birthday
Bulletins: ***NEEDED***
Times News / Website: Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

NOVEMBER 08
Assisting Minister: Krissy Keblish
Ushers: Ron Keblish & Terry Holland
Altar Guild: Deb & Steve Hansut, Gerry Dorshimer
Flowers: June Andrew's Birthday – Carol Heffelfinger
Bulletins: ***NEEDED***
Times News / Website: Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

NOVEMBER 15
Assisting Minister: Deb Hansut
Ushers: Valerie Kleppinger & Loren LaRose
Altar Guild: Deb & Steve Hansut, Gerry Dorshimer
Flowers: Jim & Lisa Engle – IMO Jen
Bulletins: Diane & Jim Miller – Jim's Birthday
Times News / Website: Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

NOVEMBER 22
Assisting Minister: Larry Arner
Ushers: Rich & Jeanette Hyer
Altar Guild: Deb & Steve Hansut, Gerry Dorshimer
Flowers: ***NEEDED***
Bulletins: ***NEEDED***
Times News / Website: Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

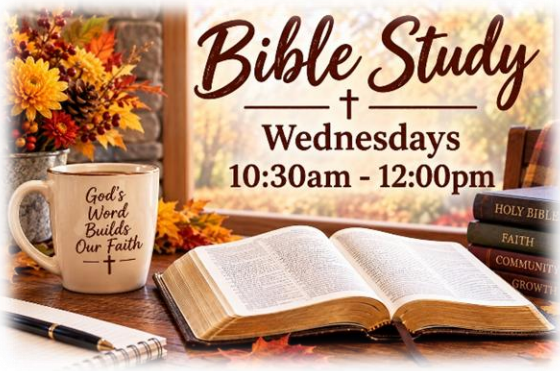
NOVEMBER 29
Assisting Minister: Lynn Perone
Ushers: Gordon & Mary Walls
Altar Guild: Deb & Steve Hansut, Gerry Dorshimer
Flowers: The Sosik Family – IMO Loved Ones
Bulletins: ***NEEDED***
Times News / Website: Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE TIME CHANGE

THE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE WILL BE HELD AT
5:30 PM *AT HOLY TRINITY.*
PLEASE MARK THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR!

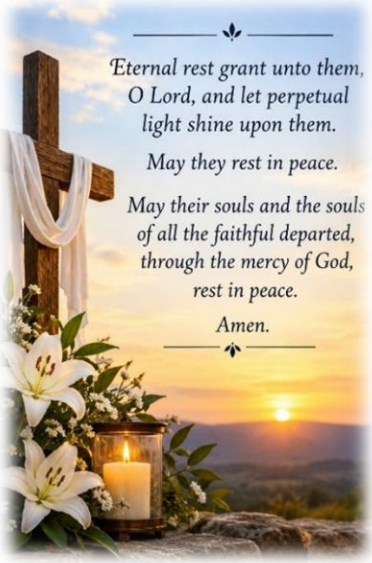
HOME VISITS

Home & shut-in visits are being planned. If anyone would like to receive communion, please contact Pastor Ken or the office.



The following have joined the Church Triumphant between November 1, 2025 & October 31, 2026:

Robert G. Reinhart – January 13, 2026
Rebecca Dice – January 17, 2026
Robert G. Borgia – February 22, 2026
Marlene Bollinger – May 1, 2026
Janice Brown – September 7, 2026
Barbara J. Turnbach – October 1, 2026
Peter F. Skrapits – October 4, 2026



CHURCH BAZAAR

November 7th 9am-2pm

BAZAAR NEEDS:

-DONATIONS; Cash and/or gift cards for the raffle ticket. If you would like to sponsor a gift certificate, please see Larry or Sue Arner.
-WHITE ELEPHANT SALE; Remember, your junk may be someone else's treasure! Handcrafted items: we know our congregation is loaded with many talented folks, so consider donating something handmade. Craft table sewing, knitting, crocheting, jewelry making & painted items are just a few examples.
-BROWN BAG RAFFLE; Donations of new or handcrafted items. When you're shopping, consider picking up clearance items or passing along unwanted gifts that you will never use.
-BAKERS & VOLUNTEERS; As the date draws closer, we will need all hands-on deck to prepare. We will have a bake sale. Our talented bakers will prepare their most popular items for others to purchase & enjoy.

****Please send all monetary donations to the church office.***

*****All items for the bazaar can be dropped off at the thrift shop during their regular hours.***

Many Gift Cards and Prizes

Jewelry, Lunch Bag Raffle, Raffle Tickets & White Elephant
We will also have Food & a Bake Sale

ITEMS NEEDED:

- **Gift Cards**
- **New Items for the Bag Raffle**
- **White Elephant Items for the Sale Tables**

***PLEASE SUBMIT ALL DONATIONS BY NOVEMBER 4.**

BAZAAR MENU SIGN-UP SHEET

The church bazaar on Saturday, November 7th, is just around the corner. Our kitchen will again be serving delicious food for shoppers. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. If you would like to prepare, purchase, or make a monetary donation, please sign up, or contact Teri at 610-392-1865.

MOLASSES TONGUE COOKIES & APPLE DUMPLING ORDERS

COOKIES AND APPLE DUMPLINGS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS.
GET TO THE BAZAAR EARLY TO GRAB YOUR GOODIES.
**MOLASSES TONGUE COOKIES: $12 DOZEN, $6 HALF-DOZEN
**APPLE DUMPLINGS: $6 EACH

CACPAC HOLIDAY FUNDRAISING

"Make the Holidays Brighter" Campaign 2026

Our initial year of this fundraising effort in 2025 was very successful and we are again asking for the support of the community to provide funds to purchase food for Thanksgiving and Christmas meals for needy Palmerton Area families.

We will continue to gratefully accept food donations from all groups and individuals during this time, however monetary donations provide us with the ability to select food in appropriate quantities and buy food from our sources at lower than retail prices which increases the impact of the donations.

In 2026, due to the dramatic increase in the price of home heating fuels, the campaign is being expanded to cover an expected increase in requests for emergency heating fuel assistance. CACPAC has historically provided emergency heating fuel by working with local suppliers to provide a limited amount of fuel on a one-time basis.

Direct all donations to CACPAC Holidays, PO Box 213, Aquashicola, Pa. 18012 or through church.
Funds collected will go toward purchase of food products for both Thanksgiving and Christmas meals and assist with emergency heating fuel needs in the community. For more information or with questions, contact a CACPAC member church representative or Pantry co-directors.



CHILDREN'S SHOPPING 2026



The ever-popular Children's shopping will take place on Dec. 12, 2026. From 9:00 to noon. Families can register as they enter the Fellowship Hall. Each family will be given a number in order to keep the 'first come-first served' order. The gifts will still be offered for 25¢ each.
Moms and Dads can wrap the gifts before taking them home. There will be refreshments. This shopping day gives children the opportunity to find nice gifts for their families and friends.
It is one of our best community outreach programs. We have been doing this long enough that little shoppers from the early years are bringing their children to join in on the fun.
So, what can the congregation do to help with this project? We need gifts for men and teenage boys – think after shave, boxes of candy, small tools, earbuds, packs of batteries, etc. Sports memorabilia is always popular. Gifts for teenage girls might include cute purses, hair bands or barrettes, perfume, etc. Coloring books that are still not colored in-are good. We have lots of stuffed animals. We do not need wrapping paper, bows, or cards this year. But gift bags will certainly help speed up the wrapping process. The most popular gifts are Christmas decorations and knick-knacks. We also need volunteers to register families, direct traffic, and help our young customers find what they are looking for. Homemade cookies would be a wonderful treat. Volunteers should be at the Fellowship Hall at 8:30. Please call Connie at 610-509-9873 if you have questions.
Once again, shopping will be on Saturday, December 12 from 9:00 to noon. Children from 5-12 years old are welcome. As usual, they may buy one gift for each person on their list for only 25 cents.





CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA FLOWERS

	PRICE	COLOR	QUANTITY	COST
6.5 INCH POT (5+BLOOMS)	**$10.00 EACH**	**RED**		
6.5 INCH POT (5+BLOOMS)	**$10.00 EACH**	**PINK**		
6.5 INCH POT (5+BLOOMS)	**$10.00 EACH**	**WHITE**		
6.5 INCH POT (5+BLOOMS)	**$10.00 EACH**	**MARBLE**		
TOTAL ORDERED →			QUANTITY	COST

IN MEMORY OF: _____

IN HONOR OF: _____

ORDERED BY: _____

PLEASE ATTACH CHECK, PAYABLE TO "HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH" TO THIS FORM. PLACE IN OFFERING PLATE OR BRING/MAIL TO THE CHURCH OFFICE.

SUBMIT ORDERS ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 25, 2026

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NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

More Than a Meal: Building Community in Bangor

Submitted by Pastor Deborah Staniszewski of Trinity Lutheran Church in Bangor, PA



On August 19th, the faith community at Trinity Lutheran in Bangor came together for an evening that blended hospitality, fun, and genuine relationship-building. It was a true intergenerational effort, and even some of our youngest members rolled up their sleeves to help set up, serve, and welcome guests.

The congregation offered a free community meal featuring hot dogs with all the fixings, homemade sides, cold drinks, and a full ice-cream sundae bar. Neighbors were invited to stop by for quick pick up or to stay, sit, and enjoy conversation. Children delighted in a castle bounce house, hands-on crafts, and art projects that kept creativity flowing all evening.

The turnout was strong, the weather was beautiful, and the spirit of connection was unmistakable. Food, laughter, and shared presence were enjoyed by all.



This event was made possible through the generosity and collaboration of many: volunteers who cooked, served, and created delicious desserts; members who offered their time, talents, and creativity; a Thrivent grant shared by a member; and the support of friends who came out to join the celebration. Trinity also received a Witness and Service Grant from the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, which helped defray costs and make the event accessible to the whole community. Special thanks to DEM Kat Tigerman and Jean Sandberg for their guidance and support in making the grant available.





Creative ministry moments such as this cookout remind us that church is not confined to a building but is lived out wherever God's people gather to share food, joy, and love. On August 19th, Trinity Bangor embraced Christ's call to friendship, hospitality, and service, creating a space where neighbors could connect, children could play, and the Spirit could weave community in simple, joyful ways.

Help Make Ministry Possible

Mission Support strengthens congregations, supports leaders, and helps new ministries take root across our synod and the wider church. Thank you for being part of this shared ministry. Learn more about Mission Support and how your congregation can support at **godslove.org/missionsupport**.

