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"He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.'"

Mark 12:41-44



From the Pastor:

I have never written an article about money, or even preach about money, but coming fresh off the finance committee meeting this scripture came to mind. If one reads the bulletin every week, and I hope you do, one will see that we are on average \$2,000 short of our budget needs. Seeing this on any given week may not mean a whole lot but if one adds this shortage up it becomes an issue. To this date we are approximately \$38,000 short of our budget for the year. Our treasurer has had to dip into our meager savings at least 3 times this year to pay our larger bills. We have a great congregation that does ministry within our community and lives out God's love for all people. I feel that we can rally around this issue and see if we can use the poor widow as an example to help get closer to our budgetary needs. The finance committee is working hard to make cuts to the budget and committees do a fantastic job staying within or under their budget but more needs to be done. We can do this, we are a vibrant church with an average worship higher than any other church in the Altoona area, and we are called to be examples and leaders in this community. Hopefully, knowing the whole picture, we can pull together with ideas on how to increase giving and decrease spending so that we remain a pillar in the community and the synod. I continue to be amazed at the ministries of this congregation and all the hard work that is put into making this a vibrant, loving, caring family. I pray that we continue to allow the Spirit to guide us in all that we do.
Peace,

Lectionary Readings for the Month of September

September 1, 2019
Proverbs 25:6-7
Psalm 112
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14

September 8, 2019
Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 1
Philemon 1-21
Luke 14:25-33

September 15, 2019
Exodus 32:7-14
Psalm 51:1-10
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

September 22, 2019
Amos 8:4-7
Psalm 113
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 16:1-13

September 29, 2019
Amos 6:1a, 4-7
Psalm 146
1 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-31

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Also worth mentioning...

The next Orbit Deadline is September 26th

Please get your article to the newsletter in one of the following ways:

- Email your article to:
office@trinityaltoona.com
drgeesey@verizon.net
- Drop your article in the Orbit mailbox inside the Christian Education office.

Please remember:

- **All articles will be included as long as space permits.**
- **Articles will be edited for grammar and/or clarity where needed.**
- **Any article turned in after the deadline will be included in the next month's Orbit.**

Thank You!



From the President

September?? What can you say about this month? The end of summer, the beginning of school, homework and weather changes. BUT, one thing never changes- our LOVE OF GOD. HE has guided us through the rough times and the good times.

Now that we have settled into September and the months to come, the doors to Trinity have and will always be open to worship. Vacations are over but Trinity never takes one.

All of that being said, it is now the time to fill the pews on Saturdays and Sundays. Plan your weekend like you have planned your vacation.

Trinity has something for everyone to worship.

Saturdays at 6:30PM and Sundays at 8:15AM and 10:45AM. And parents, don't forget Sunday School. Bring the kids to an hour of learning in the presence of God.

You will not be disappointed.

Sharon Kutz

Prayer List

Please keep the following people in your prayers ...

Trinity Members

Jim Aungst
Ted Baird
Tyler Bennett
Tina Chestney
Church Health Team
Sondra Deffibaugh
Jane Eamigh
Jim Gosnell
Debbie Gracey
Paul Hamilton
Ron Heiss
Kristina Henderson
Bob Hofmann
Martha Jones
Janice Knee

Trinity's Homebound Members

Chris Burda
Ron Green
Ken Kumpf
Marie Laich
Dawn Mangus
Bob Nearhoof
Arlene Roessing
Robert Streightiff

Those Serving in the Armed Forces

Sarah Brown
Jason Buck
Kyle Eberhart
Nathan Frank
Justin Patz

Jason Smith
Eric Sweet

Janet/Charlie Aungst
Scott Aungst
Frank Bennett
Kris Bennett
Pat Burk
Sue Carter
Deb Civiello
Scott Corl
Jim Dieffinaugh
Jordan DeFrancisco
Miles Dunkelbarger
Daniel Fanelli Jr.
Bill & Nancy Filler
Elsie Fogel
Haley Gehret
Dawn George
Allen Glassman

Jean Habinyak
Ann Hanczaryk
Charles W Harpster
Don Haslem
Jack Hoyne
Kaylen Kauffman
Jenelle Lehr
Janet Luciano
Sharon Mayers
Donna McEldowney
Bob McConnell
Eddie McGee
McGilvary Family
Sharon McKeegan
Sandy Means
Janelle Messner
Denny Miller
Harry Miller Sr
Rudy Muccitelli
Neva Narrariani

Family Members and Friends

Joe Roub
Carl Ruckinger
Michael Ruckinger
C. Richard Shaffer
Bob Shannon
Rachel Stout
George Sultage Sr
Paul Wallis
Mary Walter



Please know that you may add someone to our prayer list at any time by calling the church office (943-3972). If it is appropriate to remove someone from the prayer list, again, please inform the church office. Names of family and friends will remain on the prayer list for two weeks. You may keep someone's name on the list by calling the church office and giving us a brief update so that we can continue to effectively pray for your loved one.




Also Worth Mentioning...

CONGRATULATIONS to Johanna Whiteford, a recent graduate of Bellwood Antis High School, as she was crowned Central District Fire Queen. She is also the recipient of numerous scholarships including the McEldowney Memorial scholarship.

Johanna will be studying Nursing at Penn Highlands Community College. When you see Johanna please tell her congratulations and wish her the best of luck.



Thank You



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*For you created my
in most being:
You knit me together
in my Mother's womb.
Psalm 139:13*

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August 20, 2019

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Dear Pastor,

We recently completed the count for the Baby Bottle Fundraiser, and we wanted to give you an update of the money raised from the churches in the Blair, Cambria and Bedford Counties. As of this date, 118 churches raised a little over \$112,000.00 for the ministry of Precious Life! This total amount represents about 20% of our budget, and we believe it places us right where we need to be at this time of year. Your church, Trinity Lutheran Church, helped us by raising \$188.79.

We cannot thank you enough for your sacrificial giving and help in this year's campaign. Now it is Precious Life's responsibility to use that money wisely and offer hope and help to women and babies in need. We work hard to try to be good stewards of what you have entrusted to us, and we are thankful that God keeps expanding our ministry. YOU are making a difference! May God richly bless you and your church family for your generous giving and faithfulness to this ministry!

Yours for Life,
Scote Manganello

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Triniteen Support

Triniteen Support Partner Invitation

It's exciting to learn that Trinity's youth group, the Triniteens, has been reorganized and lots of regular meetings and special events will be taking place in the near future.

One of them is the Allegheny Synod's "Making it Mine" youth event to be held in State College on the weekend of November 22-24. This local gathering will help youth in grades 7-12 explore how Jesus impacts their life, individually and in communities of faith. Leaders from around the Allegheny Synod will provide worship, Bible study, fun, food and so much more.

We expect at least ten of our Triniteens to be part of this event and they will be raising money to cover the registration fee throughout the summer.

Members of our Trinity family are invited to "sponsor" one of our youth by giving a one-time extra offering of \$120 which will cover the "Making it Mine" registration fee for one person.

Interested individuals should complete the form below and attach it to their check when they remit it by October 15. Unless they choose to remain anonymous, the names of all Triniteen Support Partners will be published in the November *Orbit* newsletter and in *The Pulse* weekly broadcast emails.

If one person or couple cannot afford the \$120 gift, perhaps three people (\$40 each); four people (\$30 each) or six people (\$20 each) can partner together to help!

If you have any questions, talk to Pastor Eli Hess 943-3972 or email her at pastor@trinityaltoona.com.



Yes, I/we would like to step forward as a Triniteen Support Partner to cover registration costs for the 2019 Allegheny Synod "Making it Mine" Youth Gathering in State College in November. Attached is a check for \$120 made out to Trinity Lutheran Church. (Attach multiple checks if you are teaming up to become partners.)

Names

_____	Envelope Number	___
_____	Envelope Number	___
_____	Envelope Number	___
_____	Envelope Number	___

Please indicate if you wish to remain anonymous when the Triniteen Support Partners are published in November.

IMPORTANT TO NOTE: Excess dollars collected through youth-driven fund raisers and Triniteen Support Partners will be saved for the ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis in 2021.



Healthy You Program

Healthy You Program is pleased to host a program on **CARING FOR YOUR LOVED ONES**. This will be presented by Sandy Ebersole, a long time hospice nurse with many other talents and knowledge of what it takes to be a caregiver. (She's also one of Trinity's own) Sandy will discuss the resources available and how to cope. She will be able to answer many of your questions on "what to do". This will be on **Friday September 27th** in Trinity Hall. All are welcome to attend, you may bring a guest, We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity.



Trinity Announcements

Candy Bars for Youth Trip

Gardner's candy bars are being sold to help raise funds for the Allegheny Synod youth gathering in November. The bars are \$1 each or you can get a case of 30 to sell at your place of employment. Check with Pastor Eli or the church office.

Sunderman Concert

The next concert will be held on Sunday, October 13th at 3:00 pm.

Ladies Retreat

The enrichment center has been reserved for the weekend of September 20th and 22nd. Departure will be from the church at 2:00 pm Friday and will return Sunday after the noon meal and closing prayers.

Cost is \$115.00, which will include room, bedding, towels etc, meals, and all required supplies. Bring your favorite beverage and a snack to share—coffee and tea will be supplied.

The lesson this year will be “RENEW—RESTORE—REFRESH”

Contact Linda Hoover at 944-0906



Rally Day



SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY

Sunday, September 8th at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School and Confirmation Classes will kick off **Sunday, September 8th at 9:30am**. As always, we will have opening exercises in the large room beside the sanctuary. We have classes for **ALL** youth from **Preschool up to 12th grade**. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending Rally Day to get our new Sunday School year off to a great start!!

TRINITEEN MEETING

Sunday, September 8th, 5:00 – 7:00pm

Our next Triniteen meeting will be held **Sunday, September 8th, 5 - 7pm**. Any Trinity youth in 7th grade through 12th grade are welcome . . . please bring a friend! Come enjoy a fun filled couple of hours building friendships! We will also be planning our Fall and Winter activities. Hope to see everyone there!

Please contact Rob Lloyd at 937-7152 if you have any questions.



Social Ministry

SOCIAL MINISTRY did not meet in August. The next meeting is Tuesday September 3, 2019 at 11AM in Trinity Hall.



Trinity Happenings

During the week of August 4th-8th Vacation Bible School was held. The theme was "To Mars and Beyond". We had 43 kids who attended and had a great time. There were crafts, a science station, snacks, games, music, and of course the puppets for story time. A huge THANK YOU to all the volunteers who helped make VBS a great success. Your hard work and dedication does not go unnoticed.

Elementary youth group will be held on Friday Sept.6th from 6-7pm. All are invited and may bring a friend.

Sr./Jr. High youth will meet on Sunday Sept. 8th from 5-7pm.

Bible Study will resume the week of Sept. 23rd and will be held on Tuesday mornings from 9-10am and Wednesday nights from 7-8pm. Please join us either day as we travel through the book of Acts.