



The Trindle Trumpeter

MISSION STATEMENT - **Claimed** by God in baptism; **Fed** by Christ in worship; **Led** by the Spirit in love for one another and the world.

Trindle Spring Lutheran Church
14 State Rd., Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

December 2023

Friends in Christ,

2023 is beginning to draw to a close. As challenging as some things have been for us this year as a congregation, we remain truly blessed. As a staff and a congregation we have known what it is like to feel God's presence in the midst of life's struggles and joys. We have seen members show up in support of one another when we need it most. We have seen what kinds of things God can do in our lives and through our ministry, and we do our best to reflect the love of God that we have been graced with.

As we near the seasons of Advent and Christmas we need to take a moment or two to slow down, to breathe, and to remember that this love of God that we have been graced with is what we celebrate and give thanks for at all times, not just at Christmas. It is the gift of God's Son come to "dwell among us" that draws us to worship on Christmas Eve. It is a night when things always seem different, more holy, but why? Why do we wait for that night for things to be different? Why do we wait for Christmas to celebrate and invite the gift that is God's Son most fully into our lives?

During Advent, we are going to be exploring the theme "Why Wait?" We all long for God's presence, God's promise, and the joy and peace only God can provide— so why wait? Each week during Advent we will explore an invitation—"Come Now," "Comfort Now," "Lament Now," and "Peace Now." These are all ways in which God is already present. We don't have to wait for a particular season to experience God's presence, God's comfort, and God's peace. I hope you will join us as we worship this Advent season.

As we reach Christmas, know that you are in our prayers. As a staff, we pray that you experience the Christ-Child this Christmas season. Savor the moment, enjoy your family and loved ones and cherish them as a gift of God's grace made real in your life. This Christmas, whether you are traveling, coming to Christmas services at TSLC or joining us on the livestream, we wish all the richest blessings and joys this Christmas and in the year to come.

Peace,



Pastor Aaron Daniell Ann
Pastor Martha Casey Elaine Cheryl

The December 2023 Newsletter is dedicated to the Glory of God and in celebration of the birth of Christ, by Brenda Wood.

ADVENT 2023



The season of Advent is often known for haunting melodies, apocalyptic imaginations, longing for change, and a whole lot of waiting. But what if Advent is more about a demand, an immediate and urgent call for something different?

This Advent, we are going to approach the season a little differently. Scripture promises us that Jesus is always in our midst—so “Why Wait?” As we prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate seeing Jesus come among us as a tiny baby, we can also actively look for Jesus in the here and now. With our weekly themes of “Come Now,” “Comfort Now,” “Lament Now,” and “Peace Now” we will explore together all the ways Jesus is already active in our lives every day. We hope you will take advantage of our Advent offerings, and that they help you to recognize God’s presence in your life. And we hope that through this practice, your celebration of Jesus’ Incarnation may be made even more meaningful.

Weekly Advent Offerings

Mondays in Advent: Video Reflection

Since it has become increasingly harder to find writers for our congregational devotional booklet, we have decided to try something different this year. Each Monday we will be posting a video reflection to our congregation’s social media pages on that week’s theme and scripture readings for you to view, reflect on, and share thoughts on in the comment section. (We will also be emailing a copy of the video to our email list so that those who do not participate in social media can also access these videos.) These videos are produced by Church Anew, and we hope they are meaningful to you. If you are looking for a printed devotional, please know that copies of Our Daily Bread are available.

Wednesdays in Advent: Worship

On Wednesday, December 6, and Wednesday, December 13, we will gather at 7pm for Holden Evening Prayer in the Sanctuary. On Wednesday, December 20, we will gather at 7pm for our Longest Night Service. If you are not familiar with this service, it is a time where we pause in worship to acknowledge that while Christmas is a time for celebration, many people also find themselves feeling pain, loneliness, and sadness. This service gives space to acknowledge those feelings, bring them to God, and pray that we would find light in our darkness. We hope you will set aside time during this busy season to join us for worship—and please bring a friend who might find them meaningful!

Fridays in Advent: At-Home Activities Posted to Social Media

Each Friday, we will post an activity or two related to that week’s theme. You can do these yourself, with a friend, as a family—whatever works best for you! We invite you to share your experiences in the comments of the social media posts so we can all learn from each other!

Christmas at Trindle Spring

Worship Services:

* Sunday, December 24, 2023 at 9:15am—4th Sunday in Advent (please note—one service only, no Sunday School)

* Sunday, December 24, 2023—CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

3:00pm—Intergenerational Worship with Holy Communion & Candlelight

* This new service is aimed at providing a meaningful and accessible Christmas Eve worship service for all ages. We will tell the Christmas story in some unique ways, enjoy a choir that includes people of all ages, and share in Holy Communion and the candlelit singing of “Silent Night.” Following this service, there will be a time of fellowship that includes Christmas cookies, hot cocoa and coffee—and you should still be able to make it to dinner at grandma’s or home before dark!

6:00pm—Congregational Pot-Luck Christmas Eve Dinner

* Join your church family for Christmas Eve dinner in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome, as are friends and family! Whether you are catching a meal between services, don’t want to eat alone on Christmas Eve, or simply don’t want to have to make a mess in your kitchen, we hope you will join us. Please sign-up on the board outside the church office so we know how many to set up for!

8:00pm—Festival Worship with Holy Communion and Candlelight

* A traditional service with well-loved scripture readings, beautiful music by our various musical ensembles, carol singing, the sharing of Holy Communion and the candlelit singing of “Silent Night.”

* Monday, December 25, 2023 at 9:15am—Christmas Day Worship

* Sunday, December 31, 2023 at 9:15am—Service of Lessons and Carols (one service only, no Sunday School)

Intergenerational Choir:

If you are planning on coming to the 3pm Christmas Eve Worship service and love to sing, you are invited to join our choir for the evening! This choir will consist of all ages—everyone from Kindergarteners to ages 101+ are invited! The song is easy to learn and will only take a few rehearsals. These times will be set by the group once we know who all will be singing. If you are interested in joining us, please let Danielle Erdley know by **December 3, 2023!**

TSLC Orchestra:

If you play an instrument, no matter your skill level, and you would like to join our TSLC orchestra, please contact Danielle Erdley ASAP so she can get you your music. This group will be playing for prelude before the 8pm Christmas Eve service. Our rehearsal schedule is as follows:

- Wednesday, Nov. 29 from 7-7:45pm
- Saturday, Dec. 2 from 10-10:45am
- Sunday, Dec. 17 from 11:45am-12:30pm
- Saturday, Dec. 23 from 10-10:45am
- Sunday, Dec. 24 from 10:30-11:15am (*if needed*)

TSLC COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS NOVEMBER 14, 2023



MEETING MINUTES

Newsletter Summary

Old Building Task Force held their initial meeting; both Property & Finance Committee are involved in these discussions. Todd Duffie is serving as Chair of the Task Force and is experienced in work of this kind.

Council President noted that the “expedited process” used in the call process for an Associate Pastor did meet all synod guidelines.

Per new by-laws, installation of Council members will be held at the end of the Congregational meeting on Sunday, November 19, 2023.

Next meeting is Tuesday, December 12, 2023 and will begin at *6:30 p.m.*

Sabbatical Team

A few months ago the Personnel Committee drafted a Sabbatical Policy that was then adopted by the Church Council. I am very thankful for the work of the Personnel Committee on this policy as well as Church Council's approval. My plan is to take advantage of the opportunity to take a 3 month sabbatical most likely in the summer to early fall of 2025.

As part of that policy, a pastor must submit a proposal outlining what they plan to do on their sabbatical for approval by the Church Council. A solid sabbatical plan includes time for relaxation and renewal, as well as continuing education. I have put together a small team of people to help me with this plan. I am very grateful for the willingness of Pastor Martha Boyd, Dallas Epply, Deby Lefin, Karl Heimbach, and Deb Rider to serve on this team. I want to thank them in advance for their partnership in making a sabbatical happen, and for their work ensuring that it is beneficial for both me and the congregation. We will be keeping you informed of our work in the coming months.

-Pastor Aaron

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OUTREACH

Update on the CROP walk – thanks to an additional one or two on-line donations, the total for the 2023 TSLC CROP walk is \$1,885 – with the addition of the matching amount of \$1,000 from Ulli Klemm, that's a **GRAND TOTAL of \$2,885!** Amazing job! Thank you everyone!

Clothing Drive – Countless bags and boxes – adding up to 36 loaded grocery carts (& an approximate weight of 600 lbs.!) were delivered to Community Aid on Tuesday, October 31st. Thanks to all of you for cleaning out your closets and bringing in your donations – and a big thanks to Chuck Sterling & Dave Lefin for delivering all of this to Community Aid!

New Hope Blessings Express – Just a reminder that all UNWRAPPED gifts are due in to the church by no later than **Friday, December 8th**. Please be sure to take an ornament or two and help us with this annual event.

Share Christmas/Advent Appeal – A reminder that this year's donations will be given to One80 Ministries of Mechanicsburg. Children in the Sunday School classes are asked to bring in their quarters to add to these donations. Please note that Dwayne & Julia Johnson from One80 Ministries will join us for a temple talk at both services on Sunday, December 10th.



Church Family,

We have a new online store where we can go to buy stuff all things Trindle! Check it out. Scan the QR code to the left or go to the link below:

<https://shop.goaionline.com/tslc/shop/home>

See the link on our webpage at www.trindlespringlutheran.org



- 1) **On November 26th**, we will have **Elementary youth** group from 12-1PM (lunch provided), followed by the Advent event at 3pm (dinner included). **Junior/Senior High** youth group will meet after the Advent event from 5-7:30PM.
- 2) **Mega-Retreat from December 1st-3rd** This is a youth group retreat located at Nawakwa for 6-12th graders. The cost is \$90/youth and we are staying in Zinn-Tozer Lodge. It is called Mega-Retreat because 6+ youth groups from this area will be teaming up to participate in lessons/activities together throughout the weekend. A Retreat is about learning how to be closer to God as well as each other. Please let us know if you are attending! **To donate food items for the weekend, follow this link:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0844A9AA2BA0FFCE9-46098555-youth>
- 3) **On December 10th**, there is **Elementary** youth group from 12-1PM (lunch provided) and **Junior/Senior** high youth group that night 5-7:30PM.
- 4) **On December 22nd**, we have a youth group Christmas party from 6-9PM. We are asking that each youth bring a gift for around \$10 to have a white elephant gift exchange. Wear your ugliest Christmas sweater and come for some Christmas fun!
- 5) **Winterfest** takes place **January 5th-7th** at the Wyndham Resort in Lancaster. Winterfest gathers youth in high school, grades 9-12, for a weekend immersion in Christian community focused around a central theme. The event cost is \$225/person. **The deadline to register is December 11th.** Large group gatherings feature keynote speakers and live music that introduce the theme, and help inspire youth and young adult attendees to think critically about how the theme intersects with their daily lives. Small group conversations allow participants to go deeper and to explore the ways God may be speaking to them through the theme and the surrounding Christian community.
For more information, visit: <https://www.lss-elca.org/winterfest/>
To register, visit: <https://www.lss-elca.org/events/winterfest-2024/>

Casey & Elaine McMillan
Youth Directors

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FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE UPCOMING EVENTS

Save the Dates

- December 10 – Christmas Caroling to the shut-ins
- December 22 – Christian Yeager Christmas Concert at Strock’s Farm (a “Meet Us There” activity)
- January 28th – Hershey Bears Hockey Game
- February 23rd thru 25th – Family Retreat
- March 10th – Book and Puzzle Swap Luncheon
- April 26th – Sight & Sound – Daniel
- June 21st – Senator’s Baseball Game



SUPPER CLUBS~2024

It's supper club sign-up time again! Supper clubs are groups of 6-8 adults whose only purpose as a group is to get together once a month for a meal and fellowship. If you are interested in participating in this activity for the next session (January - May 2024), **please sign up on the sheet on bulletin board by Sunday, December 3, 2023.**

New groups will be selected soon thereafter.

Note: ALL participants must sign up again even if enrolled in the current session. Any questions, please touch base with Sandy Greiss at segreiss@comcast.net.

HERSHEY BEARS HOCKEY-2024

The Fellowship Committee is sponsoring a night out with the Hershey Bears

Sunday, January 28, 2024, 5:00 pm

A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside of the office.

Deadline for sign-up and payment (\$14/ticket) is December 31, 2023.

See Lee Yohn with any questions and payment.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

We will be bringing Christmas Cheer to our homebound members when we go caroling on Sunday, December 10th. We will be meeting after the late service for lunch, which will be provided by the Fellowship Committee. After lunch, we will divide into groups and head out to bring holiday cheer to TSLC members that are not able to join us in worship on Sundays. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. Any questions, contact Deby Lefin. (See number in the directory.)

EASTER EGG PROJECT~2024

Tentative plans are being made to make chocolate covered **Easter eggs and pretzels** this coming year, on **Tuesdays, February 6th through March 19th**, from approximately 8 am - 2 pm. Prior to making a final commitment, it is necessary to make sure we will have sufficient help. We welcome all, experienced or not. A sign-up sheet is posted outside of the office. **Supplies will need to be ordered early January, so we ask that you sign up before the end of this year.** Everyone enjoys the fellowship and potluck lunches. See Lee Yohn for more information.

CHRISTIAN YEAGER CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Fellowship Committee is sponsoring a “Meet Us There” event on **Friday, December 22nd**. Christian Yeager will be performing a Christmas Concert at Strock’s Farms, 729 Williams Grove Road. Doors will open at 5:00 and the concert starts at 6:00. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at www.ChristianYeagerMusic.com. Please sign up on the sheet outside the office if you are planning to attend so members of the committee can look for you at the event. Any questions, contact Deby Lefin. (See number in the directory.)

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Sight & Sound - 'DANIEL'

The Fellowship Committee is considering a night out at Sight & Sound Theatres, Lancaster, **Friday, April 26th, 7:00**, for the brand-new show, 'Daniel', featuring the fiery furnace and the infamous den of lions. If there is sufficient interest (15 or more), the cost would be **\$94** per ticket. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside of the office. **The deadline for sign-up and payment to Lee Yohn is January 7th.** Payment will be refunded if there is insufficient interest.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY STARTING UP IN JANUARY

A Women's Bible Study will be starting, **Wednesday, January 17, 2024.** We will be using the book and video series, "Without Wavering" by Alexandra Hoover. There will be two times on Wednesday's from at 9-10am, and from 5:00-6:00pm. Both will be offered in person at the church and via zoom. The study will run for 7 weeks. The books will be ordered together, and they are \$19.00. Please sign up on the bulletin board by the church office. If you have questions, please contact Tammy Snyder tamsnyde@gmail.com.

15TH ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT –2024

It is once again time to consider the upcoming Congregational Retreat. It is sometimes hard to believe that this is our fifteenth year! We are excited about the upcoming weekend. The theme for the retreat this year is "Divinely Designed" and we will focus on exploring the gifts and talents we receive from God.

The retreat will be held over the weekend starting **Friday evening, February 23**, and concluding on Sunday afternoon February 25 at Camp Nawakwa. Registration for our retreat is now available online at bit.ly/TSLCretreat. It is not necessary to have attended the retreat in a past year to fully experience and enjoy this upcoming weekend. If you cannot attend the entire weekend, day campers are welcome too!

Early registration ends **December 31, 2023**, and final registrations must be in by **January 28, 2024**.

IMPORTANT!!!! >>>Please be sure to fill out and submit one form for each camper.***<<<***

There will be activities for all ages. A Children's Ministry with programming for the younger campers is available as well. We will have devotions and worship during the weekend. There will be time for games, sessions of learning, and plenty of free time to relax. As always, there will be plenty of food with special dietary options available.

Get to know other members of the congregation. Spend time with others or with the Lord. There are places where you can be quiet or talk with others or play games. If you have any questions regarding the accommodations, cost, menu, transportation, or any other aspect of the retreat, please feel free to give Charlie Bender a call (see Church Directory or call the church office) or email him at CharlieB1414@gmail.com.

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The Shawl Ministry



As we approach this season of Advent, may we take a moment to think about the true meaning of the greatest gift that was ever given, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May we remember that this is the beginning of the greatest story ever told, salvation for all who repent. May we not wander from the never changing meaning of the Word of God which is "relevant yesterday, today and forever." Psalm 119:114 - the greatest guidebook for how we should live our lives to honor and celebrate our living God.

Blessings to all as you celebrate this Christmas!

Our December meeting will be held on the 10th in the church lounge at 3:00 PM. Plan to join us for friendship and fellowship. Bring a project, help to complete delivery bags, learn to knit or crochet, or pick up yarn to work at home. We would love to have you join our group.

Thank You-

Thank you for your generous gifts to the Keller House.


"She is 94 and today she had the shawl on her lap. She has many ills -vision, hearing. But she can walk with help. I wish you could have seen the residents holding them - probably had never received such a gift. They are using them. Thanks be to God for all of you." Lorna Weber


Please remember - if you know of any person or organization that would like to receive our prayer gifts, notify the church office or one of the committee members. Help us to spread the love of God throughout our community

Let the pleasure of the Lord our God be on us. O, Lord, give strength to the work of our hands. "

Psalm 90:17

Committee chairpersons: Lynne Neibert, Sandra Breech, & Maggie Strawser




 **The Shawl Ministry
Request Form**

I am requesting a
 Shawl Blanket

For: _____

Contact Information:
Address: _____
Phone: _____

My name and phone number: _____

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SECOND SATURDAY COMMUNITY MEAL

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023
4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

JOIN US FOR A FREE, DELICIOUS
HOME-COOKED MEAL &
ENJOY COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP
TAKE A MEAL TO YOUR NEIGHBOR!

MENU:

CHICKEN CORDON BLEU
CHOICE OF GLAZED SWEET POTATOES OR
BAKED SWEET POTATO HALF
BROCCOLI/CAULIFLOWER/CARROT MEDLEY
WITH CHEESE SAUCE
WALDORF SALAD
ASSORTED BREADS/ROLLS/MUFFINS,
ASSORTED DESSERTS (INC. CHERRY BREAD
PUDDING)
HOT AND COLD BEVERAGES

~MEALS ON WHEELS ~ CAKES REMINDER

The bakers of our congregation have been faithfully supporting Meals on Wheels by donating 9 x 13 desserts on the Sunday right before the first Monday of each month. **Must be dropped off in the kitchen by the second service please.** We have a sign up sheet on the bulletin board by the church office for those who are able to contribute in this way to Mechanicsburg Area Meals on Wheels. Please sign up as you are able. We need 12 each month, but extras can be frozen for days when they are short of donations. **Thanks for your support** of this very necessary organization that helps to feed seniors in our community, including some of our members!"

~ Deb Bender, Parish Life Chairperson

PARISH LIFE VOLUNTEER NEEDS IN DECEMBER:

Tuesday, December 5th Zembo Shrine Ushers Ladies night. Volunteers needed from 3:30pm through 8:00 pm for final set up, serving and clean up

Saturday, December 9th SECOND SATURDAY Volunteers needed from 9 pm through 7pm for food prep, serving and clean up.

Tuesday, December 12th NARFE Annual Christmas Luncheon

Volunteers needed Monday from 9am to 1 pm (estimated) for food prep

Volunteers needed Tuesday from 8 am through 2 pm for final food prep, serving and clean up

SIGN UP SHEETS FOR ALL 3 Events are on the bulletin board outside the office or you can contact Deb Bender (See her number in the directory.)

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COMMUNION ELEMENTS & DVD'S/CD'S OF SERVICES AVAILABLE

Communion elements are available in the church office for those still communing at home. You can either pick up or we will drop off. Gluten-free is available.

DVD's and CD's are available of the 10:30 a.m. service. Contact the church office to have one delivered to you every week with a bulletin.



GIANT GROCERY STORE CARDS

"\$CASH FOR CAUSES\$" BENEFITS OUR YOUTH!

Giant Cards are available in \$25, \$50, and \$100 denominations; checks made out to Trindle Spring Lutheran Church and cash are accepted.

TSLC earns 5% of every Giant store card purchased and you still earn your gas/reward points! You can use your purchased card yourself at the Giant!

>>>>>>For example, we get \$5 FREE MONEY on a \$100 purchased card by you!<<<<<<<

So, before your next trip to Giant to fill up your grocery cart, gas tank, or for food baskets, get your Giant Card to use first.

Contact Robin Cleaver!



**TSLC SENIORS LUNCHEON
DECEMBER 18, 2023,
@11:30 AM,
CRACKER BARREL,
MECHANICSBURG**

TSLC POINSETTIA ORDER 2023

Now is the time to order Poinsettias for the Christmas services. They are red with 5 or more blooms, wrapped in gold foil. The price this year is \$11.00 each, same as last year.

(Note: If paying in cash at the church office, please have exact change.)

Order blanks are also located by the mailboxes by the church office.

The deadline to get your order in by is Sunday, December 3, 2023.

CIRCLE ONE

In Memory of/In Thanksgiving for _____

CIRCLE ONE

In Memory of/In Thanksgiving for _____

Quantity _____ By _____ Phone _____

Please place your order slip, along with payment, in the Parish Administrator's Mailbox by the Church Office (not in the Offering Plate). Thank you.

Office use only: Paid Date: _____ Check: _____ Cash: _____

How many: _____



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DECEMBER 2023 MEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Kathy Seagrist
Karen Hale
Howard Hertzler
Cece Deyo
Kathryn Erdley
Joshua Kohler
Macie Pownell
Emma Grigor
Diedre Boarman
Christina Jones

Fiona Malloy
Rosalyn Malloy
Krista Hoffman
Elaina Deyo
Nancy Rider
Linda Glantz
Callie Myers
Linda Stailey
Morgan Cupp
Brandon Stauffer

Joanne Augustine
Lenard Kirkman
Diane Brevig
Levi Allen
Oliver Shanabrook
Vickie Kraus
Emily Nilsen
Dan Placzek
Virginia Vogel song
Skyler Stauffer

Lois King
Cayden Giordano
Carol Beal
Bryan Beane
Selena Mallios
Mary Clay
Camden Mostek
Barbara Rider
Mary Bloom



OUR TRINDLE QUILTERS MEET THURSDAYS @ 9AM

Join us in the education wing every Thursday. Everyone is welcome to join in on the fun. If you can pin, cut, piece, or sew there is something for you to do. Contact Lynda Farner if you have any questions. **We continue to need flat cotton sheets. In addition please bring in any yarn you no longer use or need. Please bring in your sheets and yarn and leave in the church office. Thanks!**



TSLC ALL MEN'S BREAKFAST

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023
7:30 A.M.**

Join us for breakfast at the
Middlesex Diner
1803 Harrisburg Pike, Carlisle,
All men of the congregation (all ages) are invited to attend for food and fellowship.

There is a sign-up sheet outside of the church office on the board.

This has always been a well-attended group - *plan now!!*

Any questions, contact Steve Vogel song (See his phone number in the directory)



Notes from the Office

**Trindle Spring Lutheran Church
Income & Expense Report (Operating Fund)
January– October 2023**

<u>Income</u>	
Offering	368,129
Misc. Income	2,549
(ie: Thrivent Choice, Community Aid, Building Use, Donations, etc.)	-
Total Income	370,678
<u>Expense</u>	
<u>Ministry to Others</u>	
Outreach Ministry	29,781
Evangelism	1,104
Parish Life	(939)
<u>Ministry within Our Congregation</u>	
Christian Education	5,445
Fellowship	2,474
Keeping Our Church Safe	23
Stewardship	-
Worship & Music	6,508
Youth & Family Ministry	840
<u>Administration</u>	
Archives	-
Property (building maintenance)	68,417
Office Management (administration)	16,658
Salary/Support	166,239
Vision of Ministry	1,227
Total Expense	297,777
Net Income	<u>72,902</u>

Giving your tithes and offerings

Follow these steps in Vanco:

This is a convenient and helpful way to keep your regular offering coming in to help the approved budget.

1. Visit the church website at:
www.trindlespringlutheran.org
2. Click on the **Donate Now** button;
3. Click on the **Login/Create Profile** button;
4. Follow the onscreen instructions to **login** or **create** (for your first time) an online profile and to schedule your recurring or one-time contributions to the listed funds.
5. **For any questions, or for a demonstration of how to set your account up online, call Cheryl at the church office - 717-766-7091 Opt. 1.**

How to become an Approved Adult for Sunday School/Youth Ministries:

Simply:

1. Fill out the TLSC Application (Contact Deb Sterling for one.) dsterling56@msn.com
2. Obtain your State Police and PA Child Abuse History Clearances.
(<https://epatch.state.pa.us/>) AND
(www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/)
3. Turn in Clearances and Application to Deb Sterling, Chairperson or Pastor Aaron

Please consider becoming an approved adult to help assist in the programs here at TSLC. We are always looking for volunteers!



To the Glory of God and in celebration of the birth of **Miles Zachary Warren**, great-grandson of Betty Warren, born October 29, 2023. Parents are Kristen and Zachary Warren.



The congregation extends condolences to the family of **Margaret Louise Rider**, who passed on November 19, 2023.

Notes from the Office

NEW HOPE MINISTRIES FOOD COLLECTION

Pasta (not spaghetti), Laundry Detergent, Personal Care items (shampoo, conditioner, bath soap, toothpaste,) Feminine hygiene products, Paper Towels, Breakfast Cereal.

See the website for the lists for our Mechanicsburg Center. www.nhm-pa.org

Food & Misc. items collection total:

NOVEMBER 2023 Mixed Groceries 182 lbs.

Non-Food items: 127 lbs.

Turkeys 18lb and 19 lb.

There are grocery carts and also shopping bags hanging on a coat rack with a grocery list in both entry ways of church to help you remember to bring in your donations.

Thank you for your faithful giving!

MEALS & TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY AT TSLC

If you are interested in helping others by cooking a meal and delivering it, or giving someone a ride to church or to a doctor's appointment, please contact Diane Boone at: proudmama823@comcast.net



SIGN-UP LINKS ON OUR WEB PAGE

FOR:

Acolytes

Communion Assistants

(Cup Bearers, Wine Servers)

Worship Readers

<https://www.trindlespringlutheran.org/sign-ups.html>

AND:

Altar Flowers, Newsletter, & Bulletin

Please continue to pay by check or cash for your Altar Flowers, Newsletter, & Bulletin sponsorships. Place all sponsorship forms and payment in the Parish Administrator's mailbox by the church office.

Thank you.

ZUMBA

Contact Lisa Lynch, our Zumba instructor, for more information. Lisa holds a weekly Zumba class on Mondays at 6pm and Zumba Gold Wednesdays at 10am.

See the TSLC calendar on our website for any changes to class dates/times. www.trindlespringlutheran.org

lisaloveszumba2@gmail.com

ZUMBA

SCHOOL BACK PACK KITS TO SEW

We need sewers to sew the backpack school kits that have been cut out. Please pick up from the Outreach Center.

Any questions, call Evelyn Vogelsong (See number in the Directory).

Thank you!

TSLC COMMUNITY AID

Please drop off all clothing items in-person at the store (4833 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg, PA) **Be sure to give them Trindle Spring's Partner # 10139**, for credit (.06 cents a pound). We receive a quarterly check which benefits Outreach ministries. **Pick up a tag in the Outreach Center with our Partner number on it. Place on your items when you take them to Community Aid!**

PARTNER # 10139

THANK YOU NOTES ~ *Also see notes on the bulletin board by the church office.*

Friends & Family of Trindle Spring,

Thank you for all the prayers and concerns during Raymond's hospital stay due to COVID and for all the well wishes for Martha & Ken's COVID issues.

Thank you for the cards and phone calls. Also thanks to Howard & Bev Hertzler for the beautiful letters.

God Bless you all,

Raymond, Martha & Ken Boyer

Our church family is fantastic!! Thank you so very much to everyone who has prayed for me, sent me cards, letters, flowers, meals and phone calls during my recent, totally unexpected health episode. You have no idea how much it has meant to Paul, my relatives and me.

Thank you again for being such a kind and caring family!

Linda Glantz

Dear Trindle Spring Lutheran members,

Thank you for the beautiful cards and loving thoughts during my recovery from heart surgery. Your thoughtfulness was unbelievable. I will keep the cards for a long time! Thank you to Howard & Bev Hertzler for all the letters, they say laughter is the best medicine; and it is so true!

Thank you for the cards you sent to my husband during his illness. We are both doing well at this time.

Sincerely,

Mary & Lenny Zook

Thank you for all the cards and phone calls I received after my son John's passing.

A big thank you to Pastor Aaron for the lovely memorial service at church.

Thanks to the kitchen crew for the luncheon.

I appreciate your kindness and being so helpful.

God Bless,

Judy Quickel

Dear Trindle Spring Lutheran Church,

On behalf of the Board of Directors and shelter residents, we would like to thank you for your donation of dog food and cat food through the Pet Blessing at your church, to our Foundation in October 2023. Thank you for your continued support.

Your kind donation will help to care for the many abandoned, abused, and stray cats and dogs that are at the shelter awaiting a chance for a loving home.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Walker

Corresponding Secretary

**Friends are angels who lift us to our feet when
our wings have trouble remembering how to fly.**

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As I recall the days before Jack's passing, I am reminded of the prayers offered by our dear family and friends and the presence of Pastor Aaron that enabled us to accept God's will as gracefully as possible.

As I read the many cards and messages, remember all the food, flowers, calls and visitors and look back on seeing all those who attended Jack's funeral, I am overcome with gratitude. Seeing how so many people cared for the man I will always love, was a great comfort.

Though moving on will not be easy, I thank all of you who have been and will be there to help me pick up the pieces and continue my journey.

My family and I want to express our sincere thanks to our loving Trindle Spring family for their support and encouragement.

Thank you, Lynne Neibert

Hi!

I received a care package and wanted to say thank you!

Emma Downing

(Linda & Ken Farner's granddaughter)

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To My Trindle Spring Family

I am writing this with a humble heart. How do I say "Thank You": The Cards, the calls, the visits, the food, the flowers, the encouragement, the Prayers came from so many people. What a Blessing. The recovery is going well, not as fast as I would like, but okay. I am truly blessed to have all of you as my Church Family. My prayer for each of you is that God continues to watch over Trindle Spring as we watch over each other.

God Bless,
Linda Foulds

Dear Church Family,

Thank you very much for your cards, calls and messages during my recent unexpected medical emergency. Thank you, Pastor Aaron, for your visit in the hospital. Gary and I very much appreciate the prayer support. He and I are not quite used to this odd role-reversal of patient and caregiver!

Thank you,
Melinda Gochenaur

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH FAMILY PROMISE HCR

Thank you so much for Trindle Spring's past support of FPHCR as a host site. You can still serve us, even as the church will no longer be hosting onsite. We keep a list of unaffiliated volunteers who don't belong to a host congregation. These volunteers can assist with driving, meals or overnight hosting at churches that need a few extra volunteers or during FPHCR's open weeks. FPHCR would email opportunities to serve every so often.

If you would be interested in doing this, contact Susan Ryder susan@familypromisehcr.org, 717-574-1960.

Best Regards,
The Family Promise Team





TSLC Church Calendar DECEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 YOUTH MEGA RETREAT CAMP NAWAKWA	2 YOUTH MEGA RETREAT CAMP NAWAKWA Orchestra 10-1:45am
3 ADVENT 1 Worship 8:00 am & 10:30am Sunday School 9:15am Poinsettia orders due today Cong. Retreat meeting 11:45am Synod Ord. 1pm in Sanctuary YOUTH MEGA RETREAT CAMP NAWAKWA	4 Zumba 6pm  Zembo Shrine ushers prep	5 Church Family Pot-Luck meal 12pm Zembo Shrine Ushers Meal 6pm	6 Zumba Gold 10am Holden Evening Prayer 7pm	7 Trindle Quilters 9am Bell Choir practice 6:15pm Chancel Choir practice 7:20pm	8 NEW HOPE BLESSING EXPRESS deadline for gifts to be in. unwrapped please	9 Men's Breakfast 7:30am Middlesex Diner SECOND SATURDAY COMMUNITY MEAL 4:00-6:00pm In Fellowship Hall & Take Out Available
10 ADVENT 2 Worship 8:00 am & 10:30am TEMPLE TALK One80 Min. both services Sunday School 9:15am Christmas caroling 12pm Elem. Youth 12pm The Shawl Ministry 3pm Lounge Jr./Sr. High 5pm	11 January 2024 Newsletter Article Deadline NO Zumba due to NARFE prep/table set-up	12 NARFE Luncheon 12pm Church Council meeting 6:30pm* *Special start time	13 Zumba GOLD 10am Holden Evening Prayer 7pm	14 Trindle Quilters 9am Bell Choir practice 6:15pm Chancel Choir practice 7:20pm	15	16
17 ADVENT 3 Worship 8:00 am & 10:30am Prayer Gifts blessing Sunday School 9:15am Christmas Orchestra rehearsal 11:45am	18 Seniors Luncheon 11:30 a.m. Cracker Barrel-Mechanicsburg Zumba 6pm	19 Property meeting 7pm	20 Zumba GOLD Longest Night Service 7pm	21 Trindle Quilters 9am Bell Choir practice 6:15pm Chancel Choir practice 7:20pm	22 YOUTH-Christmas Party 6-9pm	23 Christmas Orchestra rehearsal 10am
24 ADVENT 4 Worship 9:15am One service CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES 3pm Family Worship Service & 8pm Candle Light Service Pot-Luck Dinner 6pm	25 CHRISTMAS DAY Service 9:15am CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 	26	27 No Zumba Gold	28 No Trindle Quilters	29	30
31 SUNDAYS & SEASONS Worship 9:15am New Hope Food Blessing	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 					



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<https://www.trindlespringlutheran.org/calendar--news.html>



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WHERE THE HUNGRY ARE FED
AS WE HAVE BEEN FED BY CHRIST.

LOWER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD NEWS

See the on-line newsletter *W.E. News of the LSS* on the LSS website: <http://www.lss-elca.org/> and click on WE NEWS at the bottom of the page to sign up or to view past issues.



WOMEN OF THE ELCA

To find out more about what they are doing and how you can join, go to: www.lss-elca.org/congregations/women-of-the-elca/



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Altar Flowers/ Bulletin/ Newsletter

⇒ Sign-ups for: Acolyte, Communion Assistants, & Worship Readers

⇒ Sign up for online Giving through Vanco

<https://www.trindlespringlutheran.org/online-giving.html>

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**January 2024 Newsletter
article deadline is:**

Monday, December 11, 2023

Assembly Date:

Thursday, December 21, 2023

9:00 a.m. in the Y.A.H. Room