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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I hope you are all doing well and that you had a safe and pleasant summer! I want to say a BIG THANK YOU to all of you for the outpouring of love and support after my stroke. I am thankful to be on top of my health again. It turned out I had high blood pressure, cholesterol, and a clot in my heart I did not know about.

I continue to be thankful that even though it occurred in my brain stem, it was not worse. I progressed from a wheelchair and two nurses helping me, to complete independence and walking on my own during the month I was in the hospital then at the inpatient rehabilitation center.

Strokes can be quite strange but I continue to feel a bit better each day. My voice, swallowing, balance, face, vision, muscle strength, and sense of pain/temperature were all affected. Some of these things have gotten better already and I have several doctors watching over me now as I recuperate.

All of your cards, flowers, pictures, and notes were uplifting and strengthening for me at a very scary time. I am blessed to be able to get back to part time ministry throughout August and September. Hopefully, I will be able to



FROM THE PASTOR



resume full time ministry again in the fall sometime after I can drive again. You have all been very supportive during my recovery.

We have many wonderful things coming up this fall! Sunday School for youth is returning as well as catechism. However, we will need volunteers and family members who are willing to help from time to time with these ministries.

Peace and blessings,

Pastor Althea



Church Council Members

Jessie Green (*President*)
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Elizabeth Hershey
Property: Henry Wampler
Archives & Artifacts: Jim Dibert
Social Ministry: Jim Dibert
Social Activities:
Stephanie Kaylor



Blessing of the Pets

October 2nd at 7 p.m.



Can You Spare A Sunday?

The Youth Sunday School is in session following Worship at 10:30 a.m. Volunteers are needed! Never taught before? Aren't an expert? We got you covered! All materials and instructions will be given to you. You even schedule your Sunday with what works best for you! Questions? Please contact the Church Office.



Volunteers Needed

The Archives and Artifacts Committee are in need of some help! A volunteer is needed for data entry. The committee is busy inventorying everything. Help is needed entering the information into a spreadsheet. This work can be done at the Church or at home. Hours are up to you! If you would like more information, please contact Betz Miller at 717-304-1316.

If you are interested in joining the committee, they would love your help! You don't need to be an expert, you just need to have some time to give! For more information, please contact the Archives and Artifacts Committee Chair, Jim Dibert at 717-877-6466. You can also call the office at 717-273-8567.

WORSHIP *with us*

September Worship Schedule

September 6, 13, 20, and 27

9:00 AM—Traditional Service

10:15 AM—Adult Christian
Education



Online Worship Service:

Our online worship will continue to be available. You can find the service by going to <https://www.trinityle.org/links>. Here you will find links to the live-stream, the bulletin, and the replay of the service so that you can watch at any time you wish during the week.

Inclement Weather Policy: If Church is going to be cancelled due to weather, it will be posted on our website page: www.trinityle.org. Don't forget to refresh your browser when viewing the website. You can also find information on our Facebook page: facebook.com/htclebanonpa. The decision will be made by 7 p.m. the Saturday prior to service.

Prayer Partners

If you would like your name added to the list for prayer, please call the church office, 717-273-8567 or email at stephanie@trinityle.org.

If you no longer wish to be included in the prayer update list, please let the Church Office know to remove your name.

We ask our readers to include the following people in their prayers:

Anne, Barb Atwood, Terry Clearwater, Monique Derfler, Deb Dobson, Donna, George & Susie Eckert, Dan, Dan Fox, Moe Gockley, Mike and Nancy Hentz, Patty Hess, Jennifer, Jane, Joe & Fran, Jane Kalbach, Joe Kalbach, Bart Keip, Donna Kullman, Jim & Judi Light, Ann Mark, Robert Moore, Janice Peiffer, Rachel, Robert, Margaret Reese, Pastor Althea, Sam & Marie Smith, Tim, Betty Troxell, Rick Warner, and Mary Yeagley.



Our Vision...Our mission is to grow in faith and discipleship, share the Good News of Jesus through word and deed, love others as Christ loves us, and celebrate life in Christ through worship, sacraments and service.

Our Mission...We are a community of believers who come together in:

✦ **Worship** to be transformed by the presence of Jesus Christ in and through God's gift of Word and Sacrament.

✦ **Christian Education** to deepen our faith and strengthen us in faithful service, trusting in the creative activity of the Holy Spirit.

✦ **Friendship** to celebrate our unity in Christ and sustain and nurture each other as we journey with Him in our day-to-day lives.

✦ **Stewardship** to gratefully use the time, talents and possessions we have been given in furthering our mission in response to Jesus' call and the leading of the Holy Spirit.

✦ **Evangelism** to share the Jesus story so that others may come to know God's reconciling grace and the peace, joy and hope that his divine grace gives.

✦ **Social Ministry** to respond to the spiritual, mental and physical needs of our neighbors and advocate for the poor, hungry and vulnerable peoples of the world.

Medical Equipment & Supplies

We have a small lending "library" of equipment and new medical supplies that are available for use by members of Holy Trinity. Some of the items include: wheelchairs, shower chairs, medical bed, pads for beds, adult diapers, and more. These items are available at no cost to you. If you have a need or would like to donate an item, please contact the Church Office at 717-273-8567.





Council Notes

Highlights of Church Council Meeting August 20, 2026

- August income \$15,954.61; Expenses \$27,157.32.
- Higher utility expenses; Gas due to payment structure; Electric due to summer hotter weather.
- Pastor Althea returns on a limited schedule for now and will gradually increase until cleared for fulltime schedule.
- Restart praying over whole prayer list once a month during Prayer of Intercession.
- Catechism will be happening – Pastor Althea to contact parents/guardians/families to discuss options and convenient days/time.
- Congregational care team has continued some home Communion visits. Pastor Althea will resume visits when cleared for fulltime schedule.
- Staff meeting will resume in September.
- Council retreat will be reconsidered soon.
- Christian Education – Christian Education adult classes meeting after Sunday services. Youth Sunday school is back, kickoff meeting Sunday August 30th; special blessing for youth and school staff.
- Potential interest to be teacher, facilitator, help out, be part of committee is scheduled for August
- A meeting of the whole committee will be scheduled in September.
- Reconstruction of Lehman Street steps – work will be put off until the spring of 2027 due to time constraint of getting this big project finalized and not having this type of work done in winter.
- Received estimate from Precision A/C to replace the Chancel air conditioner. Decided to delay funding until spring of 2027.
- Plastering is complete. Requesting group of volunteers to help paint variety of walls.
- Trees on north end of parking lot need pruning, committee will be gathering estimates from tree trimmers to complete the work.
- New organist first service will be August 30th.
- Thanks and appreciation to Rev. Tim Garman for pulpit support during Pastor Althea's absence.
- Changes were made to church website. The mobile version has been updated to make it more user friendly.
- **Next Council Meeting: Thursday September 17th, 2026 at 7:00 PM.**

Church Treasurer's Financial Summary - July 2026



	Month of July	Actual Year to Date	Budget Year to Date
Income	\$15,954	\$146,713	\$190,858
Expenses	(\$27,157)	(\$194,837)	(\$200,431)
Net Income	(\$11,203)	(\$48,124)	(\$9,573)

Aluminum Can Collection

The church continues to collect aluminum cans for recycling. Please bring the aluminum cans (**rinsed & flattened**) to the church weekdays during church office hours, or bring them along to church, Sunday School, or any other church function. A container for them is located in THE GIVING PLACE (Arnold St. side annex of Luther's Place).



Bell Ringers to Begin New Season

Come join the fun and fellowship of ringing for the Lord. Please contact Heather Buffington at (717) 926-3917 for more information and/or to let her know of your interest.



Praise Ringers (4th grade through adult - Beginner choir) No experience necessary. Want to just give it a try? Come for a few rehearsals before you make a commitment. Don't read music? Not a problem - we offer on-the-job training. Have a seasonal conflict like sports or band, etc? We'll work around it. Need a ride? We'll arrange one for you. Rehearsals are in Luther's Place on Monday evenings from 6:00-7:00PM starting on Sept 14. Praise Ringers play in one church service a month, October through May.

Psalm Ringers (Experienced ringers) Rehearsals are in Luther's Place on Monday evenings from 7:00 - 8:00PM starting on Sept 14. Psalm Ringers play in one church service a month, October through May, as well as occasional additional performances.



LCCM Food Bank Item

The items requested in September is **sugar and flour**.

Items can be brought to the church at any time and placed in the red shopping

cart labeled "**LCCM Food Bank**" located in THE GIVING PLACE (Arnold St. side annex of Luther's Place).

Please continue your generosity by continuing to donate to the Food Bank. Your donations are greatly needed and appreciated.

Donation Items

The items requested in September are **deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, ready to eat meals, pasta, canned meat (tuna, chicken, etc.), individual packs of crackers, granola bars and individual bottles of drinks.**



Monetary donations are also needed. To give, simply mark your donation with a note "Share & Care."

Items can be brought to the church at any time and placed in the bin labeled "**SHARE & CARE**" located in THE GIVING PLACE (Arnold St. side annex of Luther's Place).

Bingo Raffle Items Needed

Themed baskets or items are needed for the upcoming Bingo. If you would like to contribute or for more information, please contact the Church Office.



Relax, Recharge, & Replenish!

The WELCA members are very pleased to announce that we are hosting our very first Women's Retreat! We are inviting all women of Holy Trinity to relax, recharge, and replenish your soul at Camp Nawakwa from Friday October 16 to Sunday October 18. Feel free to bring a female friend or family member. The cost is \$150 per person which includes lodging, meals and supplies. More details will be coming, but if you need more information, contact Heather Buffington. Please save the dates and consider joining us for a weekend of fun and fellowship October 16 through 18, 2026.

Rev. John Henry Raker D.D. (1863-1941)

September's pastor's column features Rev. John Raker, Holy Trinity's second pastor. While his pastorate was brief (April 1898-June 1900), his relationship with Holy Trinity continued for the rest of his life, and, in a sense, beyond his grave.



John was the son of Conrad Huffman and Susan Dornsife Raker, born in Raker, PA on January 1, 1863. He completed High School at a time when an 8th grade education qualified one for employment in urban areas. He taught school for 2 years before entering Muhlenberg College in 1885, graduating in 1889. He was already known for his eloquence and as a “fire ball” raising funds for and organizing Sunday Schools. After graduating from Mt. Airy Seminary and being ordained in 1892, he was the pastor of St. John's Mission at Pen Argil, PA for 6 years, 1892-98. During that time, he was given a leave-of-absence in 1894 to travel through 8 countries in Western Europe, and another in 1885 to travel through New England and 2 Canadian Provinces.

After Pastor Frank Seip resigned because of his declining health in Dec. 1897, Rev. John Raker accepted our call as Holy Trinity's pastor in April, 1898 at a monthly salary of \$50.00. During his pastorate the Barnabas committee was formed to publish an evangelical pamphlet to attract English speaking members; special offerings supported two Lutheran Orphan Homes, Home and Foreign Missions, Muhlenberg College and Lutheran Seminaries; and the Ladies English Home and Foreign Missionary Society was formed. He also reduced the church's debt by over \$1,600. The congregation's membership had grown to 468.

While in Lebanon he was a popular lecturer on the Bible, the Reformation and his European travels. In his personal life, he met D. Estella Weiser at the joint Lebanon Lutheran Sunday School picnic at Penryn Park in Aug. 1898. She was a graduate of Myerstown High School and had attended Neff's College of Oratory in Philadelphia. They became engaged on Christmas 1898 and married at Holy Trinity on June 5, 1899.

On June 3, 1900, Rev. Raker resigned as our pastor to become the Superintendent of the Lutheran

Orphans' Home at Tipton, PA. The Home had lost its founder Rev. Uriah P. Heilman only 8 months after its first building had been occupied on Sept. 14, 1899. The Home had a debt of \$50,000 and needed a Superintendent who could make it survive. Rev. Raker raised funds for the home by founding and directing the Tipton National Bank. Within 4 years under his supervision, the Home was debt free. At the time the Home had 68 children as residents. Estella taught elocution, music and “physical culture” at Tipton. The major improvement was a Reservoir so the Home could have running water. When Pastor Raker was called to serve Grace Lutheran Church, Allentown, PA in Feb. 1907, \$61,000 had been raised for the Home plus \$5,000 for an Old Folks Home.

During this time, Holy Trinity gave the Tipton Home its whole-hearted support. The congregation through the Ladies Missionary Society placed several orphans in the Tipton Home and raised funds for their care. The Ladies Home Circle collected money, food, and clothing—some of which they made themselves—for Lutheran orphans' homes, and continued to do so past 1907.

In 1908, after the Rakers took a crippled girl into their home, Pastor Raker was inspired to found the Good Shephard Home for Crippled Children in Allentown, PA. In 1920, Muhlenberg College presented “Papa” Raker with an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree.

Holy Trinity began supporting the Good Shephard Home as early as 1912. A highlight of the Home's relationship with Holy Trinity occurred on Rally Day Oct. 10, 1937. Dr. and Mrs. Raker, with their son Conrad, brought 25 to 30 children from the Tipton Home, the Germantown Home, and the Good Shephard Home in Allentown so the congregation could see firsthand the kind of work it had been supporting for many years. *Trinity Tidings* reported, “These children demonstrated...what they were learning at the home, blind children read books using Braille, crippled children played musical instruments, etc.”

At age 78, Dr. Raker returned to Holy Trinity again in Feb. 1941 as a speaker during our 7-day 50th Anniversary Celebration. He died on May 8th of that year. Since then, the Good Shepard Home has evolved into the Good Shepard Hospital and Rehab Center in Allentown, PA.

The March 2022 *Trinity Tidings* featured an article with photos of Dr. Raker's granddaughter Jill Douglass returning to Holy Trinity. Rev. Raker's Pastoral Record Book he kept while he was our pastor, which she found while house cleaning! The book now resides safely in our Archives.



Lutheran World Relief: September's Special Offering

Faithful Lutherans have a long history of rushing aid to the front lines — near and far — when crisis strikes. From sending emergency supplies to delivering LWR Mission Quilts, your love has been reaching children, women and families in the direst situations. With your support, together, we will not abandon these neighbors now.

Your gift will deliver critically needed resources like medical care, food, water and essential supplies where they are needed most.

Special Offering envelopes can be found at either Welcome Table or in the pews. You can also mark your donation "ELCA World Hunger," "Lutheran Disaster Repsonse," and/or "Lutheran World Relief."

Thank you for putting your faith in action and sharing God's love with your neighbors.



Photos from Pennsylvania - Birds and Animals by Dan Knarr

Dan has been birding since he was a teenager. He did some counting at Hawk Mountain in the 70's. He was born and raised in Fleetwood, then moved to the New Ringgold area in 1982. He worked at a furniture factory for 20 years. Then he worked doing roofing, painting and other construction. He has been self-employed for 20 years. Dan enjoys travelling around Pennsylvania and photographing birds.

If you would like to check out the photographs, join the Quittapahilla Audubon Society on September 23 at 7 p.m. in Luther's Place.

If you have any questions, please see Terry Weaver or Jim Logan.



All the goodies are ready! Peach & Strawberry Jam are \$3 for an 8 oz. jar and \$5.50 for a 16 oz. jar. Chow Chow is \$4 for a 16 oz. jar, \$6 for a 24 oz. jar, and \$8 for a 32 oz. jar. If interested, Linda and Louise will be available Sunday mornings or contact the Church Office.



The Country Store would like to thank all of the wonderful people who helped make the items for sale: Kirk, Tim, Bonnie, Gina, Linda, Rita, Kitty, Dave, Karen F., Karen M., Betty, Nancy, and Darwin. THANK YOU!

Exemplars of Faith:

Peacemaker

Dag Hammarskjöld (1905-1961)

On September 18, 1961, Secretary General of the United Nations Dag Hammarskjöld was killed in a plane crash in Africa on his way to end a war in the Congo. A quiet but incredibly energetic man, few knew he was a deeply spiritual Christian until his diary was found in his New York apartment and published under the title *Markings*. It became a bestseller.

Dag was born in 1905 at Uppsala Castle, Sweden. His father Hjalmar was the Prime Minister of Sweden from 1914 to 1917. His mother Agnes provided him with a basic understanding of Lutheran teachings, which he questioned as a young man, but as he was challenged by the difficult responsibilities he took on, he increasingly found strength in his faith.

As a scholar, he received degrees in philosophy, law and then a doctorate in economics in 1930. He had a successful career in public service and held high ranking positions in Sweden's government, gaining a reputation as a problem solver. Yet, he was also a good judge of art and an avid mountaineer.

In 1952, he was selected as chair of Sweden's delegation to the General Assembly of the United Nations. From November 1952, when the current Secretary General of the UN resigned, until the end of March 1953, the UN Security Council was at a deadlock in selecting the next Secretary General. Then, to everyone's surprise, including Dag's, he was elected to that office. He was simply the "bottom of the barrel" candidate nominated. It was thought he would be a do-little bureaucratic aristocrat. But they underestimated the man they selected; he was already on top of what his office required of him.

In the next 8 years, he transformed his office. He worked from a clear desk; he dealt with everything that came before him directly and competently. He increased the morale of his staff of 4,000 by giving over his private elevator for general use, eating in the same cafeteria as everyone else; and shaking hands with them as often as he could. The UN being a high stress working environment, he established a "meditation room" so anyone, whatever they believed, had a quiet place to go for personal renewal.

He is the only person awarded posthumously the Nobel Peace Prize for his statesmanship in reducing international tensions, establishing the UN's Peacekeeping Force, and intervening in the 1956 Suez Canal Crisis.



Although the general public was unaware of Dag's faith, he did not make a secret of it. Shortly after being elected, in an interview by Edward R. Murrow on national radio, he spoke freely of his spiritual journey and how it would affect his being the UN's Secretary General.

The ELCA commemorates the life of Dag Hammarskjöld on September 18.



Women of the ELCA



Camp Welca

Camp WELCA was held at Carol Koehler's home on Wednesday August 19. Twenty six ladies were in attendance. We are especially grateful that Pastor Althea was there, and very thankful for Grill Master, PJ Copenhaver who cooked our hamburgers and hot dogs! We wore name tags with our "S'more's" name, made kaleidoscopes from items Carol and Heather Buffington collected on the Rail Trail, and sang camp songs around a fire pit while a few people made S'more's. Fun was had by all.





Alpine Valley (formerly Spang Crest) Needs Your Generosity!

As with most nursing homes, your generosity adds to our residents' lives and activity programming. Listed below are some of the typical prizes that our residents would choose to take off the prize cart. Any of these donations or any other items would be greatly appreciated.



- Kleenex (boxes and tissues packs)
- Candy (individually wrapped): sugar free hard and/or chocolate candy, hard candy
- Snack Foods: pretzel bags, snack packages, cookies, crackers (peanut butter or cheese)
- Jewelry (mainly long necklaces)
- Perfume and/or Cologne
- After Shave, Body Spray, and/or Hand Lotions
- Quarters to spend in the Gift Shop
- Adult Coloring Books & Colored Pencil Packs
- Small Notebooks (to write in)
- Small Stuffed Animals

For more information, please contact Marian Brandt at 717-273-4385. Donations can be placed in The Giving Place in the bin marked "Alpine Valley."



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your phone's camera!



Thank God for Teachers

It is sometimes said that public school teachers do not teach values. Yet every day, countless teachers quietly model compassion, patience, integrity and kindness through the way they care for their students. Many teachers go far beyond lesson plans and classrooms. They spend their own money on school supplies, workbooks, clothing, snacks and special needs for children who may otherwise go without. They encourage struggling students, celebrate small victories and offer steady support to children facing difficult circumstances at home.

Teachers also work with students from many different backgrounds and abilities. Some patiently help children learn English, while others devote extra time and care to students with learning, emotional or social challenges. In a world where many children face poverty, abuse, loneliness, neglect or uncertainty, a caring teacher can become a source of hope, stability and encouragement.

Many educators also serve faithfully in churches and communities, living out their faith through daily acts of love and service. Their influence often reaches far beyond what grades or test scores can measure.

As a church family, let us remember to pray for teachers, encourage them in their calling and thank God for the important difference they make in the lives of children every day.



Prayer of Remembrance for Patriots Day

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter through every storm, and our eternal home:

We come before You remembering the lives lost on September 11, 2001. Though many years have passed, the sorrow of that day still lingers in the hearts of families, friends and a grieving nation. Lord, comfort those who continue to carry loss. Grant peace to the brokenhearted, strength to the weary and light to those walking through seasons of grief. Let Your presence bring hope where memories still ache.

Teach us to care for one another with compassion and courage. Help us to be a people who offer kindness to the hurting, encouragement to the discouraged and justice to those who suffer. Stir our hearts to live with mercy, humility and love for our neighbors.

Forgive us when our words are greater than our actions. May we strive each day to reflect the values of faith, unity and grace that honor You and strengthen our communities.

Thank You, Lord, for Your constant care and unfailing mercy. Even in tragedy, You remain our refuge and our hope.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



SEPTEMBER

birthdays



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Sue Ann Whitmire
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1141 Alden Way
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Lebanon, PA 17042

8 - Linda Blouch
6 Cherry Avenue
Lebanon, PA 17042

George Eckert
701 Noble Street
Lebanon, PA 17042

10 - Ellen Toomey
908 Kochenderfer Road
Lebanon, PA 17046

11 - Bryan Albright
3 Timothy Avenue
Lebanon, PA 17042

13 - Marian Brandt
1103 Elm Street
Lebanon, PA 17042

Michael Fario-Kohr (*celebrating his 9th birthday*)
371 North 5th Street
Lebanon, PA 17046

16 - Barb Eisenhower
732 South 4th Avenue
Lebanon, PA 17042

18 - Virginia Adams
PO Box 471
Jonestown, PA 17038

20 - Hannah Kern
740 Prescott Drive
Lebanon, PA 17046

22 - Sue Hoyer
Traditions of Hershey
100 North Larkspur Drive, Apt. 239
Palmyra, PA 17078

24 - Sam Smith
823 South 12th Street
Lebanon, PA 17042

25 - Beth Moore
67 Helene Court
Hamburg, PA 19526

26 - Susie Eckert
701 Noble Street
Lebanon, PA 17042

27 - Sandra Wampler
One Behney Drive
Lebanon, PA 17042



Please consider sending a card or giving them a phone call to celebrate their special day.

KIDS PAGE



A sweet reminder that God is always growing something new, no matter the season. As summer winds down and a new school year begins, remember He is at work in your life, helping you grow in faith, kindness and courage. With His help, you can grow in wisdom, build friendships and shine His love wherever you go.

What you need:

- 2 cups milk
- 1 (4-serving) box chocolate instant pudding mix
- 1 (8 oz.) tub whipped topping, thawed
- 1 (16 oz.) package Oreo cookies, crushed
- 8 (9 oz.) clear plastic cups
- Gummy worms or frogs (optional)



What you do:

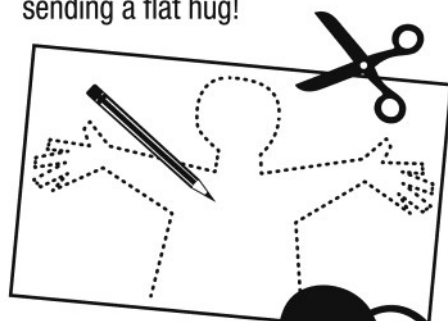
1. In a large bowl, whisk together milk and pudding mix for 2 minutes. Let stand for 5 minutes until thickened.
2. Gently fold in the whipped topping.
3. Add a layer of crushed cookies to the bottom of each cup.
4. Spoon pudding mixture on top, filling the cups about $\frac{3}{4}$ full.
5. Sprinkle more crushed cookies on top to look like "dirt."
6. Add gummy worms or frogs for fun.
7. Chill until ready to serve, or enjoy right away.

See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not
perceive it? — Isaiah 43:19 (NIV)



Envelope EMBRACE

Show long-distance love to grandparents and other relatives by sending a flat hug!



What you need:

- Craft paper
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Markers
- Envelope



What you do:

1. Roll out some craft paper (long enough to spread your arms across it).
2. Lie down on your back on the paper, with arms outstretched. Have someone trace around your arms, hands and head with a pencil.
3. Cut out the outline of your hug.
4. Draw your face and features on the paper. Use markers to color your hug to look like yourself. Write a note on the back.
5. Fold up and mail your two-dimensional hug to a loved one.



CASH PRIZES!

*Supporting Holy Trinity Lutheran Church's
Hunger Initiative and Pastoral Care Programs.*

SEPTEMBER 26

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
723 Lehman Street: Please use parking lot entrance.

Doors Open for Food &

Drink: 11:30 a.m.

Games Start: 1 p.m.

Regular Games Payout \$50

Special Games Payout \$100

Tickets: \$20 Advance

\$25 at Door

Seating is LIMITED!

Tickets available online at:

www.trinityleb.org

or by calling

717-273-8567.



Questions: stephanie@trinityleb.org

Worship



Lectionary Readings

Sunday, September 6

15th Sunday in Pentecost

Ezekiel 33:7-11

The prophet's responsibility to warn the people

Psalms 119:33-40

I desire the path of your commandments

Romans 13:8-14

Live honorably as in the day

Matthew 18:15-20

Reconciliation in the community of faith

Sunday, September 13

16th Sunday in Pentecost

Genesis 50:15-21

Joseph reconciles with his brothers

Psalms 103:[1-7] 8-13

LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy

Romans 14:1-12

Accepting diversity in the community of faith

Matthew 18:21-35

A parable of forgiveness in the community of faith

Sunday, September 20

17th Sunday in Pentecost

Jonah 3:10-4:11

God's concern for the city of Nineveh

Psalms 145:1-8

The LORD is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love

Philippians 1:21-30

Standing firm in the gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

The parable of the vineyard workers

Sunday, September 27

18th Sunday in Pentecost

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

The fairness of God's way

Psalms 25:1-9

Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love

Philippians 2:1-13

Christ humbled to the point of death on a cross

Matthew 21:23-32

A parable of doing God's will

Sunday, October 4

19th Sunday in Pentecost

Isaiah 5:1-7

The song of the vineyard

Psalms 80:7-15

Look down from heaven, O God; behold and tend this vine

Philippians 3:4b-14

Nothing surpasses the value of knowing Christ

Matthew 21:33-46

The parable of the vineyard owner's son

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EVERY SUNDAY: 9:00AM Service of Holy Communion 10:30AM Adult Christian Education	 1	6P QUITTAPAHILLA AUDUBON SOCIETY BOARD MEETING 8	2	3 9:30A ARCHIVES & ARTIFACTS MEETING	4	5																																										
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13	14 6P PRAISE RINGERS 7P PSALM RINGERS 7P PROPERTY	15 NOON MEAL AT LCCM 6P WORSHIP & MUSIC 6:30P FINANCE	16 QUILTING AT ST. LUKE'S 5:30P MENTOR A 6P WELCA	17 9:30A ARCHIVES & ARTIFACTS MEETING 6:30P EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 7P CHURCH COUNCIL	18	19 5P GILEAD LADIES' CHOIR CONCERT																																										
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