



# trinity tidings

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**Greetings to all  
Brothers and  
Sisters in Christ  
and Friends of  
Holy Trinity,**

I pray you are all staying warm as we move into June! It seems like it was a very cold and rainy May for many of us. I'm sure I wasn't the only one trying to keep up with mowing my grass!

We are coming up on the birthday of the church which we call Pentecost. It is a time which makes us reflect on the many ways we are called through our vocations, volunteer work, and forms of outreach to proclaim the Risen Christ and the ever-present Holy Spirit in the world. It's also a time when students are graduating to the next grade, the next school, and the next path for their lives.

I have been brainstorming and visioning with some members for outreach, evangelism, and ways we can help our neighbors. So stay tuned in June, as there will be some new opportunities for ministry and helping our community. I invite everyone to pray and consider where your gifts may be helpful. These new ideas and ministries will need prayers, phone callers,



## FROM THE PASTOR



organizers, shoppers, and volunteers.

Also, Lunch and Learn is coming back Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m. for June and

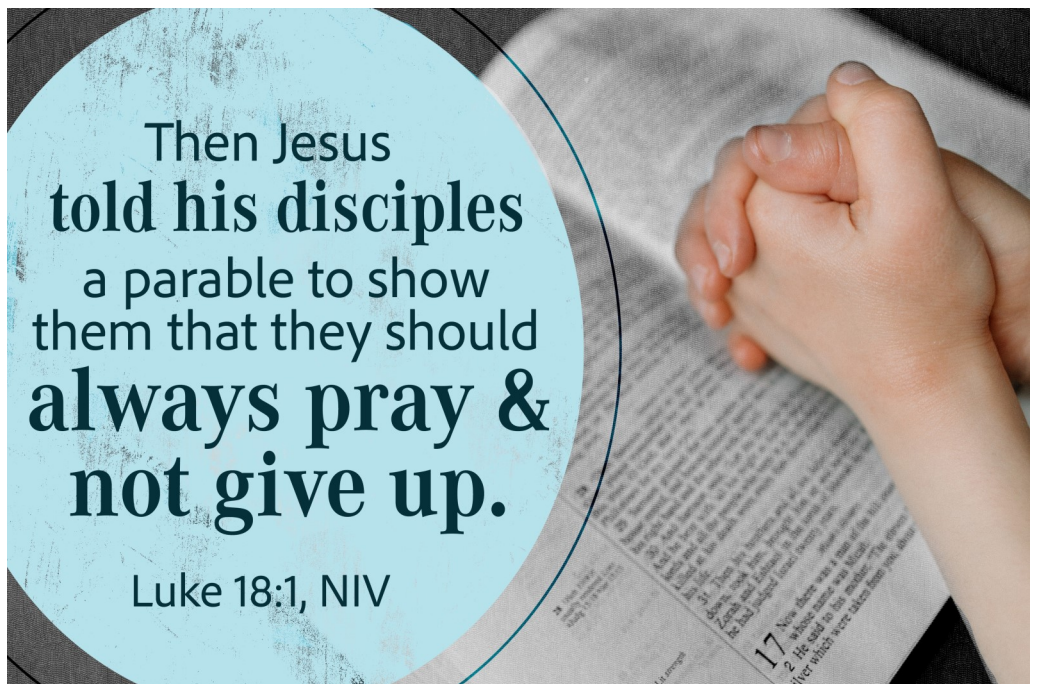
July. The only week we will not have our group meet is on June 25<sup>th</sup> during the Mission Trip week at Kirchenwald Camp.

I pray you all have a safe and blessed summer!

Pastor Althea

Then Jesus  
told his disciples  
a parable to show  
them that they should  
**always pray &  
not give up.**

Luke 18:1, NIV



## EVEN THE BIRDS A Devotion for June

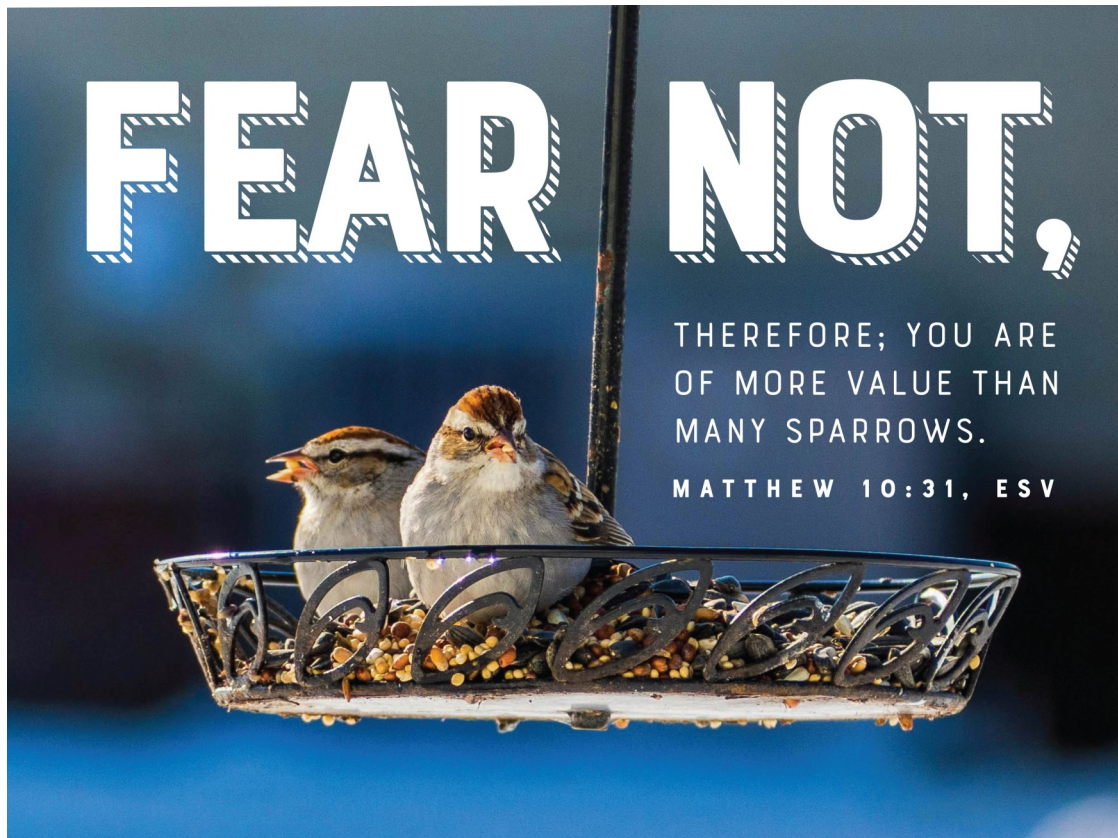
Where is your favorite spot to reflect and think about your faith? For me, it is nature. I have always loved being in and around nature. The only time I did not enjoy nature was one summer I spent at church camp because mosquitoes had a feast on my skin.

As I have become a young adult, I enjoy watching birds and other little critters. In Matthew 6, Jesus says,

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?”

Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. “So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.”

Jesus reminds us that even birds mean something to God which points to how much he cares for us too! Our faith is something which is often very personal to



us and something we hold dear. It’s important to remember how important we are to God.

Luther always liked to think that even when we feel far from God, or do not feel our faith as strong, that *those* are the times when God especially draws near to us. We have opportunity every Sunday in worship to turn back to God and reflect on our faith. Sometimes our “faith habits” need tweaking or improvement but we trust that God will always be faithful. We trust in God’s promises to hear us when we call, to listen when we pray, and to comfort us with the Holy Spirit when we need it most.

So this summer when you are out and about and see God’s creation, or hear some little birds singing, remember to whom you belong! Remember who loves you more than you can imagine! Thanks be to God. Amen.

Summer Blessings,

Pastor Althea



## Church Council Members

Neal Galbraith (*President*)

Louise Lundquist (*Vice President*)

Nancy Brightbill (*Secretary*)

Brad Bishop (*Church Treasurer*)

Kathy Bishop

Jay Brown

Karen Fitting

Pam Gainer

Heidi Gerver

Jessie Green

Renee Hunter

Lynn Kern

Henry Wampler



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## Committee Chair Persons

Worship & Music:

Paul Copenhagen

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Christian Education:

Elizabeth Hershey

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Henry Wampler

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Social Ministry:

Jim Dibert

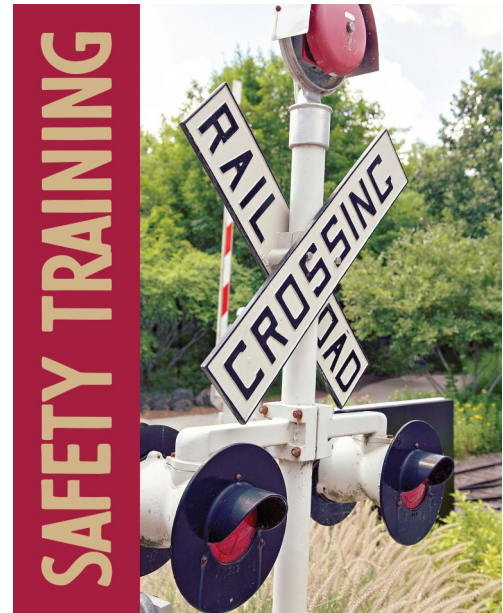
Social Activities:

Stephanie Kaylor



## Summer Lunch and Learn

Our Lenten lunches were a big hit! Please join Pastor Althea for food, fellowship, and faith discussion at noon on Wednesdays in June and July. Bring your lunch! Bring a friend! All are welcome even if you cannot attend all of them.



## SPECIAL TRAINING FOR EMERGENCIES WITH PASTOR ALTHEA

In 2024, I took "Active Shooter Response Training" with the Department of Homeland Security. Although, it was a bit traumatic to consider violence taking place in a place of worship, I appreciated all it taught me. In conversation with our Council and others, leaders here would appreciate having some similar training for purposes of worship and seeing strangers in or around our building. The training also applies to violent encounters in any public space. I feel it would be beneficial for our staff, worship leaders, ushers, property team, and anyone else who wishes to have this training attend. It will be an opportunity to discuss our specific context and the emergency response we wish to have too. We will gather **after worship on Sunday, June 22, 2025**, for brunch and training, followed by a brief discussion in our sanctuary. Please sign-up on the welcome tables in either lobby. See Pastor if you have any questions or concerns.



# WORSHIP with us

## June Worship Schedule

June 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29

9:00 AM—Traditional Service

10:15 AM— Sunday School for  
all ages



### Online Worship Service:

Our online worship will continue to be available. You can find the service by going to <https://www.trinityleb.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.trinityleb.org](http://www.trinityleb.org). Don't forget to refresh your browser when viewing the website. You can also find information on our Facebook page: [facebook.com/htlclebanonpa](https://facebook.com/htlclebanonpa). 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@trinityleb.org](mailto:stephanie@trinityleb.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:

Becky, Barb Atwood, Terry Clearwater, Deb Dobson, Susie Eckert, Dan Fox, The Family of Alan Gassert, Mike and Nancy Hentz, Patty Hess, Joette Hollinger, Lohla, Janice Peiffer, Rachel, George Smith, Marie Smith, Ernie Thompson, Nancy Warner, and Mary Yeagley in our prayers.



**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.

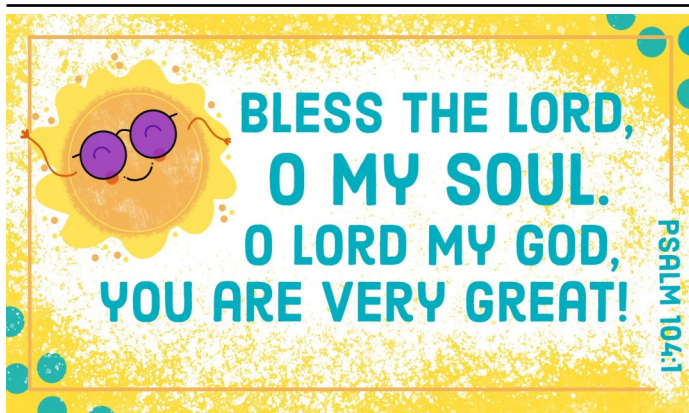
✠ **Evangelism** to share the Jesus story so that others may come to know God's reconciling grace and the peace, joy and hope that his divine grace gives.

✠ **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.



**Alan Gassert**

April 28, 2025







## LCCM Food Bank Item

The items requested in June is **spam or canned meat** (tuna, chicken, etc.)

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 Item

The items requested in June are **granola bars, bottled water and soap.**

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).

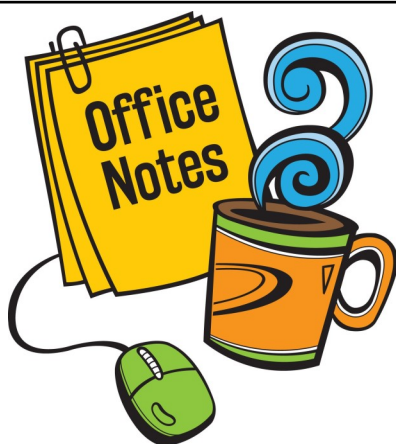


## Friendly Reminder from Pastor about Contacting the Office

Our church office is an essential hub for coordinating many events and building usage throughout the year. This is a friendly reminder to make sure to contact Stephanie in the church office directly when needing to reserve a room, borrow tables or chairs, and/or host an event/meeting. Committees are also reminded to keep the office updated on meeting days and times and sharing minutes. As your pastor, I also rely on these communications should I miss a meeting or need information.

Many thanks for all we do together in ministry!

- Pastor Althea



# CAN YOU HELP?

## 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).

## 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.



**The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania**  
Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, & The Wittel Farm

## Upcoming Events:

June 16: Summer Camp begins at Kirchenwald & Nawakwa

July 6-11: Elder Camp at Nawakwa

July 13-18: July Family Camp at Nawakwa

August 3-8: Family Camp-K-tion (Family Camp) at Kirchenwald

August 3-8: August Family Camp at Nawakwa

For more information, please visit:  
[www.lutherancamping.org](http://www.lutherancamping.org)



## Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, July 1: Gov. Dick Rec Area Birds, Blooms, & Butterflies - Meet at 10 a.m. at the Environmental Center parking lot off Pinch Road. Leader: Jim Fiorentino 717-269-0675

Sunday, July 27: Butterflies, Dragonflies, and Their Habitat - Observation via binoculars of butterflies and dragonflies at Mill Creek Wildlife Management Area visitor center meadows. Meet 2:30 p.m. at visitor center parking lot. Leader: Fritz Heilman 717-273-0487



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## From the Archives: Building of the Church

*This is the third in a series of articles featuring the 1954 build.  
The photos were graciously donated to Holy Trinity by the late, Jim Rittle.*



*The Scouts are present for  
ground-breaking day*

*The Congregation proceeds  
north along Spruce Street,  
from Lehman*



*Ground-breaking service,  
with Monument Park in the  
background*



# Council Notes

## Highlights of Church Council Meeting May 8, 2025

- This was a combined council meeting for the months of April & May.
- The income from offering was higher than usual at \$15,285 for Unified Offering.
- The overall month of March was balanced and the year so far we are only \$4,000 short in income.
- Discussion followed regarding passing of the offering plates and if we should continue to do this. An increase of offering received has not been noticed since passing of the plates.
- Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services were well-attended and Pastor plans to offer both 12 noon and 7 p.m. services next year.
- The Healing Service was well received and council members felt she should do this again. Pastor may offer this service several times a year.
- Pastor held 3 funeral services in March, and she has 4 others in May. May services are private services.
- Pastor will continue to hold the Lunch and Learn on Wednesdays. The next series will start in June through July.
- The Adult Sunday School class is still studying Luther's Small Catechism. Things continue to move in the right direction and are going well.
- Confirmation will be held in the Fall. Those being confirmed are Camden Snyder, Alizah Engle, Sam Seiders and Zachery Kaylor.
- The Synod Assembly is coming up on June 5 – 7. Pastor will be attending with Neal Galbraith and Tom Ryland. They will be voting on a new Bishop this year.
- The Personnel Committee has met and will be holding staff reviews on May 18, 2025, following worship.
- Pastor will be on vacation on May 15, 22 and 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Jay Brown reported that the Sanctuary doorway outside of Pastor's office has been fixed. Regular maintenance items were done as well. Discussion that a new rope must still be installed on the flag pole.
- Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy – Neal reported that an email was just received by Synod with a draft of an updated policy. They are in the process of updating this policy. Neal suggested that we hold off on having our committee meet to go over the current policy until Synod creates the updated policy.
- Church Community Garden – Jim and Kitty Logan no longer want to be responsible for maintaining the raised vegetable gardens in our parking lot. Discussion continued for ideas on how to best move forward. It was mentioned that the idea for the gardens was to engage the community with maintaining this area, but there has been none. It was suggested that possibly this year wildflowers could be planted, so it at least provides a functional purpose. Next year this can be revisited and/or send the item back to Social Ministry Committee.



## Church Treasurer's Financial Summary - March 2025

	Month of April	Actual Year to Date	Budget Year to Date
Income	\$22,901	\$84,654	\$76,893
Expenses	\$(23,601)	\$(88,794)	\$(92,265)
Net Income	(\$700)	(\$4,140)	(\$15,372)





## Mt. Gretna Tabernacle

Listed in the National Registry of Historical Places

### Trinity Musicians in Concerts at the Mt. Gretna Tabernacle

Some of the Trinity choir members and bell choir members will be performing at the Mt. Gretna Tabernacle this summer. Come on out and enjoy two evenings of music. A freewill offering will be collected at each program to benefit the Mt. Gretna Bible Festival.

Handbell Festival conducted by Shawn Gingrich:  
Saturday June 7 at 7:00PM

5 area handbell choirs will ring together and separately.

Choir Festival conducted by local conductor,  
Linda Tedford: Sunday July 27 at 7:00PM

Approx. 100 singers will sing a varied repertoire of choral selections.

# staff spotlight

## Church Administrator: Stephanie Kaylor



One of my favorite things about working at HTLC is the interactions with members, neighbors, and the community.

I am here to assist in anything related to the functions of the Church. Some of the functions that you may not know about include processing the offering, membership database updates, ordering any supplies from toilet paper to flowers. Additionally, I handle all communications from the Church such as the website, Facebook page, newsletter, mailings, and bulletins.

Pretty much anything that affects the Church goes through my office. I prepare Council Meeting packets, Church property loans (like tables, chairs, etc.), Church room usage (group meetings to private events)...think of me as a resource. I coordinate events such as baptisms, weddings, and funerals.

I am also the person to see if you need a key to the building or a room. I train key holders on the security procedures. I am also the first call if the alarm goes off.

If a neighbor would like to park on the lot, they see me for a permit. I also ticket those parked on the lot that do not have a permit. Occasionally, I call to have cars towed as well.

I am here to help you with anything Church related. Feel free to give me a call at the office 717-273-8567 or via email at [stephanie@trinityleb.org](mailto:stephanie@trinityleb.org). You are also more than welcome to stop by the office. I ask that you give me a call first. I am usually in the Church more than the advertised hours. I look forward to helping in anyway that I can.





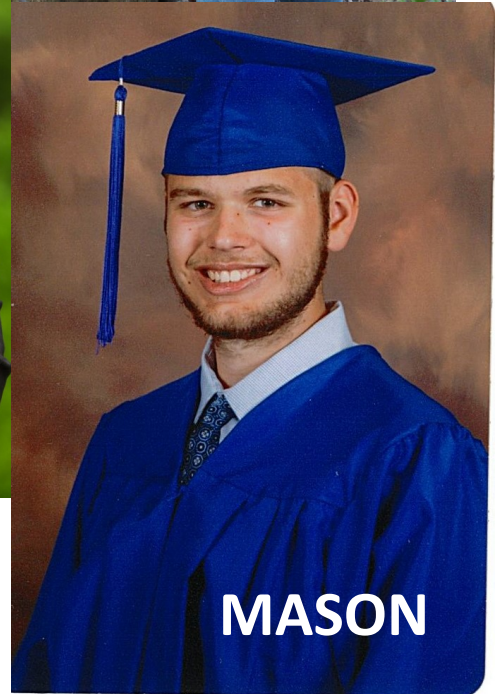
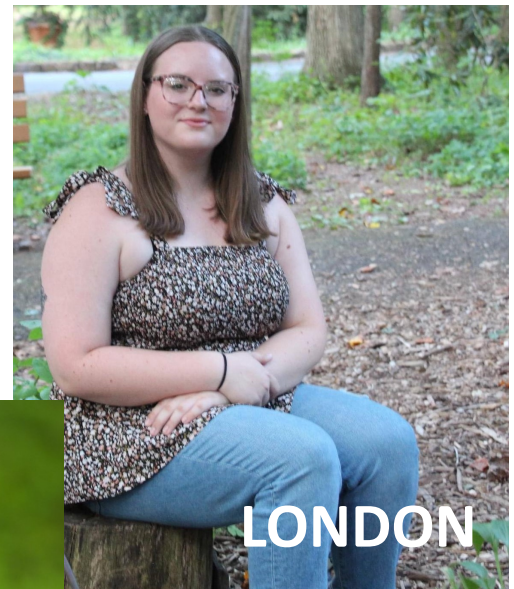
## Brady Cassel

Brady will graduate from CCHS. He plans to attend Shenandoah University in Virginia where he will dual major in Dance and Elementary Education.

He is a member of the National Honor Society, a Falcon Booster Club Gold Medal Recipient, a member of the CCHS Performing Arts and Various Choirs, Student Council Representative, and the Entertainment Editor for The Talon (student paper).

Outside of school, he performs with the Movement Laboratory Dance studio and studies piano with Mrs. Dawn Marks.

He received the Jackson Call Foundation Scholarship for Teaching, the Falcon Foundation Julie D. Baumbach Scholarship, and the Janell L. Hollinger Memorial Scholarship. He was also earned the Kristin Troxel Memorial Award for dedication to the CCHS Choirs.



## Mason Eisenhauer

Mason had a very busy schedule while attending Cedar Crest High School.

He was in the Marching band - 4 years, Section leader - 2 years, Symphonic Band - 3 years, Concert Band - 2 years, Jazz Band - 4 years, Full Orchestra - 2 years. Along with his passion for music he also enjoyed Cross country - 2 years and Track - 2 years.

Mason is looking forward to taking a gap year before he attends college. He will be employed by KIT Communications in Lebanon.

He appreciates the love and support he receives from his cherished church family.

## London Seiders

London graduates from Annville Cleona High School.

She was recently awarded the following scholarships:

- Making a Difference of Lebanon, PA Scholarship
- Big Brothers Big Sisters Scholarship
- Eli Setlock Memorial Scholarship
- Moyer Longacre Scholarship
- Random Acts of Kindness Scholarship

London will be attending Elizabethtown College for Elementary/Middle-Level Education in the honors program. Her future goal is to become a middle school math teacher.





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15 - Amanda Kohr  
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Thomas Ryland  
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21 - Ali Gatto (*celebrating her 17th birthday*)  
476 Olde Meadow Lane  
Lebanon, PA 17042

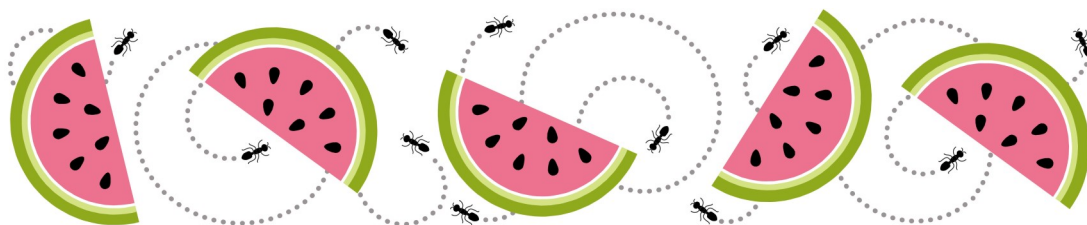
22 - Susan Donmoyer  
725 S. 5th Ave.  
Lebanon, PA 17042

28 - Kurt Hoke  
573 Doris Drive  
Lebanon, PA 17042

29 - Quentin Sisco (*celebrating his 10th birthday*)  
35 Canal St.  
Lebanon, PA 17046

30 - Felicia Nelson  
25F Congressional Circle  
Reading, PA 19607

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



# KIDS PAGE

## IN MY FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS

Make this keepsake to express love for your dad or another special man this Father's Day.

### What you need:

- White construction paper (11" x 13" sheet)
- Pencil
- Black permanent marker
- Crayons or paint

### What you do:

1. In the center of the paper, trace your foot in pencil. Darken the outline with marker.
2. Color or paint the footprint. Let it dry.
3. Trace your father's foot (same side) on top of your footprint (with yours in the middle of his).
4. Color or paint his footprint. Let it dry.
5. Sign your names and the date at the bottom.

## SHOO fly!



Make this candle to keep uninvited insects from your outdoor summer meals.

### What you need:

- Lime
- 10-20 whole cloves
- Birthday candle
- 4 toothpicks
- Adult help



### What you do:

1. Have an adult slice the lime in half. Cut off the rounded end of one half so it can stand without rolling.
2. Insert 10 cloves into the cut sides of each half.
3. Stand the bottom half on a plate. Insert the candle in the center.
4. Insert the 4 toothpicks in the cut side of the bottom half. Then place the other half atop the toothpicks.
5. Before dinner, have an adult light the candle that's between the two lime halves. The flame's heat will warm the lime and create a smell that insects don't like.
6. Supervise the flame. Blow it out when it reaches the bottom lime.





# Worship

## Lectionary Readings

### Sunday, June 1

*7th Sunday of Easter*

Acts 16:16 - 34

Psalm 97

Revelation 22:12 - 14, 16 - 17, 20 - 21

John 17:20 - 26

### Sunday, June 22

*2nd Sunday after Pentecost*

Isaiah 65:1 - 9

Psalm 22:19 - 28

Galatians 3:23 - 29

Luke 8:26 - 39

### Sunday, June 8

*Day of Pentecost*

Acts 2:1 - 21

Psalm 104:24 - 34, 35b

Romans 8:14 - 17

John 14:8 - 17 [25 - 27]

### Sunday, June 29

*3rd Sunday after Pentecost*

1 Kings 19:15 - 16, 19 - 21

Psalm 16

Galatians 5:1, 13 - 25

Luke 9:51 - 62

### Sunday, June 15

*The Holy Trinity*

Proverbs 8:1 - 4, 22 - 31

Psalm 8

Romans 5:1 - 5

John 16:12 - 15

### Sunday, July 6

*4th Sunday after Pentecost*

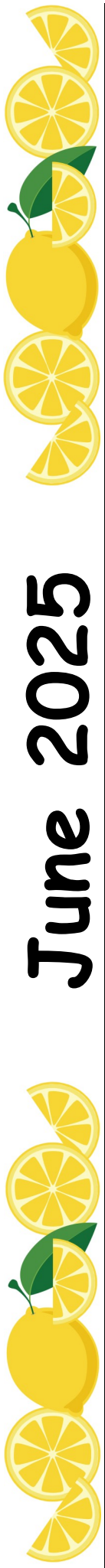
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Psalm 66:1 - 9

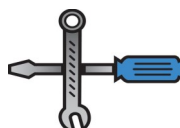

















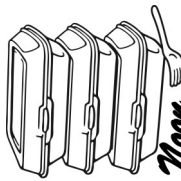


Galatians 6:[1- 6] 7 - 16

Luke 10:1 - 11, 16 - 20





# June 2025

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