

Pastor's Pause June 2021

"Such a fine, sunny day, and I have to go. What does my death matter, if through us, thousands of people are awakened and stirred to action?"

It's June...graduation...home from college for the summer...summer jobs...Knoebels amusement park fun...camping at Camp Mt. Luther and making new friends...loosened mask and precaution necessities making it easier to enjoy summer. After experiencing the pandemic for so long, it feels as if we are awakening, breathing life anew.

Around us, though, we see that there continues to be unrest and even the opposite of life, warfare internationally--especially in Gaza-- and in our streets. The quotation above, you might think is attributed to any one of the people who've senselessly been killed in recent times: George Floyd, Daunte Wright, Priscilla Slater, Breonna Taylor...and so many more, including children.

The quote is actually from a twenty-one year old Lutheran who had the unfortunate timing to have been born in 1921, which made her old enough to experience the horror that was the Nazi regime in Germany.

Sophie Scholl was raised in a Lutheran household, with a father who was a fervid opponent of Hitler. Initially, Sophie and her brother, Hans, joined the Hitler youth movement. Their father was appalled. Later, Sophie and Hans would be appalled as well, as they witnessed crimes against friends and the demonizing murders of Jewish friends.

Sophie and Hans became critics of the Nazis and began the "White Rose" group, a small group of friends determined to awaken the public to the atrocities against innocent people.

In some ways, Sophie and Hans represented the "woke generation" of their time. There is an Instagram account that chronicles Sophie and Hans' experience and short lives, as they were martyred for common decency among human beings in 1943.

When we hear the similar cries of people today, I have to wonder what kind of society are we if we, like so many fooled German citizens decades ago, simply agree with the one human who claims power? I also wonder, are we awakened any more today than the world was nearly 80 years ago?

As Christians, as Lutheran Christians, we look to the Risen Christ as the only One with power. In Christ, we find the ability to be awakened and to awaken others to the love of God in this grace that has saved all. May we forever remember the strength of those Lutheran parents who gave their children space to learn the truths taught to them early in their lives, that they may grow, as Sophie and Hans did, to defend the life that is given by God, never controlled by humanity.

Thanks be to God.

-Pastor Hahn

More about Sophie Scholl and the White Rose group can be found by searching "BBC News/Sophie Scholl" online and by visiting Instagram.



#### **Church Offices:**

Office Accessible by Telephone only at this time

You can access all church offices by the East Market Street entrance. Church Office Hours are Monday 10:00AM -1:00PM., Tuesday-Thursday 9:00AM-1:00PM, Friday **Office Closed** 

E-mail: <a href="mailto:trinitylutheran@ptd.net">trinitylutheran@ptd.net</a>
Pastor's e-mail: <a href="mailto:pastortlc@ptd.net">pastortlc@ptd.net</a>

Please call the office at 570-275-0283 to schedule appointments, order flowers, sign up for bulletins and more!

#### Pastoral Emergencies:

The Pastor's emergency number is published in the member directory. Please be sure to add this number to your speed dial on your home phone, on your cell phone, or both. Pastor can receive text messages, also. Please contact the pastor directly when there is an urgent pastoral need (an emergency visit to the hospital, accident, coping situations, family death). Please let the pastor know when there is a change in residence (such as from assisted living to the hospital, even if temporary). We currently are not advised by area hospitals of when our members and member relatives are admitted, so we depend very heavily on the contact you make to the pastor and/ or to the church office.

Remember! All medical emergencies require you to call 9-1-1!

#### Please Note Information Below:

Food Insecurity: Montour County Human Relations Department waiving applications for all county residents.

CALL 570-271-3028 and they'll advise options.

211 - system is up and running in PA, this is the first stop for referrals for individuals to agencies for assistance.

National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255) Nacional de Prevencion del Suicidio: 1-888-628-9454 Crisis Text line: Text "PA" to 741-741

Veterans Crisis Line: 1-800-985-5990

Disaster Distress Helpline: 1-800-985-5990 Get Help Now Hotline (for substance abuse disorders): 1-800-662-4357

PA Sexual Assault Helpline: 1-888-772-7227 Columbia-Montour Crisis Hotline (Women's Center): 1-800-544-8293 National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233

Geisinger Coronavirus Hotline: 570-284-3657

LGBT National Hotline: 1-888-843-4564 The Trevor Project (suicide prevention, crisis intervention for LGBT youth): 1-866-488-7386

For anyone wishing to make a financial donation to the community, please do so to:

The Good Samaritan Mission (taking Crisis Calls).

Columbia-Montour United Way (has a COVID-19 Crisis Fund).

Danville Area Food Bank (giveaways once a month).





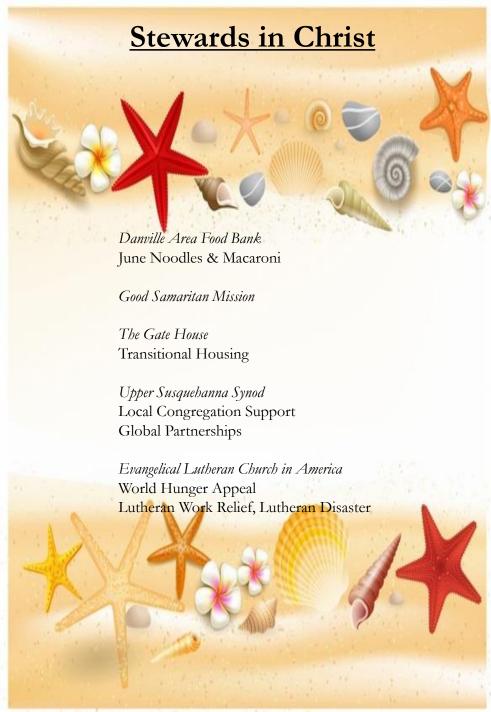


Pastor Hahn Office Phone @ 570-275-0283, Ext. 302









#### Our Congregational Council & Ministry Chair Members

President ~ Brenda Reber			
Vice President ~ Zac Miller			
Secretary ~ Peg Reed			
Council Member	Ministry	Chair/Co-Chair	
	Mutual Ministry	Linda Harvey	
	Communications	Colleen Ruths	
		Joe Muscato	
Kathy Knarr	Stewardship	Kathy Knarr	
Brenda Reber	Evangelism &	Linda Tessarvich	
Fellowship			
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		Ed Haas	
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Zac Miller	Music & Worship	Zac Miller	
Peg Reed	Outreach &	Kim Rock	



#### **Prayer List**

# Rhonda & Eric Brouse Julie Charlton Dottie Eister Ed Harvey Pauline Hesbacher Kathy Knarr Jude & Gary Kurtz Doris & Jerry Lemon Sylvia Lewis June Reich Eleanor & Frank Sandmeyer Tom Schneider George Underwood

#### Family and Friends of:

June Savage

#### Serving in our Military

Collin Arndt
Jay Brennan
Rob Bromwell
Andrew Deck
Michael Deck
Rob DeWire
Casey & Logan Franks
Derek R. Kirkner
Garrett Krum
Jason Lee
Jason McCann
R. Marks
J.T. Mullen
Tyler Quinton

Dalton Semiclose Kurt Wimble

Nurturing

Youth Ministries

Betsy Reed

Linda Harvey

Betsy Reed



#### **FINANCE**

#### **CURRENT ACCOUNT ~ APRIL 2021**

20,897.79

(14,026.48)



TOTAL EXPENSES:

NET LOSS/SURPLUS YTD ACTUAL



Member Giving	\$ 11,230.66
Rents	\$ 750.00
Bulletins	\$
Flowers	\$
INVESCO (Haney)	\$ 164.40
Wells Fargo Interest	\$ 2,329.76
Fellowship & Evangelism	\$
TOTAL INCOME:	\$ 14,474.82
EXPENSES:	
Pastor & Staff Compensation	\$ 15,148.78
Music & Worship	\$ 594.00
Parish Administration	\$ 799.04
Church Property	\$ 725.89
Apt 1-339 Church St.	\$ 1,341.15
Apt 2-343 Church St.	\$ 794.19
Property Insurance	\$ 1,286.25
Supplies	\$
Ministry Supplies	\$ 208.49
Education/Outreach	\$
Grace Fund	\$







Thinking Of You Today you've been on my mind So I thought I'd get in touch

So I thought I'd get in touch I'm praying that all is going well For we haven't seen you much

I know our lives can get so busy With all that we must do But I wanted to take this time to say I m thinking of you too

Do you have a minute to send a card to brighten someone's day? Listed below are Trinity Members who would like to hear from you:

June Reich The Easton Home 1022 Northhampton Street Chapelwood Room 15 Easton, PA 18042

Room 106 Emmanuel Nursing Center 11 Schoolhouse Road Danville, PA 17821

Sarah Swartzlander 280 Church Street Northumberland, PA 17857 Eleanor Sandmeyer 423 Meadow Lane Danville, PA 17821

Ruth C. Campbell

Sylvia Lewis 140 Heather Hills Drive Danville, PA 17821 Tom Schneider Mariposa @ Ellwood Shores 190 Viajero Drive Goleta, CA 93117

Robert Savidge 249 Blue School Road Danville, PA 17821

Doris & Jerry Lemon 169 Faust Street Danville, PA 17821

Donna Evans 119 Hastings Street, Apt. D Brookville, PA 15825









## We need volunteers for the following: Usher Lector Assisting Minister

If you would like to volunteer during worship service, please contact the church office at 570-275-0283 or email: <a href="mailto:trinitylutheran@ptd.net">trinitylutheran@ptd.net</a>

#### Altar Flowers & Bulletins

If you would like to sign-up for a particular Sunday ~ Please contact the church office @ 570-275-0283 or

email: <a href="mailto:trinitylutheran@ptd.net">trinitylutheran@ptd.net</a>
Cost:

Bulletins \$15 Flowers \$36



#### Flag Day

**United States** 

In the United States, Flag Day is celebrated on June 14. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777, by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. The Flag Resolution, passed on June 14, 1777, stated: "Resolved, That the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."

### **Certificate**Of Appreciation

Presented To

Trinity Lutheran Church

IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR PAST CONTRIBUTIONS AND CONTINUING SUPPORT TO THE

Danville/Riverside Food Bank



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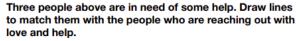
Another wonderful

act of God's work

Our hands!!

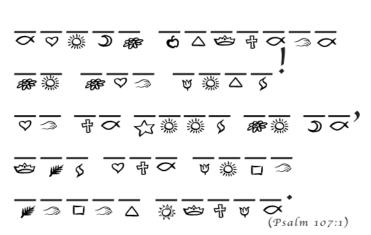
There are times when we reach out to others for a helping hand. We reach out to Jesus in prayer. We know that he always loves us, even when we are in need.





#### Crack the code

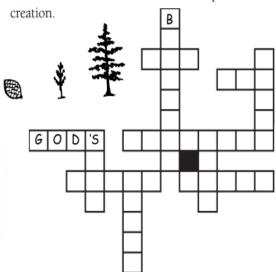
We know that God's love is always with us. Finish the puzzle below by matching the correct letter to each symbol.





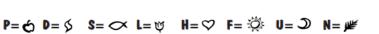


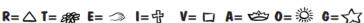
Do you see things in your worship place that are made from wood? The wood and trees are a part of God's



Think of the tiny seeds that become sturdy trees, a home for animals and birds and a source of wood for our own use. Place the wood words into the crossword puzzle above.

Wood Words
GOD'S CEDAR OAK BIRCH FIR SEED
ACORN TWIG GREEN CREATION BRANCHES







## CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2021

#### High School Graduates

Benjamin Bulger
Cora Charlton
Kevin Dempsey
Sydney Fedder
Lydia Gordner
Julian Hahn
Sadie Hahn
Natalie Hampton
Abby Irvine
Randy Keefer

#### College Graduates

Ryan Brouse Everett Lehr

Best Wishes and God's Blessing for each of you, as you begin the next chapter in your journey!!