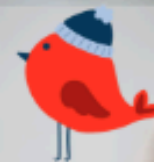


# The Good News



Trinity Lutheran Church

January 2026



# Pastor's Schedule

Pastor's e-mail: [pastortlc@ptd.net](mailto:pastortlc@ptd.net)

Please call the office at 570-275-0283 to set a time to meet with Pastor.

Non-emergency visitations by appointment.

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday  
9:00AM – 1:00 PM.

Pastoral Care emergencies should be made to the Pastor regardless of day and time at 570-486-3792.

Thank you!  
Pastor Trevor

**Pastoral Emergencies:** The Pastor's emergency number is his personal phone number as 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!**







*Gather your family or a friend or two, and enter into a biblical study in your home or theirs. Each month in the newsletter, opportunities will be given on this page to explore the Epistle of Paul to the Roman Church and lessons of the Gospel of Matthew. You might want to gather a journal, notebook, and pen.*

### Opening prayer...

Good and gracious God, we have come to know you through the witness of many people. We thank you for those who have moved us toward faith, and pray that we in turn might encourage others toward faith. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Using your house Bible, read Romans 1:11-17 aloud. Now, have another person read it aloud. If you are doing this study as a single person, please use the practice of Lectio Divina – that is read the passage through once at regular pace, pause, read it again at a slower pace, pause, then a third time, still slower, and allow yourself to pause over words that have meaning to you in the moment. Always, read aloud so that you engage your hearing and listening skills.

### QUESTIONS TO PONDER...

- What words or images stood out to you as the text was read?
- What does this text tell you about Paul?
- What seems to matter most to Paul?
- How would you describe the relationship Paul has with the people he's writing to? Why?



**Pray silently according to your heart before God.**

**Cannot think of a prayer? Pray the Lord's Prayer.**



**Give thanks to God for this time and exploration of Scripture.**

## Common Scams to Watch Out For:

### 1. “Official” Phone Calls

Someone calls saying they’re from the IRS, Medicare, or your bank. They warn you owe money or your benefits will stop.

➔ **What to do:** Hang up! Government agencies will never call asking for payment or personal information.

### 2. Fake Emails or Texts

You get a message asking you to “verify your account” or “click a link.” It might look real, but it’s a trick.

➔ **What to do:** Delete suspicious messages. Call the company directly if you’re unsure.

### 3. Romance Scams

Fraudsters build online relationships, then ask for money to cover travel or medical emergencies.

➔ **What to do:** Never send money or gift cards to someone you haven’t met in person.

### 4. “Tech Support” Pop-Ups

A scary message says your computer has a virus and tells you to call a number.

➔ **What to do:** Don’t call! Close your browser or restart your computer.

### 5. “Grandparent” Scams

You get a call: “Grandma, I’m in trouble!” The voice sounds familiar, but it’s not your grandchild.

➔ **What to do:** Hang up and call your grandchild or their parents to check.

## Stay Smart, Stay Safe: How Seniors Can Outsmart Scammers

Scams are, unfortunately, everywhere these days — on the phone, online, even in the mail. Older adults are often targeted because scammers see them as polite, trusting, or financially stable. But here’s the good news: with a little awareness and caution, you can protect yourself and your loved ones.

### Smart Ways to Protect Yourself

- Slow down. Scammers use fear and urgency to trick people.
- Never share personal details (Social Security, bank info, passwords).
- Use strong passwords and keep them private.
- Review your bank and credit card statements regularly.
- Talk about it. Share scam alerts with friends or family. The more we talk, the safer everyone becomes!

### If You Think You’ve Been Scammed

Don’t be embarrassed — it can happen to anyone. Take these steps right away:

- Call your bank or credit card company to report it.
- File a report at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://www.ftc.gov/report-fraud).
- Tell your local police or senior center so others can be warned.



### Remember

You have the power to say “No, thank you” and hang up. If something feels off, it probably is. Stay cautious, stay confident, and help spread the word — together, we can stop scams before they start!

# Resources

**\*Dial 2-1-1 for assistance in finding essential community services\***

## Food Insecurity

**Night of Joy/ Clean Heart Giveaway & Meal**  
*Last Tuesday of each month 4:00 PM-6:00 PM*  
Trinity Lutheran Church

*\*\*some services below may have eligibility requirements, please call them for more information\*\**

**Montour County Human Relations Department**  
570-271-3028

**Montour County Human Service Food Pantry**  
435 E. Front Street, Danville  
*Last Thursday of each month: 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM*

**CSO Mobile Food Pantry**  
Danville Community Center  
1041 Liberty Street, Danville

570-205-7892  
*4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month: 11:00 AM- 1:00 PM*

**Shiloh United Church of Christ Food Pantry**  
512 Bloom Street, Danville  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month: 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM*

## Assault

**PA Sexual Assault Helpline**  
1-888-772-7227

**Columbia, Montour, Snyder, and Union Counties Crisis Hotline**  
1-800-222-9016

**National Domestic Violence Hotline**  
1-800-799-7233

## Disaster Aid

**Year-round natural and human-created disaster assistance, counseling**  
1-800-985-5990 (call/text)

**Español: Llama o envía un mensaje de texto**  
1-800-985-5990 presiona "2"

### **For Deaf and Hard of Hearing ASL Callers:**

Text/call the Disaster Distress Helpline:  
1-800-985-5990 (using your preferred Relay provider)

FEMA: [fema.gov](https://www.fema.gov)  
PEMA: [pema.pa.gov](https://www.pema.pa.gov)

## LGBTQIA+ Crisis Lines:

**Hotline:** 1-800-273-TALK (8225)  
1-877-330-6366 (Canada-based, open to US citizens)

**Nacional de Prevencion del Suicidio:**  
1-888-628-9454; Text "Talk" to 741741  
9-8-8 (Veterans press 1)

### **The Trevor Project:**

1-866-488-7386  
Text "Trevor" to 678-678;  
Chat: [thetrevorproject.org/help](https://thetrevorproject.org/help)

### **Trans Lifeline:**

1-877-565-8860

## LGBTQIA+ Elder Hotline (older LGBTQ)

1-877-360-5428





  
Thank you to everyone who  
helped with the setting up of  
our Christmas decorations  
this year, and to all who  
served and came to our  
Christmas Eve service!!

# CHURCH INFORMATION

PHONE  
570-275-0283

WEBSITE  
[www.tlcdanvillepa.org](http://www.tlcdanvillepa.org)

EMAIL  
[trinitylutheran@ptd.net](mailto:trinitylutheran@ptd.net)

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Mon 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
Tues 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
Wed 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
Thurs 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
Fri CLOSED

## CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Trevor J. Hahn ~ Pastor  
Ed Haas ~ Custodian  
Carol Payne ~ Organist  
Gary Kurtz ~ Treasurer  
Victoria Stoddard ~ Admin. Assistant

## MAILING ADDRESS

Trinity Lutheran Church  
P.O. Box 417  
Danville, PA 17821

## GPS ADDRESS

Trinity Lutheran Church  
241 East Market Street  
Danville, PA 17821





### *Stewards in Christ*

Danville Area Food Bank

Good Samaritan Mission

The Gate House  
(Transitional Housing)

Upper Susquehanna Synod  
(Local Congregation Support)

### *Global Partnerships*

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
(World Hunger Appeal, Lutheran Work  
Relief, Lutheran Disaster)

**For anyone wishing to make a  
financial donation to the community:**

*\*The Good Samaritan Mission\**

*\*Columbia-Montour United Way\**

*\*Danville Area Food Bank\**

### *Night of Joy & Clean Heart Give Away*

**Tuesday, January 27th  
4:00 – 6:00 PM**

*Bingo: 4:00 PM  
Meal served at 5:00 PM*

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### *Jubilee Kitchen Danville Community Supported Community Meal*

**Every Saturday  
11:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.**





### Lector

**Jan 4th** Peg Reed  
**Jan 11th** Abby Miller  
**Jan 18th** Kate Siats  
**Jan 25th** Kathy Mordan

### Assisting Minister

**Jan 4th** Peg Reed  
**Jan 11th** Zac Miller  
**Jan 18th** Kate Siats  
**Jan 25th** Kathy Mordan  
*-(Service of the Word)*

### Acolyte

**Jan 4th** Ken Holdren  
**Jan 11th** Adalynn & Tyrus Kendrick  
**Jan 18th** TBD  
**Jan 25th** Ken Holdren

### Altar Guild

Pastor & Kathy

## Service Minister Schedule

January 2026

Thank you to all  
of our Service  
Ministers!!

### Ushers

**Jan 4th** Robert Kirkner & Craig Lewis  
**Jan 11th** Linda Harvey & Nancy Davies  
**Jan 18th** Craig Lewis & TBD  
**Jan 25th** Nancy Davies & Linda Harvey

### Deacons

**Jan 4th** Kathy Hahn & Gary Kurtz  
**Jan 11th** Nicole Kendrick & Ian Marker  
**Jan 18th** Tryg Jensen & Stephen Humphries  
**Jan 25th** Gary Kurtz & Kathy Hahn



# Church Council Updates & Information

## **Church Council Meeting Minutes for December 2025**

Church Council October and November meeting minutes were reviewed and approved by Council. Please contact the Church Office for these individual reports.

In New Business, the desired number of Council members will remain at 12. Consolidation discussions with Pine Street will be placed on hold until February.

Council approved a quarterly Synod donation of \$250. The rusted side doors are unable to have aluminum sleeves installed since the sleeves do not fit the doors. Christian Education and Youth Ministries will meet in the new year.

In Outreach, thank you letters were received from the Danville/Riverside food bank for financial donations and non-perishable food items. Fifteen angel tree children's gifts and 5 Danville State residents' gifts were delivered on December 10<sup>th</sup>. NOJ received a donation of jewelry designated for bingo prizes however decided to have it appraised before using it as bingo prizes and it was appraised at \$940—this will be added to the Outreach funds where it can be put to good use. NOJ will resume on Jan 27<sup>th</sup>.

In Property, Joe Siats resigned as Chair. Kate Siats resigned as Council President.

The next Council Meeting will be held on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 6PM.

## **Executive Committee**

Vacant - *President*

Vacant - *Vice President*

Nicole Kendrick - *Secretary*

Gary Kurtz - *Treasurer*



## **Our Congregational Council & Ministry Chair Members**

Vacant	Mutual Ministry & Stewardship	Linda Harvey
Vacant	Communications	Vacant
Ian Marker	Fellowship/Evangelism	Vacant
Stephen Humphries	Property	Ed Haas
Executive Comm.	Grace Fund	Dale Erb
Tryge Jensen & Pastor	Christian Education	Vacant
Kathy Hahn	Music & Worship	Carol Payne
Kate Siats	Outreach	Linda Harvey
Gary Kurtz	Finance	Barry Ashenfelder

**Please welcome our  
new council member!!**

***~Brenda Reber~***



# Give With a Joyful Heart

Your generous offering to TLC provides for the general operation of the congregation, for benevolence to local charities, benevolence to the larger church through the ELCA, and more.

***Please use this QR code to be directed to a simple online giving option, now.***



*Please scan here using your phone's camera.*



## CURRENT ACCOUNT- November 2025

November 2025

### INCOME:

Contribution Income	\$	10,764.26
Interest Income	\$	2,704.05
Transfer from savings	\$	0.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>13,468.31</b>

### EXPENSES:

Pastor Compensation	\$	7,758.18
Staff Compensation	\$	2,838.08
Parish Administration	\$	739.74
Church Property	\$	5,377.64
Cemetery Maintenance	\$	0.00
Education & Outreach	\$	704.75
Music & Worship	\$	1,152.17
Evangelism	\$	0.00
Ministry Expense	\$	0.00
Conventions & Seminars	\$	0.00
Transfer of Funds	\$	0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>18,570.56</b>

**MONTHLY TOTAL:** \$ -\$5,102.25

**NET LOSS/SURPLUS**

**YTD ACTUAL:** \$ -\$31,547.22

**Net Loss Without Cash Infusion:** -\$44,058.38

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jan 2 - Jane Reedy

Jan 4 - Alexis Noll

Jan 5 - Carmela Seidel

Jan 10 - Bradley Lewis

Jan 11 - Edwin Haas

Jan 19 - Joe Siats

Jan 25 - Zac Miller

Jan 28 - Laura Ashenfelder

Jan 31 - Brett Hampton & Christopher Hendrickson



**Do you have a minute to brighten  
someone's day?**

We are requesting a card shower  
for our beloved TLC Member:

**Janice Erb**

Mountain View Manor  
2050 Trevorton Road  
Coal Township, PA 17866



Happy  
New Year

*Dear Lord,*

Thank you for the lovingkindness that you  
have shown to each member of this  
congregation this past year.

Although we may have experienced a mix of  
joy and trials, we have seen your faithful  
love shown to us each and every day.

We ask for your blessing on the members of  
the Church this year. Please continue to  
guide every person in this congregation  
throughout the 2026 and beyond.

*We pray this in Christ's blessed name, Amen.*

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end; they are new  
every morning; great is your faithfulness.*

*Lamentations 3:22-23*



## In Our Prayers

Rhonda Brouse  
Patricia Cornelison  
Jerris Cutchall  
Robert Derr  
Ed Harvey  
Diane Locke  
Dottie Myers  
Doug Stine  
Keith Fetzer  
Mike Bialecki  
Anthony  
June Reich  
Kimberly  
Dale Erb  
Janice Erb  
Jonathan Beachy  
Kyle Gouldner  
Kathy Leicht  
Maureen  
Ken  
Jordan  
First Baptist Church's Mission Group  
The Sisters of Christian Charity

### The Family & Friends of

-Dr. James DeVoe  
-Charles White, Senior  
-Rev. Ron Shellhamer  
-Helen Gerringer  
-Jim Hagenbuch

### Serving in our Military

Casey Reber  
Aaron Warntz  
Kurt Wimble  
Jason Lee  
Nicole Lee

### January Altar Flowers

Jan 4 - Open  
Jan 11 - Open  
Jan 18 - Open  
Jan 25 - Open

### January Bulletins

Jan 4 - Open  
Jan 11 - Open  
Jan 18 - Open  
Jan 25 - Open

Please consider sponsoring a  
week of our altar flowers or  
bulletins this month!

**There is a sign-up sheet on  
the bulletin board in the  
fellowship hall, or you may  
contact the church office if  
you would like to sign-up.**



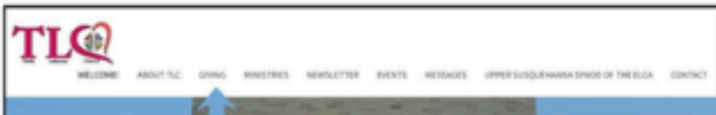
Bulletins – \$15.00 / week  
Altar Flowers – \$42.00 / week



## How to Give to our Church Online

First, visit our website: <https://tlcdanvillepa.org/>

1.



Select 'Giving' at the top of the page

2.



Click 'Give Online Now'

3.

After you click the 'Give online now' button, you will see a pop-up screen that looks like this.

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Danville, PA 17821

Amount:  Ex: 100 Give Online: 1000 Current

Card number

Email  First Name  Last Name

Member ID #/Envelope #

Note / memo (optional)

☐ Cover fees? ☐ Setup

Add your dollar amount here

Add your credit or debit card number here

Add your church envelope number here. (If you need a number, please contact the church office)

Click this button if you would like to add a small additional amount to cover our fees for this transaction. (This step is optional, but it is appreciated)

4.



When you are finished, scroll down and click the button at the bottom to submit your payment.

Thank you in advance for your faithful giving!!

## The Bulletin Board

Please give a warm welcome to the newest member of our congregation when you see her next, Nancy 'Nan' Leighow



Taking down the greens  
January 4<sup>th</sup> after worship  
Volunteers needed!

Can you find



on each page of the newsletter?

Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania

## LAMPa

LAMPa is the State Public Policy office of the ELCA in Pennsylvania.

**"Church together for the sake of the world God loves"**

Please consider donating to this ministry by visiting the website located at the URL below:

[lutheranadvocacypa.org/donate](https://lutheranadvocacypa.org/donate)



EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (ELCA)  
UPPER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD PRESENTS:

# YOUTH EVENTS SCHEDULE

2026



JAN  
2-4

## WINTERFEST

Lancaster, PA  
Register: [cmi@campmountluther.org](mailto:cmi@campmountluther.org)

## RENEW RETREAT

Camp Mount Luther  
Registration required:  
[campmountluther.org/renew](http://campmountluther.org/renew)

FEB  
20-21

3/8  
2-4PM

## OPEN MIC NIGHT

Milton Lutheran Church  
1125 Mahoning St, Milton, PA 17847

## POTLUCK PICNIC

Faith Lutheran Church  
2349 Old Turnpike Rd, Lewisburg, PA 17837

4/12  
2-4PM

### MORE INFO:



[cmi@campmountluther.org](mailto:cmi@campmountluther.org)  
[instagram.com/uss.youth/](https://www.instagram.com/uss.youth/)

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The Upper Susquehanna Synod Youth Group of the ELCA seeks to provide quality, Christ-centered, faith and fellowship experiences for middle school and high school aged youth across north central PA.

# Join CaTALYST!

A new faith community for **young adults**  
in central Pennsylvania!



## OUR VISION

We seek to form an intentional community that gathers in love and cultivates relationships in the way of Jesus. Together, we will support and empower one another as we shape ourselves and the world for the better.

## OUR GATHERINGS

Dinner Church — 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month

Time: 4-6pm

Location: Camp Mount Luther

Worship like the first disciples as we share in faith, food, and fellowship

Faith & Fellowship — 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month

Time: 8pm

Location: Discord

Tired of stuffy Bible studies? Come talk faith and life in a relaxed space

Service Projects — 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month

Time: 10am - 4pm

Location: varies

Head out into the community to put our faith in action!

Game Night — 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month

Time: 8pm

Location: Discord

Play matters, too! Join us for laughter, fun, and friendly online games

Questions? Email us at [catalyst@campmountluther.org](mailto:catalyst@campmountluther.org)



LEARN  
MORE!



JOIN OUR  
DISCORD!



# EVERYDAY SUNDAY SCHOOL

January 2026



## Lesson 1 of 2: Jesus is baptized Luke 3:15-17, 21-22



### What's the BIG NEWS in this lesson?

Jesus' baptism marks the beginning of his public ministry, and this text clarifies that Jesus is the leader for everyone to follow.

### Why does this BIG NEWS matter?

God calls us all beloved and treasures us all. We are invited into Jesus' baptism, making us part of his family, children of God.

### Ask questions.

- Have you seen a baptism? Where? What did it look like?
- If you saw a baptism in a church other than your own, was it different? How?
- Who do you think John the Baptist was?
- John baptized with water, but what would Jesus baptize with?
- What about the scene tells us the people knew it was God's voice speaking?

## PARENTS

Read the lesson together with your children. If your children are of reading age, have them read. Each of you, always read aloud. Especially with younger readers, the message of the words don't always make it through the effort kids are expending on "getting the words right." Read the lesson two or three times before moving on to asking questions about it.

You, as parents, will also use your own language and patterns of speech to present what follows... \*\*

Using your own craft supplies, you might make paper doves, or paint with watercolors the images of Jesus' baptism. You can also search out songs about baptism, sing together and make up a dance to celebrate baptism.



## ADDED NOTES



As Lutherans, we believe in one baptism. That means we trust in God's grace once and for all, not needing to be "renewed" each time we feel sinful. However, we do allow for remembrance of baptism by simply standing in the rain uncovered, in the shower, or by public asperges, the practice of sprinkling water upon the Assembly during worship at certain times of the Church year.



## Lesson 2 of 2:

### Many Follow Jesus - Disciples Luke 5:1-11, 6:12-16; 8:1-3



# EVERYDAY SUNDAY SCHOOL

January 2026



### What's the BIG NEWS in this lesson?

Jesus breaks down barriers in society to invite people into community and vocation. Simon Peter, a fisherman, is first called, then 12 disciples are chosen. Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Susanna, and others were also called.



### Why does this BIG NEWS matter?

Jesus helps us to see past how the world works and how society treats power and influence. All are invited into discipleship, even children.

### Ask questions

- Who was trying to catch fish?
- What happened when Jesus got in the boat?
- Why do you think the fishermen went with Jesus?
- Would you leave your home to follow Jesus? Why or why not?
- How do you show people you are a disciple of Jesus?

Pretend to be in a boat and act out the scene. Make a toy boat out of cardboard boxes that you can sit in. Look up information about fishing and learn about the types of food we are given by

God from the sea.



### ADDED NOTES



For the first 100 or so years after Jesus' resurrection, the terms Christian or disciple of Jesus were not used. Those who followed Jesus were called "followers of the Way." YOU are followers of the Way!



# JANUARY 2026

SUNDAY

MONDAY



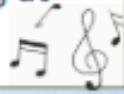



TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

			 <i>Happy New Year!</i>		
★ <b>Worship Service 9:00 AM</b> <span style="color: red;">4</span> <i>After worship:</i> *Taking down the greens* --Volunteers needed-- -Fellowship & Evan. Meeting -Communications Meeting					
★ <b>Worship Service 9:00 AM</b> <span style="color: red;">11</span> -Outreach committee meeting after worship service	<b>Music &amp; Worship meeting at 4:45pm</b> 				
★ <b>Worship Service 9:00 AM</b> <span style="color: red;">18</span>			<b>Finance Committee meeting at 6:00 pm</b> 		
★ <b>Worship Service 9:00 AM</b> <span style="color: red;">25</span>		 <b>Night of Joy &amp; Clean Heart Giveaway 4:00-6:00 PM</b>	<b>Church Council meeting at 6:00 PM</b> 		

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