

# YOU'RE WELCOME...



Since the congregation is in a call process, Council thought it important to keep everyone up-to-date on the process. That information is included in this newsletter. Also news from other areas of congregational life. Please read this newsletter carefully. It does not contain the information already included in the July/August edition.

An update from Church Council on the Call Process.

We have reached another milestone in this process as the Site Profile Committee has completed the Site Profile document and has sent it to ELCA/Synod. This document will now be reviewed by Synod staff who will then share any recommended changes. The next step will be that Synod, the Dean, Church Council, Site Profile Committee and Call Committee will all meet and review and approve this final document. When this final approval is completed the document will be shared with the congregation. The call committee with the assistance of the Bishops Assistant will then begin the search process for our next Pastor. It is exciting as we move forward in this process. Keep everyone in your prayers as they do this work.

Phyllis Peters



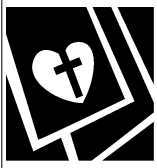
*Return  
to  
Regular  
Worship  
Hours*

May 27 through September 2:  
1 SERVICE - 9:00 AM

**RETURN TO REGULAR  
WORSHIP HOURS**

**September 9:  
8:00 & 10:30; SCS 9:15**

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# FROM THE PASTOR

Last evening I attended the opening night of Vacation Bible School. It was a blessing to experience the excitement of staff and children, and to feel the positive energy VBS creates. It was good to see the youth of the congregation helping to make VBS happen.

The youth of this congregation are amazing. They actively participate in the life of this congregation. They are in worship, Youth Choir, Handbells, and serve as ushers and acolytes. They provide special music and are teaching in VBS or assisting. With Mazon, younger children are intentionally learning what it means to be a child of God. They are learning many things about why we do what we do in the church so it can become

a meaningful part of their own faith journey, and are also encouraged to grow spiritually.

In many ways, Holy Trinity already has in place good children and youth ministry. What is needed is an expanded vision for youth and family ministry that will work for this congregation at this particular time. We can't take a model from the past or from another congregation and impose it here. Whatever develops will need the support and participation of the congregation.

Judging from the surveys, this seems to be important to the congregation and will probably be part of the discernment process when the new pastor arrives. I wish you blessings on this journey.

Pastor Karen

## Local Lutheran Churches Explore Cooperative Ministry

Winnie Gerlach and I were privileged to attend a gathering of lay people representing 10 Lutheran Churches in our conference to discuss the possibility of forming a shared lay ministry task force. At this gathering, we each told of things that our home churches were doing for the common good and several challenges that we would like to improve. We all felt that co-operative ministry within our congregations would give us much better results than trying to struggle alone. Things like giving better spiritual help to young families and helping our communities with issues of poverty, addiction, etc.

The group felt strongly that it was important that we understand this is not to share Pastors nor was it to combine congregations or close church buildings. It was a way to "get things done." It was agreed that first we need to identify the strengths and the needs. To do this, our first step is for the group to visit each other's church for a Sunday service with a short meeting afterward. As this is happening, we will get a better understanding of what we need to focus on and where to begin.

Yours in Christ, Peggy Dean

**Property Update:** This summer new lights and air conditioning were put in the Social Hall, and air conditioning and new flooring in Luther Hall. A big thank-you to all who worked on these projects. Special thanks to Craig Forney who volunteered his electrical expertise for these projects. He put in a lot of time here this summer!

If anyone would like a tour of Luther Hall, please see John Fuehrer, Property Chair.

## Reformation Weekend: October 27 & 28

### *Celebrating our Lutheran Heritage*

As part of our 150th Anniversary celebration, Holy Trinity will welcome Dr. Jean E. Godsall-Myers and the Rev. Stephen Godsall-Myers to lead two very special events:

#### **Saturday, October 27: 11:30am– 2:00pm**

A Women's luncheon featuring Dr. Godsall-Myers presentation, *Katie, Anna, and Me* portraying the lives of Katharine von Bora Luther, Anna Weiser Muhlenberg, and a modern ELCA woman.

#### **Sunday, October 28: 9:15am**

The Rev. Stephen Godsall-Myers will lead the Adult forum in a presentation of Luther and his life and work at Wittenberg.

**Mark your calendars now and plan on joining us!**



### ***FREE TRINI MINI SUMMER 2018***

ONE whole WEEK:  
AUGUST 20th THRU 24th  
Monday thru Friday,  
9:30 am to 12 NOON  
FUN, GAMES, WATER PLAY,  
SNACKS,  
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES!

## 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

What is significant about the year 1868? Andrew Johnson was the president of the United States, and our nation was going through Reconstruction after the Civil War. More importantly to us, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church was founded on November 5, which means this year is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our ministry!

This is significant not only for us, but also for the community because Holy Trinity was the first church to be established within the Borough of Ephrata.

Our Anniversary Committee consists of Lois Beck, Deb Martin, Phyllis Peters, Barry Kreider, Norm Wangman, and church staff. We have been busy planning a celebration!

Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, November 4** – All Saints Day. We will have one service that day followed by a banquet to celebrate the milestone. Former pastors will be invited to participate in the liturgy and join us in fellowship. More details on this will be forthcoming.

Another project we are working on is updating an addendum to the Church History book which was written by Milt Jacoby for the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The committee is compiling highlights of the last 25 years.

Our committee is working on a limited budget, and we would like to make our activities accessible for everyone to participate. We are asking for contributions to generate a Patron list for the anniversary. Anyone who contributes will be recognized in a list published in the history booklet and in the program for the banquet. Forms to contribute will be available in the Assembly Area of the church as well as in monthly newsletters. Please consider becoming a patron to support the anniversary celebration.

Our committee welcomes your input. If you have any ideas of something special to honor this milestone, please talk with any member of the committee.

James D. Kimmel  
Anniversary Committee Chairman

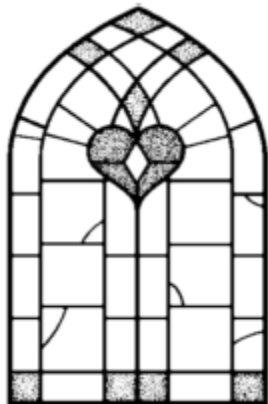
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*"A Window is but a transparent wall,  
through which one can see out and in."*

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