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# the Trinity Messenger

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*A Publication of Trinity Lutheran Church, 323 Fifth Street, Freeport, PA ~ June 2019*

## Pastor's Page



Lana and I had a great time visiting my son and his family in Minnesota. Thanks for Lyn DiSanti and Pat Ferrante for leading worship in my absence. I have heard only good reports about their ministry. So at least I did not have to worry much about the congregation while I was gone.

I told Phyllis in the office to keep me aware of concerns while I was away. I have always thought, that even though I may not be able to be physically present, I can always take a few moments for a phone call to someone back here, whether to offer support or prayer. So when I am gone in the future, please keep that in mind.

It has been said that a parent never stops worrying about their children. I know this is true for me. And now it also involves worrying about my grandchildren. At one point I was watching my three-year old grandson, Sully, outside. I got involved in something and before I knew it, he was gone from sight. My heart sank as my mind thought about all kinds of possibilities, both good and not so good.

It turns out that he decided to walk next door to the neighbors to pay a visit. Frank was not home but Nancy was. Whether he knocked or not, he walked right into the house. Nancy was asleep on the couch and awoke with a start. He was welcomed with some cookies to take back home.

Needless to say, his mom had a good talking with him when he returned. On the one hand, you like the confidence and adventurous spirit of a child. But such a situation can instill such anxiety in the heart.

Speaking about a situation that can create anxiety, I would like to share this update. On Monday evening, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Council members of Trinity will meet with the Council members of Faith, Natrona Heights, as to the possibility of my serving as Interim Pastor for both congregations, perhaps starting July 1<sup>st</sup>. At this point none of us knows exactly what this might look like.

My commitment is to the congregation of Trinity and I will follow your lead. What I am suggesting is to take it slow and see how it feels to have this work out. It certainly can be done. In my first ministry to St. John's in Connellsville, I worked to bring that congregation and Trinity in Connellsville into a shared ministry with me serving both congregations. In my last five plus years of serving English in Zelienople, I worked to bring English and St. Paul's in Zelienople into a shared ministry, with me serving both congregations.

It can be done. And I think I have learned some things from these past two experiences as to how it might be done better. But at this point I ask that you keep your church in your prayers. Offer your support to give it a try. And have something of that confidence and adventurous spirit of my little grandson.

Peace. Pastor Bob

## Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Freeport, PA



Our Worship Schedule:

**Saturday Evening Service:** 5:00 PM

**Sunday School:** 9:00 AM

**Sunday Morning Service:** 10:15 AM

### Summer Worship Schedule

**Begins Sunday—June 16th @ 9 AM)**

#### Church Staff

Rev. Robert Keplinger

Phone number: 724-601-9330

E-mail: [robert.a.keplinger@gmail.com](mailto:robert.a.keplinger@gmail.com)

Office / Financial Secretary	Phyllis Woods
Church Treasurer	Wanda Warren
Organist / Choir Director	Krista Fennell
Saturday Organist	Alice Pater
Custodian	Chrissy Roppolo

#### Church Council

Shirley VanDyke - '20: V.P., Finance & Stewardship  
Yvette Beck - '19: Christian Education  
Kathy Blair - '20: Children & Youth, Worship & Music  
Jessica Cummings - '19 : Children & Youth  
Linda Durst - '19: Decorating  
Krista Fennell - '21: Worship & Music  
Pat Ferrante – '19: Freeport Community Outreach  
John Foust - '20: Property  
Kris Kramer - '21: Mission Outreach  
Eileen Shearer - '20: Miss. Endow., Special Interest  
Mary Turner - 21: Senior Outreach

Church Office Hours:

Mon. - Thurs. 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

#### MAY 2019 COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Approved secretary, treasurer, and interim pastor's reports

**Children & Youth:** Camp Lutherlyn "On The Road" July 8th— July 12th, grades 1st thru 5th.

**Christian Education:** research on new Sunday School curriculum.

**Congregation Care:** All Easter baskets were delivered

**Community Outreach:** No Report

**Decorating:** June 9th is Pentecost

**Finance/Stewardship:** No Report

**Mission Endowment:** Approval of monies for Lutherlyn "on The Road" and Lutherlyn Camp Scholarships; Approval of \$1,605 towards carpet in the Nursery.

**Mission Outreach:** No Report

**Property:** General maintenance around the church during the last month.

**Social Ministry:** No Report

**Special Interest:** Recognize all our Graduates on June 9th during the 10:15 service with reception to follow

**Worship & Music:** June 30th is First Holy Communion; July 21st Is "Christmas In July"; August 11th Church Service & Picnic at Freeport Park/ Valley Camp Pavilion.

#### Old Business:

1. Scholarship Applications are due May 31st.
2. Staff Reviews will be completed
3. Trinity Council & Faith Lutheran Council to meet Monday June 3rd at 7 pm.

#### New Business:

1. approved that Church Council will now meet on the second Monday of each month time will be at 7 PM.

**June 2019 Council Devotions -**

**lead by ~ Eileen Shearer**

**June 2019 Sunday Counters are**

**Kris Kramer + volunteer**

**NEXT CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Monday June 10, 2019 @ 7 PM**  
**We will meet in Library Room**



## LUTHERLYN "ON THE ROAD"

Day Camp is a unique blend of outdoor ministry and congregational ministry. In this joint effort between Lutherlyn and congregations, camp provides the program elements (staff, schedule, supplies, curriculum and resources) and the congregations provide volunteer helpers as needed, services, public relations, and involvement in the program as arranged by the director with the congregation's coordinator.

Day Camp is an evangelical summer ministry that targets church and community youth who will be entering:

**Grades one through five the following fall.**

**Camp Lutherlyn "On The Road"  
at Trinity**

**July 8th - July 12th**

**Camp also open to the community.**

So, bring your children, their friends, and neighbors to share in the fun of Lutherlyn "On The Road"! Registration forms can be found on the table in the back of the church.

Shirley VanDyke is our congregation's coordinator for questions and cost or call the church office (724-295-9557).

### Camp Lutherlyn Scholarships:

If you are a member of Trinity and have a child/children attending Camp Lutherlyn this summer, remember **Trinity has Scholarships available**; we will match 1/2 of the cost of a basic campership at Lutherlyn. Please call the church office (724-295-9557) for information.

### ENROLLMENT

### NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR FREEPORT TRINITY LUTHERAN PRE-SCHOOL

The Pre-School has Been Serving the Freeport Area for 15 Years.

#### Certified Teachers:

Nancy Zema & Beth Kelly hold classes:

**M-W-F 9:00 am - 11:30 am**

**Pre-Kindergarten Class 4 & 5 yr. old**

&

**T & Th. 9:00 am - 11:30 am**

**3 & 4 year old class**

To enroll or for information:

Call 724-316-5271 or 724-355-0402

### Children's Stained Glass Window Restoration Fund Loose Offering Collection



Goal is \$4,000 for a restoration of a small stained glass window

January collection	\$ 75.50
February collection	\$ 223.00
March collection	\$ 124.50
April collection	\$ 208.50
May collection	\$ 102.00

We will be collecting the third weekend of each month, until our goal is reached, so bring in that loose change and help us make a "NOISY" Offering!

**Next Noisy Weekend is June 15th & 16th**

**The Children of Trinity Thank You!**



Pastor Bob  
will be away  
on a family vacation

**June 14 - June 24**

Pastor James Arter will be filling in for Pastor Bob during this time. If you need a Pastor please call the church office (724-295-9557) or call Rev. James Arter – (W) 724-845-7518 (H) 724-212-7240.

Pastor Bob had this vacation planned before joining Trinity as Interim Pastor, please keep Pastor Bob and family in your prayers.



Thank You so much for the many birthday cards and also for the lovely Easter basket. It was filled with so many delicious and useful items. Trinity is blessed with so many thoughtful people. Millie Macurdy

DEAR TRINITY FRIENDS,  
 THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE LOVELY EASTER BASKET FILLED WITH MANY OF MY FAVORITE THINGS. IT IS NICE TO KNOW THAT I HAVE NOT BEEN FORGOTTEN. MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU.

LOVE TO CHEER  
 FROM JANE BRACK

Dear Trinity Family

Thank you for all of your good wishes and the many beautiful cards I received to celebrate my 90th Birthday.

To be remembered in such a manner is a blessing.

In His Love  
 Mary Ann Pellmar

I am blessed to have so much support and love from all of you at Trinity.

Your prayers and support have been appreciated and thankfully Jim is doing well.

Thanks for all you have done - including the welcome home dinner! Kathy Blair

From Kathy Blair: Thanks to the Tomayko family for giving us a float in the Freeport Memorial Day Parade; Thanks also to **everyone** who helped and participated in our Circle of Friends outing; who helped place flags at the various cemeteries; and joined in the Freeport Memorial Day Parade: **You helped make Trinity Shine**

A late note of appreciation to Shirley VanDyke for filling in at the church office while I was on vacation. Thanks Shirley, everything just kept rolling without missing a beat! Phyllis



## SUMMER WORSHIP BEGINS

Sunday June 16

9:00 AM

Set a reminder

Note: Sunday School will resume in September

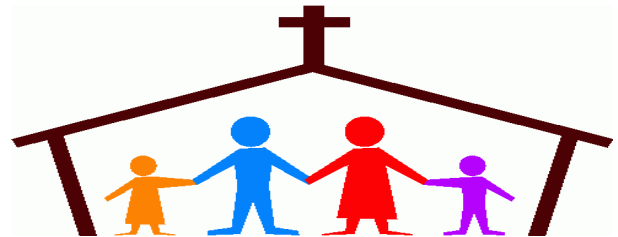
### Grass Mowing at the Parsonage

#### Week Of:

- June 2 John Foust
- June 9 Tom Turner
- June 16 Drew Fennell
- June 23 Drew Fennell
- June 30 Heckman Family
- July 7 Don Smeltzer



Thank YOU!



## Annual Congregational Meeting

Saturday June 1, 2019

Sunday June 2, 2019

Immediately Following the

5:00 PM Saturday Service

10:15 Sunday Service

Please Plan On Attending

See You This Weekend!!!!



## BAPTISM

It Was Our Joy To Welcome into the family  
of God through the

Sacrament of Holy Baptism:

May 5, 2019;

**Christian Albert Cummings;**

son of Robert and Rachel (Slaviero) Cummings  
brother of Owen Cummings

Godparents are  
Christopher and Jessica Cummings.

May 19, 2019;

**Kaylee Jo Turner;**

daughter of Kevin and Kelly (Sieja) Turner.  
Grandparents are Thomas & Mary Turner

*Welcome  
Christian Albert Cummings  
and  
Kaylee Jo Turner*

### OUR FAITHFULNESS AT WORSHIP

	<u>Sat</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>Total</u>
May 05	18	67	85
May 12	20	89	109
May 19	19	72	91
May 26	17	55	72

Join us For Saturday or Sunday Service

We look forward to seeing YOU!

**(Reminder: Summer Worship Schedule  
Begins Sunday—June 16th @ 9 AM)**



We welcome into  
our church family by

CONFIRMATION

SUNDAY May 12, 2019

*Confirmands*

*Luke Joseph DiSanti  
Abbey Rose Shearer*

*Affirming her Baptism  
Sara Margaret Bouch*

**If you or a loved one are  
in the hospital  
(or other health care facility)**

**Please**

**contact the church office  
724-295-9557**

**or**

**e-mail**

**tlcfreeport@consolidated.net**

**I Love the Lord because He  
hears my prayers and answers  
them. Because He  
bends down and listens.  
I will pray as long as I breathe!**

Psalm 116: 1-2 TLB

### Trinity's Weekly Prayer List

*"... Pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of Christ Jesus for you."*

- I Thessalonians 5:17

\* Designates Trinity member in prayer lists

**Health & Healing:** Thomas (Tom) Watt, brain surgery (husband of Sherry Watt); Janet Kaltwasser\* MRI for leg/nerve problem; Joan Bowman, surgery on ear lobe to remove cancer; Patty Ellis respiratory virus & stroke (sister of Peggy Wilbert); John Shoop, hospital stay; Harry McHadden suffered stroke; Eleanor Cummings (healing & comfort during cancer treatments); Bill Wilt surgery in May (friend of Tom & Mary Turner); Janet Hoak diagnosis of throat cancer (sister of Linda Durst); Norma Bartholic, hip replacement (aunt of John Foust); LuAnn Keener (lymphoma); Lauren Wood (sister of Lyn DiSanti); John Hoak undergoing Chemo (Diana Shirley's brother-in-law); Ron Kirin (leg bone replacement); Darlene Porter (knee replacement); Larry Heckman (heart issues); David Lindell\* (shoulder surgery & infection); / Charlie Conti\*, Wayne & Norma McCollum\*, Jay Yedlowski\*, Jacob Oziel, Jack Oziel, Alice, Jim ...those suffering from emotional and mental illness, from depression, from drug addictions, those struggling with cancer, for all who need healing...aid all medical scientists in their search for a cure to cancer, diabetes, aids, Alzheimer's disease . . . all those health conditions that debilitate human wholeness and well being . . . and for those who face imminent death and those who support them.

**Special Prayer Requests:** please remember Joan Bowman\* as she continues her chemo treatments.

**For Our Congregation For the Love of Jesus:** to shine upon Trinity Evangelical Lutheran and our Interim Pastor Robert Keplinger and Faith Lutheran, Natrona Heights; and their Synodically Authorized Minister Barbara Ravenstahl.;

#### **For Our Trail Blazers:**

Evelyn Croyle, Ruth Henry, Evelyn Hoak, Ted Timashenka, Lucy Smith, Mildred Sarver, Toni Ruzbacki, Evelyn Hoak, Charlie Hill, Henrietta Garvin, Guy Carson, Millie Macurdy, ... and all homebound members that they may know God's loving presence in Christ.

### For Comfort & Strength in time of sorrow:

the Families & friends of:

Mary Jo Kornick; prays for Nick's family to give them peace; and for all those mourning the passing of a loved one.

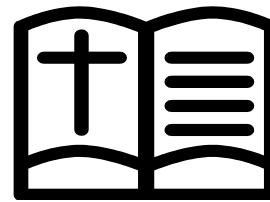
For Those Needing Guidance, Strength & Peace: ... and for all those in need, that God keep them in His care and fill their hearts and minds with His peace.

For All Who Travel: ... Pastor Bob while on vacation in June; Brock & Denny Loevlie & friends; and for all travelers, that God grant each a safe journey.

#### For Those Serving in the Armed Forces:

Tom (T.C.) Watt...and all men and women serving in the military forces.

***Be resolved to make prayer  
a significant part of your daily routine***



***Note: Prayer requests in the Saturday/  
Sunday Bulletin are posted for two  
consecutive weeks and then removed  
unless "prayer" is requested again.***

#### **TRINITY'S PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY**

... offers up prayer upon request  
on any day and at any time.

***To start a prayer request on the  
Prayer Chain, contact the church office at  
724-295-9557***

***or***

***tlcfreeport@consolidated.net***

If you would like to become a  
Prayer Chain Partner,  
please call the church office.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

### GRADUATION TIME.

If you have a graduate in your family (high school, college, trade school) please let us know.

We will be honoring our Graduates at our 10:15 worship service on **June 9th**.

There will be cake and fellowship following the service in the library. We hope to see all our Graduates there.

If you cannot make it, please reply to the church's e-mail address with a few details on their accomplishments, so that we can include them in the prayers.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS



### **Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast**

Saturday - June 22

8 am to 11 am

Freeport Methodist Church

Cost: \$8.00

Please show your support for this Freeport Volunteer Organization! They do a lot for our Communities.



*Christmas In July*

**Sunday ~ July 21 ~ Church**

### Summer Worship Schedule:

**Just another reminder:**

Beginning **June 16<sup>th</sup>** our

**Summer Worship Schedule** will begin.

Church will start at **9 AM**.

Sunday School will resume in September.



**AUGUST 11, 2019**

**Church / Picnic**

**Freeport Park ~ Valley Camp Pavilion**

**Bring a cover dish to share**

**More details to follow**

**I**   
**MY**  
**CHURCH**



*The  
Mail Box*

### ADDRESS CHANGES:

Tiffany Cline & family  
613 Hughes Drive  
Freeport, Pa. 16229

Phyllis Woods  
1523 Hawthorne Street  
Natrona Heights, PA. 15065

## JUNE 2019 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	JUNE 2	JUNE 9	JUNE 16	JUNE 23	JUNE 30
<b>Sunday Greeters</b>	John & Kim Foust	Denny & Sally Revi	Linda Durst	Eileen Shearer	Janet & Ted Kaltwasser
<b>Acolytes</b>	Luke DiSanti Bridget Beck	Joy Beck Ella Fennell	Emma Heckman	Dom Cummings	Josh Heckman
<b>Lector</b>	Pat Ferrante	Lyn DiSanti	Ave Dlubak	Chuck Warren	Peggy Wilbert
<b>Comm. Asst.</b>	Peggy Wilbert Pat Ferrante	Wanda Warren Lyn DiSanti	<b>No Communion</b>	<b>No Communion</b>	Charlene Bouch Peggy Wilbert
<b>Ushers</b>	Bill Lenz Rich Loevlie	John & Kim Foust	Shirley VanDyke Abbey Shearer	Denny Atkinson Brock Loevlie	Pat Ferrante Shirley VanDyke
<b>Presenters</b>	Linda Durst	Shirley VanDyke Eileen Shearer	<b>No Communion</b>	<b>No Communion</b>	Denny & Sally Revi
<b>Fisherman</b>	Garrett Kramer	Lydia Cummings	<b>No Communion</b>	<b>No Communion</b>	James Kramer
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Linda Durst	Pat Ferrante Sue Lindell	Cathi Cooper	John & Diana Shirley	Pat Ferrante Sue Lindell
<b>Counting Team</b>	Kris Kramer Volunteer	Kris Kramer Volunteer	Kris Kramer Volunteer	Kris Kramer Volunteer	Kris Kramer Volunteer

### Saturday Greeters

Saturday 06/01 Greeters: Keith & Amy Bash  
 Saturday 06/08 Greeters: Imogene Cooper  
 Saturday 06/15 Greeters: Joan Bowman  
 Saturday 06/22 Greeters: Jan Freehling  
 Saturday 06/29 Greeters: Lee & Kathy Bures

### Saturday Readers:

Saturday 06/01: Lector: Amy Bash  
 Saturday 06/08: Lector: Jan Freehling  
 Saturday 06/15: Lector: Imogene Cooper  
 Saturday 06/22: Lector: Linda Huth  
 Saturday 06/29: Lector: Bill Lauer

### Happy Birthday

06/02 Taylyn Foust  
 06/03 Pam Ferko  
 06/03 Savannah Purvis  
**06/05 Lee Bures**  
 06/06 John Foust  
**06/06 Ted Kaltwasser**  
 06/07 Sidney Bash  
 06/14 Wanda Warren  
 06/18 Arthur Purvis  
 06/19 Luke DiSanti  
**06/19 Marie Spohn**  
 06/21 Sally Thorpe  
 06/21 Elise Whitlinger  
 06/25 Calan Redmond  
**06/27 Carole Jack**  
 06/29 Linda Huth  
 06/29 Deborah Loevlie

### Happy Anniversary

06/01 Jim & Yvette Beck  
 06/03 Tim & Terry Tomayko  
 06/09 Bryan & Amy VanTine  
 06/12 Richard & Deborah Loevlie  
 06/13 Charles & Wanda Warren  
 06/21 Dennis & Edie Atkinson  
 06/22 Ryan & Callie Redmond  
 06/23 Charles & Joyce Conti  
 06/25 Ted & Janet Kaltwasser  
 06/26 Kris & Heather Kramer  
 06/29 Jayme & Lyn DiSanti  
 06/29 Chad & Rebecca Fuhrman

### Special Birthdays

**06/05 Lee Bures (84)**  
 148 Ridgeview Road; Sarver, PA. 16055

**06/06 Ted Kaltwasser (92)**  
 160 Marwood Rd. Apr. 3215; Cabot, PA. 16023

**06/19 Marie Spohn (80)**  
 148 Spohn Road; Freeport, PA. 16229

**06/27 Carole Jack (88)**  
 206 Cole Road; Sarver, PA. 16055

If your birthday / anniversary is missing from the above lists for the month, it could be that we do not have that information available in the church office. Also please know that the list of birthdays and anniversaries are compiled from active members only. PLEASE call the church office (724-295-9557), so we may update our records, or e-mail us at [tlcfeport@consolidate.net](mailto:tlcfeport@consolidate.net)



**TRINITY LUTHERAN  
CHURCH,  
FREEPORT, PA**

**Worship Schedule**

**Saturday 5:00 PM** Worship w/Holy Communion  
**Sunday 10:15 AM** Worship w/Holy Communion  
*Summer Worship Schedule Start ~ June 16th*  
**Sunday 9:00 AM** Worship w/Holy Communion

# June 2019

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

						<b>1</b> Congregation Meeting
<b>2</b> Congregation Meeting	<b>3</b> Trinity & Faith Lutheran Councils meet 7 PM	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Meals On Wheels AA Meets 7PM	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> Confirmation & Honor Grads 	<b>10</b> Church Council 7 PM Kiwanis 6 PM	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> AA Meets 7PM	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Pastor Bob on Vacation 6/14-6/24 	<b>15</b> Noisy Offering 
Confirmants to help feed Homeless 	<b>16</b> Summer Worship 9am Noisy Offering	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> AA Meets 7PM	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Pastor Bob Vacation 6/14 - 6/24 Kiwanis 6 PM	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> AA Meets 7PM	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> First Holy Communion 						
 Baptism (Watt) Lehota						

*BLESSED IS THE NATION WHOSE GOD IS THE LORD ~ Psalm 33:12*



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## OUR MISSION

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is called by our Creator and Redeemer to be, to show, and to share our Christian faith and religion with one another, the community, and the world.

## OUR VISION

To that end we commit ourselves to be constant in prayer for Christ's Church; to celebrate our community in Christ through Word & Sacraments; to minister and witness to one another by inviting and welcoming others into the fellowship; to show acts of caring and compassion through faithful stewardship of our time, talents and resources; to teach and proclaim the Good News; and to challenge ourselves to go beyond our expectations as God's people.

**JUNE 2019**



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