

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE GOOD NEWS

MARCH 2026



Background: "He wept over it" by Enrique Simonet

Pastor's Pause

Final Sign, 2026

Dear Friends,

It has been a pleasure to be your pastor.

I know there have been times when we didn't fully understand or fully appreciate one another, but there was always something that tugged at us, kept us together. In these 11 years+, we have managed many changes in faces in the pews, ups and downs in numbers of attendees and in monies, and we have always considered the welfare of the children of the congregation, regardless of whether we had one or ten attending. We've made changes to how we process payroll, improved our reporting and communications, and we've managed to keep the work quality by our administrative staff very high, even as that role and the person serving it has changed.

We have lived through many changes to Congregation Council – from having no president and vice-president temporarily to having only five or six members serving, to having an abundance of younger members and fresh ideas presented. The path of the congregation has remained steady as pastor and council together helped to navigate a steady course. You said a collective thank-you to me in your farewell and it is carved into my memory. I am grateful to the council members and to the entire congregation for the generous farewell gift for our family.

It is clear that there are massive changes in the Church and those changes are happening at what seems to be a rather expedited pace. Costs, salaries, benevolences, building upkeep, supplies, and more are all at a premium. As households are feeling the pressure, so too are the places of worship, regardless of faith tradition or denomination. In this time that you are without a called pastor, the congregation will have an opportunity to take a breath, have a moment away from that pressure, to refresh. It will be imperative to the continuation of the congregation and all that Trinity means to the community for you – the members - to continue to give generously, whether or not you are in attendance.

You will be guided by the Congregation Council, themselves guided by Bishop Miller and others of the Upper Susquehanna Synod, through these next stages. You've been here before. You know that there will be supply, an interim, and so on. But, with the changes in the Church, you may have the opportunity for a new path, new partnerships, new ways of being "church." Remain calm and be open to these ideas and please, do not be afraid to try new and different ways.

Remember, always, that Christ is the One who leads us. It is not our dollars, our minds, our buildings, or our selfish reasons that we are Church. It is only by the power of Christ that we are here. Listen to His call, to His commands, and follow that path. A whole new thing is awaiting all of us if we but listen and heed Christ's call to serve God and one another, to love one another, and to care for one another.

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Hahn



CHURCH INFORMATION

Church Office Hours

Mon - Thurs
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Church Phone Number:

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Church Website:

www.tlcdanvillepa.org

GPS Address

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Danville, PA 17821

Church Staff

Ed Haas ~ Custodian
Carol Payne ~ Organist
Gary Kurtz ~ Treasurer
Victoria Hackenberg ~
Admin. Assistant

Please let the church office know when there is a change in residence (such as from assisted living to the hospital, even if temporary).

For any urgent pastoral needs, please call Pastor Zeiders at 570-594-5204
(urgent needs may include: an emergency visit to the hospital, accident, coping situations, family death).

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

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

The Good Samaritan Mission

Columbia-Montour United Way

Danville Area Food Bank

God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.

1 John 4:9

Jubilee Kitchen's Community Meal

Held Every Saturday
11:00 - 12:30 PM

Night of Joy & Clean Heart Giveaway

Includes a Bingo, hot meal, & household goods giveaway

On the Last Tuesday of every month 4:00-6:00 PM

ELCA News

Upper Susquehanna Synodical

of the **Women ELCA** 

Women's Organization

The Upper Susquehanna Synodical Women's Organization Day of Renewal/Learning is scheduled for April 25, 2026 at Messiah, South Williamsport with the theme of "Meditating with God". Cost is \$35. Workshops will be given by Dr. Ken Elkin and Keith Whitesel of Whitesel's Stained Glass. We will be doing a stained-glass project to take home. A Free-will offering will go to SALT.

THE YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM PRESENTS:

OPEN MIC/ TALENT SHOW



SUN | 2-4 PM
MAR 8

Milton Lutheran Church

WHO: Everyone!
WHAT: Sharing our God-given gifts
WHY: For fellowship, recreation, outreach, growth, and fun!



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SAVE THE DATE! LUTHERAN DAY IN THE CAPITOL IS APRIL 20!

Mark your calendars, tell your friends and plan to join us in Harrisburg for a day of learning, worship, inspiration and advocacy that makes a difference. Plan to bring a team from your congregation and help us be church together in Pennsylvania for the sake of the world God loves. Watch for details and registration coming soon!



Executive Committee

President- Tryg Jensen

Vice President- Brenda Reber

Secretary- Nicole Kendrick

Treasurer- Gary Kurtz

Church Council Information

Our Congregational Council & Ministry Chair Members

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

Church Council Meeting Minutes- January 2026

A motion was passed to approve the December Council Minutes, Pastor's Report & Treasurer's Report. Motions were passed to elect Tryg Jensen as the Council President with a term through June 2026, as well as to elect Brenda Reber to the role of Council Vice President. Pastor Trevor Hahn was present to discuss his resignation.

New business discussed:

The Annual meeting is planned to be held on February 1st and it will be led by Tryg Jensen and Gary Kurtz. A motion was approved to allow a Woman's group from a separate congregation to utilize the Fellowship Hall for gatherings on the 3rd Sunday of every month from 6-8 PM. This was approved with a condition that a member of Trinity be there to manage it. A discussion about possible farewell gift options was had. The council decided upon a monetary gift, 8 vacation days, and a farewell celebration with cake after service on February 8th.

Nancy Davies assumed the role of Fellowship & Evangelism Chairperson as of January. The committee held a virtual meeting in January and planned a Valentine's Day themed potluck on 2/15/26 at 5:00 pm. The next meeting is planned for the first week in February to plan for the upcoming months. Nothing new to report in Finance, Property, Outreach, Music & Worship, Christian Ed., Mutual Ministry & Communications committees.

The next council meeting is planned for February 25th at 6:00 PM

Financial Statement

January 2026

INCOME:

Contribution Income	\$	7,993.79
Interest Income	\$	5,034.12
Transfer from savings	\$	0.00
TOTAL INCOME:	\$	13,027.91

EXPENSES:

Pastor Compensation	\$	10,818.97
Staff Compensation	\$	5,311.30
Parish Administration	\$	976.75
Church Property	\$	3,047.04
Cemetery Maintenance	\$	0.00
Education & Outreach	\$	336.00
Music & Worship	\$	0.00
Evangelism	\$	0.00
Ministry Expense	\$	0.00
Conventions & Seminars	\$	13.00
Transfer of Funds	\$	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$	20,620.36
MONTHLY TOTAL:	\$	-7,592.45
NET LOSS/SURPLUS		
YTD ACTUAL:		-\$7,592.45

EVERYDAY SUNDAY SCHOOL

March 2026



Lesson 1 of 2:
Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man

MARK 2:1-12

What's the BIG NEWS in this lesson?

Jesus displays his authority to declare forgiveness to the unbelievers.

Why does this BIG NEWS matter?

Sometimes we need extra help. Jesus has the ability to not only heal the body, but also the mind, heart, and soul.

Ask Questions

- What did the friends do when they couldn't get through the crowd?
- What do you think it sounded like when the men dug through the roof?
- How did the crowd react when Jesus healed the man?
- When have you seen something amazing? Describe it and how you felt.
- How can you be a helper to your friends, parents, others?

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 doesn'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...



You can act out the scene by taking an old, large, bedsheet, and using it like a parachute to simulate the roof of the house. After multiple tries of not getting through the sheet, the children can act out opening it (cutting a hole in it), so the one "trapped" inside can be set free.

Added notes

Most home in Galilee during Bible times had flat roofs made of layer of reeds and mud spread on top of wooden beams. That is what the men had to cut through.

Lesson 2 of 2: Jesus Calms the Storm MARK 4:35-41



Using white and blue streamers (crepe paper can work, too), make a violent storm by waving the streamers quickly around you, in a group. Then, immediately stop!

How does it feel to be in the middle of the storm and how does it feel to be at peace? Use a map to find the country of Jordan.

What's the BIG NEWS in this lesson?

What seems like a straightforward story has a deeper meaning. If we recall the stormy waters of creation in Genesis and the later windstorm at sea in the book of Jonah, we now see Jesus identified with the Creator of the universe.

Why does this BIG NEWS matter?

Even children experience difficulties in life, scary times, and even trauma. Jesus is here to calm those storms and to protect us.

Ask Questions

- Have you ever ridden in a boat? What was it like? Scary? Fun?
- What do you think it was like on the boat with Jesus during the storm?
- How did Jesus calm the storm?
- Do you think the disciples saw Jesus differently after he calmed the storm? Why or why not?
- How do you find peace after being upset or scared?
- Are there any tough things you want to talk about (this is an excellent chance to connect with your child's fears and hurts)?

Added notes

When Jesus and the disciples were crossing the Sea of Galilee in this text, they were crossing into the country of the Gerasenes, which today is the country of Jordan.

Mark 4:35-41

35 On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." 36 And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him.

37 A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. 38 But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion, and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"

39 And waking up, he rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Be silent! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. 40 He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" 41 And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

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...

God of the heavens, thank you for the gift of your law. Help us to hear and to know your desires for our lives through what you teach among us, that your kingdom may be fulfilled. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Using your house Bible, read Matthew 5:17-20 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 do you find confusing or concerning about this text, if anything?
- What do you think Jesus means when he says that "not one letter, not one stroke of a letter" will pass away from the law? (Mt. 5:18)?
- Would you describe that statement as literal or metaphorical? Why?
- What role do rules play in your life – individually, communally, globally?
- When do you experience rules as a gift?
- When are rules a burden and in what way?
- Do you have different rules (boundaries) for different people in your life?

**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.

Matthew 5:17-20

¹⁷ "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Our March Sponsors

Altar Flowers

March 1st -

In Honor of Josh Gray & Cindy Yeager

Presented by Cathy Burger Gray & Loving Sisters

March 8th - Open

March 15th - Open

March 22nd - Open

March 29th (Palm Sunday) - Open

Bulletins

March 1st -

In Honor of Josh Gray

Presented by Cathy & Barry Gray

March 8th - Open

March 15th - Open

March 22nd - Open

March 29th (Palm Sunday) - Open

In our Prayers:

Rhonda Brouse

Patricia Cornelison

Jerris Cutchall

Robert Derr

Ed Harvey

Dottie Myers

Doug Stine

Keith Fetzer

Mike Bialecki

Anthony

June Reich

Kimberly

Dale Erb

Janice Erb

Jonathan Beachy

Althea Wertman

Luis Felipe

The Sisters of Christian Charity

Serving In Our Military

Casey Reber

Aaron Warntz

Kurt Wimble

Jason Lee

Nicole Lee



The Bulletin Board

Can you find the palm branch



on each page of the newsletter?

March Birthdays

March 1st ~ Stacy Hampton & Brady Haas

March 2nd ~ Linda Tessarvich

March 3rd ~ Lois Kishbaugh

March 5th ~ Craig Lewis & Cindy Lu Yeager

March 10th ~ Sherry Derr & Tryg Jensen

March 12th ~ Ronnie Phillips

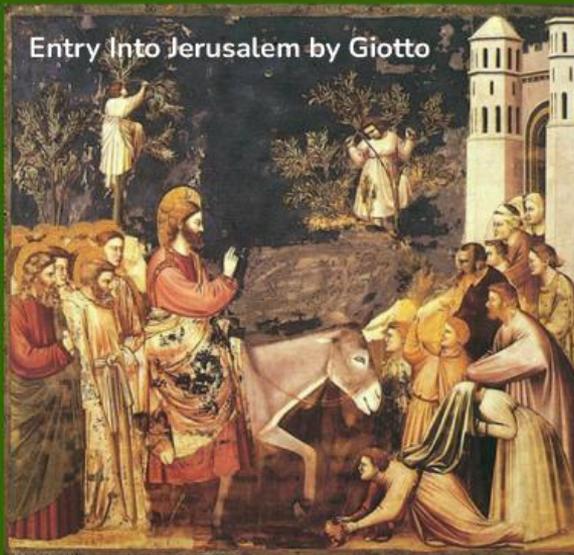
March 16th ~ Nancy Schneider

March 20th ~ Dale Erb

March 23rd ~ Betsy Reed

March 27th ~ Carol Payne

Happy Birthday!



Entry Into Jerusalem by Giotto

So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!"

John 12:13



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.

visit us at:
www.tlcdanvillepa.org/give

Red Cross Blood Drive

March 18th

1:00 - 6:00 PM



CAMP MOUNT LUTHER

News and Updates

WE ARE HIRING

Join Our Summer Team

- Cabin Leaders
- Lifeguards
- Maintenance staff

APPLY AT:

[www.campmountluther.org/
about/join-our-team/](http://www.campmountluther.org/about/join-our-team/)

QUESTIONS?

cml@campmountluther.org



APPLY NOW

Summer camp registration is now open!

BISHOP'S OPEN GOLF CLASSIC



to benefit **CAMP MOUNT LUTHER**

May 11, 2026

Susquehanna Valley
Country Club

Mark your calendars!

The 21st Annual Bishop's Open Golf Classic to benefit Camp Mount Luther is happening May 11, 2026 at Susquehanna Valley Country Club.

Enjoy a great day on the course while supporting the ministry of Camp Mount Luther. The day begins with registration at 11:00 a.m., lunch at 11:30 a.m., and a four-person scramble shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Golfers will enjoy prizes, contests, snacks, and plenty of fun—rain or shine!

Individuals, businesses, and congregations are invited to participate as golfers or sponsors.

Registration and sponsorship deadline is May 7.

March Service Minister Schedule

March 1st

Service of the word led by Gary Kurtz

Lector- Becky Frey

Ushers- Robert Kirkner & Zac Miller

Acolyte- Ken Holdren

Deacons- Kate Siats & Ian Marker

March 8th

Presider- Pr. Brown

Assisting Minister & Lector- Kate Siats

Ushers- Linda Harvey & Nancy Davies

Acolyte- Ken Holdren

Deacons- Tryg Jensen & Stephen Humphries

March 15th

Presider- Pr. Brown

Assisting Minister- Zac Miller

Lector- Abby Miller

Ushers - Craig Lewis & Robert Kirkner

Acolyte- Ken Holdren

Deacons- Ian Marker & Gary Kurtz

March 22nd

Service of the word led by Brenda Reber

Lector- Barbara Criswell

Ushers- Nancy Davies & TBD

Acolytes- Adalynn & Tyrus Kendrick

Deacons- Stephen Humpries & Tryg Jensen

March 29th (Palm Sunday)

Service of the word led by Kate Siats

Lector- Kathy Mordan

Ushers- Craig Lewis & Robert Kirkner

Acolytes- Adalynn & Tyrus Kendrick

Deacons- Nicole Kendrick & Kate Siats



March 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Worship Service 01 @ 9:00 am Fellowship mtg. after worship service	02	03	04	05	06	07 Jubilee Kitchen 11:00-12:30 pm
Worship Service 08 @ 9:00 am ★ Temple Talk during the Worship Service	09	10	11	12	13	14 Jubilee Kitchen 11:00-12:30 pm
Worship Service 15 @ 9:00 am Outreach meeting after worship service	16 Music & Worship Committee Mtg @ 4:45pm	17 	Red Cross Blood Drive 18 1:00-6:00 PM Finance Committee Mtg @ 6:00pm	19	20	21 Jubilee Kitchen 11:00-12:30 pm
Worship Service 22 @ 9:00 am	23	24	25 Council Meeting @ 6:00pm	26	27	28 Jubilee Kitchen 11:00-12:30 pm
Worship Service 29 @ 9:00 am Palm Sunday	30	31 Night of Joy 4:00-6:00pm				