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Please call us, if you need us!

AS WE CONTINUE TO RESPOND TO THE CHALLENGES OF THE CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC,

We will be offering a **Drive-up communion on Sunday, June 28th from 10-12:00** in the parking lot area in the back of the church. There will be a basket available to place your weekly offering.

We are gearing up for live services with target dates of **Saturday, July 11th at 6:00 pm and Sunday, July 12th at 9:30 Am.** We ask you to call in to confirm if you will be attending either service so we are prepared for the limited spacing we have available.

Some of our guidelines are:

1. Masks must be worn when entering and exiting the building; hand sanitizer and masks will be made available.
2. We will use the Third Street entrances only - both the Third Street main entrance and the Third Street handicapped ramp entrance. There will be no entrance off the parking lot by the office.
3. The bathrooms in the lounge will be the only bathrooms accessible.
4. We would limit the service to approximately 60 to 65 people, to maintain social distancing guidelines.
5. Pews would be closed off and markers be placed on acceptable seating areas. Pews would be filled front to back. Ushers will help seat people to the available seats.
6. Hymnals and all other touchable items will be removed from the pews.
7. Offering would be placed in baskets at the back of the sanctuary.
8. Bulletins would be made available, but not be collected at the end of service.
9. Pews and traffic areas would be sanitized after each service.

We want to make sure we have a plan in place so that everyone can feel safe coming back to church.

Thank you, and continued peace be with you all!

Pastor Chris

A prayer from Pastor Chris

For all the times we shake before life's circumstances, and the times we would rather hide ourselves away from the challenges that confront us, we ask for Your presence to continue to be with us and strengthen us, as we recall all who have given so much of themselves to give us the freedoms we celebrate and enjoy this Fourth of July holiday. We ask for Your strength to fill us with the courage we need to move forward, helping one another in their journey, as they help us, and Your Holy Spirit continues to guide us. In Your most Holy and precious name, we pray,

AMEN †

Please reach out to your family members, fellow church members and neighbors during this time. One phone call may make their day!



The below will have funeral services once we get back to church or are able to safely gather within the community:

Date of death

4/3/2020	Dot Melocheck	
4/5/2020	Jean Haag	
4/10/2020	Ralph Jaeger	
4/11/2020	Dot Hancock	
4/11/2020	John Schuster	
4/14/2020	Peg Jaeger	
5/29/2020	James Miller	Funeral: July 30

OUR OFFICE IS NOW OPEN and limited to 1 (one) visitor at a time, you must wear a mask while in the building. Office hours are Monday thru Thursday 9-3:00 and Friday 9-1:00.

Our phone number is: 570-622-9910.



RADIO MINISTRY

We invite you to listen on Sunday mornings at 11:00 am on Pottsville AM/FM radio stations: **WPPA 1360 AM OR 105.9 FM** to listen to our radio ministry. *You can also sponsor the radio ministry by calling the church office. \$25 for half sponsorship or \$50 for full sponsorship.*

"We are modifying the current format of our Radio Ministry ("The Connecting Link") in hopes that it will help enhance everyone's listening and worshipping experience and enjoyment. Our new format will more closely reflect the worship services that are currently available on Trinity's website. We thank everyone for tuning in and listening to our Radio Ministry services all these years. It has been, and continues to be our privilege to bring them to you."



March on, my soul; be strong!
BEAT AGAIN

In 2012, Phillips, Craig and Dean released their song "Tell Your Heart to Beat Again." It was inspired by the true story of a heart surgeon. After removing a patient's heart to repair it, the surgeon returned it to the chest and began gently massaging it back to life. But the heart wouldn't restart. More intense measures followed, but the heart still wouldn't beat. Finally, the surgeon knelt next to the unconscious patient and spoke to her: "Miss Johnson," he said, "this is your surgeon. The operation went perfectly. Your heart has been repaired. Now tell your heart to beat again." Her heart began to beat.

The idea that we could tell our physical heart to do something might seem strange, but it has spiritual parallels. "Why, my soul, are you downcast?" the psalmist says to himself. "Put your hope in God" (Psalm 42:5). "Return to your rest, my soul," says another, "for the Lord has been good to you" (116:7). After beating Israel's enemies in war, Deborah, a judge, revealed that she too has spoken to her heart during battle. "March on, my soul," she told it, "be strong!" (Judges 5:21), because the Lord had promised victory (4:6-7).

Our capable Surgeon has mended our heart (Psalm 103:3). So, when fear, depression, or condemnation come, perhaps we too should address our souls and say: March on! Be strong! Feeble heart, beat again. *Sheridan Voysey*

What was your first response to the surgeon's words to the patient? What words from Scripture do you need to speak to your soul today?

*Master Physician, thank you for being with me in every trial and battle.
Because of Your promised presence, I will direct my soul to act bravely.*

Our Daily Bread for June, July and August have arrived. If you would like a copy, please call the church office (570) 622-9910.



www.trinitypottsville.com

We are constantly adding content, videos and services to Trinity's website, Facebook page and YouTube channel.



Please continue to **mail** in your **offering** envelopes to the church (we are picking up our mail) or set up an online giving account on our website.

You can choose to donate one time or set up recurring giving for weekly, biweekly or monthly options. It's your choice!

Get details on the GIVE page at www.trinitypottsville.com or download the Give Plus APP on your smartphone.



Memorials:

You can mail your memorials by placing In the mail, addressed to the church.

Memorial Fund:

In memory of My Brother, *James Scratton Miller*, Husband of Joyce Miller by Judith Imschweiler.

In memory of *Dorothy Hancock* by Linda & Albert Deatrich.

In memory of *James Miller* by Larry & Sharon Haffey.

In memory of *Dottie Hancock* by Rita Barrone.

Elevator Fund:

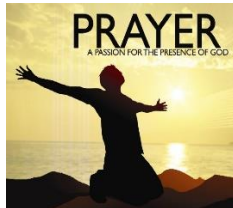
In Memory of *Jim Miller* by Bob & Peggy Allen.

In Memory of *Jim Miller* by Ann Marie Kryston.

In Memory of *Jim Miller* by Pete & Pati Connors.

In Memory of *Jim Miller* by Gary & Bernie Poorman.

In Memory of *Jim Miller* by Mark, Sheri, Cody, Kyle & Boa Strause.



Prayer List

Members of Trinity – Nick Angelo, Paul Ashembrier, Mickie Bair, Judi Barton, Gloria Bechtel, Jody Brossman, Doug Camodeca, Judy Cappel, Sam and Joan Carroll, Larry & Sharon Haffey, Scott Haffey, Pat Haluska, Larry & Peggy Hassler, Bruce Heckman, Robert Heffner, Paula Kriner, Kim Leiby, Adam Morrow, Ray Moyer, Pamela Purcell, Marilyn Reed, Judy Rile, Jill Schaeffer, Ron Schaeffer, Peg Schappell, Kay Shaw, Carolyn Spiess, Gerry Spotts, Frances Thomas, Judy Thomas, Barbara Wagner, Dolores Wagner, Nancy Weigand

Shut-Ins – Merle Amos, Snowy Blankenhorn, Leah Brokhoff, Betty Charowsky, Earlamay Downing, Jacques Ebling, Dorothy Heiser, Dolores Hoffman, Mary Leary, Bob Pauzer, Pat Phillips, Terry Pugh, Nancy Schriener, Dorothy Thomas, Ann Tihansky, Beatrice Walsh, Darlene & Richard Zeller

Nursing Home/Personal Care Residents – Betty Beury, Peter Boltz, Joseph Culley, Faye Davis, Louise Dicus, Carolyn Falls, Hope Fisher, Tom Fredericks, Larue Hahn, Barbara Heffner, Leona Hochgertel, Alda Howells, Dianna Hutton, Kathryn Johnson, Mollie Katchur, Edna Laubenstine, Nancy Mahall, Jean Neithamer, Claude Schaeffer, Dorothy Schaeffer, Grace Schuettler, Anna Stinner

Military Personnel – Brett Allison, Jacob Barton, Jason Beach, Audrey Burke, Christopher & Savanna Butler, Tim Campbell, Andrew Clancey, Ian Conrad, Ryan Devaney, Jeff and Katie Dittmar, Noah Elison, Brian and Joshua Fetterman, Joshua Fredericks, Jason and Kevin Gregory, Sean Grube, Seth Grube, Joshua Hager, Marc Jones, Aaron Leshner, Edward Mady, Tom McMurtrie, Ryan Miller, Ashton Muncy, Allison Ney, John Nomland, Aaron Oswald, Eddie Padinski, Kevin Potts, Larry Reedy, Zachary Reichert, Michael and Stephen Reier, Steven Sleva, Nicholas Starner, Matthew Tobin, Jamie Watt

For those that mourn: Families and friends of *Marion Davenport*

Family Members/Friends –Sharon Alfonso, Michelle Ambrose, Jessica Archibald, Inez Aurand, Carol Baldwin, Beverly Banovatz, Donna Bast, Kathy Bauers, David Bechtel, Ed Bensinger, Olivia Bensinger, Dan Biscoe, Kevin Bogan, Ron Boris, Rose Brehony, Kristel Brennan, Patricia Bressler, Doug Broughton, Jason Castaneda, Bruce Chattin, Mike Cloud, Pat Connor, Pete Connors, Irene Conway, Robert Craig, Jessica Croley, Megan Dasch, Hayden Daubert, Alice Davis, Ethel Davis, Betty Lou Decker, Ray Dee, Mike Dempsey, Patricia Derlunas & Family, Sarah Donlin, Diane Donovan, Robert Dougherty, Jim Driscoll, Nick & Nicholas Dubb, Laura Dunlap, Joanie Eagan, Bruce Ernst, Danielle Ebert, Jessie and Jamie Ebert, Marilee Ebert, Gaylene Ebling, Tracey Ebling, Scarlett Eckers, Jamie Edwards, Virginia Ehrich, Mary Eiler, Erin Emmick, Michelle and Peggy Evans, Vince Fabiani, Nolan Ferhat, Grace Flynn, Kayden Frederick, Kathy Fronza, Daniel Fuentes, Elaine Gayman, Judy Genovese, Donna George, Kim Gerthoffer, Kathleen Gradwell, Tina Guise, Tim Guise, Josh Guthrie, Gemma Haas, Joe Halko & Family, John Hannaway, Nancy Hart, Joie Hartnet, Psmurfisa Hernandez, Rita Hinchey, Rosalind Hosler, John Housknecht, Helen Hufnagle, Sandy Huntzinger, Agnes Jaglas, Tom Jefferson, Becky Jordan, Lauren Kelly, Edwin Kindred, Sr., Phyllis Knoll, Shirley Koury, Sue Kraft, Chrissy Kull, Chris Larsen, Butch Lasco, Phil Lasco, Christina Lee, Jaden Leiby, Kathy Lingle, Robert “Oscar” Leskin, Bernadette Lord, David Lord, Helen Love, Sister Jo Magdalinski, Thelma Mansfield, Melissa Martin, Linda Marx, Mona Marzullo, Amanda Mason, Harper Masland, John Matz, Gladys Maurer, Debra McBride, Jeanne McClure, Diane McCully, Helen McGeever, Lenny and Karen McHugh, Kathy McGee, Joe McNulty, Sandy Mendini, Nadine Merrigan, Alethia Meyer, Peggy Meyer, Lisa M. Mikula, Ariel Miller, Laura Miller, Carol A. Mills, Madeline Miscannon, Helene Moore, Janice Moore, Patrick Moore, Darron Moyer, Colleen Murphy, Virginia O’Brian, Tom Palewicz, Rob Parano, Maureen Pavlick, Stephanie Phan, Joe Phillips, Irene Post, John Potlunas, Karen Prettie, Kathy Pritchard, Kayleigh Pronio, Joe Rady, Dayne Readinger, Joe & Mary Jane Reed, Colleen Rothharpt, Bob Reinmiller, Christine Ridge, John Roberts, Tina Robinson, Mary Lou Roeder, Charles (Chuck) Rushannon, Amy Schade, Cheryl Scharff, Anne Schock, Frank Schuettler, Jennifer Schultz, Jack Schwenk, Shawn Seidl, Rosemary Shustack, Aldyn Socks, Allen and Jack Spotts, Lindsay Spotts, Karen Engel Sterling, Jessica Stewart, Sawyer Sullivan, Brian Symons, Skip Tyson, Tristen Uffre, Joan Urenko, Karen Urban, Tammy Uhrin, Gloria Uzick, John Uzick, Bob Voskuhl, Rol Walters, Angela Ward, Mark Wolfgang, Joan Woodward, Nancy Woodward, George Yarnell, Connor Joel Yob, Kathleen & Joseph Young, Marge Yourshaw, Tony Zampella

Updates/additions to the prayer list, please email:

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TLC Senior Travelers-All trips have been canceled for this year.

If you know someone that would want to receive this newsletter via email, please call the church office (570) 622-9910 or email: jmiller@tlcpottsville.onmicrosoft.com

Have you taken the 2020 U.S. Census? Responding to the census is safe, easy, and important.

Census data informs how billions of dollars in federal funds are distributed to local communities like ours for services and supports like hospitals, schools, emergency services, and business development. You can learn more at www.2020census.gov.

IMPORTANT! The official U.S. Census will NEVER ask you for your social security number, bank or credit card numbers, money or donations, or anything related to political parties. Stay safe online and on the phone and don't share those details with callers.

Graduate Recognition

Name	Graduating from	Continuing Education
Rebecca Staller	Stevenson University	Masters John Hopkins
Christian Newton	Master in Education: Alvernia	Sch. Haven HS Chemistry Teacher
Hattie Ebling	Pottsville Area High School	N. Vermont
Wesley Evans	Pottsville Area High School	Marine Biology
Jillian Hoak	Pottsville Area High School	DeSales University Nursing
Reese Kokitus	Pottsville Area High School	Jefferson University
Collin Pryce	Pottsville Area High School	Elizabethtown College
Caleb Reedy	Pottsville Area High School	Penn State University
Morgan Rich	Pottsville Area High School	Wilkes University
Damon Yost	Pottsville Area High School	Lebanon Valley College

If anyone would like to add to the above list, please send email to:
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2020 BENDLE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS:

Make sure to send back your form with where and when to send disbursement:

Applicant Name	High School	Preferred College / Course of Study	Excerpts from their essays
Hattie Ebling	Pottsville Area	N. Vermont University	Trinity Lutheran Church has become a huge part of my life. I thank everyone who has been in my life since I was younger. I learned to respect everyone and respect my religion. I learned to pray when you need God to hear you. Lend a helping hand so many others hearts are touched. I gained a lot of knowledge and I became a very young mature lady. I became a leader and have helped so many that struggled throughout my life. I always try to look at the best in life and focus on that. Many things that made me who I am today and one that was a factor was Church.
		Secondary Education/English	
Jillian Hoke	Pottsville Area	DeSales	Being a member of Trinity Lutheran Church plays a big role in the way I think, how I treat people, and how I overcome life's obstacles. When I'm conflicted or upset, I rely on my faith to point me in the right direction. Being a teenager in 2020 isn't easy. There are many kids that I considered my friends in middle school who decided to do things that I was not comfortable doing. I had to make choices that kept me true to my morals, even if it meant giving up some of those friendships. This was around the same time I was in confirmation. I always felt safe and accepted for who I was when I came to church, Sunday school and confirmation classes. I had a whole group of friends here that didn't judge me and were kind to me, even though we didn't really hang around in or out of school. I learned that I can move past any bump in the road knowing that Jesus will always love me, as long as I remain true to myself and my faith.
		Nursing	
Reese Kokitus	Pottsville Area	Thomas Jefferson	TLC reinforced my faith and I believe it brought me closer to my family and friends. My faith was

		Pre-medicine	<p>somewhat real before being confirmed, however, I didn't know much about the Bible itself. The confirmation program educated me about the Bible and strengthened my faith by swaying me more towards an answer: what's the meaning to life? For me, the meaning is pretty simple: to love and build relationships with the people around you, which ties into my family and friends. Once I figured out what made me happy in life, I focused on spending more time with my family, since they're absolutely the most important thing to me in this world. Along with that, I wanted to make sure I include my friends in the equation because my friends mean a great deal to me too. This is what I believe makes me happy the most, and why it's so important to me.</p>
Collin Pryce	Pottsville Area	Elizabethtown College	<p>To start with, just let me say that I am proud of my faith. My faith makes me feel good about myself. Trinity Lutheran Church has done that for me. College won't be easy but I know I have my faith that will be with me and will get me through tough times. Even though in a few short months I will be leaving for college, Trinity Lutheran Church and my religion will be in my heart and soul. That makes me happy. Trinity Lutheran Church has indeed positively affected my life. Jesus loves me, this I know because the Bible, and Trinity Lutheran Church, tells me so!</p>
		Actuarial Science	
Caleb Reedy	Pottsville Area	Penn State University	<p>When we first visited Trinity Lutheran Church, it was apparent immediately that there was a strong sense of family and community. That alone kept us returning and made me want to get my first communion there. I decided to enroll in confirmation preparation with my mom's guidance. It was so nice to see Pastor Hand at so many events at our school district and in Pottsville as well. I learned so much at Sunday School and confirmation as I prepared to be confirmed. I enjoyed many of the church activities such as: visiting other churches and learning about their history, making a bowl for the Super Bowl to raise money for the less fortunate, and interviewing other church members.</p>
		Aerospace Engineering	
Morgan Rich	Pottsville Area	Wilkes University	<p>Trinity has helped me in more ways than one. Without going there, I wouldn't have the patience, morals, and critical thinking process that I have today. In the future, I know these skills are going to help me. For instance, I am sure that I will be able to speak to my professors like an adult from the social skills I learned at Trinity, I will be able to make better decisions that correspond to my morals, and deal with difficult situations that have the potential to disrupt and effect my learning. These skills are even helping me right now as I prepare to go to college next year.</p>
		Biology/Communications	