

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Time to get back to Church!

We are open for In-person worship

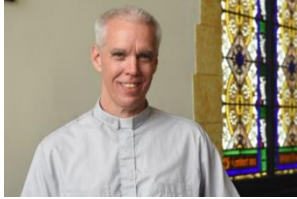
Saturday at 6:00 pm and Sunday at 9:30 am

Live streaming: Every Sunday at 9:30 am

THE REV. PHILIP S. BENDLE, III
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

If you are a graduating high school student, or have taken no more than one year off between high school and continuing your education, you're eligible to apply for this scholarship. Guidelines and applications will be available in January, 2021. Applications can be printed from our website, www.trinitypottsville.com.

Deadline is Monday, March 15th



Brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus,

Lent is upon us...it is a solemn time. A time for reflection; for looking back, and forward.

Lent reminds us, in several ways, of our journey through Advent.

We are reminded of John the Baptist

We are reminded of Jesus' baptism

We are reminded of Jesus' journeys

to Bethlehem prior to his birth (Gospel of Luke)

to Egypt following his birth (Gospels of Matthew, Luke)

in the wilderness following his baptism (Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke)

These Gospel accounts, the individuals present in the stories, the events surrounding them, and our liturgical times of year...all

interwoven to form the tapestry of the gospels...birth and life and death...all pointing us forward to the Cross; toward Jesus' resurrection...to Easter and to life anew!

Through these journeys (ours in faith, ours in life, the gospels and the living Word of God (Christ Jesus)), I am reminded of the circle of life...and as my mind is sometimes wont...I am reminded of three songs...

"The circle of life"...by Elton John

"Will it go round in circles"...by Billy Preston

"Will the circle be unbroken" (by too many artists to possibly name)

Now while it may be true that some of these lyrics have nothing whatsoever to do with our topic at hand...the titles themselves bring our circumstances to mind.

We are in a lifelong journey; eternally tied to the birth of Christ Jesus; to His death and resurrection...and we are bound by the wilderness journey we make together, and as individuals.

We reflect, we repent, we struggle, and we overcome...all with and through the guidance of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit with whom we are (as Christians) forever bound. For our benefit.

And we certainly have been through a LOT this past year, on top of our normal circumstances which come to bear upon us, and which are enough on their own...

But through our journey, our struggle...hope is always present.

As the Apostle Paul wrote to the Christians in Rome...

"For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his" (Romans 6:5 NRSV)

We are eternally bound to the journey, and journeys of Christ Jesus. We are born, tempted, we struggle, we stand before God...and God stands always with us.

Advent, Lent, Easter...every season of the church year, and every season of our lives...they all circulate around us and within us...and through it all...our highs and lows...we are united by the gospels and the gospel message of Christ Jesus resurrection.

Lent is upon us...repent, reflect, and *"rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say rejoice"*! (Philippians 4:4 NRSV)

Peace be with you all!

Pastor Chris Rothharpt

Ash Wednesday / Lenten noonday services Update:

Due to the nature of our Ash Wednesday Services; specifically, regarding the imposition of ashes, and in light of our continued Coronavirus response and safety measures, we will unfortunately not be having in-person worship services for Ash Wednesday this year.

However, in order to provide this ministry to you, our members, we will be providing two drive-through Communion/Ashes distributions on **Tuesday February 16th. One from 11AM-12noon, and a second one from 5-6PM.** A brief liturgy will also be provided with the drive-through distributions in order for you to have a mini-service in the safety and comfort of your home for Ash Wednesday.

Additionally, a brief Ash Wednesday service will be available on our website (YouTube, and Facebook) in lieu of our in-person Ash Wednesday services. We are hoping these measures help make Ash Wednesday a meaningful day for you as always, as we continue to pray for the day that we are further able to return to normal with all our worship service capabilities.

Finally, we will also not be offering our in-person Lenten Nonday services. In lieu of these services, we will be providing Lenten devotions (either weekly or daily) throughout Lent (via our website, YouTube, and Facebook) to bring us toward Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter Sunday.

Thank you and peace be with you all,
Pastor Chris

Funerals:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Passing</u>	<u>Funeral Date</u>
Barbara Gentile	December 28, 2020	
Barbara Heffner	January 7, 2021	

Memorials:

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

Elevator Fund:

In memory of *Dorothy Heiser* by Robert & Sandy Arner.

In memory of *Dottie Heiser* by Margaret Schappell & Carol Motto.

In memory of *Dr. David Stanton* by Richard Brokhoff.

In memory of *David Stanton* by Linda Shollenberger.

In memory of *David Stanton* by Linda Rist.

In memory of *Dr. David Stanton* by Kay & Dale Schoeneman.

General Fund:

In memory of my mother, *Virginia M. Neithamer* by daughter, Patricia and son-in-law, Stephen Klein.

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

NEW GUIDELINES

1. Everyone will have their temperatures taken upon arrival at the church.
2. Masks must be worn when entering, during the service and exiting the building; hand sanitizer and masks will be made available.
3. 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.
4. The bathrooms in the lounge will be the only bathrooms accessible.
5. We would limit the service to approximately 60 to 65 people, to maintain social distancing guidelines.
6. 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.
7. Hymnals and all other touchable items will be removed from the pews.
8. Offering would be placed in baskets at the back of the sanctuary.
9. Bulletins would be made available, but not be collected at the end of service.
10. 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

Memorials: (continued from page 3)

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Memorial Fund:

In memory of *Virginia (Jean) Neithamer* by Virginia Kline.
In memory of *Jean Neithamer* by Leah Brokhoff.
In memory of *Virginia (Jean) Neithamer* by JoAnn Skutch.
In memory of *Jean Neithamer* by Dolores Barton.
In memory of *Jean Neithamer* by Barb & Charlie Wagner.
In memory of *Jean Neithamer* by Ruth Russell.
In memory of *Jean Neithamer* by Linda Rist.
In memory of *Virginia Neithamer* by John & Elaine Bosin.
In memory of *Virginia Neithamer* by Michele L. Mason.
In memory of *Jean Neithamer* by Nancy & Carl Berger.
In memory of *Barbara Heffner* by Kimberly Hashin, MD.
In memory of *Barbara Richards Heffner* by Robert M. Boran, MD.
In memory of *Barbara R. Heffner* by Marie E. Wanchick.
In memory of *Barb Heffner* by Jim & Esther Clark.
In memory of *Barb Heffner* by Barb & Charlie Wagner.
In memory of *Barbara R. Heffner* by John O. Richards.
In memory of *Barbara Heffner* by Anne R. McCoach.
In memory of *Barbara Heffner* by Jeff & Donna Spotts.
In memory of *Barbara Heffner* by Pat & Arlen Day.
In memory of *Barbara Heffner* by Linda Rist.
In memory of *Barbara Heffner* by Stephen & Ruth Driscoll.
In memory of *Barbara Heffner* by Lynn & Jim Steidle.
In memory of *Barbara Heffner* by Dr. Walter and Pamela Setlock.
In memory of *Mrs. Barbara Heffner* by Mrs. Patricia Heller & James B. Heller IV.
In memory of *Barbara Heffner* by Kay & Dale Schoeneman.
In memory of *Faye Davis* by Barb & Charlie Wagner.
In memory of *Tom Shollenberger* by wife, Linda.
In memory of *Popsy Shollenberger* by franddaughters, Lauren & Nicole.
In memory of *John "Vinny" Killian* by Jack and Sherry Killian.
In memory of *Judy Rile* by Kay & Dale Schoeneman.

NOTICE:

When making out checks for offering and memorials, they must be separate checks made out to Trinity Lutheran Church. Any questions, 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 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





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."

OUR DAILY BREAD

Everyone who (practices) these words of mine

Is like a wise man who built his house on the stone. (Matthew 7:24)

A HOUSE ON A ROCK

As many as 34,000 homes in one US state are at risk of collapsing due to faulty foundations. Without realizing it, a concrete company pulled stone from a quarry laced with a mineral that, over time, causes concrete to crack and disintegrate. The foundations of nearly six hundred homes have already crumbled, and that number will likely skyrocket over time.

Jesus used the image of building a home atop a faulty foundation to explain the far riskier danger of building our lives on unsteady ground. He explained how some of us construct our life on sturdy rock, ensuring that our lives on sand; and when the tempests rage, our lives tumble "with a great crash" (Matthew 7:27). The one distinction between building on an unshakable foundation and a crumbling one is whether or not we put Christ's words "into practice" (V.26). The question isn't whether or not we hear His words, but whether we practice them as He enables us.

There's much wisdom offered to us in this world—plus lots of advice and help—and much of it is good and beneficial. If we base our life on any foundation other than humble obedience to God's truth, however, we invite trouble. In His strength, doing what God says is the only way to have a house, a life, built on rock.

Whose wisdom, insights, or opinions do you listen to the most?

How can you better build your life's foundation by putting

Jesus' words into practice?

God, so much of what I experience feels unsteady and temporary, a life built on sand. I want to live a solid life. Help me to obey You.

FERUARY 1, 2021

2021 Easter Tributes

To Honor or Memorialize a loved one, please fill out this form and return it to the church office. For a complete listing and description of funds, see reverse.

****Additional forms are available at the usher's station or from the church office.****

Name: _____

Phone #: _____ Deadline: Friday, March 19, 2021

\$___ Lilly & Decorating Fund (\$12.00 per memorial)

___ Please check here if you wish to take a Lily

if not selecting flowers, simply choose a fund below:

\$___ Adopt A Child Fund \$___ Bear Creek Camp Fund

\$___ Rev. Philip S. Bendle, III Scholarship Fund

\$___ Boiler Fund

\$___ Elevator Fund \$___ Food Pantry Fund

\$___ Charles K. & Ross C. Heffner Emergency Fund

\$___ Kitchen Fund \$___ Memorial Garden Fund

\$___ Music Ministry Fund \$___ Organ Fund

\$___ Radio Ministry Fund

\$___ Rismiller Memorial Carillon Fund

\$___ Senior Coordinator Fund \$___ Umbenhen Fund

\$___ Van Fund

\$___ Welfare Fund \$___ World & Local Hunger Fund

\$___ Youth Coordinator Fund \$___ Other: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory Of: _____

By: _____

Please include payment with your form: If check, write out to: Trinity Lutheran Church

Deppen's Farm Pies



Old Fashioned Pennsylvania Dutch Goodness
Fresh Homemade 9" Pies (\$12 each)

All Pie Proceeds will directly benefit Trinity's Adopt A Child Program

ALL ORDERS & MONEY DUE: Friday, March 5, 2021

PIES DELIVERED: Wednesday, MARCH 17, 2021 AFTER 1:00 PM

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

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| _____ COVERED APPLE | _____ SUGAR FREE APPLE |
| _____ APPLE CRUMB | _____ COCONUT CUSTARD |
| _____ COVERED CHERRY | _____ LEMON SPONGE |
| _____ CHERRY CRUMB | _____ SHOOFLY |
| _____ BLUEBERRY CRUMB | _____ RAISIN CRUMB |
| _____ PEACH CRUMB | |

All pies can be frozen except: Lemon Sponge and Coconut Custard

Please make checks payable to: Trinity Lutheran Church

Please put your order in an envelope with payment.

Get your copy:
DEVOTIONS FOR LENT
2021



A Story to Tell

Welcome

***A Story to Tell* provides daily devotions for each day from Ash Wednesday to the Vigil of Easter (traditionally known as Holy Saturday). Devotions begin with an evocative image and a brief passage from the Gospel of Mark (the gospel focus for 2021, year B in the Revised Common Lectionary). The writers then bring their unique voices and pastoral wisdom to the Mark texts with quotations to ponder, reflections, and prayers.**

The Gospel of Mark has a story to tell about “the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God” (1:1). This story is told quickly and urgently, as if there’s no time to spare. Yet the most reliable manuscripts for Mark’s gospel end with women running in fear from the empty tomb, telling no one what they have seen and heard (16:8).

May this Lenten journey through Mark’s gospel strengthen and inspire you to tell the story of Jesus Christ through all you do and say.

Listen, listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting, offering forgiveness, comfort, and joy.

Jesus gave his mandate: share the good news that He came to save us and set us free.

—”Listen, God is Calling/Neno lake Mungu,” ELW 513, refrain, st. 1

Please call the church office for your copy.



**Humane Fire Company, Pottsville
Take-out Lenten Dinners
Starting, Friday, February 19, 2021, 5-8:00 pm**

Prayer List: Prayer List: February 7, 2021

Members of Trinity – Merle Amos, Nick Angelo, Paul Ashembrier, Judi Barton, Ray Brennan, Jody Brossman, Doug Camodeca, Jude Cappella, Sam and Joan Carroll, Laura Louise Dolbin, Joel Ebling, Fred Gradwell, Louise Gradwell, Margaret Gretskey, Larry Haffey, Scott Haffey, Pat Haluska, Shirley Harkins, Helen Harvey, Peggy Hassler, Bruce Heckman, Kelly Knorr, Paula Kriner, Lincoln Krisa, Kim Leiby, Debbie Linder, Dennis Lord, Jean and George Lord, Nancy Mahall, Margie Mataka, Shirley Morgan, Adam Morrow, Ray Moyer, Christian Newton, Nicole, Matthew and Michael Newton, Pamela Purcell, Marilyn Reed, Jill Schaeffer, Ron Schaeffer, Peg Schappell, Linda Seiwel, Kay Shaw, Michael Stank, Judy Steffanic, Anna Stinner, Colin Studlack, Dorothy Thomas, Frances Thomas, Judy Thomas, Shawn Thomas, Barbara Wagner, Dolores Wagner, Helen Walasavage, April Leshar Wallace, Nancy Weigand, Mary Jane Wilson, Carolyn Wire

Shut-Ins – Tom & Mickie Bair, Leah Brokhoff, Judy Cappel, Earlamay Downing, Jacques Ebling, Carolyn Gauntlett, Martha Golden, Jeanne Heffner, Robert Heffner, Dolores Hoffman, Richard & Carole Kline, Mary Leary, Bob Pauzer, Pat Phillips, Terry Pugh, Nancy Schriener, Carolyn Spiess, Ann Spotts, Ann Tihansky, Beatrice Walsh, Kathryn Wodack, Darlene & Richard Zeller

Nursing Home/Personal Care Residents – Betty Beury, Joseph Culley, Louise Dicus, Hope Fisher, Tom Fredericks, Larue Hahn, Alda Howells, Dianna Hutton, Kathryn Johnson, Mollie Katchur, Edna Laubenstein, Dorothy Schaeffer, Grace Schuettler

Military Personnel – Brett Allison, Jacob Barton, Jason Beach, Audrey Burke, Christopher & Savannah Butler, Tim Campbell, Judy Cappel, Andrew Clancey, Ian Conrad, Ryan Devaney, Jeff and Katie Dittmar, Noah Elison, Brian and Joshua Fetterman, Joshua Fredericks, Kevin Gregory, Sean Grube, Seth Grube, Joshua Hager, Marc Jones, Aaron Leshar, 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

Those who mourn– Families and friends of *Helen McGeever and Bob Sabaday*

Family Members/Friends –Sharon Alfonso, Michelle Ambrose, Jessica Archibald, Inez Aurand, Beverly Banovatz, Donna Bast, Kathy Bauers, David Bechtel, Ed Bensinger, Olivia Bensinger, 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, Barbara & Stanley Daniels, Stanley K. Daniels, Megan Dasch, Hayden Daubert, Alice Davis, Ethel Davis, Ray Dee, Mike Dempsey, Patricia Derlunas & Family, Marian and Sarah Donlin, Diane Donovan, Robert Dougherty, Jim Driscoll, Nick & Nicholas Dubb, Kerry Duke, Laura Dunlap, Joanie Eagan, Jessie and Jamie Ebert, Marilee Ebert, Gaylene Ebling, Peggy Ebling, Tracey Ebling, Scarlett Eckers, Jamie Edwards, Virginia Ehrich, Mary Eiler, Erin Emmick, Michelle and Peggy Evans, Vince Fabiani, Nolan Ferhat, Grace Flynn, Kathy Fronza, Daniel Fuentes, Jim Gary, Elaine Gayman, Judy Genovese, Donna George, Kim Gerthoffer, Kathleen Gradwell, Scott Grossman, Tina Guise, Tim Guise, Gemma Haas, Shane Haffey, Joe Halko & Family, John Hannaway, Ann Marie Harpel, Nancy Hart, Joie Hartnet, Jarred Heckart, Bruce Heffner, Psmurfisa Hernandez, Rita Hinchey, Rosalind Hosler, John Housknecht, Helen Hufnagle, Sandy Huntzinger, Agnes Jaglas, Tom Jefferson, Becky Jordan, Lauren Kelly, Beth Ketz, Edwin Kindred, Sr., Phyllis Knoll, Shirley Koury, Sue Kraft, Rita Kruel, Chrissy Kull, Mary Larish, Chris Larsen, Butch Lasco, Phil Lasco, Christina Lee, Alexia Leib, Jaden Leiby, Kathy Lengle, 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, Debra Lynne 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, Leslie and Geoff Miller, Carol A. Mills, Madeline Miscannon, Helene Moore, Janice Moore, Patrick Moore, Shannon Morgan, Rochelle and Lindsey Moser, Darron Moyer, Robert Muldowney, Colleen Murphy, Anthony Murray, Vincent Murray, Tom Palewicz, Rob Parano, Maureen Pavlick, Pastor Peggy Sue Pfeffer, Annalise Porreca, Anna Sterner Porreca, Irene Post, John Potlunas, Karen Prettie, Kathy Pritchard, Kayleigh Pronio, Joe Rady, Dayne Readinger, Dot Rebeck, Joe & Mary Jane Reed, Colleen Rothharpt, John Roberts, Tina Robinson, Mary Lou Roeder, DJ Rubright, Charles (Chuck) Rushannon, Bob Sabaday, Amy Schade, Cheryl Scharff, Anne Schock, Earl Shoener, Jennifer Schultz, Jack Schwenk, Rogene Seidel, 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, Bob Voskuhl, Charlie Wagner, Jean Walsh, Rol Walters, Angela Ward, Glynn Ward, Bill Weiss, Mark Wolfgang, Joan Woodward, Nancy Woodward, George Yarnell, Connor Joel Yob, Kathleen & Joseph Young, Marge Yourshaw, Tony Zampella