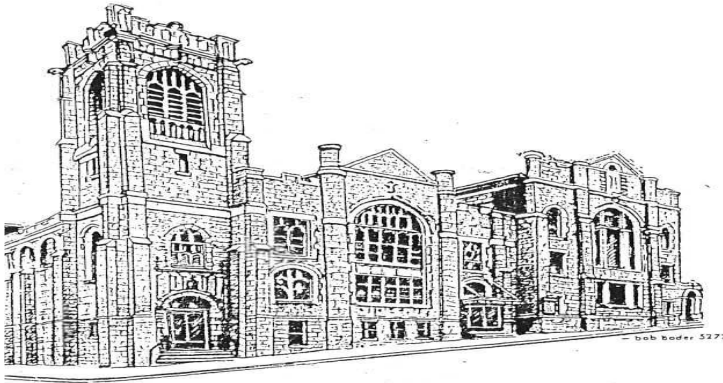


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August 8-9, 2026

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Confession

Pastor/LLM: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor/LLM: God of all mercy and consolation,
come to the help of your people,
turning us from our sin
to live for you alone.
Give us the power of your Holy Spirit
that we may confess our sin,
receive your forgiveness,
and grow into the fullness,
of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor/LLM: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Pastor/LLM: Most merciful God,
**Congregation: we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you
In thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart;
we have not loved
our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake
of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.**

Pastor/LLM: In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake
God forgives us all our sins.
As a called and ordained minister
of the church of Christ,
and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Prelude: Shall We Gather at the River? David Paxton

Entrance Hymn: #736 God the Sculptor of the Mountains (Next Page)

God the Sculptor of the Mountains



1	God	the sculp-tor	of the	moun-tains,	God	the mill-er	of the
2	God	the nui-sance	to the	Pha-raoh,	God	the cleav-er	of the
3	God	the dress-er	of the	vine-yard,	God	the plant-er	of the
4	God	the un-ex-pect-ed	in-fant,		God	the calm, de-ter-mined	



sand,	God	the jewel-er	of the	heav-ens,
sea,	God	the pil-lar	in the	dark-ness,
wheat,	God	the reap-er	of the	har-vest,
youth,	God	the ta-ble-turn-ing		proph-et,



God	the pot-ter	of the	land:	you	are womb	of all	cre-
God	the bea-con	of the	free:	you	are fount	of all	de-
God	the source	of all	we eat:	you	are host	at ev-'ry	
God	the re-sur-rect-ed	truth:		you	are pres-ent	ev-'ry	



a	-	tion,	we	are form-less;	shape	us	now.
liv	-	'rance,	we	are sight-less;	lead	us	now.
ta	-	ble,	we	are hun-gry;	feed	us	now.
mo	-	ment,	we	are search-ing;	meet	us	now.

Greeting

Pastor/LLM:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation:

And also with you.

Kyrie

Cantor:

Ky—ri—e e—le—i—son:

Congregation:

Lord, have mercy:

Cantor:

Chri—ste e—le—i—son:

Congregation:

Christ, have mercy:

Cantor:

Ky—ri—e e—le—i—son:

Congregation:

Lord, have mercy:

Congregation:

***Refrain: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.***

**1.Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship
you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

***Refrain: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.***

**2.Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of
God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are
seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayers.**

***Refrain: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.***

**3.For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you
alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the
glory of God the Father. Amen**

***Final refrain: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the Highest;
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth, and
peace to God's people on earth.***

Prayer of the Day: O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Lesson:	1 Kings 19:9-18	Celebrate Insert
Psalms:	Psalms 85:8-13	Celebrate Insert
Second Lesson:	Romans 10:5-15	Celebrate Insert

Congregation: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Alleluia.
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Pastor/LLM: The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew the 14th Chapter.

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel:	Matthew 14:22-33	Celebrate Insert
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Pastor/LLM: The gospel of our Lord.
Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message	Pastor Chris
Sermon	Pastor Chris

Hymn of the Day: #593 Drawn to the Light (Next Page)

Drawn to the Light

593



1 Peo - ple who walk in dark - ness have sought a light in the
2 How can we tell a heav - en from hell if ev - 'ry - one
3 Where is the sun? Oh, there will be none! The Lamb is the



heart of the dark - est night. Just when we thought all would be
dwells in the dark of night? Morn - ing dis - pels, gent - ly com -
one who is shin - ing bright, bids us to come! Life has be -



lost, we were drawn to the light of God.
pels, and we're drawn to the light of God.
gun when we're drawn to the light of God.

Refrain



Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night, drawn to the



light and the morn - ing. Glo - rious and bright, oh, what a



sight to be drawn to the light of God.

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived
by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

Offering

**Anthem: The Lord Will Be My Shepherd (9:30) Don Besig
Senior Choir**

Offertory Response: #185 Create in Me

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away
from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the
joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Create in me a clean heart, O
God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

Prayer Hymn-#752 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

**Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.**

Prayers

**Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.**

Great Thanksgiving

Pastor/LLM:

The Lord be with you.

Congregation:(sung)

And also with you.

Pastor/LLM:

Lift up your hearts.

Congregation:(sung)

We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor/LLM:

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation:(sung)

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor/LLM:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection open to us the way of everlasting life. And so with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Congregation:(sung)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor/LLM:

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying; Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Pastor/LLM:

The Peace of the Lord be with you all.

Congregation:

And also with you.

Pastor/LLM:

Greet one another with the peace of the Lord.

Hymns during communion:

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion hymn: # 488 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

488

1 Soul, a - dorn your-self with glad-ness, leave the gloom-y haunts of sad - ness,
2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and glad - ly greet him.
3 Now in faith I hum-bly pon - der o - ver this sur-pass-ing won - der
4 Je - sus, source of last-ing plea-sure, tru - est friend, and dear-est trea - sure,

come in - to the day-light's splen - dor, there with joy your prais-es ren - der.
There he stands al-read - y knock-ing; quick - ly, now, your gate un-lock - ing,
that the bread of life is bound-less though the souls it feeds are count-less;
peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing, joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing;

Bless the one whose grace un - bound-ed this a - maz - ing ban-quet found-ed;
o - pen wide the fast-closed por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im-mor - tal:
with the choic-est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en.
hum-bly now, I bow be - fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you;

Christ, though heav'n-ly, high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
"Come, and leave your loved one nev - er; dwell with-in my heart for-ev - er."
Oh, most glo-rious con - so-la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.
wor - thi - ly let me re-ceive you, and, so fa-vored, nev - er leave you.

Pastor/LLM:

May the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Strengthen You and Keep You in His Grace. **Amen.**

Post Communion Canticle #200

**Now, Lord, you let your servant go--in—peace: your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of all people:
a light—to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. A—men.**

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

Pastor/LLM: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation: **Amen.**

Dismissal

Worship Assistant: Go in peace to Love and Serve the Lord.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

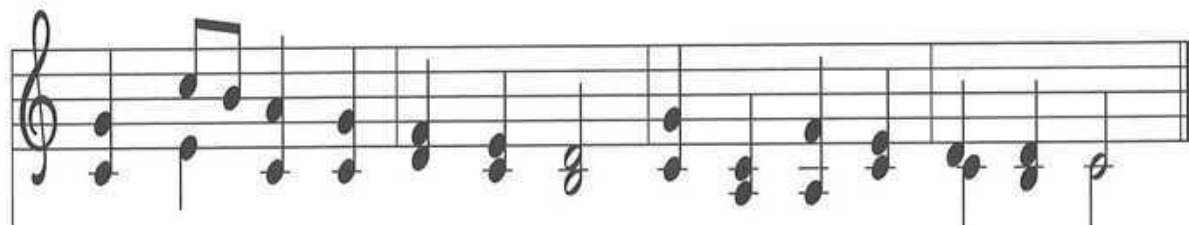
Recessional Hymn: #663 Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word

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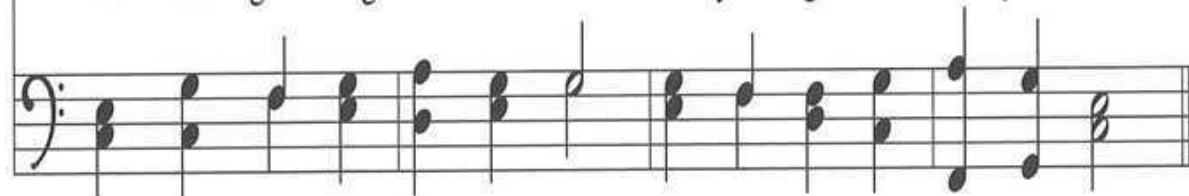
Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word



1 Spread, oh, spread, al - might - y Word, spread the reign of God the Lord.
2 Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, who, to save our hu - man race
3 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n now to guide us on to heav'n,
4 Lord of har - vest, great and kind, rouse to ac - tion heart and mind;



Send forth our Cre - a - tor's call, heav-en's gifts ex - tend to all.
and to pay re - bel - lion's price, gave him - self as sac - ri - fice.
strong and ho - ly, just and true, work - ing both to will and do.
let the gath - ring na - tions all see your light and heed your call.



*God be with you till we meet again, By His counsels guide uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you, God be with you till we meet again.*

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MEMORIALS

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Those who mourn: Especially the family and friends of Roy DeForest, Gloria Dutcavich, Pastor Stanley Trout, Alexandria Womer

**Members are encouraged to call the church office to place individuals on our prayer list. If an individual is not a member of Trinity, we will place them on the Family Members/Friends list for a period of two weeks. If an individual needs to remain on longer, please call the church office. Thank you!*

TRINITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Saturday, August 8		6:00 pm	Worship
Sunday, August 9		9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Church Council Meeting
Monday, August 10		6:30 pm-8:30 pm	Adult Volleyball
Tuesday, August 11		10:00 am	Exercise Club
Thursday, August 13		10:00 am	Trip to Joy Bookstore & Lunch
Friday, August 14		10:00 am	Exercise Club
<u>Date</u>	<u>Pastor/LLM</u>	<u>Worship Assistant</u>	<u>Lector</u>
Sat. August 8	Pastor Chris/ Bob Thomas		
Sun. August 9	Pastor Chris/ Bob Thomas	Matthew Angelo	Zach Jefferson

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Celebrate

Sunday, August 9, 2026
11th Sunday after Pentecost

Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.

Prayer of the Day

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

1 Kings 19:9-18

On Mount Horeb, where God had appeared to Moses with typical signs of God's presence—earthquake, wind, and fire—Elijah now experienced God in "sheer silence." God assured Elijah that he is not the only faithful believer. Seven thousand Israelites are still loyal. God instructed Elijah to anoint two men as kings and to anoint Elisha as his own successor.

At [Horeb, the mount of God,] [Elijah] came to a cave and spent the night there.

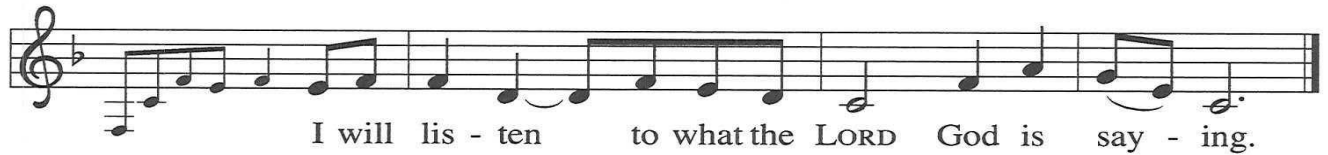
Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

¹¹He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake, ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and

went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

Psalm

Psalm 85:8-13; refrain, Ps. 85:8



- I will listen to what the LORD | God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people
and to those who turn their | hearts to you.
- ⁹**Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell | in our land. R**
- ¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together;
righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.
- ¹¹**Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth,
and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.**
- ¹²The LORD will indeed | grant prosperity,
and our land will | yield its increase.
- ¹³**Righteousness shall go be- | fore the LORD
and shall prepare for | God a pathway. R**

Second Reading

Romans 10:5-15

A right relationship with God is not something we achieve by heroic efforts. It is a gift received in the proclamation whose content is Jesus Christ. This proclaimed word creates our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Hence Christian proclamation is an indispensable component of God's saving actions.

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." ⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷"or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say?

"The word is near you,

in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart, leading to

righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

Matthew's gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as people of "little faith," who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.

[Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said,

"Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

TLC August 8—August 14, 2026
SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Altar Flowers: 8/30

Bulletins: 8/16, 8/23

Radio Ministry: 8/23

Digital Ministry: 8/16, 8/23

If you would like to sponsor any of the dates above, please call
Melissa in the church office (570) 622-9910



MEALS ON WHEELS
VOLUNTEERS

Meals on Wheels is in need of one or two volunteers to deliver meals each Wednesday on Route 6 which is the Trinity Route. Currently there are less than 10 clients with in the 3.5 radius of

Arch St. Meals are picked up at the Senior Center and deliveries take less than an hour. If interested, contact Pat at 272-245-5050.

PARKING

If you are a member and would like to park in the lot while you run an errand in town, please either call the office or stop in to let us know. In a few weeks we will be enforcing the signage that is posted in regards to parking. Thanks so much for your cooperation in the matter.



SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS

Prayer Shawl Ministry

To date, more than 70 shawls have been distributed to recipients experiencing difficult times. Please keep that ministry in mind if you identify someone in that situation. Anyone is welcome to pick up and deliver a shawl/blanket/lap cover to anyone in need. Please just sign out in log so each recipient doesn't receive duplicates. As pages are filled, please just place new one on top, but filled pages are always available. Anyone talented in crocheting and knitting is welcome to participate so this ministry can continue. Start-up supplies are available in the Prayer Shawl room off Main Sunday School for your use. Thank you.

Recycling Projects

Please continue to save newspapers, prescription and non-prescription glasses and sunglasses. We are also restarting our collection for pull-tabs from aluminum cans. All your efforts to date have been greatly appreciated and will continue till the end of the year.

THANK YOU

Since 2002, Schuylkill United Way has organized Stuff the Bus program to ensure our county kids have a strong start to the school year with a new back and supplies. Trinity Lutheran Church, Pottsville join in the effort to collect school supplies for area students.

A Big Thank you to all of our members for their support and responsive generosity! Stuff the Bus was a Huge Success!



SENIOR/FAMILY MINISTRY

August

On **8/5** join us as we travel to Fire & Ice in Halifax. It is a smokehouse restaurant that also makes handmade ice cream. So

join us for fun fellowship! We will depart Trinity at 10am.

On **8/13** join us as we travel to the Joy Book Store and stop for lunch. The Joy Book Store is a Christian book store with many genres of books. We will also be stopping for lunch. We will depart Trinity at 10am.

8/15 & 8/16 We will be having a used book sale. On the 15th it will be from 5-8pm and on the 16th it will be 12-4. Cost will be paperback books \$1.00 and hard cover \$2.00. The proceeds benefit the church.

On **8/25** we will travel out to Heisler's Dairy Bar for an afternoon of ice cream and relaxation. We will be departing Trinity at 1pm.

8/29 & 8/30 We will be having the backpack blessing for students, teachers, and paraprofessionals.



UPCOMING EVENTS & COMMUNITY EVENTS

Used Book Sale

Join us on Saturday, August 15th from 5-8 or on Sunday, August 16th from 12-4 for our Used Book Sale! Come shop the books for some new to you interesting reads!

Hard Back Books are \$2.00

Paperback Books are \$1.00

There will be baked goods for purchase as well.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Thank You

Thank you all who came out for the Mini Golf Tournament. What a FUN night it was! Thank you to Amie Tobash for organizing the event, and we look forward to events in the future!

Congratulations to the Team of Joe Denning, Rich Stoltz, Pastor Chris, and Bob Engleman for winning the tournament!

Thank you to all who came out and braved the weather to attend the Reading Phillies Game, it was a FUN night despite the rain and the Phillies losing to the Rumble Ponies.

Dedication of Pew Bibles (Insert)

Intro: Earlier this year...

...Blessed are you, Lord God, for you have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. We now dedicate these Bibles, made possible through the ***John and Mabel Yaag Bible Fund***, in your service and to your glory.

Responsive Reading

Pastor: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Cong: ***We open these books to hear God speak to our hearts.***

Pastor: The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

Cong: ***We place these Bibles in our pews to guide our steps.***

Pastor: Let the message of Christ dwell among you.

Cong: ***We dedicate these Scriptures to the glory of God and the service of this church.***

Prayer of Dedication

"Blessed are you, Lord God, for you have given us your holy word for our learning. We thank you for the generous gifts that provide these Bibles for our pews. Bless all who read them, that they may find comfort, strength, and eternal life through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen."