

VOLUME 24 ISSUE 3

April 2019

Newsletter

APRIL



The April newsletter is in honor of the birthdays of our daughter Penny Nacci and Granddaughter Taylor Bechtel by Frank and Carole Nacci.

*"Serving and Ministering to the Community Since 1873"*

Rev. Brian Riedy, Pastor

Ph# 610-844-8924

Email: [htmlcatasauquapbr@gmail.com](mailto:htmlcatasauquapbr@gmail.com)

"Trinity Tidings" is a monthly publication printed on the premises of Holy Trinity Memorial Lutheran Church

Robin McCloud, Office Secretary,

Email: [robin.holytrinity@verizon.net](mailto:robin.holytrinity@verizon.net)

**HOLY TRINITY MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

604 Fourth Street

Catasauqua, Pa 18032

Phone: 610-264-2641

Fax: 610-264-2661

Website: [www.holytrinitymemoriallutheran.com](http://www.holytrinitymemoriallutheran.com)

Email: [htmlcatasauqua@gmail.com](mailto:htmlcatasauqua@gmail.com)

**DEADLINE for May newsletter is April 24th.**

Core purpose statement:

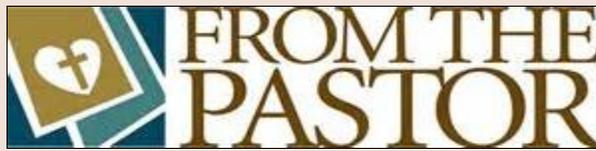
**"Gratefully sharing God's love through faith and service"**



**IF HOSPITALIZED, BE SURE TO SIGN A RELEASE CARD AND USE OUR HOSPITAL CODE #244.**

HOLY TRINITY MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Trinity Tidings



My dearest sisters and brothers in Christ,

Last month we talked about partnering. This month, we will focus on serving. Our call as Christians is to care for all of God's creation. We do this through service. Service is so important to our community that it is lifted-up as part of our core purpose. The question best to ask when diving into service is: what is the reason we participate in one service activity or a different one? Well, collaboration and partnering helps answer this question. It is through communication with others where we discover needs. Serving people's needs is the example we see of Christ in his walk on this earth. One way to explain service is to say: Through our language and actions, we can live responsively to the Word of God revealed to us through the Holy Spirit.

Over the past year and a half, we have been invested into tremendous service to Catasauqua and beyond. This service not only builds the people we encounter, it also builds us. Our lives feel more complete and we find great joy in both serving and being served. I have heard many stories from members who have made strong connections with people as we serve side by side. That's right, we do not only serve the less fortunate, they serve us at that same moment. Will you let yourself discover how it feels to be served?

When Jesus walks up to the well and meets the Samaritan woman (Gospel of John the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter), he asks her to serve him. The invitation for service opens a dialogue with this woman. In the end, the dialogue leads to a collaborative effort. The collaboration is Jesus offering new life- life giving water- and the woman becomes the first apostle. That is to say, the woman ran back to town and said to the Samaritan people, "Come and see! ... Could this be the Messiah?"

We are called to be servants not for personal gain, not to prove that we are the ones who have and the other is the one who has not. We are called to serve so that the Word of God is revealed to others through us. In April, I invite you to come to the well. Come to some events where you can be served by our neighbor by inviting them into a relationship. Serve and see how you are served through that action. Serve by giving communion. Serve by handing out lunch. Serve by teaching children. Serve by calling a member you haven't connected with in a while. Serve by talking with someone new. Serve by hiding Easter Eggs. Serve by giving of your time, talents, and treasures so someone is lifted. Serve by praying for others. Serving is the ultimate way to discover new life. Come and see. Christ is inviting you to serve.

Your partner in humble service, Pr. Brian

# Church Council Members

Diane Czar: 610-739-6006

Cheryl Kneiss: 610-262-0467

Barb Fister: 610-266-1160

RuthAnn Reinsmith: 610-264-4346

Carol Cunningham: 610-264-2045

Joe Schwindenhammer: 610-573-1957

Carole Nacci: 610-264-8785

Rick Martson: 484-661-5183 Youth Rep.: Emily Suter

## OFFICERS

President: Barbara Fister

Vice President: Cheryl Kneiss:

Secretary: (Rotating)

Treasurer: John Marakovits

# B u d g e t R e p o r t



The church's budget deficit at the end of February was (-\$4,580.82). The budget deficit at the end of February of 2018 was (- \$4,778.21) - \$197.39 more.

This February we took in a total of \$10,965.78 in budgeted income. Unfortunately, our budgeted expenses of \$14,582.29. Generated a very large net loss of (-\$3,616.51) for the month of February alone.

Despite this February being a very poor month financially, all of our bills were paid on time thanks to Christmas. Hopefully this year's Lent and Easter seasons will be very fruitful as well.

The following "special" donations were received in February:

\$481.00	-	Pastor's Discretionary Fund
\$ 34.00	-	Organ Fund
\$244.00	-	Future Projects Fund
\$ 10.00	-	Wish List
\$ 28.00	-	LeeAnn Webb Memorial Interest (to the Morning Glories Fund)

Thank you for these donations.

Hopefully as you read these comments in late March or early April, the weather has improved and Spring is beginning to bloom. Hopefully the church's finances will improve as well. I for one as happy to say, "Good Riddance" to February. Please remember the church very generously this Easter. See you in church.

John Marakovits  
Treasurer



# HOLY TRINITY NEWS



Have you remembered  
**Holy Trinity**  
in your Will?

About their 3rd week of April, you should be receiving your offering envelopes for May and June. If you do not receive them, please contact Robin in the church office. (610-264-2641)



## **ELECTRONIC GIVING!!** **"SIMPLY GIVING"**

Your annual pledge helps us forecast, with confidence, the level of financial support our congregation will receive in the year ahead. It is through the pledges and contributions of our members that we are able to carry on our work here Holy Trinity.

As you consider your pledge, we remind you that we offer Electronic Giving as a way to automate your offerings. It is convenient for you and provides much-needed consistency for the church. Collection basket offerings can fluctuate significantly from week to week but when contributions are automated, the church receives funds on a steady, uninterrupted basis. To learn more, call the church 610-264-2641.

At any time, you can give donations to the "Pastor's Discretionary Fund". This fund is used to give temporary financial assistance to people of our congregation and community when a sudden need arises. You may send contributions to the church or place them in the offering plate on Sunday mornings. Please mark your checks or envelopes "Pastor's Discretionary Fund".



Holy Trinity is a member of the Blood Bank Program. If you give blood, you may designate it as Holy Trinity. Also, if you ever need blood, tell them you're a church member.

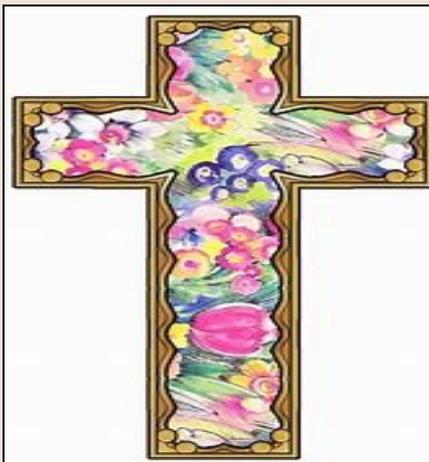


## **PAUL FRANTZ SCHOLARSHIP**

High School seniors planning on attending college/trade school in the fall of 2019 should start gathering references from teachers and advisors. **Applications for the Paul Frantz Scholarship are available now. Please see Rick Minnich. Due date is May 12th.**



Sam Wetzel has been accepted at Penn State for 2019-2020 school year. He will be majoring in Music Education and will be auditioning for the Blue Band in August.





# HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Palm Sunday, April 14th**—8:00am Spoken Communion, 9:00am Relaxed Family service, 9:00am Choir, 10:30am Holy Communion, 11:30am Palm Sunday Brunch

**Maundy Thursday, April 18th** – 6:00p.m. Soup Supper; 7:00p.m. Worship

**Good Friday, April 19th** – noon 30-Hour Famine Begins; 7:00p.m. Tenebrae Service

**Saturday, April 20th** - 1pm free community egg hunt ages 2-10 sponsored by our youth  
7:00p.m. 30-hour Famine Ends

**Easter Sunday, April 21st** – 8:00am Spoken Communion, 9:00am Relaxed Family service, 9:00am Choir, 10:30am Holy Communion

## Altar Flowers

TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

April 7th- In loving memory of David Svitana and Emma Schwab by Sandy and Erich Svitana.

April 14th- In loving memory of LeeAnn Webb by Suzanne Webb.

In honor of our daughter, Penny to celebrate her birthday by Frank and Carole Nacci.

April 21st- In honor of our granddaughter, Taylor to celebrate her birthday by Frank and Carole Nacci.

April 28th- In loving memory of Arlene Geiger by Rena Bond.

## Bulletins

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND:

Open all month

### “Trinity Tidings”

*All dedications are taken for 2019*

*Thank you.*

**Please Note: The council has decided that the standing dedications for flowers will still stand but on the “open” Sunday’s we are asking people to sponsor bulletins , Pastor Discretionary Fund, Etc.... to off set that cost. Your dedication will be in the bulletin. If you have any questions, please call the church office.**

## Future Events

Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> – 11-12:30pm Community Free Lunch

Friday, April 26 - 4-7pm Victorian Tea Basket Raffle open to the public

Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> – Victorian Tea

Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> – 11-12:30pm Community Free Lunch at **Blockers Coffee Shop**

Have you heard 1st and 3rd?

Fellowship and learning for adults, youth and children.....

The 1st and 3rd Sunday every month from

5-7pm....light dinner served.....





What a great turnout at "Alice Storch Stadium", home of the Holy Trinity Youth, for ballpark-style refreshments on March 10th! It's always a treat when the grownups show up for youth events!!! Special thanks to the great group of parents who handled set-up, clean-up, and everything in-between with the youth...I felt like I was a guest instead of the responsible adult!! Serving up a good time were Ian and Emily Thomas (and mom, Wendi), Lilah and Dylan Carfara (and mom and dad, Jason and Jen), Riley Knecht (and mom, Melissa), Emily Suter (and mom, Jill), Mady Williams (and mom and dad, Jackie and Chris), Hunter Rietz, and Brianna Walker. Hope I didn't miss anyone!

Less than 4 hours after cleanup was finished from those refreshments, the youth were back in business at Christ Lutheran Church, serving up the Irish dinner cooked up by Pastor Brian with his able assistants, John Giel and Chris Williams. Guests from the church's St. Patrick's Day music concert were delighted by our kids' high-spirited service, and I've heard great compliments about how the youth stayed with the assignment right through cleanup. So kudos to our favorite leprachauns: Ian, Emily, Jake Riedy, Lilah, Dylan, Hunter, Riley, Brianna, Mady...and parents Jason and Jen Carfara, and Melissa Knecht.

Huge *Thank You* to John Suter, who hung out with the youth at 1st and 3rd while I was away at Phillies Spring Training! They worked on preparations for an expanded community activity during the Famine. On Saturday, April 20th at 1pm, the very hungry youth will host their annual free community Easter egg hunt for ages 2 through 6, and an alternate activity for ages 7-10. Spread the word!

Are you ready for the 30-Hour Famine? We are!! In March, you started seeing our youth with pen and papers in hand, asking you to sponsor them as they prepare to give up food and some of their favorite beverages for 30 hours from noon on Good Friday, April 19th until 6pm Saturday, April 20th. Why do we do it? To learn more about what it's like to be truly hungry...and to raise funds to help fight world hunger via World Vision. World Vision is a non-denominational Christian relief and development organization...the same organization through which our youth have sponsored Nohla for the past 6 years. I hope you'll again give our youth the same generous support that you are known for in so many of Holy Trinity's ministries.

During the Famine, our youth will host their annual free community Easter egg hunt, scattering 800 or more eggs around the church lawn. **BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!** We can still use some individually-wrapped candy at our bunny display in the back of the church so that we can fill all those eggs (we already have the plastic eggs). We'll be filling the eggs during 1st & 3rd on Sunday, April 7th, so **we'll need your donations no later than noon on April 7th**. Thank you for helping us scatter fun for the kids of Catasauqua! The egg hunt will be for ages 2-6, but this year we'll introduce an indoor activity for ages 7 to 10 while the smaller kids are outside gathering eggs. **If you'd like to provide some adult supervision/interaction with our young guests from 12:30 to 2pm on April 20th, talk to Diane Czar. WE ALSO NEED STYROFOAM OR PLASTIC MEAT TRAYS (ALL SIZES) FOR THE INDOOR ACTIVITY!** Please leave trays in the back of the sanctuary, in the Alice Storch Room, or give to Diane by April 14th.

Get ready for the colorful and scrumptious return of the youth-hosted **Taco and Baked Potato Bar on Saturday, May 18th from 4-7pm**. Tickets will be available in April to help us plan for the spread...but we'll be offering this delicious ensemble, complete with mouth-watering dessert, for a free-will donation. 100% of the proceeds will benefit the Catasauqua Library. We hope you'll mark this tasty date on your calendars, and get your tickets to help us plan!

And keep an eye out for the **Junior Victorian Tea on Saturday, June 8th from 3-5pm**. This is a fun-packed and semi-elegant spin-off from the Tea Team's classic Victorian Tea, scaled down to engage a younger set of guests. You and your young invitees - children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, neighbors - will be treated to games, crafts, a spectacular basket raffle, and delicious

*Youth Cont'd.....*

sweets and beverages served on beautiful china. This is our annual fundraiser that makes it possible for us to continue to support Nohla, our South African sponsored "sister". We look forward to serving up an afternoon of fun! Want to be part of the event as more than a guest? **Talk to Diane about helping with set-up, hosting, clean-up, or donating a basket /gift card for the raffle or small-scale desserts.**

**PARENTS:** Please put the following dates on your calendars, and confirm with Diane ASAP about your youth's (and your) availability to participate in these youth-hosted events:

- 30-Hour Famine/food collection/egg hunt - April 19-20
- Taco & Baked Potato Bar - May 18, 4-7pm (set-up starting at 2pm, cleanup afterwards)
- Junior Victorian Tea - June 8, 3-5pm (set-up tentatively on Thursday, June 6 - time TBD, and starting in the morning Saturday, June 8)

## Scrip News

Easter is just ahead, and part of our secular celebration of Easter includes eggs...so how about an egg riddle:

Which came first, the chicken or the egg? Answer: it doesn't matter, because you can buy both with SCRIP cards. Whether you purchase the chicken or the egg, both can be bought with SCRIP cards from Giant, Weis, Walmart, Sams Club, or Shop Rite!

If you need a refrigerator to store the eggs, think Best Buy or Sears SCRIP cards for that large appliance. And if you plan to raise the chicken, and need lumber and supplies to build a chicken coop, think Lowes or Home Depot SCRIP cards.

2019 has seen some new SCRIP card participants, and a few "old-timers" returning to the SCRIP habit. We appreciate that! Why? Because the SCRIP program takes Holy Trinity's Christian education expenses out of the budget game...as well as providing the funds for Holy Trinity's annual Paul Frantz scholarship to one or more graduating seniors from our congregation.

Ya gotta shop anyway, so why not shop with SCRIP cards? One of our favorite shopping reminders is for all of you Kohl's shoppers...You can shop with Kohl's great discounts using your Kohl's charge card, then purchase Kohl's gift cards through HT's SCRIP program and use them to pay your bill!

The next SCRIP order will be submitted Monday, April 14th (Palm Sunday). We hope to see even more new participants! You can see Diane Czar any Sunday after worship to browse our inventory of SCRIP cards or to learn more about the program. Available for immediate purchase:

A.C.Moore   Applebee's   Arby's   Bed Bath & Beyond   Bonefish   Bravo   Buca di  
Beppo   Burger King   Cabela's  
Carrabba's   CVS   Dunkin   Giant   Home Depot   IHOP   Kohl's   Longhorn  
Steakhouse   Lowe's   Olive Garden  
Outback   Panera   Red Lobster   Ross   Ruby Tuesday   Starbucks   Subway   Taco  
Bell   Target  
TGIFridays   Walmart/Sam's Club   Wawa   Weis   Wendy's

It's always good to have SCRIP cards on hand - you never know when you'll need them. WHATS  
IN YOUR WALLET?

## • Neighbors Helping Neighbors •

Looking for something sugar free for Easter baskets and for Mother's Day? Shop the Fair Trade table in the back of the sanctuary for a variety of items and gift cards crafted by artisans in developing nations. Or take a catalog from the table and shop by mail, phone, or online for beautiful handcrafted items, or make a donation that will give seeds, animals, and other much-needed items to families around the world or right here in the U.S. How fun would it be to include a gift of chicks or bunnies in your child's or grandchild's Easter basket! And those special women in your life would enjoy a fairly-traded gift or a donation in their honor. Your gift will give twice!

Another preview for Mother's Day: **Blanket Sunday** on May 12<sup>th</sup> – look for dedication forms in the "Trinity Tidings"/on the HT website, and on the "Announcements" table in the back of the sanctuary. Times have seen an increase in the cost of providing a blanket to a family in need of warmth and comfort. Your \$10 donation will give a blanket where needed through Church World Service, and your dedication will honor or remember your mother or other special women in your life, and will be included in the May 12<sup>th</sup> bulletin. Help yourself to cards at the blanket display to convey your dedications personally.

And here are some local ways to be the hands and feet of Jesus...

Check with Pastor Brian if you'd like to help with the free community lunch on the last Saturday of each month. April 27<sup>th</sup> will find the event at Blocker's Coffehouse on Front Street, since our ladies will be serving up their annual Victorian Tea in the fellowship hall here at Holy Trinity. You can enjoy one of Pastor Brian's famous lunches with our guests as we sit down with them to eat or just chat for a bit. It's all about getting our neighbors out of the house to spend some time with each other. And spread the word...it has nothing to do with income levels, so invite EVERYONE in Catasauqua!

One Thursday evening a month you'll find that same community spirit fostered at Coffee with a Cop. Police Chief Kish and Pastor Brian are on hand for friendly conversation and to hear community concerns, while we all enjoy a snack or beverage at a local establishment. Venues in recent months have included Blondie's, Blocker's Coffehouse, Bridge Street Family Restaurant, Taylor House Brewing Company, the Borough Hall, and Pies On Pizza. Stop in any time between 5 and 7pm to be part of this relaxed evening out. You can be part of the community conversation, even if you don't live in Catty. Being part of Holy Trinity makes you a Catasauqua neighbor!

Thank you for your continued support of the Food Box and the "Meant to but forgot" container next to it. In case you've wondered...the food in the big green box gets transferred to the table in the hallway outside the fellowship hall, where individuals in need who are drawn to Holy Trinity's door can select food to get them through a crisis. Any leftover cans and boxes of food are periodically delivered to the Catty Food Bank. Take a "Just One Thing" bag from the food box or table to help you remember this vital support to our Catasauqua neighbors.

If you have questions about these ministries, or if you've been wondering how you can give your ideas or time to some of these new (or old) areas of service, we hope you'll speak to Diane Czar, Cheryl Kneiss, Judy Spaits, or Pastor Brian. You can become part of this evolving vision for our congregation to connect with and serve our neighbors, locally and beyond, to the ends of the earth.

Brethren, do not be weary in well-doing. - II Thessalonians 3:13

## **Pastor's past month ministries:**

In this CHURCH we strive to be... Christ-Centered, Spiritual, Praising, Growing,  
Serving, Partnering, Supporting

### **Pastor's past month ministries:**

Discretionary Funds- account was fairly quiet until mid-March. There was a great need for help around St Patrick's Day. We handed out \$100 in gift cards in two days to 4 separate families. We helped a person move, and we handed-out several pre-made frozen meals.

### **Partnering-**

YMCA talk about Summer Feeding, March 25th

Catered Christ Lutheran St Patrick Celebration as fund-raiser for our youth fund- \$500

Public Library open to partnering. We will hold a taco bar/Blondies cupcake creation night as a fundraiser for library. We are waiting to hear if they are open to a Yard Sale at our church for their benefit.

Coffee with a Cop- next date April 25th, 5-7pm at Blondie's

Praising- 3 services available on Sunday mornings 8, 9, 10:30. Lead Worship for Mission District retreat on March 20th, lead worship at Luther Manor 2:00 on March 2st- anyone welcome to come with us. Getting ready for Holy Week and Easter Day services

### **Growing-**

Several more families worshipping with us on weekly basis,  
conversation about new service times (possibly joining 9:00 and 10:30 worship). This is not set. It's only a conversation about future possibilities.

Have scheduled a few in-house fellowship meals and fund-raising opportunities

Spiritual- sat with spiritual advisor, attended retreat for continuing education and spent time in reflection of call.

### **Supporting-**

spent several hours counseling non-members

spent time talking with members on life circumstances.

Hosted last Saturday of month free community lunch. This will happen at Holy Trinity every month on last Saturday from 11:00-12:30.

Christ-Centered- is why I do all these things. Without Christ, I am nothing.

## ***Trinity Morning Glories***

We are a daytime women's group here at Holy Trinity. Our focus is on the spiritual and service to others. Along the way, we share food, work, laugh, chat and pray together! Please join us!

**Note: Our meetings will always be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 10:00 (exception: Dec. will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday).**

**On Monday, March 18, 2019**, 23 women savored 3 very delicious breakfast casseroles, Irish soda bread, fresh fruit compote and breakfast sweets. Nancy Miller's devotions added humor with Piglet consoling Winnie-the-Pooh who was not having a very good day. From "Breath Prayers for Women", Nancy read "As you take each step, ours Heavenly Father will guide you by His peace to the next one."

**Leslie Estrada who is the Community Organizer with the Catasauqua Area School District was our guest speaker.** In addition to this, Leslie teaches Spanish and other classes and acts as an interpreter for families registering their children in the school district. Leslie spoke about the Weekend Backpack Program. Each Friday, 130 backpacks filled with food are sent home with students that qualify for the program. All the children are from low-income families. We collected 665 food items which we gave to Leslie for the Backpacks.

The Mary's Shelter Cay Galgon Center baby bottle campaign is ongoing during March. About 12 bottles were turned into Kathy Nattress who is doing the coin counting. The deadline is March 31, the last Sunday in March. The filled bottles can be returned to the baby bassinet in the back of church.

Our shut-in names were divided up for the annual Easter Treats bag/basket.

Ruthann Reinsmith and Nancy Miller are coordinating the "ReBra" program. We will be collecting new and used bras at our May meeting.

So far, 26 women have signed up for the Pines Dinner Theatre's "Second Chances, The Thrift Shop Musical" on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. There are still 4 more tickets available. Cost: \$47 which is due by April 15 to Sue Marakovits (610 770-1479). Make checks out to HTMLC.

Distribution of offering: 2 - \$25 Walmart cards to Mary's Shelter, \$192 to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

Since Sept. 2008, \$40,745.80 has been donated to special causes; this does not include all the non-monetary donations that have been made over the past 10 years which probably equal that amount.

### **Future Dates:**

**Monday, April 15, 2019:** Devotions: Karen Frankenfield

Speaker: Sandra Arden, Catasauqua Public Library Librarian

Our offering will be given to the Library;

Northampton County Meals on Wheels (MOW) Tray Favors: Linda Wiland/Jackie Simoné

Hoagies: Ham/Lois McAllister & Kathy Brudnak; Lettuce, tomato, onions/Sandy Svitana

Salami/Ann Marie Oreldorf; Provolone Cheese, sliced chicken & turkey/Vicki Chimics;

Pickles/Karen Frankenfield; Hoagie Dressing/Judy Spaits

Rolls/Cheryl Kneiss; Desserts/Linda Wiland & Judy Connelly

Drinks & Chips/Brenda Ondush; Sodas (3)/Pat Fried

## ***Trinity Morning Glories (cont'd)***

**Monday, May 20, 2019:** Devotions: \_\_\_\_\_

At 10:00, Michelle Wagner will talk to us about the ReBra program.

YMCA Summer Feeding Program – Pastor Brian

List of needed items for Summer Feeding Program will be distributed at our April meeting.

Finalize September Murder Mystery details (Carol Hartranft has beads for it.)

Need 2 new volunteers to keep up our bulletin board for the next 6 months

Finalize ReBra Collection

Bring your own bag lunch & ice cream sundaes will be supplied:

Hot Fudge Sauce/Linda Wiland; Caramel Sauce/Ann Marie Orelsdorf

Vanilla Ice Cream/??; Peanut Butter Swirl Ice Cream/ Kathy Nattress; Ice Cream/Kathy Brudnack

Pretzels & Bowls/Vicki Chimics

Strawberries/Karen Frankenfield & Pat Fried; Whipped Cream/Brenda Ondush

**Monday, June 17, 2019:** Picnic at Church; Devotions: \_\_\_\_\_

Bring food for the Catasauqua Food Bank. Have fun!

Picnic Food: Hamburger BBQ/Brenda Ondush; Coleslaw/Marge Kovacs

Cold Veggie Pizza/Karen Frankenfield; Dessert/Carol Cunningham;

**Monday, July 15, 2019:** Devotions: \_\_\_\_\_

Dylan and Gavin Rainbow Ministry Speaker/List of items needed for this ministry will follow.

MOW Tray Favors: Barb Fister/Cheryl Kneiss

Plan for August 2019 thru January 2020

Appetizers/Desserts/Drinks

Monday August 19 speaker: Melissa Brown – Recap of YMCA Summer Feeding Program

For our “Murder at Mardi Gras” murder mystery dinner play on September 21, 2019, Bad Bones BBQ will supply marinated chicken, roasted parsley potatoes and a green salad for \$8.00/person. Pat Fried will again supply the sundae cups from King Kone for dessert. At our May meeting, we will finalize the details.



## Think SPRING! Save the date!!

Good news - Friday night, April 26th from 4- 7 PM will be the annual basket raffle showcasing our fabulous basket assortments. EVERYONE is encouraged to come out to enjoy this low key opportunity to support Trinity's discretionary fund, and also OATH - (Operation Address the Homeless), by selecting your favorite themed baskets and gift cards. Tickets will drawn on SAT. April 27th, during the annual Victorian Tea. Winners will be notified by phone if they are not present at the Tea.

Basket Preview Night is successful due to basket, basket makings, and gift card donations from TRINITY friends and family. In the past, we have been blessed with over 100 baskets ( think Italian, wine, pet, lottery, garden, snacks, paper, towels - and MANY more), numerous gift cards, and unique items. This year, we are again seeking as many donations as possible , as well as a HUGE attendance Friday night at the preview. The Tea Team THANKS YOU in advance for your support!!!! See Janis or a team member if you have questions.

Tea Team: Janis Charvala, Nancy Miller, Rena Bond, Carol Cunningham, Carol Hartranft, Cheryl Kneiss, Barb Fister, Sue Marakovits, RuthAnn Reinsmith, Sandy Svitana, Sandi Smith, Vicky Chimics.

### **BREM/ReBra**

That's right! A new and exciting opportunity through the Morning Glories is the collection of NEW or GENTLY USED bras. Through the BREM foundation (a doctor who herself had breast cancer) and the local ReBra group, our collection will support Lehigh Valley women who are currently homeless, and in need of basic clothing articles.

**Ruthann Reinsmith and Nancy Miller** are accepting the bras, which will be delivered mid April to Michelle Wagner, St. Luke's Community Health Coordinator. The collection will remain here in the valley, under her supervision.

If you can support this project, feel free to make purchases, or spring clean your own closet, as gently used bras are also useful.

**The collection will be active until May 20**, when Michelle will speak at the Morning Glories' meeting. She will then take additional bras collected between April and May.

Thank you for helping our local women, many in homeless shelters. See Nancy or Ruthann with questions.



March 10<sup>th</sup> refreshments were provided by Diane and the Youth. The Alice Storch Ballpark was filled with fans enjoying hotdogs, soft pretzels, ice cream, and Tastykakes. As usual, lunch was a homerun!

Future 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month Fellowship and Refreshments

April 14<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday Brunch, no C&C.

May 12<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day, no C&C

June 9<sup>th</sup> Diane Carfara and Carol Cunningham

July 14<sup>th</sup> Diane Czar and Joe Schwindenhammer