



August 19, 2026

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We welcomed the following new members into our fellowship Sunday, August 9.

- **Mary and Phil Jones** were received by transfer from Bedford Lutheran Church. They are both retired and live at 110 Chelsea Place, Bedford, 24523.
- **Kate and Chuck Wall** were received by Affirmation of Faith. Kate is retired, Chuck is self-employed, and they live at 4638 Fieldale Road, Lynchburg, 24503.
- **Patty and Dr. Chris Webb** were received by Affirmation of Faith. They are both retired and live at 3308 Woodridge Place, Lynchburg, 24503.

SERVANT OUTREACH PROJECT

Our **August** outreach project is collecting art supplies for the adults participating in **enCircle's** (formerly Lutheran Family Services) Lynchburg Developmental Services Day Support Center. Needed are crayons, markers, glitter, construction paper, Play-Doh, washable paint, paint brushes, chenille sticks, glue sticks, tissue paper, stickers, and beads. Please place items in the narthex outreach basket.

PARISH NURSE SCHEDULE

Parish Nurse Gail Midkiff will be on vacation August 22 - 29. She resumes regular office hours Thursday, September 3.

PASTORAL CARE and WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

The Reverend Becky Cloud will be providing pastoral care and visitation coverage while Pastor Roberts is away for vacation in the coming days. Pastor Cloud will be presiding and preaching at Sunday and Wednesday worship services. Please contact the church office about any pastoral care needs.

ADULT CHOIR "KNOCK-OFF-THE-RUST" WORKSHOP

Our annual Adult Choir workshop will be held Wednesday, August 26, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., with regular weekly rehearsals beginning Wednesday, September 2, at 7:00 p.m. Our faithful choir members serve valiantly, and new members are always welcome. Please speak with Organist-Choirmaster Bill Greene for additional information.



A GATHERING FOR WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS

Parish Nurse Gail Midkiff will facilitate a gathering of widows and widowers Sunday, August 30, at 3:00 p.m., in the Parlor. The purpose of the gathering will be to share experiences in dealing with the death of a spouse. Please speak to Gail for additional information.



MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION

each Wednesday from 12:10 - 12:30 p.m.

Join us for a time of spiritual nourishment as we gather for quiet reflection, prayer, the Word, and the Meal.

FALL PROGRAM JUST AHEAD

Our **2026-2027 PROGRAM BROCHURE** detailing the many worship, learning, service, youth, and fellowship opportunities to be offered will be mailed later this month. We look forward to a fun, inspiring, and life-changing year. A special thanks to all who have shared their ideas during the planning process.

FALL SCHEDULE BEGINS

Sunday, September 13

8:30 a.m. - Service of Holy Communion

9:30 a.m. - Sunday Church School

10:30 a.m. - Service of Holy Communion

11:30 a.m. - Kick-Off-The-Fall Catered Brunch Buffet





THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 23, 2026

The Lessons: Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20
The liturgical color for Sundays after Pentecost is green. A coffee hour follows each service.

8:30 A.M. - SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

10:30 A.M. - SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION with LIVESTREAM

11:45 A.M. - JUNIOR YOUTH SPLASH PARTY (grades three-eight)

THE WEEK OF AUGUST 23 - 29

<u>MONDAY,</u>	9:00 A.M.	-	STRENGTH AND BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS
	9:30 A.M.	-	CHAIR YOGA CLASS
<u>WEDNESDAY,</u>	12:10 P.M.	-	SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
	7:00 P.M.	-	"KNOCK OFF THE RUST" ADULT CHOIR WORKSHOP
<u>FRIDAY,</u>	9:00 A.M.	-	STRENGTH AND BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS
	9:30 A.M.	-	CHAIR YOGA CLASS

IN THE CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

Recuperating from outpatient surgery are **Julie Taylor** and **Terri Campbell**. . . . Our sympathy to **Ida** and **Greg Proco** on the death of Ida's sister, Mae, in Pennsylvania. . . . Our sympathy to **Sheila** and **Richard Gross** on the death of Richard's father.

ORGANIST-CHOIRMASTER SEARCH

Our Organist-Choirmaster search process continues to proceed, with an in-person interview and audition with a candidate scheduled for this week. Our thanks and appreciation to **Organist-Choirmaster Bill Greene** for his continuing service until the new musician comes aboard. We also thank the **Search Task Group members** for their ongoing commitment to this process.

NARTHEX DOOR RESTORATION

Renovation work continues on the side narthex door, with reinstallation anticipated sometime in September. The door is being repainted and restained, the door frame and threshold repaired, and the closers replaced.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY

Our Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study will begin an eight-session exploration of "Together by Grace: Psalms" September 8, from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m., in the Parlor. Study books will be available for purchase in the church office for \$13.00 each.

HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSALS

Handbell Choir rehearsals begin Tuesday, September 8, from 5:40 - 6:30 p.m., in the right transept. New ringers are always welcome. Please speak with Organist-Choirmaster Bill Greene for additional information.

SERMON DISCUSSION GROUP

The next Sermon Discussion Group will meet Thursday, September 10, at 11:00 a.m., in the Parlor. We will discuss several previous Sunday sermons, copies of which will be provided in advance. Please make reservations in the narthex or contact the church office to receive the reading material.

FRIDAY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The Friday Morning Book Discussion Group will begin the new program year by reading and discussing *Separation of Church and Hate* by John Fugelsang. The first class session is September 11, from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., in the Parlor. Books will be available for purchase in the church office for \$24.00 each.

ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild will meet Saturday, September 12, at 10:00 a.m. Meetings are held on the first Saturday morning of the month (except when the first Saturday falls on a holiday weekend) so that Altar Guild members who work during the week are able to participate. We would love to welcome new members to the Altar Guild. The Altar Guild is divided into two teams, with alternating teams meeting each month to polish the silver and brass (September - May). Two-person teams are scheduled for Sunday altar care approximately four to six times throughout the year. Please contact **Wilma Beebe**, Altar Guild chair (528-2678) for additional information.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN

Sunday Church School learning opportunities for children, age three - grade five, begin Sunday, September 13, at 9:30 a.m. Additional information will be included in the 2026-2027 Program Brochure.

SUNDAY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Our Sunday Morning Book Discussion Group begins with *The Dream of God* by Verna Dozier, September 13, from 9:30 - 10:20 a.m., in the Parlor. Books will be available for purchase in the church office for \$15.00 each.

THANK YOU

- Thanks to **Carla** and **Joe Fedeler** for hosting the Holy Trinity *Braumeisters* for *Oktoberfest* preparations. Participating were **Chris Elbrecht**, **Bruce Gerlich**, **Karl Gerlich**, **Dave Gillis**, and **Kim Hall**.
- Thanks to **Ann Mitchell** for delivering donated newspapers and linens to the Lynchburg Humane Society.

CHILDREN'S and YOUTH MINISTRIES THE WEEK of AUGUST 23 - 29

Sunday, August 23 - 11:45 a.m. - Junior Youth Splash Party (grades three-eight)

We're going to combine water, shaving cream, foam tubes, water balloons, etc., to make a fun mess! Don't want to get wet? No problem... come to cheer us on! Devotions and food will be provided. Wear something that can get wet and bring a towel.



SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR ANIMAL CLINIC

The Lynchburg Humane Society Spay/Neuter Clinic is in need of old newspapers and old top sheets and towels. Items may be placed in the "Animal Clinic" basket in the narthex.

KICK-OFF-THE-FALL CATERED BRUNCH BUFFET

Sunday, September 13, at 11:30 a.m.

Join us for fellowship and delicious food
as we begin our Fall schedule.

Food and drinks will be provided.

The suggested donation is \$5.00 per adult and children are free.



Please make reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall or call the church office (384-8441) by **September 10.**

CONFIRMATION MINISTRY

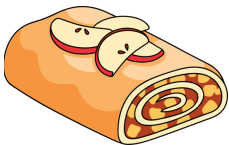
Our 2026-2027 Confirmation Ministry for youth in grades six and older gets underway Sunday, September 13. During the Fall Term, confirmation classes will be held from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. on Sundays, September 13, September 27, October 11, November 1, November 8, and December 13. Please speak with Pastor Roberts for additional information.

MONDAY EVENINGS CONNECTING WITH GOD

"Know God - Know Self: A Journey Toward Wholeness with the Enneagram" is the theme of our Monday Evening Connecting with God series that begins September 14, from 7:00 - 8:15 p.m., via Zoom. The sessions will be led by The Reverend Becky Cloud. Please contact the church office to receive the Zoom link.

APFELSTRUDEL

Helping hands are needed Tuesday, September 15, at 9:30 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall, to help April Whalen make *Apfelstrudel* for our annual parish Oktoberfest to be held Sunday, October 4. The recipe, instructions, and all ingredients will be provided. Each participant is asked to bring a rolling pin and a paring knife. Please make reservations in the narthex or call the church office. Come join the fun and fellowship!



WEDNESDAY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

The first session of our monthly Wednesday Children's Ministry will be held September 16, from 5:30 - 6:45 p.m. A light supper and a variety of learning and creative activities are provided for children from age three through grade five.

THURSDAY DISCUSSION GROUP

Our Thursday Discussion Group launches into the video series *First Light: Jesus and the Kingdom of God* September 17, from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., in the Parlor. The video segments feature biblical scholars Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan exploring the life, teachings, and mission of Jesus of Nazareth in the context of first-century Jewish and Roman society.

THOMAS MASS

Our first *Thomas Mass* of the new program year will be held Sunday, September 20, at 5:00 p.m. This service of Holy Communion is in the context of a meditative liturgy which has its roots in the Finnish Lutheran tradition. Included in this worship experience is the opportunity for informal movement between various stations for meditation and prayer. Join us for this special worship experience, especially if work, sports, or travel schedules prevent your participation on Sunday morning.

THIRD SUNDAY PROGRAM

September 20, at 6:00 p.m.

From Poplar Forest to Florida: Francis Eppes VII, Thomas Jefferson's Grandson

Guest Speaker: James Wright, MD
Retired Physician

A grandson of President Thomas Jefferson, Eppes inherited Poplar Forest plantation before moving to Florida in 1829, where he became a prominent figure in local politics, education, and the Episcopal Church. He served as mayor of Tallahassee, and donated land and funds for what is now Florida State University. He was also a cotton planter and involved in citrus farming.

We begin with a light supper at 6:00 p.m., followed by the program at 6:30 p.m.
Please make reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall.

LARGE PRINT WORSHIP RESOURCES

Large print worship resources are available each Sunday in the three-ring binders on the narthex table.

TABLE TALK

The first session of *Table Talk* will be held Tuesday, September 22, from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., in the Parlor. *Reformation Roots* is our theme this year and the first class explores "From Night to Dawn: The Stage is Set for the Reformation" as we begin this seven-session study of Martin Luther and the sixteenth-century Reformation.



HAPPY HOUR ORGAN RECITAL

Friday, September 25, at 5:30 p.m.

Neglected Gems

J. William Greene, Organist

Music of Lübeck, Karg-Elert, Bach, Mendelssohn,
Weinberger, and Ginastera

PASTOR'S INFORMATION CLASS

Sunday, September 27, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
in the Parlor

This class is designed for those who would like to learn more about Martin Luther and the Lutheran Church. Join us for an overview of Lutheran Church history, theology, liturgy, the church year, ecclesiology, and life at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Please speak with Pastor Roberts for additional information.



ALTAR FLOWERS

The 2026 Altar Flower Calendar is available on the hallway bulletin board next to the church office. Flowers are needed for **November 1**. The cost of altar flowers is \$100 per week for two vases. Payment for altar flowers is requested before the selected date and should be made payable to *Holy Trinity*. There are no delivery fees or sales tax. Please contact the church office with any altar flower questions you may have.

CANDLE TRIBUTES

The 2026 Candle Calendar is available on the hallway bulletin board next to the church office. Candle sponsors are needed **November 8, December 6, December 20, and December 27**. The cost is \$20 per week, with checks made payable to *Holy Trinity Lutheran Church*. Please note "Candle Fund" on the memo line. Please contact the church office with any questions.

NEW MEMBERS TO BE RECEIVED

We will welcome new members into Holy Trinity in the coming weeks.
Please speak with Pastor Roberts if you are interested in joining our church family.

SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE

As our new program year approaches, please be reminded that there is scholarship assistance available for book discussion groups, youth activities, and other events at Holy Trinity. Please speak with Pastor Roberts for additional information.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

Please email the church office with your current email address if you are not receiving church communications and worship links electronically. As the 2026-2027 program year begins, the monthly EDU.NET adult education newsletter is distributed via email. Also, there is the option to receive *The Beacon* each week via email, which helps reduce postage expenses.

JOIN THE FUN!

We are currently offering two exercise classes twice weekly on Monday and Friday mornings.
Each class is led by Christine Euhus, a registered yoga teacher through Yoga Alliance
and an instructor at the YMCA for over ten years.

Strength and Balance class meets from 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. and focuses on strengthening the body core and improving balance and overall well-being.

Chair Yoga class meets from 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. and focuses on practicing a gentle form of yoga done sitting in a chair or standing using the chair for support. Everyone is welcome, but it is especially appropriate for those with limited mobility. Benefits of yoga include improved flexibility, better concentration, increased strength, and reduced joint pain.

The cost for either Strength and Balance OR Chair Yoga is \$20.00 per month.
The combined cost for both classes is \$35.00 per month.

Join one or both of these enthusiastic groups and begin improving your strength, balance, and flexibility
AND enjoy the fellowship and support of your fellow exercisers!

RETURN TO WEEKLY ISSUES OF THE BEACON

This issue of *The Beacon* marks the end of summer and bi-weekly newsletters. The next issue of *The Beacon* will be mailed with the Annual Program Brochure on August 26, with weekly publications to follow.

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