



October 7, 2026

A GATHERING FOR WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS

Parish Nurse Gail Midkiff will facilitate a gathering of widows and widowers Sunday, October 11, 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.

SERVANT OUTREACH PROJECT

Our **October** outreach project is paper products – such as paper towels, toilet paper, and facial tissues – for **Miriam's House**, which works to end homelessness by connecting individuals and families with stable, affordable housing and providing the skills and supports that lead to self-sufficiency. Paper products may be brought to the church throughout the month of October and placed in the outreach basket in the narthex.

COLUMBARIUM BENCHES

Our appreciation to **LeAnn** and **Bruce James** for the gift of two beautiful wrought iron and granite benches for the columbarium. Bruce handcrafted the benches, and installed them with the assistance of **Mitch Overstreet**. We give thanks for the addition of these quiet places to peacefully reflect on meaningful relational connections.

WEDNESDAY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Our monthly Wednesday Children's Ministry will be held October 14, 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.

SERMON DISCUSSION GROUP

The next Sermon Discussion Group will meet Thursday, October 15, 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.

NEW BOOK DISCUSSION TO BEGIN

Our Sunday Morning Book Discussion Group will begin *Elusive Grace*, by Scott Black Johnston, on October 18, at 9:30 a.m., in the Parlor. Books are available for purchase in the church office for \$15.00.

THOMAS MASS

Our next *Thomas Mass* will be held Sunday, October 18, 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

October 18, at 6:00 p.m.

"Bound by Class":

A Look Into the Diverse Social Structure of Women in Colonial America

Guest Speaker: Michelle Seddon

Community Engagement Coordinator and Historian at Patrick Henry's Red Hill

How did the rigid patriarchal society of colonial America determine the social structure of the period? This presentation aims to give the audience a broader understanding of how women were viewed in colonial America and the significant role they played in the founding of a nation. The differing dynamics of the "social ladder" will be discussed, as well as a sneak peek into a few women who either succumbed to social rule or fought against the normal expectations of the period.

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.

ELEVATOR REPAIRS

Please be aware that our Holy Trinity elevator is out of service as we await repairs. The necessary part has been ordered, but it will take time for the component to arrive and be installed. During this time, food pantry starter bags, hygiene bags, etc., are being pre-staged on the main level so that food pantry workers won't have to carry everything up the stairs for distribution, so you may see food in unusual places. Your ongoing patience is appreciated.





TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 11, 2026

The Lessons: Isaiah 25:1–9; Psalm 23; Philippians 4:1–9; Matthew 22:1-14
The liturgical color for Sundays after Pentecost is green. A coffee hour follows each service.

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

9:30 A.M. - SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

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

3:00 P.M. - A GATHERING FOR WIDOWS and WIDOWERS

4:00 P.M. - JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP (grades three - eight)

6:00 P.M. - CONFIRMATION CLASS (grades six and above)

THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 11 - 17

<u>MONDAY,</u>	9:00 A.M.	- STRENGTH AND BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS
	9:30 A.M.	- CHAIR YOGA CLASS
	7:00 P.M.	- CONNECTING WITH GOD - <i>Know God - Know Self</i> (via Zoom)
<u>TUESDAY,</u>	1:00 P.M.	- BIBLE STUDY - <i>Together By Grace: Psalms</i>
	5:40 P.M.	- HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
	7:00 P.M.	- CHURCH COUNCIL
<u>WEDNESDAY,</u>	10:00 A.M.	- WOMEN'S SEWING GROUP
	12:10 P.M.	- SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
	5:30 P.M.	- WEDNESDAY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
<u>THURSDAY,</u>	7:00 P.M.	- ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL
	9:00 A.M.	- PARISH NURSE in office (until 10:00 a.m.)
	11:00 A.M.	- SERMON DISCUSSION GROUP
<u>FRIDAY,</u>	9:00 A.M.	- STRENGTH AND BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS
	9:30 A.M.	- CHAIR YOGA CLASS
<u>SATURDAY,</u>	11:00 A.M.	- BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP - <i>Separation of Church and Hate</i>
	5:00 P.M.	- HOLY TRINITY YOUTH (all ages)

IN THE CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

Hospitalized at Lynchburg General is **Joan Brooks**. Hospitalized and released are **Duane Shumaker**, **Dean Campbell**, and **Terri Campbell**. . . . Congratulations to **Taylor** and **David Barney, Jr.**, on the birth of Clark Edmondson. Proud grandparents are **Susan** and **David Barney**.

JIMMIE LOU LYONS COTHREN

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Our sympathy to her family.

DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS

We are reminded of new daily devotional materials that are available in the narthex, Fellowship Hall, and/or on our website.

- October Daily Bible Readings and Prayer Ventures are available on the narthex desk and also on our website.
- ***Christ in our Home*** is a devotional booklet for adults which features a daily Bible reading, reflection, and prayer concern. The October-December issue is now available in both regular and LARGE PRINT editions

THANK YOU

- Thanks to **ALL** who assisted with and/or attended our annual Oktoberfest. Even though the weather necessitated a change in venue, we extend our appreciation to **Barb** and **Ted Garman** for the preparations they made to host the event at their farm, and for all their help with the pivot to the Fellowship Hall. Thanks to **Stacy** and **Sherman Cravens** and **Susan Williams** for transporting Oktoberfest supplies to the church and helping with setup; and, to Fellowship co-chairs **Cheryl** and **Bruce Gerlich** for all their work. Our appreciation to Holy Trinity Senior Youth **Aryne Hutchinson**, **Synnove Johnson**, and **Elleri Turille** for helping with setup and decorating the Fellowship Hall.

What a feast we enjoyed! Thanks to **Steve Royer**, **Debra** and **Tom Schwab**, **Andy Dean**, and **Thomas Schwab** for preparing the delicious food; to **April Whalen**, coordinator, **Ted Garman**, **Nancy Overstreet**, **Maria Roberts**, **Anna-Liisa Rosner**, **Anne Royer**, and **Carole Royer** for making and/or baking the *Apfelstrudel*; to our *Braumeisters* **Chris Elbrecht**, **Joe Fedeler**, **Bruce Gerlich**, **Karl Gerlich**, and **Kim Hall**; to **Mike Straw** and the **Oompah Band**; and, to **ALL** who assisted with clean-up.

- Thanks to **ALL** who brought their dogs and cats for the Blessing of the Animals.

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.

CHILDREN’S and YOUTH MINISTRIES
THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 11 - 17

Sunday, October 11



9:30 a.m. - Sunday Church School (age three - grade five;
meet in classroom across from the Nursery)

4:00 p.m. - Junior Youth (grades three - eight)

6:00 p.m. - Confirmation Class (grades six and above)

Wednesday, October 14

5:30 p.m. - Wednesday Children’s Ministry (age three - grade five)

Saturday, October 17

5:00 p.m. - Flashlight Maze at Yoder’s Farm (all ages)

*We meet at the church at 5:00 p.m.
to leave for Yoder’s Corn Maze in Rustburg.
Bring your flashlight. Friends and parents are welcome!
If you are able, bring money for dinner and \$8 for the Maze.
RSVP to Susan by Thursday, 10/15.*



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.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

Please email the church office with your current email address if you are not receiving church communications and worship links electronically. In addition, our monthly EDU.NET adult education newsletter is distributed via email. Also, there is the option to receive *The Beacon* each week via email.



**REFORMATION
SUNDAY**
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25



GIFTS FESTIVAL BREAKFAST

9:00 a.m.

Fellowship, Food, and Program
Our 2027 Every Member Response

All are asked to join us as we celebrate
our mission and ministry and review our
2027 proposed spending plan.

***2027 pledge cards and time and talent
sheets will be mailed in advance
of the breakfast.***

Please make breakfast reservations
in the narthex or Fellowship Hall.

**REFORMATION SUNDAY FESTIVAL SERVICE
and CONSECRATION OF PLEDGES**

10:30 a.m.
(one service only)

Special music by our Adult Choir and Brass Ensemble

***Completed 2027 pledge cards and time and talent
sheets will be received and consecrated in the
context of our worship celebration.***

Join us as we celebrate Reformation Sunday
and make commitments for our
2027 mission and ministry.

REFORMATION OFFERINGS

Our special Reformation offerings are designated for the work of Holy Trinity through the Virginia Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. One aspect of this partnership is the GracelInside Prison Ministry. Founded in 1920, GracelInside now provides spiritual nurture to 30,000 incarcerated men and women across Virginia. Chaplains preach, teach, provide pastoral care as well as crisis counseling, and coordinate volunteers who assist with worship and musical programs. As prisoners prepare to return to society, chaplains provide counseling to help ease the transition. We are challenged to make a contribution equal to our weekly offering as we nurture the church of today and tomorrow. Offerings may be made using the special Reformation envelope included in our envelope packets or through the online giving portal available on our website by selecting the Seasonal Special Offerings fund.

CANDY NEEDED

Our Holy Trinity Youth are requesting Halloween candy donations for their Trunk or Treat Halloween Party on Sunday, October 25. All kinds of candy are needed: chocolate, chewy, fruity and/or sour. Thank you for thinking of us as you pass through the candy aisle when you shop!



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.***



TRUNK OR TREAT



The Holy Trinity Youth are hosting

Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 25

4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Holy Trinity Parking Lot

The party is open to children from birth on up!
The "trunk-or-treaters" will enjoy seeing the decorated trunks of cars and receive candy from the stash in each vehicle!
Craft projects will be offered as well.



TABLE TALK

The next session of *Table Talk* will be held Tuesday, October 27, from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., in the Parlor. *Reformation Roots* is our theme this year and the October class explores "From Bondage to Freedom: Luther Rediscovered Grace," as we continue this seven-session study of Martin Luther and the sixteenth-century Reformation.

FALL SEMINAR

Wednesdays, 5:30 - 6:45 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall

ECLIPSING EMPIRE

PAUL, ROME, AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD
with Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan



Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan, preeminent scholars of the Christian Testament, filmed this video series on location in Turkey, Greece, and Italy as they traced the Apostle Paul's footsteps throughout the Roman Empire. Join us as they explore fresh insights into Paul's message of the Kingdom of God, its challenge to Roman imperial theology, and the apostle's radical relevance for today.

October 28 - *Empire*
November 4 - *Jesus*
November 11 - *Paul's Mission*

A light supper will be served. Please make reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall.

ONLINE GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Thanks to **ALL** for their generous, faithful, and ongoing stewardship. Please be reminded that opportunities are available through our online giving portal to make gifts to the general fund and the Rivermont Area Emergency Food Pantry. In addition, memorial gifts, challenge gifts, altar flower payments, disaster relief, world hunger relief, gifts to the Personal Hygiene bags fund, and special seasonal offerings may also be designated through the online portal. Options are available for a one-time gift or a recurring donation through either a bank transfer or a credit card. You may access the portal through our website or by downloading the VANCO Mobile app on your smart phone. Please contact Parish Administrator Ellie Quillen with any questions.

LARGE PRINT WORSHIP RESOURCES

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

PASTOR'S INFORMATION CLASS

Sunday, November 1, 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.



HOLY TRINITY FINE ARTS SERIES CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT

Sunday, November 8, at 4:00 p.m.

NEW RIVER ENSEMBLE

This program – on the theme "Intimations of Change and Eternity" – includes original works by ensemble members Brendan Cooney and Martha Hyde, as well as their re-imaginings of a song by Cole Porter and the Ballad of John Henry, and an American fantasia on Debussy's *Children's Corner*. They will also offer music by Marilyn Bliss, Max Bruch, and Andrea Casarrubios, weaving a fresh contemporary flavor with traditional and classical selections. They play a variety of instruments and voice for added color, giving a vibrant presentation that explores the old and the new, an enjoyable venture into light and shadow, meaningful depths and playful shadows.

Ministers: *The People of Holy Trinity*

Organist-Choirmaster: *J. William Greene*

Parish Nurse: *Gail Midkiff*

Parish Administrator: *Ellie Quillen*

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