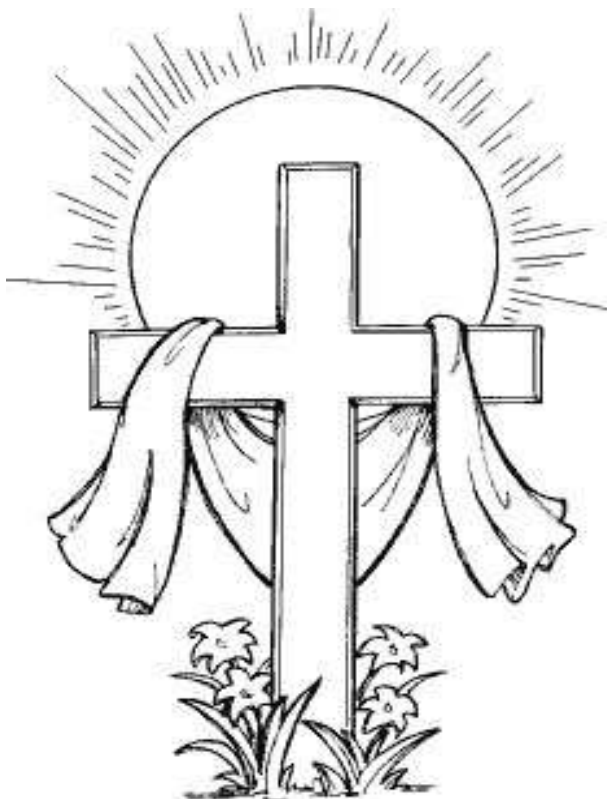


THE PARISH NEWS

Newsletter of the Milton Lutheran Parish

MARCH 2018





From the Pastor's Desk

Congregation Conversations It's time to sign up!

God's Beloved People:

It's time to sign up and participate in the Congregation Conversations. This is the most important part of the whole Intentional Interim and Discernment Season for the reasons listed below:

What? Gatherings of small groups (6-12 participants in each) composed of members of both MLP Partner Congregations.

Why? To gather (with no names attached) responses to the following questions to help inform and complete the Ministry Site Profile in preparation for the Interview Process:

- What makes your heart sing about Milton Lutheran Parish (MLP)?
- What are the challenges and opportunities for MLP?
- What Mission Goals do you discern God calling MLP to adopt for its next chapter of ministry?
- What needs to change, and what are you willing to change, in order for these Mission Goals to become reality at MLP?
- What leadership skills (not personal qualities) will your next Rostered Leader need to have to partner with MLP to realize these Mission Goals

When and Where? During March and April 2018. Sign-Up Sheets (with date, time, and location) are posted at both churches and ready for sign-up. *Please sign up under the column for your respective congregation as the goal is to have a mix of both Christ and Trinity members together in sharing and listening.*

Who? Facilitated by members of MLP Partner Congregations.

Purpose:

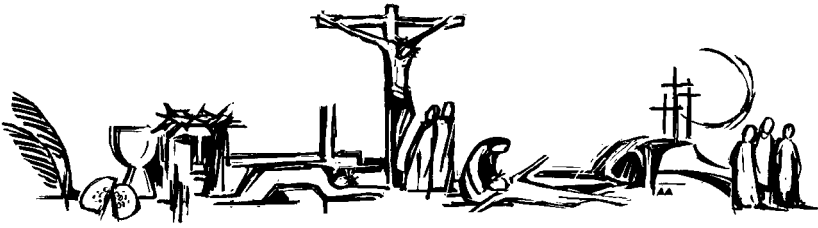
- To give all members of MLP Partner Congregations to respond to these questions as part of the overall Call Process. These are primarily Listening Groups, as we respectfully listen to and hear each others' responses to these questions, and not engage in debate, decision-making, point/counterpoint, commentary and so forth.
- The goal is, through these Conversations, that **Mission Goals** will emerge, that will set the table for MLPs' next chapter of ministry. Said Mission Goals will inform what pastoral candidates with requisite skills and gifts can be interviewed and partner with the MLP Partner Congregations.
- *“Raise the Vision, and the budget, staff, pastors and volunteers will follow”* The Rev. Glenn Schoonover, former Assistant to the Bishop, Nebraska Synod-ELCA

I can't emphasize enough how important it is for you to be part of these Conversations.

This is YOUR chance to have a voice and say in shaping the Mission Goals of Milton Lutheran Parish in her upcoming and first chapter of life and ministry together; Mission Goals from which will inform what pastoral candidates with the requisite gifts and passions to partner with MLP realize her Mission Goals.

Take advantage of it, and encourage everyone to participate.
In Partnership,

Mark Galbraith
Intentional Interim Pastor



Wednesday Evening Lenten Services

Wednesday Lenten Services will start February 21 at Christ. They will be every Wednesday with our last service being March 25. These services will be following the Holden liturgy and starting at 7:00. Before each service, we will be holding a light meal of soup, bread, drink and dessert at 6:00. Even if you will be a little late don't be afraid to come and join us.

Palm Sunday

8:30am service at Trinity

10:30am service at Christ

Maundy Thursday

Joint Service @ Christ- 7:00pm

Good Friday Service And Prayer Vigil

Trinity will host a Good Friday worship service at noon on March 30, followed by silent prayer until 3 pm. Worship will include a reading of the Passion, prayers and hymns. Some people may be unable to come for worship, but may wish to participate in the time of silent prayer.

Good Friday Service @ Christ at 7:00pm

Easter Sunday Services

6:30am- Sunrise Service @ Trinity

8:30am- Easter Service @ Trinity

10:30am-Easter Service @Christ

Christ Weekly Giving Per Envelope – 2018 YTD

<u># Envelopes</u>	<u>Amount Given Each Week</u>
2	\$100.01 or more
0	70.01 – 100.00
2	50.01 – 70.00
4	40.01 - 50.00
4	30.01 - 40.00
6	20.01 - 30.00
3	15.01 - 20.00
7	10.01 - 15.00
6	5.01 - 10.00
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1	15.01 - 20.00
3	10.01 - 15.00
11	5.01 - 10.00
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Thank You
 FOR
GIVING

 GENEROUSLY



Free Community Meals

2018 Community Meal Schedule

Sunday, April 8th

Sunday, June 10th

Sunday, August 12th

Sunday, October 14th

Sunday, December 9th

All meals are at 5:00pm



Quiet Communion

For those who are unable to make the regular Sunday worship services at Trinity or Christ there will be a weekly quiet communion at Christ. This will be every Wednesday afternoon at 4:00pm throughout the year. Come join us!



Upcoming Book Group
will be Mar. 12th @ 10:00am
"The Same Sky"
by Amanda Eyre

SOUPER BOWL 2018

Christ Lutheran Church was the winner of the Milton Lutheran Parish Souper Bowl 2018 Competition but congratulations to the congregations at both Trinity Lutheran and Christ Lutheran. Great job, good and faithful servants. But the real winners will be those people at the Milton Tower, Center Town Apartments, and the Food Bank at Christ Lutheran Church.





In 2017 a new ministry was started at Christ Lutheran Church. We have taken the opportunity to help those in need by starting a food pantry. We are starting off small with the hopes of a growing the food pantry over the next year. We have already assisted people seeking help and have identified some opportunities to serve people who regularly visit the church during the week. Donations may be brought to Trinity or Christ. If you would like to donate any non-perishable items or toiletries here is a list of some of the things that we are in need of:

- **Tuna or canned chicken or ham**
- **Peanut butter**
- Canned foods with pop-top lids
- **Canned fruit in its own juice or water**
- Low-sodium canned vegetables
- **Canned Soup**
- **Boxed items: mac/cheese, stuffing, hamburger helper etc**
- **Cereals**
- Healthy snacks (granola bars, nuts, dried fruit)
- **Toilet paper**
- **Paper Towels**

Items in bold are the most asked for items.





Christ Lutheran Church needs volunteers who are interested in being our church delegates at the Upper Susquehanna Synod Assembly on June 15th and June 16th at Susquehanna University. Two voting delegates and two alternates are needed. If you are interested, please talk to Rose Handy or Pastor Mark as soon as possible.

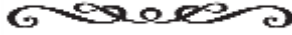


God's Chuckwagon is a mobile soup Kitchen which serves eleven communities in three counties by serving a hot meal to anyone who is hungry. You perhaps have seen their school bus parked around Northumberland County. They also serve in Schuylkill and Montour Counties.

The Chuckwagon is parked each Friday here in Milton in the parking lot of Trinity Lutheran Church. If you know someone in need of a hot meal send them over, or stop by yourself to just tell thank-you for the good work they do!

Thoughts

The Lord sometimes takes us into troubled waters- not to drown us, but to cleanse us.



Life is not the wick or the candle-it is the burning.



Death is not extinguishing the light, it is putting out the lamp because dawn has come.



He says not, "At the end of the way you find ME." He says " I AM the way: I AM the road under your feet-the road that begins just as low as you happen to be."



*There is a place in you where there is perfect peace.
There is a place in you where nothing is impossible.
There is a place in you where the strength of God abides.*



*Life is mostly froth and bubble, two things stand like stone
Kindness in another's trouble, courage in your own.*

Congregation Conversation Groups

*Following are the dates/times/locations & facilitators-
Please choose one that is best for you and sign up!*

*March 5- 2:00pm- Trinity
Mindelle Bartholomew/Lynnette Weisner*

*March 18- 1:30pm-Trinity
Carol Yost/Linwood Hill*

*March 18- 3:00pm- Trinity
Carol Yost/Linwood Hill*

*March 19- 7:00pm- 370 Weisner Lane, Milton
Lynnette Weisner/Nancy Walters*

*March 24- 10:00am- Trinity
Rose Handy/Jeff Coup*

*March 25-3:00pm- 700 Upper Market St., Milton
Rose Handy/Jeff Coup*

*April 16- 10:00am- Trinity
Nancy Walters/Mindelle Bartholomew*

*April 22- 1:30pm- Trinity
Amanda Weisner/Carol Yost*

*April 22- 4:00pm-Trinity
Amanda Weisner/Carol Yost*

These conversations are vital to the future of the Milton Lutheran Parish. No names will be written down, no pastor will be present, these are to get to know what YOU as members of the congregations feel and want.

Thoughts From a New Member

As the secretary at both churches I am able to have a good overview of the Parish process.

I have been watching the very real struggle of both churches to stay meaningful with smaller congregations, and I firmly believe that becoming a Parish was the right decision.

Now the main part must begin- the word we seem to back away from more often than not. TOGETHER! We are not Trinity, we are not Christ. We are Milton Lutheran Parish and we are here to do God's work, not our own.

Sometimes this is hard, but we have to grasp the future with both hands, and hearts. Old differences must be tossed aside and a new bond formed. Working together lessens the burden on each of us. Open up your hearts and welcome a new start. It will be scary, but it will be exciting and fresh also. Sharing ideas and spreading out into our community is what will grow the church. What good does it do to hang on to past glory days if you end up with a church with closed doors? We are all part of the same church family. Both churches have so many wonderful members- I am blessed to get to talk to so many of them. We do have differences, but let's talk about those differences and change them into an agreement! That is what these congregation conversations are about. Please take part- let's make the future a sure thing!

Donna Riccio
Parish Secretary

Faith
makes all things Possible
not Easy



Christ Lutheran

Mar. 4

Ushers: Kim Mitch, Brent Mitch
Acolyte: Austin Mitch
Lector: Nancy Walters
Asst./Server: Rose Handy
Server: Kellie Brouse
Prayer Team Minister: Rose Handy

Mar. 11

Ushers: Jenelle Rohland, Paul Rohland
Acolyte: Olivia Rohland
Lector: Penny Ulmer
Asst./Server: Penny Ulmer
Server: Tonya Wargo
Prayer Team Minister: Mae Jones

Mar. 18

Ushers: Peggy Fisher, Don Fisher
Acolyte: Austin Mitch
Lector: Rose Handy
Asst./Server: Rose Handy
Server: Rich Handy
Prayer Team Minister: Rose Handy

Mar. 25

Ushers: Nancy Mensch, Donna Riccio
Acolyte: Paul Rohland
Lector: Kellie Brouse
Asst./Server: Penny Ulmer
Server: Kay Dunn
Prayer Team Minister: Kellie Brouse



Worship Helpers

Trinity Lutheran **Month of March**

Head Usher:

Seth Reitz

Ushers:

Judy Farr

Bonnie Gaugler

Ken Gaugler

Ann Mellman

Reader:

Karen Fry

Communion Assistant:

Joe Yaiko

Acolytes:

Tavin Reitz



**Get Involved
in Worship**

***Members, Friends and Family of
Christ Lutheran Prayer List...***

***For those with ongoing health
issues/disability/illness:***

Wanda Aikey; Brenda Baker; Pam
Belkins; Harry Berger; Bill Bloom; Marie Burish; Ryan Byers;
Betty Chapell; Barbara Coup; Lannie Davis; Rose Deaner; Terry
Deaner; Glen Dewire; Peggy Drum; Matt Edinger; Terry Eisenhuth;
Linda Emery; Joanne Ferlazzo; George & Joanie Fisher; Mindy
Gemberling; Edith Getz; Gerald Greenly; Greg & family; John
Heffelfinger; Kim Herr; Mary Wagner Hines; Noah Joy; Nicole
Kahl; Evelyn Kelley; Danny Leitzel, Lillian Longenberger; Paula
& husband; Sally O'Fallon; Glenn Pick; Bob Queen; Chris Rager;
Tom Reese; Jerry & Alice Roush; Wilma Rishel; Jeff Robol; John
Shaffer; Maddox Shipe; Ida Snyder; Alex Shrawder; Tim Simko;
Dorothy Stevens; John & Tracy Supsic; Fran Valentine, Karen
Walters; Shirley Wargo; Alta Mae Whitmoyer; Lois
Reimensnyder...

For those anticipating and recovering from surgery:

Barb G; Caroline King; Florence Ishler; Laura Beck,
Bobby Reedy, Charles Snyder

For those in sorrow: For all who have lost loved ones; All those in
our community and the world who are recovering from natural
disasters & tragedies.

For those needing daily strength:

Brittany Aikey; Preston Aikey; Rodney Bastian; Betty Baumer; Betty
Callenberger; Linda Danley; Bill Dotts; Kay Dunn; Charlene Francis;
Sharon Hoover; Rita Lenig; Nancy Mensch; Rob & Jacquee Hudson;
Isaiah; Dan Kemrer; Shannon Moll; Charlie & Helen Napp; Kelly
Packer; Edna Packer; Helen & Leroy Reinard; Donna Riccio; Mike
Rudisill; Mr. & Mrs. Gary Rute; Mr. & Mrs. Jared Rute; Greg
Shive; Tim Simko; Theresa Terroto; Josh Trawitz; Keisha Trimble;



Curtis Klodnikie; Darlas Yost; Lorraine Watson; Harold Webb, Gloria Weir; Tyler Watts & family

For the imprisoned: Jennifer Gregory; Aundre Moten

For those adjusting to life changes: All those affected by political & religious oppression.

For the homebound and those unable to be at home:

George & Bebe Bolich; Kathleen Burch; Betty Dotts; Isobel Feehrer; Doris Heffelfinger; Violet Heimbach; Tom Kline; Mary Jane Martello; Connie Sholly; Nancy Weikel; Jeannine Wilkerson; Harry Berger

For those serving in the military: Kristen Bastian; Matthew Dorman; Jeremiah Fisher; Stephen Himes; Anthony Nudson; Cody Pursley; Cody Messinger; Trent Wargo

For leaders, guides, students, and workers: Pr. Mark; Rev. Brian & Christine Palmer, missionaries; Bishop B.J. Collins, Synod Staff; Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton & ELCA Staff, Authorized Lay Worship Leaders, Parish Call Committee

For activities and events, and for those who are traveling:

Our faith partners at Trinity; Mutual Ministry Team; Council; Spiritual Growth; Stewardship; Christian Ed Ministry; Children, Youth & Family Ministry.

Please pray for our confirmands:

Austin Mitch, Olivia Rohland, Paul Rohland, Skyler Harrington





Prayer Requests

Names for healing prayers are printed for several weeks at a time, but can be lifted up again as requested. The Prayer Chain Team & others continue to pray for this Sunday list and other concerns daily.

HEALING Mary Becker, Ken Gaugler, Brenda Whipple, Julie Benshoff, Sheri Yingling, Joy Smith, George & Joanie Fisher, Helen Fisher, Mary Jane & Melvin Crist, Shirley Stigerwalt, Ed Nelson; Ava Westhaupt, Mark Nolder, Brookson Lehman, Jane Fish, Bob Smith, friends, David, Linda Parrish, Janet Timms, Donna Collins, Barb Smith, Henry Reinsborrow, Tracy Coleman, Carol Shurtz, Frank Dominick, Bill Bloom, Aaron Vatter, Jonathan Noaker, Quentin Erb, Finley Snook, Carolyn Beach, Erick Wood, Neil Hauger, Pete, Benjamin Owens, Christine & Eli, Jaime Evock, Thelma Byerly, Roger, Bill Lebard, Rachael & Phillip Cawley, June Bogart, Gerry Cashner, Bev Mertz, Denny Straub, Chris; Tom Martin; Judy Troxell, Joel Wieand, Bob Jansen, Beverly Brouse, Karen, Bill Klinger, Ben Bernocco, Martha Jane Gill, Gary Gill, Aaron; Bonnie Rute; Jean Shirk; Barb Shade; Byron Pentycofe; Barb; Ronnie; Lee; Susan Hummel; Peggy Fulmer; Glen Dewire; Kay Dunn; Mae Halye; Johnny Heimbach, Robby; Ginny Hughes; Florian "Fuzz" Cox and wife Lauren; Evelyn Landis; Richard Black.....

Seminarian: Marlene Phillips

I am the witness to His fearless death...
I am a token of His last promise...
Forgiveness.

I am the Cross.





Public Office Hours – Trinity- Mon.-Fri.- 8:00am - noon
Christ- Mon.-Fri.- noon – 4:00pm

Deadlines:

Bulletin announcements are due in office by **Wednesday at 12:00 noon.**

Newsletter articles are due in office by the **15th of each month** (unless otherwise noted on newsletter calendar or bulletin).

Deadline for the next newsletter February 15. Any items received after the 15th of the month will not be in the newsletter.

Please e-mail Donna at **driccio@christlutheranmpa.org** or **tlcmilton@ptd.net** with any bulletin announcements or newsletter articles or drop them off at either church.

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