

Plantings

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Tree of Life Lutheran Church



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We spent the summer talking with members about the value of our newsletter, *Plantings*, having suspended publication following the March issue this year. The responses included the full range of possibilities from *the weekly email blasts work better* to *I miss the mailed hard copy version*. In the meantime, as we assessed the question here in the office we realized that there are some things that are difficult to share with you via emails blasts, the bulletin or Facebook. These include: pastoral acts, our stewardship of time and treasure, thank you notes we've received and those we've offered.

So, for now, we are offering *Plantings* again, with the understanding that it will be limited in scope and that there are better tools for communicating upcoming events and opportunities. It is offered to you with the unveiling of our new web page, the result of our Listening Session on Social Media two years ago!

Blessings!

Pastor Richard

Our Stewardship of Time and Treasure

Date	Sat 5 PM	Sun 8:30	SCS Att	Sun 11	Offering
8/4	70	69	---	95	\$ 9,072
8/11	68	98	---	89	\$13,159
8/18	70	49	---	120	\$ 7,457
8/25	65	75	---	90	\$12,203

Thanks To

Randy McPherson for rounding up new lighting for the walkway and bridge and for organizing the final completion of the deck!

Jim Sommer for many odd jobs around the building- fixing doors and repairing toilets and locks, etc.!

Les Zimmerman and Jim Sommer for putting together the storage units for the deck chairs!

All those who helped with the property workday to get the deck ready for our first deck wedding!

Susan George for continued weeding of the flower gardens!

Deb Ash for lots of trimming around the property and parking lot!

Our Vacation Bible School teachers and volunteers!

Dolly Roberts and the Fellowship Committee for a great Church Picnic!

Our Feeding the 5000 volunteers including Jim Withrow and Sandy Brandt who deliver the food!

All our volunteers who with Dan Snyder have been cooking for the Hanna Foundation Food Pantry!

All the volunteers who spent a Saturday afternoon moving the Hanna Foundation Food Pantry to its new location in the STHS storage building!

Our RIC Core Team for continued efforts to promote the Welcome Statement Survey and Aimee Brough for continuing to assess the results/responses!

Deacons Huth and Roscoe for supplying weekend services this summer while the pastors were away!

Jason Roscoe, Sovanna Mam and Leslie Longo for continued efforts to get our new web page up and running!

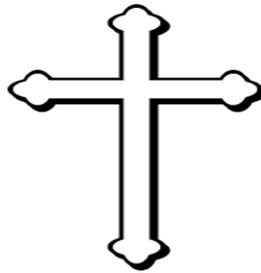
Lee Weber, Carol Wood, Dave Miller, John Kilheffer and Sue Grumbine for great efforts to get our new phone service (fiber optic) and internet service up and running!

Pastoral Acts

Burial of the Dead

6/28/19 Betty Jane Miller

6/30/19 Diane Renee Mitchell



Rest Eternal, Grant Them, O Lord!

Holy Baptism

4/30/19 Mason Brantley Weikel, son of Josh and Anita Weikel

5/15/19 Knox Joseph Doyle and Luca Edward Doyle, twin sons of Caitlin Doyle

6/21/19 Kathryn Jane Thompson, infant daughter of David and Sarah Thompson

7/16/19 Everett Hayes Rivera, infant son of Steve and Renee Rivera



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*Let Your Light So Shine Upon Others That They May See Your Good Works and
Glorify Our Father in Heaven!*

Holy Marriage

6/9/19 Andrew and Christina Geib

6/15/19 Ross McMann and Emily Boyd

6/16/19 Joseph and Sydney Stover

6/21/19 Mark and Ali Stewart

6/22/19 Shawn and Elizabeth Black

7/27/19 Brad and Cindi Schenk



May You Grow In Holy Love Until Your Lives End!

Summer New Members

Please welcome those who joined our congregation this summer ...

Jeff Ludwig and Dory Stuckey who live at 2639 Amanda Dr. Their phone number is 717-635-8326. Both are retired. Jeff enjoys pickleball, golf, concerts and traveling. Dory enjoys puzzles, bird watching, water aerobics, and concerts. They have a dog named Harley who shares their home.

Diane Colestock who lives at 4509 Fargreen Rd. Her phone number is 302-260-0972. Diane is an auditor with the Capital Area Tax Bureau. She loves to dance and enjoys PSU football, the Pittsburgh Steelers and UNC Basketball.

David and Sarah Thompson and their daughter, Kathryn, live at 5525 Partridge Ct. Their phone number is 717-649-9368. David is a service desk technician with UPMC Pinnacle. He enjoys sports, cooking and playing most stringed instruments. Sarah is a membership and events coordinator with NFRA. Kathryn was born in March. They share their home with two cats!

Andrew and Ashley Maurer and their daughter, Alivia, live at 2265 Forest Hills Drive. Their phone number is 724-812-1659. Andrew is an account executive with Dell Computer. He enjoys skiing, brewing beer and biking. Ashley is a regional manager with Select Physical Therapy. Alivia was born in June. Brock the boxer shares their home!

September Adult Sunday School

On September 15, 22, and 29, our voting members at the ELCA Churchwide Assembly- Marsha and Gina Roscoe, Zoe Clark and Elizabeth Peter, along with volunteer, Debbie Clark, will share information and details about the triennial assembly including some of the memorials that were voted on and the various elections and actions of the assembly. Come and learn!

Thanks to TLC

Thank you for supporting the work of Lutheran World Relief through the Lower Susquehanna Synod, ELCA. Please accept my thanks for your gift and all that it will do. God Bless You! Warm regards, Daniel V. Speckhard, President and CEO, Lutheran World Relief

Thank you and God bless you for your goodness to those in need. Your sacrifice and generosity not only feeds the hungry but nurtures them in body, soul and spirit. With sincere appreciation, Susan Rudy, Executive Director, Silence of Mary Home

On behalf of the Board of St. Barnabas and the children we serve, I would like to thank you for your generous gift for our 2019 summer camping program. Without your generosity the children's ministry would not be possible. Sincerely, Linda Cummings, Corresponding Secretary, St. Barnabas Advisory Board

Thank you for your gift for Hospice of Central PA (HCP). We will put it to good use providing the highest quality of emotional, physical and spiritual support with compassion and respect. Sincerely, Gil Brown, Chief Executive Officer, HCP

Thank you so much for your donation to Health Ministries of Christ Lutheran Church. Because of mission partners like you, we can assist those in need. Grace and

Peace, Rev. Andrew Stockstill, Health Ministries of Christ Lutheran Church

Thank you for your gift. With your generosity you help us to remember what God's grace is doing in the world. We are surrounded by grace, and we are grateful. God's peace by with you, Rev. Dr. Angela Zimmann, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, United Lutheran Seminary

Thank you for your generous gift to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America for the ministries of ELCA Global Church. Your support enables the Mission to send missionaries and young adults to serve in approximately 50 countries. With gratitude, Rahel Mwitula Williams, Director, ELCA Global Mission Funding

Thank you very much for your donation to our program/food pantry. With your gift we offer dinner to families in the program. You make the difference in the lives of many. Thank you again for sharing all the blessings you receive from Him above. STSD Adopt a family, Rockville School Pantry.

Thank you, Tree of Life, for your continued financial support of my seminary journey. I literally could not do it without you. You are a blessing to me and to so many others with the gifts of time, talent, and treasure you offer. Thank you! Holly Gainor

Thank you for your prayers, good wishes, and the lovely altar flowers. I love carnations because they are fragrant and long lasting. May our Lord bless you for your thoughtfulness and caring. Sincerely, Paula Zech

Thank you for your generous donation to NutriPacks. You have made a difference in a child's life. We appreciate your support. Pam Jones, Co-Director

Thank you for your gift to Fruitbelt Farmworkers Christian Ministry. We sincerely appreciate your concern for the seasonal and migratory farmworkers. May God bless you all and keep you in His care. Blessings, Pastor Rod and Nancy for FFCM

Thank you for your gift of loving generosity for our partners in Christ in Tanzania. Pastors and leaders there will benefit from your gift and God's love will surely grow. Randy Barr

Thank you so much for your generous donation to Fortneys for Healing. Your support and that of your congregation has meant the world to us. Thank you and God Bless all of you. The Fortney Family

Thank you for your recent gift. We praise God for devoted and supportive friends such as you. Yours in Christ, Michael Youse,

Executive Director, Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Penna

Thank you for your contribution to our Mission Support. We achieve so much because we are a church that trusts in God's guidance and providence. Thank you again for your partnership and commitment to the work that God sets before us. James Dunlap, Bishop, Lower Susq Synod ELCA

Thank you for your gift given to your synod, received by ELCA World Hunger. Blessed are you for sharing your blessings with others. The Rev. Daniel Rift, Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal

Mission Statement

Welcome in love to Tree of Life Lutheran Church, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America! We Affirm that we are a community called and empowered by God through Word and Sacrament. We Believe that Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, sends us into the world to share God's love through our words and actions. Though we are a community shaped by diverse traditions, we affirm one Lord, who is revealed as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and one Faith, that brings all peoples together. We Commit ourselves to a life of worship, service, fellowship, education and witness in this place, in the world, and to each other. To this purpose we pledge our time, talent, and treasure, and invite all persons to share in the growth of the Christian ministry of Tree of Life Lutheran Church.

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