

# The Trumpet

Trinity Lutheran Church

Pastor Mary Beth Smith-Gunn  
pastortlcbryan@yahoo.com

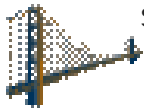
509 Center Street, Bryan, OH  
419-636-3387

Guided by  
the Holy Spirit,  
Trinity Shows & Tells  
God's Love in Word & Deed  
with ALL!

## Pilgrimage Ponderings



Fall Worship Schedule  
No Saturday Service Sept 2nd  
Beginning September 17th  
Sundays 10:30am  
Sunday School 9:15-10:15am  
Saturdays 6:00pm



September 4th  
Labor Day  
Mackinac  
Bridge Walk

September 10th  
4th Annual  
God's Work Our Hands



September 17th  
Parish Ed Sunday  
Rally Day

DARTBALL  
Sept 19th  
7:00pm



Since last January, at most every one of Trinity's worship services, we have shared in this dialog: I speak, "Scripture reminds us of this promise," and together we respond, "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is a gift of God." Ephesians 2:8 Those words, that passage, is pivotal to our understanding as Lutheran Christians of who God is and who we are made to be by our faithful trust in God's grace. But even though they are pivotal to our tradition, truly clinging to and trusting that grace for our salvation is a lifelong learning curve. Time and again we fall prey to the assumption that God's favor is dependent upon our behavior or our actions or our effort. It is a steep learning curve, in a society where we get what we deserve, what we've worked for, what we've earned, where we work for anything of lasting benefit (as well as lots of tarnished treasures long ago tossed.) As a result of that effort leads to reward type of conditioning, we impose it upon our understanding of God's will toward us.

However, with the Apostle Paul, who penned these words to a young Christian church, seeking its place and identity in the world in the first century, I implore you to trust them at face value - God's gift of grace is the only way we can know salvation. Believing in Jesus - in his dying and in his rising - is all it takes to know and receive God's gift of redemption and eternal life. We can't pray our way to it, are unable to worship fully into the reality, and good works in Jesus' name don't result in special treatment. However, the learning curve gets steeper when we recognize that receiving the gift as a gift without any expectations on our part also brings with it the burden that we are compelled to respond to that gift with continuing gratitude, acts of humble kindness and mercy, proclamation of God's love in Christ through our word and deed. Talk about a vicious cycle!

Maybe the solution lies in a truth behind 2 children's Sunday School songs - at least for my generation. Those are "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know," and "Jesus Loves the Little Children, All the Children of the World." If we know and trust these songs, then the gift of God's grace can take root and grow through our faithful response and generous mercy.

Peace be with you all, always!

*Pastor Mary Beth*

Pastor Mary Beth Smith-Gunn



# Worship Focus for September

September 3rd                      Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering, yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

September 9th & 10th            Twenty-third weekend after Pentecost

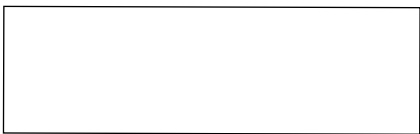
Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

September 16th & 17th           Twenty-fourth weekend after Pentecost

In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.

September 23rd & 24th           Twenty-fifth weekend after Pentecost

Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables, in which Jesus says the reign of God is like workers who get paid the same no matter when they start. When God changes his mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.



Return Service Requested

www.tlbryan.com  
Phone: 419-636-3387

Trinity Lutheran Church  
509 Center Street  
Bryan, OH 43506

# The Trumpet

Trinity Lutheran Church  
September 2017

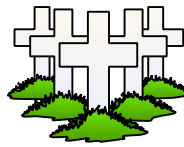
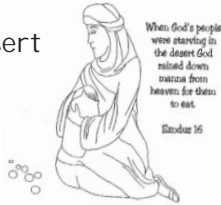


Non Profit Organ.  
Postage Paid  
Permit #164  
Bryan, OH 43506

MidWeek Manna  
A Free Meal For All God's People  
Wednesday Evenings 5:30-6:30pm

September Menu

- Sept 6 chicken/rice, veggie, fruit & dessert
- Sept 13 tacos, fruit & dessert
- Sept 20 breakfast foods
- Sept 27 soup & sandwich



Sincere Christian sympathy and prayerful support to the following...

John & Lynne Miller with the death of Lynne's sister, Lana Beucler, on July 2nd. Lana was from Chesterland, Ohio. She was 75.

Mike & Sue Bever with the death of Mike's father, Robert Bever, who passed away on July 6th. He was 88.


Barb Gotshall and her family in the death of her son, Randy on July 16, 2017.

The Arlene Goshia family with the death of Arlene's brother, Marvin Behnfeldt, who passed away on August 13th at the age of 88.

"Rest eternal, grant them, O Lord:  
and let light perpetual shine upon them"

MIDWEEK MANNA  
NEEDS VOLUNTEERS


If you can help in the kitchen for a couple of hours on Wednesday evenings, please see the sign-up sheets on the kiosk in the narthex.

Our first rehearsal is Wednesday, Sept. 6th at 7:00pm. Come join the fun and fellowship as we lift our voices in song!


**Join the Choir...**  
You'll Be Glad You Did!

Chime Choir



Chime choir practice will start on September 17th, at 8:30am. Any first through fifth graders that might be interested in playing chimes, please contact Lynnette Diaz at 419-636-5352.

Bell Choir



Bell choir practice will start on September 6th at 8:00pm.

Children  
Grades 1-5



If any of you are interested in having a children's choir, please call the church office 419-636-3387 or Judy Lewis 419-519-3327

September is birthday month Happy Birthday for a few special Trinity folks.

First, on the 19th, we have I la Hoops, 1816 E. High Street, joining our octogenarian group with the celebration of her 80th. Also on the 19th, Altha Dooley, Hillside Country Living, 09876 Co. Rd. 16, will be 89.. Then on the 30th, Geraldine Richardson, 10355 St. Rt. 249, Farmer, OH 43520 celebrates her 96th birthday. Also, on the 30th, Arlene Dahl, 255 Townline Road, will be 82. To these special ladies we extend best wishes and ask that God bless them.



*Oberlin - Turnbull*  
Funeral Home & Crematory

A grief support group will be starting on Monday, September 12th from 5:30-7:00pm at Oberlin-Turnbull Greenisen Chapel, 225 E. High Street, Bryan. The purpose of the group is to give support to one's grief journey and to allow one to support others who are on a similar journey. The grief journey is not an easy one. Often it is a lonely time filled with unrest and questions. The group will meet for several weeks and discuss topics of concern. It will be a time of sharing and support in a non-threatening way. Even if your grief is not recent, you are welcome to support others and share what was helpful to you during those difficult days. Food will be provided at each session. Please call 419-636-3139 to reserve a seat. The sessions are NOT limited to families who have been previously served by Oberlin-Turnbull Funeral Home.



## Wedding

Congratulations to  
Denny Harman and Holly Hanna  
who were married at Trinity  
on July 22, 2017



SUNDAY SCHOOL - RALLY DAY  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2017 @ 9:15AM



## Dartball

It's time for Trinity Lutheran Dartball League. Our first game is on September 19th at 7:00pm. Anyone 14 years of age or older, interested in playing, contact Rob Goodlive at 419-553-0652. We can always use more players.

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Dartball League



### Maumee Valley Conference Women of the ELCA Fall Retreat

Saturday, October 7, 2017

*"Grace"*  
500 Years of God's Grace in Action

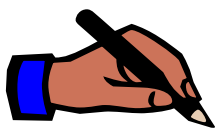
Speaker—Ruth Ann Anderson  
"Herr Käthe, Morning Star of Wittenberg"  
First person narrative of Katharina von Bora Luther



Ruth Ann and her husband Gary, have traveled throughout Luther Land for the last 15 years. Gary is a self studied scholar of Martin Luther and the Reformation. Ruth Ann has been fascinated by the life of Käthe Luther and offers this presentation in honor of the 500th year of the starting of the Reformation. Gary & Ruth Ann attend Grace Lutheran, Elmore.

Theme Verse: Ephesians 2:8  
*"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—And this is not from yourselves, it is a gift of God."*

8:30 am—Registration and Continental Breakfast  
9:00 am—Devotions & Holy Communion  
10:00—Ruth Ann Anderson, Speaker  
Fellowship followed by lunch



## Special Meeting of the Congregation

What does the Future Hold? That's a good question, and one we've taken a step toward considering. On Sunday, August 13, 2017 at a Special Meeting of the Congregation, Trinity voted 77 in favor to 9 opposed to continue with conversation toward a proposal for partnership with First Lutheran, Bryan and St. Peter Lutheran, Edon. Both of those congregations have also voted, at the congregational level, to continue with conversation toward a proposal for partnership.

At this point there are more questions than answers, but some of the things to consider will include: worship times, staffing for ministry and mission, funding and mission/ministry financial support, and cooperative ventures in outreach, worship and learning.

Trinity is represented on the Transition Team by Steve Fireovid, Karen Gallagher and Tom Smith. Each congregation has identified 3 lay members who will be joined in the process to develop a partnership proposal by Pastor Mary Beth and Deacon Jean Wise as well as a representative of the Bishop's office.

Your questions are welcome throughout the process toward a proposed partnership. Any proposal or options for partnership will be brought to the councils and congregations for action. Each month's Trumpet will include an update, but if you have additional questions please ask Steve Fireovid - 419-630-6546; Karen Gallagher - 419-636-2177; Tom Smith - 419-551-8039; or Pastor Mary Beth - 419-636-3387 or 419-799-0169.

## Williams County ELCA 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation



Festival Worship and Dinner will be held on Sunday, October 15, 2017. 10 a.m. Worship, accompanied by a German Polka Ensemble, will be Williams County Veterans Building, at the Fairground in Montpelier. Guest preacher Pastor Kent Wilson, the newly called Assistant to the Bishop for Leadership Development & Congregational Vitality, will join us for the event. The worship will also feature a mass choir, a festival bell choir and a children's bell choir.

Mass Choir Rehearsal will be as follows: 3 p.m. on Sunday, September 24, October 1 and October 8 in the sanctuary at First, Bryan – the anthem will be “The Heavens are Telling.” Please indicate your interest in singing by signing up on the Reformation Festival Sign-up posted on the Kiosk in the Narthex.

Following worship we will share a meal.

Menu: Green salad w/dressings  
 Chicken breast  
 Au gratin potatoes  
 Green beans  
 Dinner Roll & butter  
 Coffee & Red Punch  
 Cake

Tickets are: \$10 for adults; \$5.00 for children ages 3-9, and Children 2 & under are free. Tickets are available at Trinity – final date for sales is October 8, 2017.

Activities for all ages will be shared after lunch – including Bounce Houses, Euchre, Cornhole and fellowship. This event is being planned by representatives of First Lutheran, Bryan, Trinity, Bryan, St. Peter's Lutheran, Edon, and First Lutheran, Stryker. Please plan to attend! This worship service will take the place of regularly scheduled Sunday morning activities at Trinity – our 6 p.m Saturday worship service will still be offered.

## Fourth Annual God's Work Our Hands Sunday to be held September 10, 2017

We will gather at 9 a.m. at the Gazebo on the Square for a brief time of Worship and Consecration for Service. Then we will depart for various places to serve our sisters and brothers in Christ – tasks will include washing windows, cleaning gutters, weeding landscape. We will also do some necessary tasks around the church – cleaning woodwork, chasing cobwebs, polishing fixtures, and trimming shrubs/trees. We will also paint scripture boards for the Bed Brigade. Following the work's completion we will gather in Weiblen Hall for a Pizza Lunch. There is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk in the narthex you can indicate where and what you want to do. Join us – it's a good feeling to be who we are – God's hands!

Sep 1 – 2 Thessalonians 2:7-12  
 Sep 2 – Matthew 8:14-17  
 Sep 3 – Psalm 26:1-8  
 Sep 4 – Revelation 3:1-6  
 Sep 5 – Revelation 3:7-13  
 Sep 6 – Matthew 12:22-32  
 Sep 7 – 2 Corinthians 12:11-21  
 Sep 8 – Romans 10:15b-21  
 Sep 9 – Matthew 23:29-36  
 Sep 10 – Psalm 119:33-40  
 Sep 11 – 1 Peter 2:11-17  
 Sep 12 – Romans 13:1-7  
 Sep 13 – Matthew 21:18-22  
 Sep 14 – 1 John 3:11-16

### Take 5 for Faith 5 Minutes - 5 Steps - Everyday!

Think about and share your Ups & Downs of the day.  
 Read the suggested Bible Passage.  
 Reflect on its meaning for you and our world.  
 Pray for Family, Friends, the Church & World.  
 Bless your self & others.

Sep 15 – Acts 7<sup>9</sup>-16  
 Sep 16 – Matthew 6:7-15  
 Sep 17 – Psalm 103:8-13  
 Sep 18 – Hebrews 11:23-29  
 Sep 19 – Romans 14:13-15:2  
 Sep 20 – Mark 11:20-25  
 Sep 21 – 2 Corinthians 13:1-

Sep 22 – 2 Corinthians 13:5-10  
 Sep 23 – Matthew 19:23-30  
 Sep 24 – Psalm 145:1-8  
 Sep 25 – Romans 16:1-16  
 Sep 26 – Romans 16:17-20  
 Sep 27 – Matthew 18:1-5  
 Sep 28 – James 4:11-16  
 Sep 29 – Acts 13:32-41  
 Sep 30 – Mark 11:27-33  
 Oct 1 – Psalm 25:1-9  
 Oct 2 – Philippians 1:3-14  
 Oct 3 – Philippians 1:15-21  
 Oct 4 – Matthew 9:2-8  
 Oct 5 – Colossians 2:16-23

## SEPTEMBER ASSIGNMENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACOLYTE</u>	<u>PROJECTION</u>	<u>SOUND</u>	<u>USHERS</u>
September 3rd	Mallorie Staup	Joe Whisler	Tom Smith	Team 4 Rob Goodlive

September 10th	G O D ' S   W O R K   O U R   H A N D S			
----------------	---	--	--	--

September 17th	Ashtyn Frederick	Buddy Rossow	Rick Taylor	Team 5 Tom Smith
----------------	------------------	--------------	-------------	---------------------

September 24th	Keagan Nichols	Rob Goodlive	Paul Vargo	Team 1 Doug Johnson
----------------	----------------	--------------	------------	------------------------

### SEPTEMBER BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

1	Patti Clark	15	Brooke Vollmer	24	Evan Morr
1	Deborah Snow	15	Scott Chamberlain	25	Dolores Franzdorf
1	Shay Pursel	15	Paige Vollmer	25	Betty Griffis
1	Tiffany Baird	19	Amanda Langham	26	Allison Darrow
6	Fran Schlachter	19	Bonnie Staup	26	Matthew Grube
8	Robert Goodlive	19	John Wolf	26	Donna Hershberg
8	Katelyn Darrow	20	Jenelle Kuehne	26	Morgan Tinkel
8	Heather Vollmer	20	Michael Wieland	26	Heather Andrews
10	Molly Hess	20	Jason Fisher	28	Mallorie Staup
10	Sharon Witte	21	Alek Hastedt	28	Nadia Moore
13	Megan Baird	22	Denyse Johnson	29	Maci Tinkel
14	Mandy Slabaugh	24	Ian Morr		

### SEPTEMBER BIBLE VERSE

Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;  
I shall keep it with all my heart.    Psalm 119:34

#### ALTAR GUILD

Mary Lou Schnitz  
Lana Kelley

### July Attendance & Offerings

Date	Attendance	Offering
Budgeted Need \$5,066.00		
7/2 Sunday Worship	64	\$3,689.00
7/8 Saturday Worship	35	
7/9 Sunday Worship	75	\$3,274.01
7/15 Saturday Worship	30	
7/16 Sunday Worship	71	\$3,471.00
7/22 Saturday Worship	37	
7/23 Sunday Worship	72	\$2,385.00
7/29 Saturday Worship	42	
7/30 Sunday Worship	70	\$3,134.00
<i>Avg Attendance July 2016</i>	113	
<i>Avg Attendance July 2017</i>	99	

### Other Income for July

Media	20.00
Pay for Ed Clinker Music	40.00
parking lot fund	20.00
Sim (Reed mission)	1768.00
cc reimburse	282.43
copier / plumbing	70.00
world hunger	500.00
discussion group	350.00
foundation	64.24
building use	100.00
workers' comp.	204.47

### August Attendance & Offerings

Date	Attendance	Offering
Budgeted Need \$5,066.00		
8/5 Saturday Worship	42	
8/6 Sunday Worship	76	\$5,606.30
8/12 Saturday Worship	33	
8/13 Sunday Worship	99	\$3,220.30
8/19 Saturday Worship	48	
8/20 Sunday Worship	55	\$4,503.30
8/26 Saturday Worship	53	
8/27 Sunday Worship	57	n/a
<i>Avg Attendance Aug 2016</i>	110	
<i>Avg Attendance Aug 2017</i>	116	
<u>Other Income for August</u>		
Media	15.00	
Pay for Ed Clinker Music	35.00	
parking lot fund	15.00	
cemetery	20.00	
initial offering	3.00	

## REMI NDER...

Fall Worship Schedule  
Beginning September 17th  
Sundays 10:30am  
Sunday School 9:15-10:15am  
Saturdays 6:00pm

*No Saturday Service on September 2nd*

# September 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Pastor's Day Off 1	Detroit Tigers vs Cleveland Indians 2  NO SATURDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
3 9:30am Worship w/ HC	4  Mackinac Bridge Walk  Labor Day	5	6 5:30-6:30 Midwk Manna 6:30pm Catechism 7:00pm Sr. Choir 8:00pm Bell Choir	7	Pastor's Day Off 8	9 6:00pm Worship w/ HC
10 9:30am God's Work Our Hands	11 7:00pm Council	12 12:30pm Mission Quilters	13 5:30-6:30 Midwk Manna 6:00pm Bed Brigade 6:30pm Catechism 7:00p Sr. Choir 8:00p Bell Choir	14	Pastor's Day Off 15	16 6:00pm Worship w/ HC Saturday Dinner Club
17 7:45am TLMM Meeting 8:30am Chime Choir 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship w/ HC Rally Day 	18 7:00pm Member Care Outreach Meeting	19  Happy Birthday Altha Dooley (89)  Happy Birthday I la Hoops (80) 7:00pm Dartball	20 5:30-6:30 Midwk Manna 6:30pm Catechism 7:00pm Sr. Choir 8:00pm Bell Choir	21 Deadline for October Trumpet	Pastor's Day Off 22	23 6:00pm Worship w/ HC
24 8:30am Chime Choir 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship w/ HC	25 7:00pm Worship Committee	26	27 5:30-6:30 Midwk Manna 6:30pm Catechism 7:00pm Sr. Choir 8:00pm Bell Choir	28	Pastor's Day Off 29	30  Happy Birthday Geraldine Richardon (96) Happy Birthday Arlene Dahl (82)  6:00pm Worship w/ HC



# Service of Ordination

July 16, 1967

St. Johns Lutheran Church  
Reedsburg, Wisconsin

Richard Buchsteiner



*Congratulations  
Pastor B*



Pastor Richard Buchsteiner served 7 ½ years at St. John Lutheran in Port Clinton, Ohio and 32 ½ years at Trinity Lutheran in Bryan, Ohio. Following retirement he did interim ministry at Bethlehem / St. Mark in Defiance and at St. John in Hicksville.

Called by God to serve he was blessed to be able to serve the People of God. His ministry numbered 608 Baptisms, 359 Weddings and 454 Funerals.

Thank you members of Trinity for being such a large part of the past 50 years.

*Richard Buchsteiner*

*Thank you*

Thank you for the birthday remembrance. They were all so beautiful and deeply appreciated. Luella Weller

Greetings Trinity Family : I have had an eventful summer along with a lot of time to reflect on how fast life changes. As Allie moves on to the next chapter of her life, I sit back and am grateful for all of those who have been a part of her life. Our lives have gone under a lot of transformation the past three years and I can honestly say there is no way I could have made the transition without my Trinity family. I am so grateful that Pastor and Church Council have allowed me to use the kitchen each week. Dinner by Design has flourished and grown beyond my wildest expectations. Working hand in hand with Pastor MB & Rhonda to ensure the kitchen's availability and being flexible to work around Midweek Manna, the Men's Group and funeral luncheons, I have a place to call home. I thought it was time to send a huge THANK YOU to the congregation and all members of Trinity and know that without Trinity's kitchen space, there would be no Dinner by Design. Tammy Darrow

Dear Trinity Friends, Thank you for your prayers, warm thoughts, cards, and visits during my recent illness and recovery. Your love and encouragement mean so much to me, and I am so thankful for my Trinity Lutheran family. God Bless! Pam Bishop

Thank you for the birthday wishes for my 86th birthday on August 28th. Time goes fast and I really do appreciate you remembering me. There was a lot of July & August birthdays so we could all celebrate together. As ever, Barb Gotshall

Dear Trinity Family, Thank you again for your warm welcome and for the chance to share again with you. We love being sent by you. Our girls were so excited to be able to donate \$50 to Freedom Firm, \$50 to World Vision and \$50 to SIM's human trafficking rescue project in India. Through crafts of Hope and your generosity we are inspired by your support and your giving! Thank you. Because of His Great Love, John, Bethany, Elisha, Meira & Mykah Reed

Trinity Lutheran Family, Thank you so much for the generous scholarship gift. I am excited to continue my education at the University of Akron and this scholarship will definitely help with my expenses. Thank you all for the support and encouragement you have given me over the years. ♥Mekenzie Andrews

Thank you so much for choosing me for a scholarship. It meant so much coming from the church that has watched me grow and prosper into who I am today. Sincerely, Megan Baird