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*Trinity Stories* is published by the Publicity and Communications Team of Trinity Lutheran Church of Camp Hill and Dillsburg, for our members and friends.

Each issue focuses on a single topic. In this fifth edition, we highlight Trinity's Capital Appeal, sharing an overview of proposed projects at both campuses and the mission that inspires these important improvements.

The potential projects are anticipated to begin in fall 2026. At the time of printing, a finalized list of projects and detailed pricing had not yet been determined. For now, we share proposed projects and their estimated cost. Our hope is that this issue provides clarity about the Capital Appeal and encourages you to seek answers to any questions you may have.

Thank you for sharing this magazine with others. Your support, both in spreading the word and in financially supporting Trinity's mission, is vital to the impact we continue to make together.

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*Editor's Note*



Jessica Sheaffer

The “Invisible String Theory” is the idea that we are all connected by invisible strings of love. These strings cannot be seen or touched, but they stretch across rooms, across cities, and even across time. They remind us that we belong to one another, that our lives are intertwined, and that love is not limited by distance or circumstance.

In the life of the church, this image beautifully reflects the truth that we are connected as one body in Christ. As Trinity continues to grow, we are not merely growing in numbers but in connections. New members are woven into a living tapestry of relationships. Through worship, ministry, generosity, and shared mission, those invisible strings multiply and strengthen. In this way, Trinity becomes more than a building. Trinity is a connected, caring community where every person matters, and every life is cherished.

As you read this issue of *Trinity Stories*, you will see that we stand at an important moment in the life of our congregation. The proposed Capital Appeal projects are not simply about buildings or improvements. They are about continuing to strengthen those invisible strings that enable us to remain a community that listens deeply, welcomes generously, and cares faithfully for one another.

May our ministries, our worship, and our shared life together always reflect Christ’s love, drawing people not only into this space but also into the invisible strings of love that live here. ◀

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## Our Home .....

*Karen Yeager, President, Church Council*



**D**riving along the highway after many hours on the road, I'm looking forward to getting home. The windshield wipers are barely keeping up with the steady downpour of rain, and the glare of the opposing headlights have started a small headache behind my

eyes. I think to myself, "Dear Lord, get us safely home. Just a few more miles and we will be home." We're getting closer...and closer.... In the distance, over the treetops, I see it! There's a bright light illuminating the gleaming white steeple and cross that sits high above Trinity Lutheran Church, our church home.

You might have been thinking I was referring to the house my husband and I live in, which we host visiting children and grandkids throughout the year. However, I'm referring to my spiritual and emotional touchstone - **my faith home**. Throughout my life, and especially during major transitions and times of tribulation, the church has been a safe haven and place of comfort for me.

During my formative years, the church youth group (it was called "Luther League" in those days) helped me start to define my identity and find joy in lasting friendships and acts of service. Stints as a summer camp counselor at the Lutheran church camp in my vicinity (Mar-Lu-Ridge) helped me to become a more confident and responsible young person. More importantly, my experiences during the summer camp season helped to define my vision of faith and form a more personal relationship with the Lord.

Throughout my adult years, the church has been the setting for many joyous and memorable celebrations in my family life. Marriage, baptisms of my children and grandchildren, even my parents' funerals, were major milestones that were more meaningful to me because they took place at Trinity. I felt surrounded by support and comforted in my grief and loss.

In the last few years, I've been blessed to serve as a volunteer lead teacher for our ELL (English Language Learners) ministry. My parents immigrated to America in search of a better life. They found each other, and the better life they sought right here. Honoring my roots, my immigrant family, and connecting to immigrants and refugees in such a meaningful way has enriched my life and helped me to connect with humanity on a broader scale than I could have imagined. I've also been honored to serve on our church Council for the last two years. This year, I am serving as Council President, and the opportunity to lead and serve our church family has helped me to form deeper connections with others, live out my faith, and help build a strong future for Trinity Lutheran Church.

Just like me, many people have found a home at Trinity. From the families who give up their "free time" to come to worship or Faith Formation classes on Sunday mornings, to the people who participate in choir, FaithX, or serve Communion, usher, or greet, we have an active, vibrant church community. Many families choose to send their young children to our Christ-centered preschool at both our Camp Hill and Dillsburg campuses. Members of the larger community meet for support and find hope in Grief groups, addiction recovery meetings, Boys and Girls Scouting programs, free tax preparation services, and even English Language Classes. This list could continue, but suffice it to say that our church provides a host of faith-based and community-based programs not only for our own church members but also for the community at large.

We are compelled by the Holy Spirit to do God's work and share our blessings. It is my hope that Trinity will continue to offer comfort, refuge, and renewed faith to all who enter our doors. We need to ensure that our church home will continue to stand for future generations and be a beacon to all who desire to know the Lord, seek comfort, and find meaningful connection with others. We must not only gaze upon the cross that sits high upon our rooftop, but must follow the cross of Jesus to open the doors of our church home to the world. With your continued support and commitment, we will be able to open our arms and say, "welcome home". ◀

## Capital Appeal Overview:

**Honor Our Past, Plan Our Future** is an appeal for your financial support to fund capital improvements that will benefit Trinity for decades to come. Phase 1 began in 2020, with Phase 2 set to begin in 2026.

**Who we are.** Trinity Lutheran Church is built on a rich history of outstanding work, exceptional service, and profound faith in God. Our members live a life of gratitude and generosity for all that God has done for us in Jesus Christ. We consider this church our home, we feel a kinship with one another, and we love our sisters and brothers in the local community, the nation, and around the world.

**Where we're going.** We now come to a crossroads as we look ahead to fulfill our mission as a 21st-century church. To ensure that Trinity's legacy passes from one generation to the next, we must plan thoughtfully for the future while proactively building on the past. The ability to inspire, teach, and reach our Central Pennsylvania community and beyond depends on how effectively we prepare for the future.

**How we've identified projects.** Trinity has an active Property Team, Capital Appeal Team, Council, and Staff who have identified key updates that are needed at both Camp Hill and Dillsburg. All projects align with Trinity's mission. Then, in the fall of 2025, our congregation members shared their opinions through an online survey to better identify our church's needs.

Next steps. Over the coming weeks and months, we will engage with the congregation to better explain the vision and to seek consensus on a pathway forward. For goals and proposals that the congregation agrees to and accepts, we hope to accomplish them through a generous response to a capital appeal; we expect the appeal to begin in fall 2026.

**At the time of printing, we expect any approved projects to be under \$1 million dollars.**

**Prayer.** *Gracious and faithful God, You have blessed Trinity in countless ways, guiding us through every season and sustaining us with Your grace. As we look toward the future, we place this Capital Appeal in Your hands. Grant us wisdom, unity, and courage as we seek to strengthen our ministry and preserve the legacy entrusted to us.*

*Stir in each of us a spirit of joyful generosity, remembering that every gift is an act of faith that advances Your work and shapes the future of Your Church. Help us to give not out of obligation, but out of gratitude for all You have first given to us.*

*May our commitments reflect our trust in You and our love for this congregation and the generations who will follow. Bless these efforts, multiply what is given, and use it for Your glory.*

In Jesus' name, Amen.



## Time, Talents, and Treasures .....

*Elizabeth Schenk, Capital Appeal Chair*

I've been a member of Trinity for close to 20 years. Most seem surprised when they learn how long I've been here. In the early years, I made a point of avoiding volunteering. I felt that supporting financially was sufficient. I had a demanding job with travel and just didn't have the time to volunteer.

About 5 years ago, I was asked to join Trinity's Council. During the 3-year term, I wasn't on a committee and missed meetings due to work travel. I still felt half-committed and frustrated because I couldn't immerse myself in the role with the necessary dedication.

When I first felt the "calling" was during a congregational vote a couple of years ago. My timelines aren't the best, as time flies by so fast as we age. The "discussion" seemed to escalate. I felt my adrenaline rushing and my heart beating fast. I felt compelled to speak up, and I did. That's when I knew my heart was invested in Trinity. During the same meeting, a member of the congregation also spoke up, and his words have impacted me to this day. "If you feel strongly about this vote, then you need to also volunteer."

Soon after this, I received a call to re-join Council. There was an immediate mid-term opening, which also required me to chair a committee. Remembering those words, I agreed.

Stewardship has always made me feel a little uncomfortable. Now, here I am chairing a committee for the first time ever, in the middle of the year. I was in the deep end of the pool, treading water. With the help of the Trinity Staff, I figured it out. I was now chairing the Give, Serve, Lead committee.

The most impactful lesson began when the commitments started coming in. With some, there were notes that touched my heart. "I wish I could give more, but I'm on a fixed income." It wasn't the amount of commitment, but the place in their heart in which they gave that was so powerful. When I wrote my check that year, it had new meaning to me, and it felt so good to be a part of something so moving to

me. Reflecting on this experience, I now know that God was speaking to me, and this was one of his many lessons regarding why I should volunteer. The emotional reward was profound.

After that, it felt like I had somehow found a way to make time for volunteering and fit it into my schedule. Whether I was on a plane or sitting in a hotel, I could still make it work.

2025 was a turning point for me. Not only did I take on another term on Council and chair the Give, Serve, Lead committee, but I also agreed to chair the Capital Appeal Campaign. During the last few months, God taught me even more lessons. Being the CEO of a company was much different than attempting to lead volunteers of a church. My

greatest lesson was to "try" and be a better listener, be patient, navigate conflict, and remember that our entire mission was God-driven. I'm far from mastering this lesson, but I'm determined.

The timing of my greatest "God moment" occurred just recently during the annual congregational meeting. I'd witnessed many of these from the back row. Some of those memories were not so pleasant. This time, I would be facing the congregation. I prayed all week, asking God to carry me through it and guide my words as I presented the Capital Appeal. With my final, "Are there any more questions?", and the room was silent, I exhaled. I have never felt God's presence so strongly as I did in that moment. I left Trinity that day feeling elated. These gifts and feelings would never have been experienced had I chosen to remain in the back row and not volunteer.

Volunteering does have its challenges at times, but I remind myself why I'm doing it. If you have never volunteered at Trinity, I would encourage you to try. How wonderful it is to do God's work. It has strengthened my relationship with God, the church, and its members. I now fully understand the need to give of your time, talents, and treasures. I also understand receiving tenfold. ◀



## God Calls Us .....

*Pastor Elizabeth Frey*

For Trinity's upcoming Capital Appeal, we will tithe, or share, 5% of what you give to our community, to our ministries, and to our mission. As Christians, we give to the church, but did you know that the church is called to give too? We don't keep everything that is given to us. God calls us to always share what we have been given with those who need it most.

We are committed to tithing because this Capital Appeal is about expanding and improving Trinity's ministry. It is about what we do and how Trinity changes lives. By tithing a portion of our Appeal, we are reminded that the church is called to be outwardly focused. God calls us to leave this building and share His love and grace. God calls us to leave this building and care for the poor, the vulnerable, the hungry, and the oppressed.

We are more than two buildings at 2000 Chestnut Street and 15 S. Fileys Road. We are the body of Christ. We are a community situated within communities that need us to be the light of the world. We are called to use all that God has given us in service to those in our community and beyond.

Trinity continues to change lives throughout Central Pennsylvania and around the world. For over two years, Trinity has been changing the lives of immigrants and refugees as they seek to make the United States their new home. Since our first trip in 2019, Trinity has continued to change the lives of children in Guatemala, educating them out of the poverty cycle in partnership with Tree 4 Hope. Trinity is changing the lives of our neighbors in Allison Hill, who need medical and dental services, alongside Christ Lutheran's Medical Mission. Trinity helps feed thousands of people each year in collaboration with the Harrisburg Area Food Pantry. Trinity is changing lives, and we are making a difference.

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There's a reason Jesus calls us to love our neighbors,

because in loving our neighbors, we impact the lives of those in the community around us. Your generosity and support of the Capital Appeal will allow Trinity to change more lives in Camp Hill, Dillsburg, and beyond. I invite you to dream big with me. How is God calling us to something new, and how is God calling us to change more lives? ◀



**We don't keep everything that is given to us—God calls us to share what we have been given with those who need it most.**

## Invest in Trinity .....

*Pastor John Brock*

I have had the privilege of serving as a pastor at Trinity for nearly 25 years. I arrived shortly after we finished building Fellowship Hall and creating the Gathering Space. The Nave was freshly painted, carpeted, and slate flooring was installed in the chancel. It felt fresh and renewed.

While we did some remodeling just a few years ago, opening up the narthex and Gathering space, and putting in fresh carpet, among other things, after a couple of decades of faithful use and ministry, we can see that our sacred space is once again ready for thoughtful care and attention.

The Capital Appeal updates are both necessary and faithful. Just as we maintain and update our homes to ensure they remain safe, welcoming, and functional for our families, so too, I feel, we are called to care for the house of the Lord entrusted to us. The Nave and other areas of our Camp Hill campus are used week after week, year after year. Wear and tear are natural. Addressing these needs now allows us to preserve the beauty of our worship space while ensuring it continues to serve our congregation and community effectively.

We aren't simply talking about aesthetics; this is about stewardship and mission. Our facilities are tools for ministry. When we invest in them, we invest in Trinity. The Capital Appeal honors our past, strengthens our present ministry, and prepares us for the generations who will worship, learn, and grow in faith here in the years to come. ◀



# Trinity: Our Mission Station

*Pastor Jack Horner*

I've always been intrigued by missionaries. Those who have sought out communities that have not heard the gospel. They overcame challenges in culture, language, and sometimes hostile environments to share the good news of Jesus, that we are created by a god who loves us and frees us from sin and death through his Son, and empowers us to love and serve our neighbor. They created mission stations, places to worship and educate, serve, and send out disciples to do the work of Christ in the world.

Trinity, through its 127 years, has been such a mission station in south-central Pennsylvania. We have a rich history of inspiring worship and music, of forming the faith of multiple generations, and of caring for our neighbors near and far through our ministries. It is from here that we pray, learn, and send out followers of Jesus to share the love of God.

And like our homes, it's time for us to invest in our mission station for the next generation of Trinity members.

First, we will pay off the commitment we made to our solar project so we may reap the full benefits of renewable energy. This will lead to amazing savings in energy costs. Next, we will address upgrades to

our heating and cooling system air handlers so our ministries in the church continue without interruption. We will continue Trinity's attention to safety and



security and procedures for our properties and people, all of which began several years ago. And then we will tackle the updates needed to our lighting and sound in our main sanctuary at Camp Hill, along with a refresh of that space, which was last done 26 years ago. Other projects have been identified by our Property Committee that need attention and will be selected depending on the Capital Appeal's success.

This is our home. This is our family. This is our church. This is our mission station from which we gain strength to be sent out to love God and neighbor. I invite you to commit to what we have created together, along with all the Trinity saints who have come before us. Let's continue the story of Trinity, honoring our past and planning for our future. ◀



**This is our home.  
This is our family.  
This is our church.**

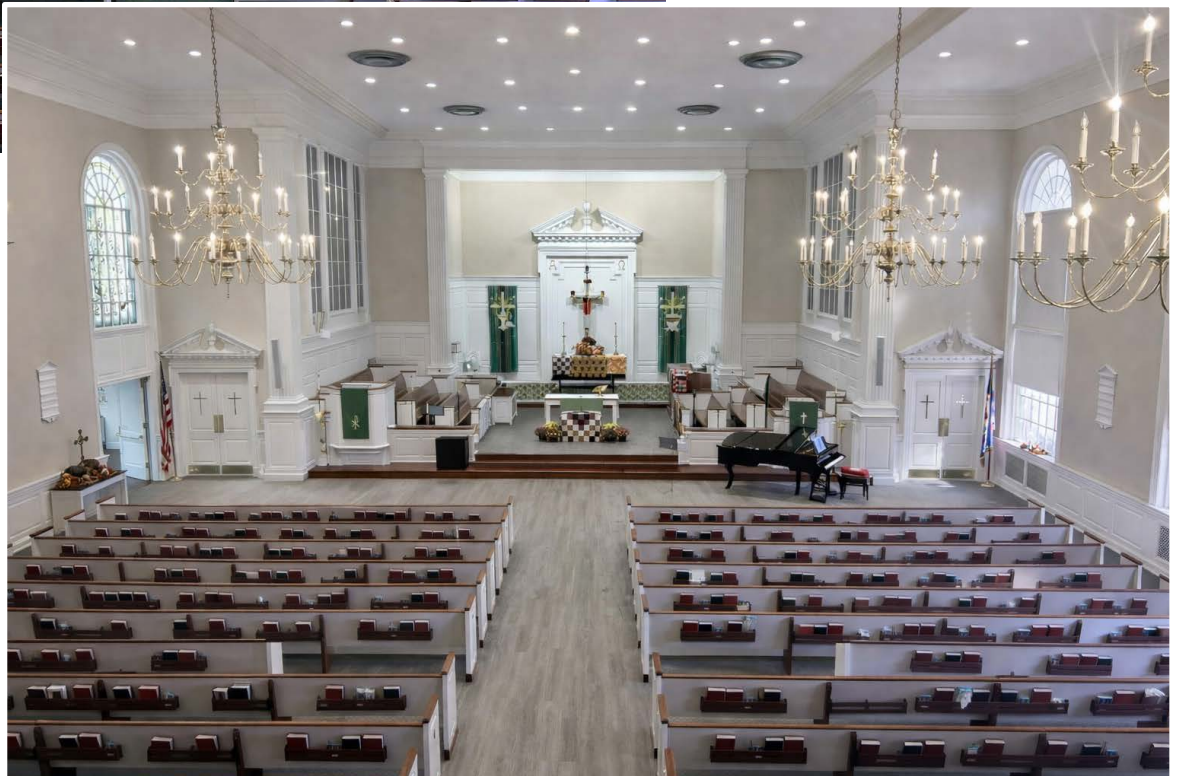
*"My wife Tamara and I recently became first-time grandparents. It made me think about what the future will hold for our grandson. I am currently serving on the 2026 Capital Appeal Steering Committee, and I asked myself a similar question. What will Trinity look like in the future? Will it be prepared to serve future generations like our grandson? Will it be growing and thriving in its membership, ministry, mission, and community outreach?"*

*I believe Trinity's Capital Appeal Campaign to raise funds for Capital projects and mission efforts answers these questions and positions Trinity for the future. I hope you will join me in financially supporting our Capital Appeal Campaign to invest in the future of Trinity."*

*- Mark Reisinger, Trinity Council Member*



Current  
Nave



Nave with  
proposed  
updates

## Phase 2 Improvements

### HVAC \$500k est.



Trinity's heating and cooling system is not a standard HVAC model but a unique 30-unit system, now over 20 years old, comprised of hot- and cold-water handlers that serve the entire building.

- ▶ **7 units have already been replaced; 23 remain.**
- ▶ We currently spend **\$5,000–\$7,000** annually just to repair the outdated units.

Replacing the remaining units is not only financially responsible over time but also essential to maintaining a comfortable, welcoming building for worship, learning, and ministry.

### SOLAR PANELS \$180k est.



This phase includes paying off the existing solar loan, which is critical to achieving the long-term financial benefit of the original investment.

- ▶ Once paid off, Trinity will begin to see **immediate positive cash flow**, with projections showing this occurring by **April 2028**.

Completing this payment positions Trinity for significant long-term savings and supports our commitment to sustainable, faithful stewardship.

### SANCTUARY LIGHTING \$120k est.



Lighting updates are required to ensure efficiency and functionality in the Sanctuary:

- ▶ Replacement of chandelier bulbs
- ▶ Installation of a new lighting control system
- ▶ Conversion of spotlights to LED and integration into the control panel

These upgrades will reduce maintenance costs, improve worship visibility, and modernize key components of our primary worship space.

### SANCTUARY SOUND SYSTEM \$80k est.



The Sanctuary's speakers and control board need replacement to provide reliable, high-quality audio for worship, music, and special events. This upgrade will improve accessibility, clarity, and the overall worship experience.

### SANCTUARY INTERIOR PAINTING \$100k est.



The Sanctuary was last painted **over 25 years ago**.

A full repaint will refresh and preserve the beauty of our worship space.

**This investment is about more than maintaining buildings, it is about strengthening ministry. By improving worship spaces, enhancing safety, and planning for long-term sustainability, we prepare Trinity to serve our congregation and community for years to come.**

## Phase 2 Improvements

### SANCTUARY FLOORING

**\$100k est.**



Updated flooring, with a look similar to the durable, easy-care laminate vinyl tile in the Chapel, will significantly enhance the appearance, longevity, and cleanliness of the Sanctuary.

### FELLOWSHIP HALL CEILING TILES

**\$20k est.**



Due to past flooding, the Fellowship Hall ceiling has been replaced in sections, resulting in an inconsistent appearance. Updating the entire ceiling with new tiles will restore the space to a unified, welcoming environment suitable for Saturday and Contemporary worship, ministry events, and community use.

### SECURITY

**\$22k est.**



Our recent security assessment identified the need for 13 additional cameras to ensure comprehensive building monitoring. Additional security needs include upgrades to our secure door system and panic buttons. These investments strengthen our commitment to providing a safe environment for worshipers, staff, volunteers, and community members.

### BURGLAR ALARMS

**\$5k est.**

*For Trinity Dillsburg*



Burglar alarms will further enhance the building's safety and align with our safety and security measures in place at Trinity Camp Hill.

### UPDATES TO ROOMS 124/126

**\$15k est.**



Originally designed for children's ministry, Rooms 124/126 now accommodate funeral luncheons, special events, and the ELL ministry. A thoughtful refresh will make this multipurpose space more inviting, functional, and accessible for both congregational and community use.

### KITCHEN CABINETS

**\$20k est.**



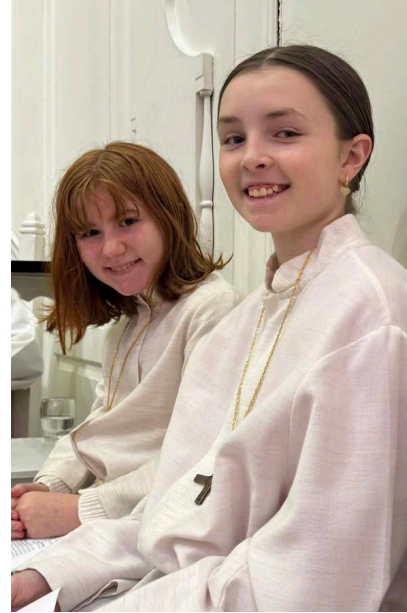
As Trinity's building usage increases, especially post-COVID, the kitchen is again a central hub of ministry. The current low-grade cabinets are failing, with doors detaching from hinges. Replacing them with durable, high-quality cabinetry will support the hospitality and fellowship that are core to Trinity's mission.

## Beyond Capital Improvements: Expanding Trinity's Ministries

### 5% percentage of total funds raised

While our facilities are the focus of Phase 2, a portion of all Capital Appeal gifts will support our ministry here in Camp Hill, Dillsburg, and beyond. Specifically, we foresee greater support of:

- ▶ Our Faith Formation Ministry, by expanding programming that will help shape the future of our youth.
- ▶ Our English Language Learners (ELL) Ministry, by creating a seed fund to financially support the needs of our students.
- ▶ Our Preschool Ministries in Camp Hill and Dillsburg, by creating a scholarship program for students who need tuition assistance.
- ▶ Our Missions Team, by creating a scholarship program for youth and young adults who need financial assistance to attend life-changing Missions Trips, such as Trinity's Guatemala trip and the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Missions (YAGM) program. ◀



*"First and foremost, I praise and thank our God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for life and the challenges and blessings that come with it. May all we do in worship and service be focused on God and service toward all of His people.*

*It can be easy to get lost in a large congregation like Trinity, but a large congregation can also provide a wide range of ways to learn, grow, and serve in God's name. There are opportunities to be involved in activities that have short or long-term commitments. When we give of ourselves, we receive much more than we have given.*

*There is support for people struggling with grief, divorce, meaning & hope. There are opportunities to give of your time, talent, and treasure. Jesus says, "Seek, and you will find." May we all find purpose, forgiveness, love, and meaning. Trinity is not the only place to find Jesus, but Jesus is here.*

*Don't ever stop growing and serving."*

*~ Steve Erdley, Trinity Council Member*

## Have You Heard? .....

*Jane Killian*

**H**ave you heard? English Language classes for adults meet from March to May and from September to November each year. Many factors make it possible for this ministry to grow and thrive. Foremost is the extraordinary leadership of Laura Butcher. Pastor Elizabeth Frey strengthens the vision. Approximately 100 volunteers have the skills and the passion to teach, provide loving childcare, complete administrative tasks, support instruction, and greet families. In other words, these are the people who volunteer and the people in our congregation and across the region who support it.

Have you heard? Trinity Lutheran Church—The Building is in almost constant use. In Camp Hill, not only are our own programs using the building on Sundays. Support groups, Scouts, Pre-School, Vacation Bible School, community groups such as Ikebana and tax preparers and Blood Drives, the Lower Susquehanna Synod offices, the Harrisburg Youth Symphony, and others use the building regularly. Facilities coordination is a job unto itself. It must be like a huge jigsaw puzzle!

Have you heard? The English Language Learning program uses the entire ground floor of the education wing two mornings a week. The program might not have begun at all if not for the six rooms and other nooks and crannies of that space. With the support of Steve Kauffman and ELL funds, we have made improvements to these well-used rooms to modernize with more whiteboard space and to add security measures. Compared to ELL's pilot session in the Spring of 2024, this space is packed with activity every Wednesday and Friday morning of our twice-a-year sessions. Fellowship Hall also plays a big part in the ELL sessions for both registration and our blockbuster ending celebrations. We love how our custodian Sherry Smith keeps the place spotless. It truly takes a village, and we never want to take for granted the importance of keeping the facilities up-to-date and well cared for.



I **get to** teach and build community in this way, and many of my fellow volunteers feel that honor as well. Being part of this ministry is a distinct blessing in our lives. Our congregation supports this ministry with their time, talent, and treasures. May that be so for many years to come. ◀



## Hospitality .....

*Lindsey Oleniacz*

Starting my religious journey at Trinity Lutheran Church last summer was, and continues to be, such a blessing in my life. Although my personal faith walk with the church began more recently, Trinity has been part of our family for years because of my two daughters, who attended Trinity Preschool. Watching them grow and learn within this loving environment meant so much to us. In 2025, we were able to share their baptism with our church family, and that made our connections here at Trinity even more meaningful. Dedicating them to God and celebrating that special moment surrounded by this congregation truly deepened our sense of belonging here.

As a new member of the church, serving on the Hospitality Team at Trinity has been a meaningful and rewarding experience. Our team is passionate about creating a warm, welcoming environment where everyone who walks through the doors feels valued and at home. Whether we are planning fellowship gatherings, seasonal celebrations, or serving coffee hour in the Gathering Space, we strive to offer fun, engaging activities that bring our congregation together in joy and connection.

The Hospitality Team has been a wonderful group of people to coordinate events with. Each person brings unique gifts, creativity, and a shared desire to express Christ's love to our Lutheran brothers and sisters and to the wider community. One of the things that stands out most to me is the heart behind everything this team does. There is a genuine love for finding meaningful ways to welcome new people, like me, into our congregation. It is inspiring to be part of a group that sees hospitality not just as organizing events, but as a ministry that shares kindness, builds community, and reflects God's love in action.

It is through this teamwork that we can host events that encourage fellowship, strengthen relationships, and create lasting memories for families of all ages. If you, like me, are new to Trinity, I encourage you to get involved, serve, and build your roots here. You won't regret it. ◀



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# Safety Supports Ministry .....

*Chad Skrocki*

Over the past several years, Trinity has taken thoughtful steps to ensure that our congregation, staff, and visitors can worship and gather with confidence. As our church continues to grow and our facilities age, it's important that our safety measures grow with us.

## How the Security Team Began

The Trinity Security Team was formed not out of fear, but out of care. Like many churches across the country, Trinity recognized the responsibility that comes with opening our doors to the community. The goal has always been simple: to remain welcoming while being prepared.

## The Team

The Team is made up of trained volunteers who serve quietly and respectfully during services and events. Most people may never notice their presence, and that's exactly how it should be. We are deeply thankful for these dedicated individuals who faithfully give their time, commit to ongoing training, and remain attentive so others can worship without distraction or concern. Their service is a meaningful ministry, and Trinity is stronger and safer because of their commitment and dedication.

## Why Upgrades Are Needed

Technology changes quickly, and many of the systems churches relied on even a decade ago are

no longer sufficient. To continue providing a safe environment, Trinity will need to invest in updated safety infrastructure, including:

- ▶ Security cameras that provide clearer images and better coverage of entrances, parking areas, and common spaces
- ▶ Modern alarm systems that allow for quicker response times and better coordination with emergency services
- ▶ Improved access control to ensure doors can be secured when necessary while remaining accessible during services
- ▶ Emergency communication tools that help staff and volunteers respond calmly and efficiently if an issue arises

These upgrades are not about expecting problems—they are about being prepared so that our ministry can continue uninterrupted.

## Safety Supports Ministry

When parents drop off their children, when seniors attend weekday events, and when the community gathers for worship, they should feel confident that Trinity has taken reasonable steps to protect them.

Strong security doesn't replace faith—it supports it. By planning ahead and investing wisely, we help ensure that Trinity remains a place of refuge, fellowship, and worship for generations to come.

The Capital Appeal gives us an opportunity to make these improvements responsibly and transparently. Every contribution helps strengthen not just our building, but the sense of trust and care that defines our church family. ◀



## Trinity's Concert Series .....

*An interview with Tim Koch and Mary Haar*

### Unique Ability

Music has always been central to the life of the church. It gives voice to our prayers, expresses truths that words alone cannot capture, and unites generations in shared worship. Through hymns, choirs, instrumental offerings, concerts, and special services, music helps us encounter God in a deeply personal way and can gently open the door to faith for those who may have never attended church before.

Trinity's Concert Series began as just that, a great tool for evangelism.



Tim Koch, Trinity's Director of Music, is the heart and mind behind the Series. "I thought we could reach a broader audience by expanding the scope to include outside groups and international performers. Through advertising and word of mouth, the Concert

Series reached many people who may not normally enter a church," says Tim.

### Planning and Programming

As the Concert Series grew, so too did the planning and dedication required to bring together some of the world's outstanding performers. "Potential performers send resumes, videos, expense or honorarium requirements, and other materials for me to evaluate their quality and determine whether we can afford them," Tim explains. In the summer months, he works with Mary Haar, Trinity's Arts Committee Chair, to put together the coming year's Series and advertising.

Careful thought is given to what audiences will appreciate. A thoughtful balance is maintained among sacred, classical, contemporary, and community-focused music. Each Series is crafted with intentional variety so that all may find something meaningful to enjoy.

The Series has featured many talented musicians over the years, including the US Army Chorus, the Kiev Symphony Orchestra, the US Air Force Singing Sergeants, the Boston Brass, the Texas Boys Choir, and the Concordia Choir, along with internationally known organists Diane Bish and Olivier Latry. Local groups such as The Harrisburg Singers and The West Shore Symphony Orchestra are also frequent headliners.

### Concert Series Patron

The success of the Concert Series relies on generous support from free-will offerings, memorial funds, and Trinity's Concert Series Patrons. Patrons are members and friends of Trinity who make specific donations to sustain the Series. In return, Patrons may receive complimentary tickets to select concerts throughout the year.

While securing enough Patrons remains an ongoing challenge, Tim expresses deep gratitude to those who feel called to support the ministry in this way. Their generosity ensures that high-quality musical offerings can continue to bless both Trinity and the wider community.



Aside from financial support for the Series, volunteers are also needed to usher, assist at receptions, help with set-ups and tear-downs, and assist with music distribution or filing. Many hands and hearts are needed to continue the success of the Concert Series.



## Community Outreach

Most Concert Series events are held in the Nave. For some, attending a concert is their first step through Trinity's doors. For these newcomers, a sense of faith can be experienced through harmony, artistry, and shared presence.

Because the Nave is the space guests see and experience, it plays a vital role in hospitality and welcome. As one of the key areas of Trinity's Capital Appeal, updates to the Nave will help ensure that it remains warm, inviting, and acoustically vibrant for years to come. By caring for this central gathering space, Trinity will strengthen not only our worship life but also our ability to host musicians and open our doors wide to community members.

## Impact for the Future

As the Concert Series continues to grow, so does its impact. It strengthens our ministry, builds bridges with our neighbors, and reminds us that music has the power to draw hearts closer to God and to one another. Tim hopes that all who attend a concert will be lifted by God's gift of music in whatever way possible. Trinity's Concert Series will remain a place where all are invited to listen, belong, and be renewed. ◀



*"The mission of Trinity is to worship, connect, and serve, and the Concert Series supports all three. Some concerts have been vesper services, which are a lovely way to worship. The Series connects with the church through the annual Christmas at Trinity concert, which includes all the church's music groups, and through the volunteers—from ushers to the kitchen crew—who make each event possible. There is also a strong connection with the Chancel Choir, as many Concert Choir members participate because of the Series' wonderful reputation and the opportunity to perform in our beautiful Nave with Tim Koch. In everything we do with the Concert Series, we are here to serve God. We are also utilizing both campuses, with one concert each year at the Dillsburg campus, to expand outreach into the community."*

~ Mary Haar, Trinity's Arts Committee Chair

## UPCOMING CONCERTS

**SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026**

3pm

Anderson Brothers Jazz Trio

**SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026**

7:30pm

American Composers Choral Festival

More information is available at  
[www.trinitycamphill.org](http://www.trinitycamphill.org)  
or by calling the church office.



**We have a wide array of talent throughout the congregation and central Pennsylvania. With the addition of the Dillsburg campus, we can expand our offerings and continue to be recognized as a top-tier concert venue.**

~ Mary Haar





## Frequently Asked Questions

The Capital Appeal is like an emergency fund for our church, providing dedicated resources for building projects without taking away from ministry. Phase 2, a continuation of the “Honor Our Past, Plan Our Future” campaign, will allow us to address ongoing facility needs through preventive maintenance, helping us avoid higher costs in the future.

### **Q: Do we still have debt from Phase 1?**

**A:** No! Thanks to the generous commitment of our congregation, all Phase One projects were completed with no outstanding balance. This strong financial stewardship positions us well to begin a prayerful and strategic conversation about Phase Two.

### **Q: Why do we need Phase 2?**

**A:** Phase Two focuses on essential infrastructure, safety enhancements, and long-term investments that will preserve our facilities, support our ministries, and ensure that Trinity remains a welcoming, functional, and mission-driven church for decades to come.

### **Q: Phase 2 was approved on January 25, 2026, but will there be another vote on specific projects?**

**A:** Yes. The congregation will vote on the final projects. However, some projects are clear to proceed first, such as paying off the solar loan and replacing the air handler units.

### **Q: With challenges in meeting the 2026 Operating Budget goal, is Phase 2 realistic?**

**A:** While this is a concern, giving increased significantly in December. We are grateful for the congregation’s generosity and hopeful for continued support of our operating budget and additional giving to our Capital Appeal needs.

### **Q: Why are additional security cameras needed?**

**A:** A professional security assessment identified limited visibility inside the building. Additional cameras would cover worship spaces, gathering areas, hallways, and other blind spots to improve overall safety in the building.

### **Q: Are the project costs accurate and up to date?**

**A:** Costs are based on current professional estimates but are not locked in. Prices reflect current market conditions and may change based on labor, materials, and project scope.

## Suggested Three-Year Commitment Plan

### Goal: \$1 million

Together, through prayerful commitment and shared generosity, we can accomplish the vision set before us. The chart below illustrates how leadership gifts and broad participation combine to reach our goal over a three-year period.

### Suggested Gift Plan

# of Gifts	3-Year Commitment	Breakdown of each three-year gift if given...			
		Yearly	Monthly	Weekly	Daily
1	\$150,000	\$50,000	\$4,167	\$962	\$137
2	\$100,000	\$33,334	\$2,778	\$641	\$91
4	\$50,000	\$16,667	\$1,389	\$321	\$46
7	\$25,000	\$8,334	\$695	\$160	\$23
9	\$15,000	\$5,000	\$417	\$96	\$14
10	\$10,000	\$3,334	\$278	\$64	\$9
17	\$5,000	\$1,667	\$139	\$32	\$5
20	\$2,000	\$667	\$56	\$13	\$2
40	\$1,000	\$334	\$28	\$6	\$1
70	\$500	\$167	\$14	\$3	\$.50
100	\$300	\$100	\$8	\$2	\$.27

## Every Gift Matters

There are various ways you can give to Trinity's Capital Appeal Fund. Prayerfully consider some of the ways listed below, or call our Director of Finance if you have questions.

- ▶ **From income:** Give from your salary, overtime, or bonuses
- ▶ **From other income sources:** Rental property income, interest earned, or income-producing assets.
- ▶ **Tax refund:** Contribute your tax refund
- ▶ **From savings or investments:** Contribute what you are able
- ▶ **Via your will:** Set up a legacy gift
- ▶ **By sacrifice:** Change your priorities to be able to contribute

## Commitments

Please use the detachable card to make your commitment to our 2026 Capital Appeal. Commitments should be submitted to the church office before Sunday, May 31, 2026. You can also make a commitment online by visiting [www.trinitycamphill.org/capitalappeal](http://www.trinitycamphill.org/capitalappeal).

All payments to the Capital Appeal will begin on June 1, 2026, unless otherwise noted, and will be fulfilled over a 3-year timeframe. If you have any questions, please call the church office.



**The church will joyfully celebrate all gifts pledged and received for the Capital Appeal on Sunday, May 31, 2026.**

On that day, we will give thanks for the generosity and faithfulness of our congregation, recognizing every commitment that will help strengthen Trinity's ministry for years to come. Cake will be served at both campuses as we gather in gratitude and celebration. We look forward to rejoicing together in all that God is accomplishing through our shared commitment.

