



Trinity Together

Trinity Lutheran Church

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Mission Statement:

“The mission of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is to equip God’s people to do God’s work and bring good news to hungry people.”

Church Office Hours:

Tuesday through Friday 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Phone: 610-683-3450

Website: www.trinitykutztown.com

Sunday Worship Service at 9:30 AM

Adult Sunday School at 8:00 AM

Good News Club and Journey to Adulthood/Confirmation after worship

2023 Church Council Members

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From the Vicar...

Hello Trinity!

Thank you all from the bottom of my heart for trusting me to be Trinity's lead minister. What a truly humbling and honoring experience this has been for me. I am so excited for the future of Trinity, but I am also excited at where we are. Trinity has been through a lot these last several years including a pastor transition and a pandemic. Yet, thanks to the grace of God and a strong community we are still here. Trinity never stopped caring for Kutztown and caring for each other, and I think that's something worth celebrating. I am so proud to be a part of this community and am so excited to see where we go from here.

One thing I want to reiterate from my speech after the vote is that I believe in this congregation. I had lost a lot of faith in the Church from bad experiences in college and before. I had declared I would never work in a church setting again...and then I ran into Trinity's youth group at the non-profit I worked at. From there, everything changed when I learned about Trinity and the ministry they were doing in Kutztown and at Kutztown University. I remember thinking to myself that I would work in a church like that. Friends, I still feel strongly that I would work in a place like this. Thank you all for the faith that you have put in me and know that I have just as much faith in all of you. May we continue this path together while holding to our deepest faith in Christ our Lord.

All Glory and Honor to Christ,

Vicar Seth Noggle



***Thanks,
Everyone!***

* OPEN DATE: Please call the church office or go to: <https://bit.ly/TrinityWorshipLeaderSchedule> to sign up.



Schedule & Volunteers

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

Oct. 1	9:30 AM	Louise DeVall
Oct. 8	9:30 AM	Alicia Wood
Oct. 15	9:30 AM	Susan Mangold
Oct. 22	9:30 AM	Carolyn Miller
Oct. 29	9:30 AM	OPEN *

LAY READERS:

Oct. 1	9:30 AM	Louise DeVall
Oct. 8	9:30 AM	Alicia Wood
Oct. 15	9:30 AM	Susan Mangold
Oct. 22	9:30 AM	Carolyn Miller
Oct. 29	9:30 AM	OPEN *

ACOLYTES:

Oct. 1	9:30 AM	Liam Miller
Oct. 8	9:30 AM	Isaac Jedwab
Oct. 15	9:30 AM	Liam Miller
Oct. 22	9:30 AM	Isaac Jedwab
Oct. 29	9:30 AM	Liam Miller

USHERS/GREETERS:

Oct. 1	9:30 AM	Sue and Jeff Collier
Oct. 8	9:30 AM	Susan Krause and Melanie Wessner
Oct. 15	9:30 AM	The J. Miller Family
Oct. 22	9:30 AM	Amy Pfeiler-Wunder and Doug Wunder
Oct. 29	9:30 AM	Donna Keglovits and Denise Scheidt

MONEY COUNTERS: Bob Hobaugh, Kurt Rohrbach, and Jean Ziegler

FLOWER CHAIRPERSON: Darlene Dietrich

ALTAR COMMITTEE: Susan Ritter and Debbie Ziegler

IMPORTANT DATES:

Oct. 1 Worldwide Communion
Oct. 29 Reformation Sunday

Committee Meeting Dates...

Worship Life Tuesday, Oct. 3, at 7 p.m.
Church Council Tuesday, Oct. 10, at 7 p.m.

From the Church Office...

Deadline for articles for the November newsletter is Tuesday, October 17th.

From the Finance Committee...

Approved 2023 Budget -- \$339,983
Unrestricted income through Aug. \$163,018
Expenditures through Aug. \$192,893
Balance through Aug. \$ (29,875)
Average monthly offering \$ 18,350

Christian Education...

Adult Sunday School

The Adult Sunday School Class welcomes you to join us in enjoying "God's Law is Love," a program that invites us to bridge the gap between Old Testament law and New Testament love. We will explore the struggle in New Testament texts with the significance of Mosaic law for those who trust in and love Jesus Christ. Jesus shows us how compassion is always essential when interpreting the law. First, we will look at Luke and John to see Jesus' roots in the justice and love of God; and compassion versus rigorous application of law. Second, we will see in Paul's epistles to Romans and Galatians the justification by faith, and how the law tells us what to do but not how to do it. Third, we consider in Acts, Corinthians, Romans and Colossians, the fulfillment of law in the commandment to love, and the revelation of God in Christ. Rev. Phil Ruge-Jones, an ELCA pastor in Wisconsin who recounts the gospel of Mark from memory, will help us understand how the expansion of the good news causes us to rethink our relationship to the law. Please join us Sundays at 8:00 am in the Parlor for discussion, coffee and fellowship.

Good News Club & Journey to Adulthood

We are so excited to see our Trinity kids back in our faith growing programs. The Sunday Schools for youth are after Church from 10:45-11:45AM. The Good News Club is for grades Pre-K thru 5th grade and our Journey to Adulthood/Confirmation Class starts in 6th grade. If you have a child or grandchild in those age ranges, we would love to see them at Trinity!

Bible Study

Bible Study is on Thursdays at 10:00 AM. **They are led by either Pr. Ritter or Seth Noggle and are based on the upcoming Sunday's scripture reading(s).** You can join the Bible study group in-person or on Zoom. To join the group electronically use the Zoom platform. Here's the Zoom link to click:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84530518506> To dial-in by phone, call this number: 1 301-715-8592. Then, when you are prompted, enter this Meeting ID number: 845 3051 8506. No other password is needed.

Assisting Ministers and Lay Readers...

There are openings on the calendar for the rest of the year for assisting ministers and lay readers. You can volunteer for one or both positions for a service. The dates open as of the publishing of the newsletter are listed below. If interested, please call the church office or go to <https://bit.ly/TrinityWorshipLeaderSchedule> to sign up. Thank you!

October 29

November 19

December 3, 17 and 24 (5 PM & 7:30 PM)

Flower Sponsors...

There is one date still available to sponsor flowers this year: October 22. To sponsor flowers or volunteer to be flower chairperson for a month, please call Darlene Dietrich at 610-683-7975, sign up on the flower chart on the bulletin board, or call the church office at 610-683-3450.

Youth Group Schedule...

My E-mail is seth.noggle@gmail.com if you would like to E-mail me and ask to be on the youth group list. That's the best way to be updated on Youth Group activities.

October 1st: Trinity

Primary Youth Group (Grades 1st-7th)

Time: 4:30-6:00 PM

Secondary Youth Group (8th-12th)

Time: 6:00-8:00 PM

October 8th: St. John's

Primary Youth Group (Grades 1st-7th)

Time: 4:30-6:00 PM

Secondary Youth Group (8th-12th)

Time: 6:00-8:00 PM

October 15th: No scheduled Youth Group

October 22nd: Dorney Park – Halloween Haunt

Secondary Youth Group (8th-12th)

Friends are Welcome!

Time: 6:00 PM-11:00 PM

Cost: \$25 and Trinity will cover the other half
RSVP to Seth by October 14th!

Tuesday, October 24th: Trinity

Dungeons and Dragons Night

Time: 6:00-8:30 PM

Who: All Ages

Sunday, October 29th: Trinity

Inaugural Halloween Scavenger Hunt

All Ages – Friends are Welcome!

You don't want to miss this!

Time: 4:30-7:30 PM

We will meet at Trinity but will need adults who are willing to drive. Please let Seth know if you're able to help!

Trinity is Growing Younger and Stronger...

Over the last year God has blessed Trinity's ministry with many gifts, not the least is new members who are willing and ready to share their treasures, talents and time supporting and growing our congregation's ministries. There has also been a decided growing younger component in this process for our faith community. This was in evidence as we welcomed 8 new members into our fellowship on Sunday, September 17, 2023. If you were unable to attend that day, let me introduce you to our new members:

Dan Dubbs – the husband of Molly who joined in 2022. He was a special education teacher and is now retired.

Allen Krause – recently moved back to Kutztown. He is a Business Intelligence Administrator for an insurance company.

Susan Krause – lifelong resident and sister of Allen; She is a Phillies fan and enjoys cooking.

Frank & Laureen (Laurie) Lyter – Frank is a retired engineer and Laurie a retired dietician. Frank is active in the Kempton community and Laurie is interested in Kutztown Kitchen, clothing outreach & food bank assistance.

Summer Vargas – a KU student who is also active at the Lutheran Center.

Rachel Yoder – She is married to Hunter Yoder. She is a former teacher who now homeschools their 3 children (Mya, Henrietta & Hunter); Rachel is also a folk artist and looks forward to sharing her talent with Trinity.

If you are counting, then you have counted 10 including the 3 Yoder children. While Henrietta and Hunter were recognized with their mom and big sister, they will not be officially joining until they are baptized on Sunday, October 1st, along with 2 other individuals. Let me introduce you to each of our soon to be baptized members:

Dayle Harris – is a freshman at KU and has been attending Trinity since the start of the fall semester. She is new to church and is eager to learn about the Christian faith.

Henrietta Yoder – enjoys running, dance and acrobatics.

Hunter Yoder – is developing an interest in music and also takes dance classes.

Liam Ziegler – is the infant son of Shane & Meredith (Keeny) Ziegler. He has a big sister, Avery who was baptized in the spring of 2021.

Please welcome these new members of our faith family here at Trinity as the opportunity arises to do so.

Thank you for Supporting Our Youth and Young Adults...

Dear Pastor Ritter and Seth,

I am pleased to inform you that at our August meeting the Kutztown Strong Board voted to donate \$200 of our Kutztown Kruizz earnings to the youth of Trinity Lutheran Church. Your willingness to withstand the heat to set up tables and chairs that provided shaded seating along with answering the call for a vendor by selling hot dogs and ice cream helped make our event successful for our community.

Please accept this donation for your program to continue to provide the protective factors for youth to experience teamwork, personal growth, life skills, leadership opportunities and faith, all attributes that will help them to make healthy informed decisions and to stay Stronger Together.

Sue Collier

Kutztown Strong President & the Kutztown Strong Board

Worship and Music Notes...

We are making preparations for the Advent and Christmas season. Oil-filled candles for the sanctuary windows have been purchased with funds from the memorial fund. Candles for the pew holders have also been purchased for Christmas Eve. The cost for each box of 36 candles is \$81. If you would be interested in sponsoring some of these candles in memory or honor of someone, please contact Debbie Ziegler, (610) 683-6629, or Diane at the church office, (610) 683-3450.

The church bell has been lowered to the Narthex to allow for easier ringing. We will need bell ringers at 9:15 each Sunday. You can sign up on the office door for a particular Sunday or just show up if no one has volunteered.

We are looking for volunteers for the altar team. This is a very easy job and can be done by an individual or a family. You can volunteer for a month or share the task with someone who is already assigned. Please contact Debbie Ziegler at (610) 683-6629 if you would be willing to help.

The Worship Life Team is very excited about upcoming events. Please read your weekly and monthly church newsletters and mark your calendars:

October 8 at 1:30: A Blessing of the Animals service.

October 28 from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM: Worship Workshop with lunch provided. Details to follow.

November 5: All Saint's Sunday. We will remember those who have passed and those who have been baptized as we light candles in memory or in honor of these people.

November 26: You will have a chance to help us decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas season following our worship service. Lunch will be provided.

December 17 from 6 to 6:45 PM (following the Kutztown Kitchen meal): A Blue Christmas Service.

Upcoming Events...

Blessing of Animals

On Sunday, October 8th, at 1:30 PM will be a service of Blessing of the Animals to be held in the courtyard behind the church.

Kutztown Kitchen

The next Kutztown Kitchen community meal will be on Sunday, October 22nd, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. For questions or to request delivery, please call Ann Towne at 484-239-5314 or the church office.

Rejoicing Spirits Ecumenical Community Ministry...

The next Rejoicing Spirits of Eastern Berks County service is at 3:00 pm on Sunday, October 1, 2023, at St. Paul's UCC, 47 S. Whiteoak Street, Kutztown, PA 19530. All are welcome at this no-shush worship that enriches the lives of all people, especially those with disabilities. We meet the first Sunday of every month at 3:00 pm at St. Paul's UCC, Kutztown. **October 1st we will celebrate the first-year birthday of Rejoicing Spirits of Eastern Berks County with a carnival atmosphere in Fellowship Hall following the service.** For more information, contact: Charlene Fisher (charf1sh@verizon.net, 610-223-9822) or Erin Webb (emwebb05@aol.com, 610-894-9949)

How You Can Help...

Fall Attic Outlet

The Fall Attic Outlet is coming up! Help is needed to set up during the week of October 9th, during the sale, and to clean up on October 21st. The sale dates are: Friday, October 13, 6-8:00 PM; Saturday, October 14, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM; Friday, October 20, 6-8:00 PM; and Saturday, October 21, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. If you can help, or for any questions, please call Darlene Dietrich at 610-683-7975.

Christmas Shoppe

We are looking for someone to take over running the Christmas Shoppe for Valarie Kutz, who can no longer do it. Contact Valarie for more information at: 610-790-5911.

Student Food Pantry at KU

Thank you to everyone who has contributed time, groceries, and cash donations to this ministry. If you would like to contribute food items, please see the list below...

Peanut Butter	Juice
Miscellaneous Snacks	Crackers
Knorr Side Dish Packets	Cereal
Instant Potato Packets	Breakfast Bars
Toiletries	Mac 'n Cheese
Soup	Tuna
Canned Fruits & Veggies	Pasta

There is a box outside of the Parlor for the items you are donating. If you have any questions about this program, please contact the church office.



STARTING A NEW CHAPTER

Mid-campaign Update

We are just past the midway point of our capital campaign to pay off the new organ and to make improvements to our building that will allow individuals with mobility issues to access significant portions of our facilities. **Goal #1, paying off the organ, has been accomplished!** Now your continued support of **Starting a New Chapter** will enable the accomplishment of Goal #2, creating a handicap accessible bathroom, installing a lift and making more entrances ADA compliant.

As of the end of June we received \$137,017 through your support of the campaign in addition we used \$20,497.19 from an account that had been designated for the repair of the former pipe organ which was no longer needed for that purpose. This allowed us to fully pay off the organ in exactly one year, saving us additional interest costs. Since June we have received another \$7,156 towards the

building improvements, this means to date we have received a total of \$144,173.

Our goal for this 3-year campaign, which ends on December 31, 2024, is \$220,000. With your continued faithful support, we will be able to achieve our goal and make our building a more welcoming space for those who have mobility issues.

Thank you for your continued and generous support of



STARTING A NEW CHAPTER

Our Members...



We were privileged to honor **Paul Lilienthal's 100th birthday** at the picnic in Bower's Park on August 27th.

Due to health reasons, Paul was unable to attend the picnic, but we sang Happy Birthday in his absence. Paul is currently residing at the following address:

Paul Lilienthal
Room 101
c/o The Highlands at Wyomissing
2000 Cambridge Avenue
Wyomissing, PA 19610-2714

If you get a chance to visit or send a card, it would be greatly appreciated.

Community Events...

Trunk or Treat

Kutztown Strong will be participating in two "Trunk or Treat" Halloween events, at the Kempton Community Center on Saturday, October 21st, at 5 PM and at St John's Lutheran Church, Kutztown on October 26th at 6 PM. If you would like to donate candy, please drop it off at the Kutztown Middle School by October 13th, and if you would like to volunteer at an event please email kutztownstrong@gmail.com.

The Chosen

The Saint Barnabas Center of Kutztown, 234 E. Main Street, will be hosting a Watch Party and Discussion Group for "The Chosen." New viewers or fans are welcome! The group will meet Sundays at 6:30 PM on October 15 and 29, November 5 and 19, and December 3.

St. Luke's Good Grief Workshops

St. Luke's offers 90-minute virtual workshops to provide you with a better understanding of what grief is, how it may affect you emotionally, physically, spiritually and psychologically, coping strategies and ways to reconcile the loss. For more information and to receive an invitation to join the meeting, call 484-526-2499. You will be asked to download the Microsoft Teams app on your smart phone or computer. Offerings in October are:

- Thursday, 10/12/2023, from 1-2:30 PM
- Wednesday, 10/25/2023, from 6-7:30 PM

Young At Heart Seniors

Young at Heart Seniors meets every third Wednesday of the month at St. Paul's UCC, 47 South Whiteoak Street, Kutztown. The next event will be on Oct. 18 featuring Memory Lane, bingo and refreshments. For more information, call Barbara at 610-683-3393 or via email at office@stpaulskutztown.org

Free Senior Luncheon

The first Friday of each month, the St. Barnabas Center at 234 E. Main Street, Kutztown, will be hosting a free senior luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Next luncheon: Oct. 6.

Better With Age

The Kutztown Community Library hosts Better With Age the third Friday of each month at 10 a.m. at the library, located at 70 Bieber Alley, Kutztown.

Volunteer Reading Tutors needed for Ready.Set.READ! Program

Help make a difference in a child's life! Volunteers are needed to tutor 2nd grade students need extra support with reading at **Greenwich-Lenhartsville Elementary School on Tuesdays from 3:30 – 4:30 PM** during the 2023-2024 school year. No previous teaching experience is required. This opportunity is for anyone interested in volunteering weekly for one hour. Current background clearances are required and training provided. Please contact Darby Wiekrykas at United Way 610-685-4574 or darbyw@uwberks.org.

Theology With a Twist

On Tuesday, October 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. at the Kutztown Tavern, *Theology With a Twist* presents "Be You Be Barbie: Toward a Transformational Theology of Personhood." The discussion will be led by Rev. Rebecca Hoover, Pastor of One UCC in Kenhorst.

Senior Sunrise Café

St. John's Lutheran Church, Kutztown, will host their monthly Senior Sunrise Café on October 13th, from 9 to 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall (Main Street entrance). Breakfast will be served. There is no cost, but a freewill offering is taken.

New Members

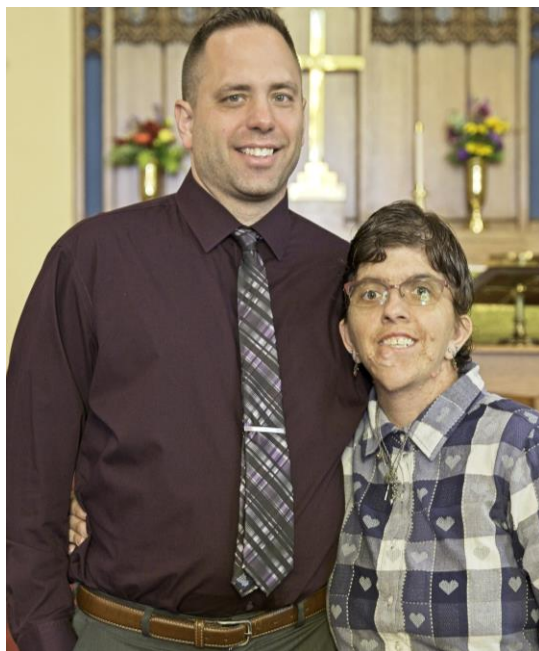
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Frank and Laurie Lyter



Dan Dubbs and wife Molly (already a member)



Allen Krause and Susan Krause



Rachel Yoder and children Hunter W., Mya and Henrietta with Hunter M. Yoder

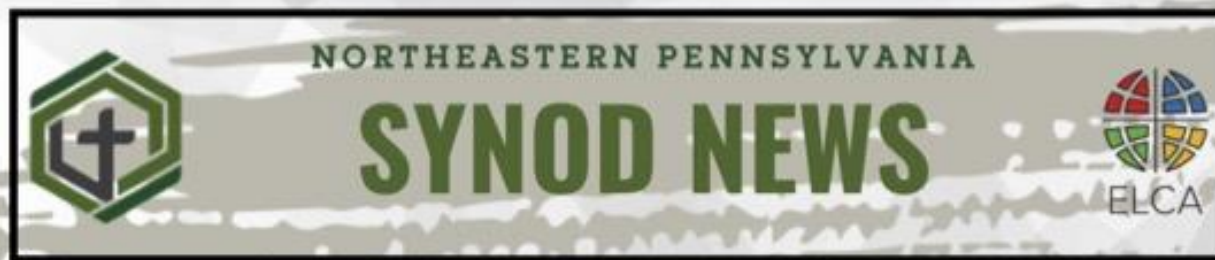


October 2023

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Zachary Schearer	3 William W. Yoder Adam Petersen	4 Rita Robertson Tina Dietrich	5 Cora Bogert	6	7 Gayle Von Bergen
8 Matthew Finke	9 Diane Jensen Chuck Shurr Susan (Kristi) Wells	10	11	12 Victoria Kunkle Bennett Finke	13	14 Matthew Ziegler Denise Yerger
15 Sarah Kyle Gabiella Parker	16 Cindy Wlazelek Angie Fegley Parker Keglovits	17 Sarah Kohler Robert Hobaugh	18 Amy Keeney	19	20 Alyssa Wentzel	21 Douglas Heffner Colin Matz
22 Debra Kenney Gary Mangold	23 Kurt Rohrbach Zachary Ziegler	24 Hannah Nicholson Gabriel Yerger	25	26 Abigail Ziegler	27 Ted Kelchner Amy Petersen	28
29 Vianna Brydon Arlo Collier	30	31 Liz Shrawder Henrietta Yoder				



MISSION: GAINING STRENGTH, GOING BEYOND DEATH TO LIFE AND GROWING YOUNG IN THE PROCESS

In our journey of faith, we often hear about the transformative power of mission. Mission is not just a buzzword; it is the heartbeat of our church. It is the force that propels us forward, enabling us to grow younger in spirit, gain strength as a community, and go beyond the boundaries of life and death. In this newsletter article, we will explore the profound importance of mission in our lives as individuals and as a church family.

One of the remarkable aspects of **mission** is its ability to rejuvenate our spirits and keep our faith nourished. When we engage in meaningful outreach, extend a helping hand to those in need, and share the gospel with others, we are infused with the energy of youthful enthusiasm, a childlike faith that brings us back to the main thing: Jesus. Missional work often challenges us, taking us out of our comfort zones and pushing us to rely on God's strength, leading to a deeper and more vibrant connection with our faith. By embracing a missional life, we are transported back to a faith that's continually renewing our commitment to Christ and consequently, our community.

Christ's Church is like a mighty tree with deep roots, a strong trunk, and branches that stretch far and wide. Mission is the lifeblood that flows through our spiritual tree, strengthening its core and expanding its reach. When we unite in the pursuit of a common mission, we grow closer as a community. We learn to rely on each other's strengths, support one another in times of challenge, and celebrate our victories together. In this process, our church gains resilience and vitality, better equipped to weather the storms of life. With our synod's new focus on 6-2-6-1 we will see the lifeblood of our churches expand and grow, nourishing not just out space in time but beyond.

Mission work takes us beyond the limits of this earthly existence. It reminds us of the eternal perspective of our faith. When we share the hope and love of Christ with others, we are sowing seeds that transcend the boundaries of time and mortality. These seeds of faith have the potential to flourish long after we have left this world. Through mission, we participate in a legacy of faith that extends beyond our own lifetimes, carrying the message of salvation from generation to generation.

Mission is not merely a task; it is a calling, a privilege, and a source of abundant blessings. It helps us grow young individually and collectively, gain strength as a community, and go beyond the limitations of this life to embrace the promise of eternal life in Christ. Let us continue to be a Church known for our unwavering commitment to living missionally, in all we do let us weigh our values, so all we do leads to progress - It is through mission that we will thrive, make a lasting impact, and experience the fullness of God's love.

As we embark on this journey of mission together, may we remember the words of Jesus in Matthew 28:19-20: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." Let these words guide our mission and inspire us to grow, gain strength, and go beyond death to life in Christ.



6261 Ministry Communities

120 INTERCONNECTED CONGREGATIONS BY 2028



Sharing Staff

6 congregations sharing 2 full-time pastors, 6 lay leaders, and 1 full-time deacon.

Some 6261 Ministry Communities may even include our Ecumenical partners.



Happening Anywhere

6261 Ministry Communities will be formed across the Synod - in rural & urban areas, with congregations of any size, and with congregations who currently have staff as well as those experiencing a vacancy.



For the Sake of the Gospel

Each 6261 Ministry Community will have its own primary ministry project centered in the love of Jesus and focused on addressing a justice issue within the surrounding community.



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Start a Narrative Inventory Form

