

Trinity Lutheran Church

United and empowered to
worship, connect, serve.



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LUTHERAN CHURCH



**Trinity Evangelical
Lutheran Church:**

**Where we are today
and
Where we'll be tomorrow**



The Lord must have loved ordinary people because he made so many of us. In every single day, in every walk of life, ordinary people do extraordinary things. Ordinary people accomplish extraordinary things.

Quote from a speech by Jim Valvano, American college basketball player, coach, and broadcaster



We need to celebrate the extraordinary things that happen every day at Trinity.

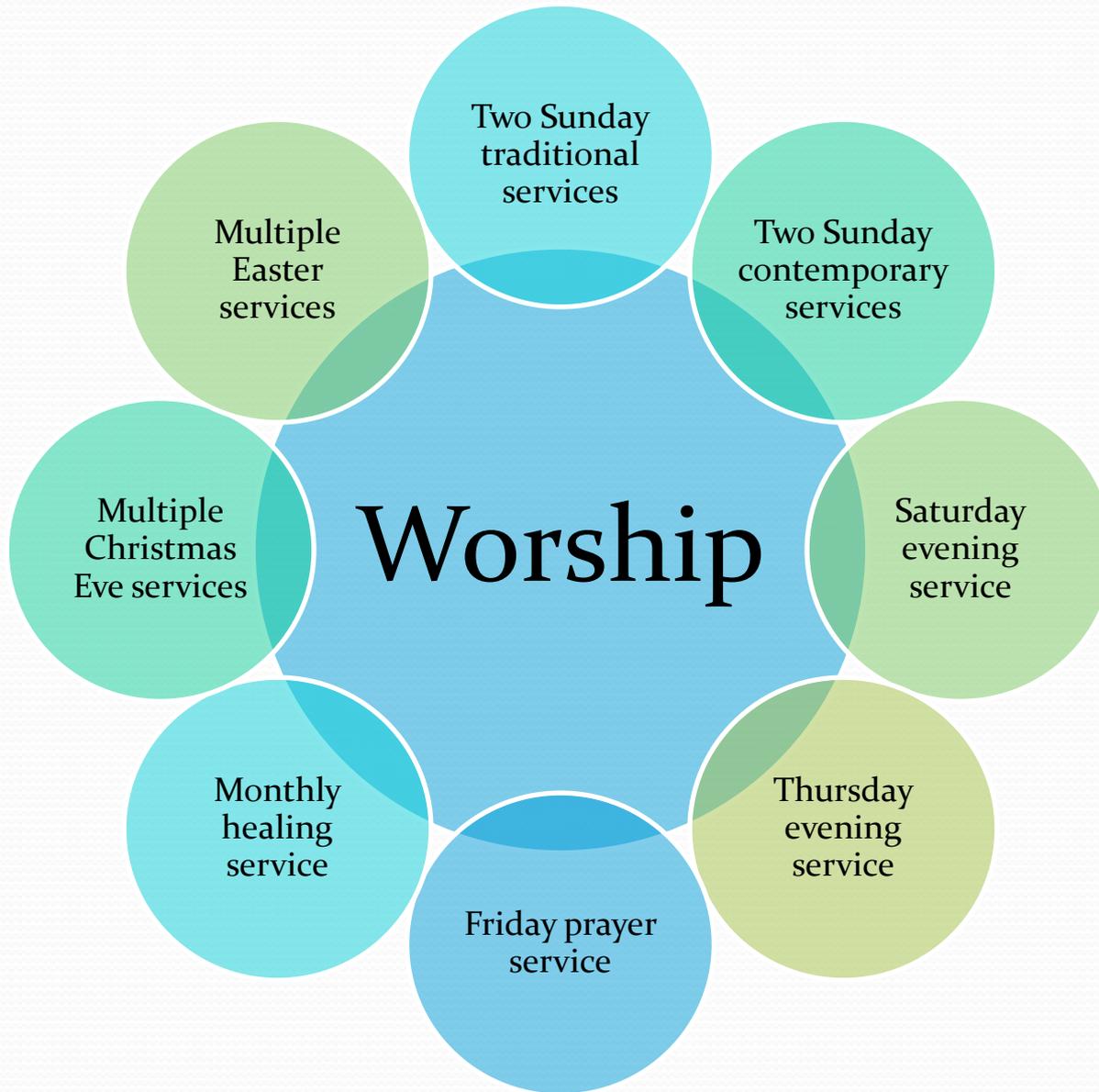
In the slides that follow, we will give you an overview of the reach and depth of your church in the many communities we serve.



Trinity is a busy place seven days a week, not just Sundays.

There are many ways that we worship, connect, and serve.

What follows are just a few examples of these efforts.



A photograph of a church building with a prominent steeple topped with a cross. The church is white with dark trim around the windows and doors. The scene is set against a clear blue sky with a few wispy clouds. In the foreground, there are dark green trees and a paved road with white directional arrows. The overall lighting is bright, suggesting a sunny day.

Worship the Lord
with gladness;
come before Him with
joyful songs.

Worship

We hold nearly 400 worship services each year.



On average, 750 people worship with us every week.

Worship

In 2016, more than 2,000 people joined us for Christmas.

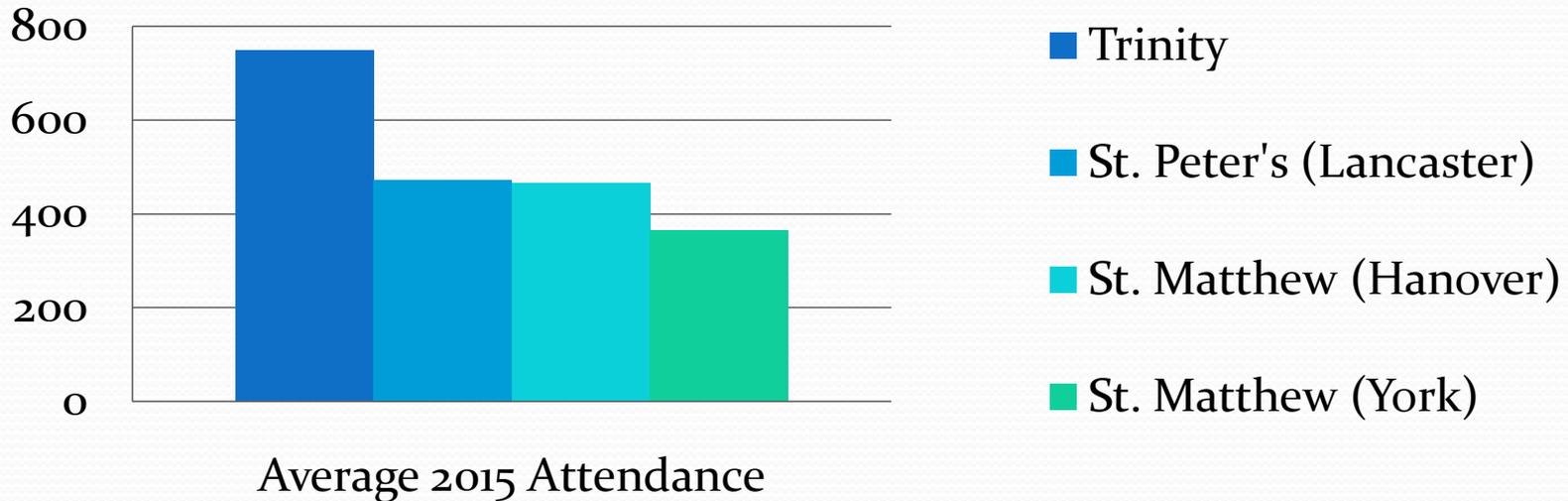


Another 1,700 came to worship for Easter.

Trinity in the Lower Susquehanna Synod (Synod) and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)

- Largest church in the Synod
- Largest church in Region 8 (Mid-Atlantic) of the ELCA

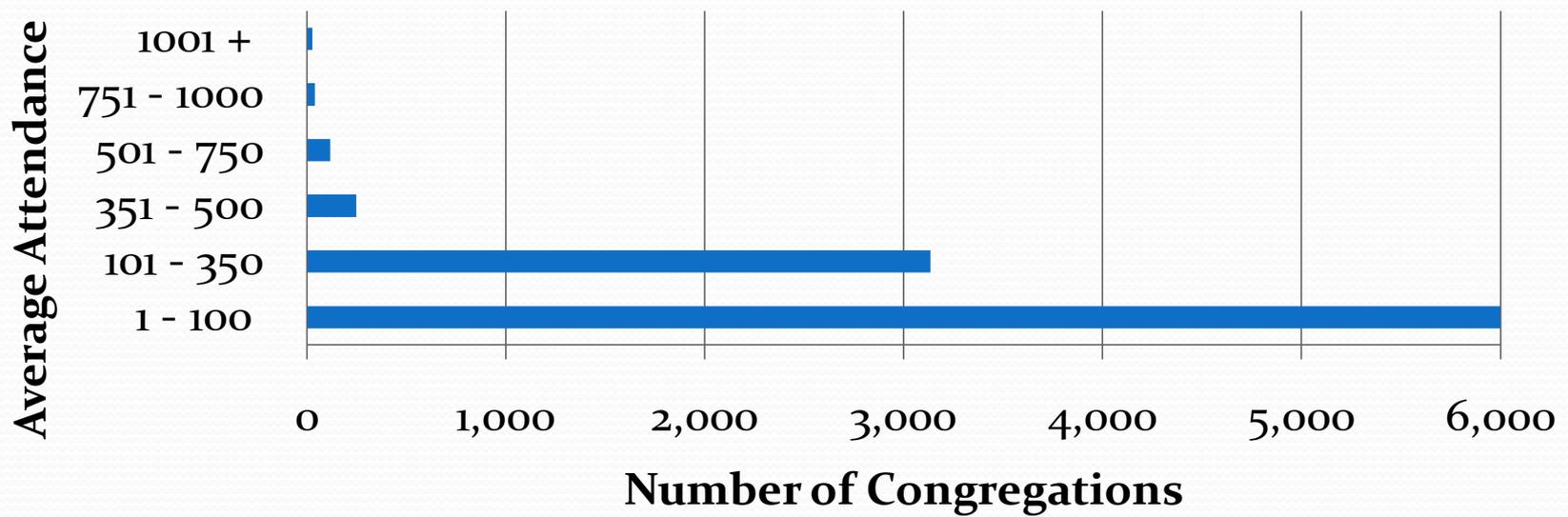
Top Congregations



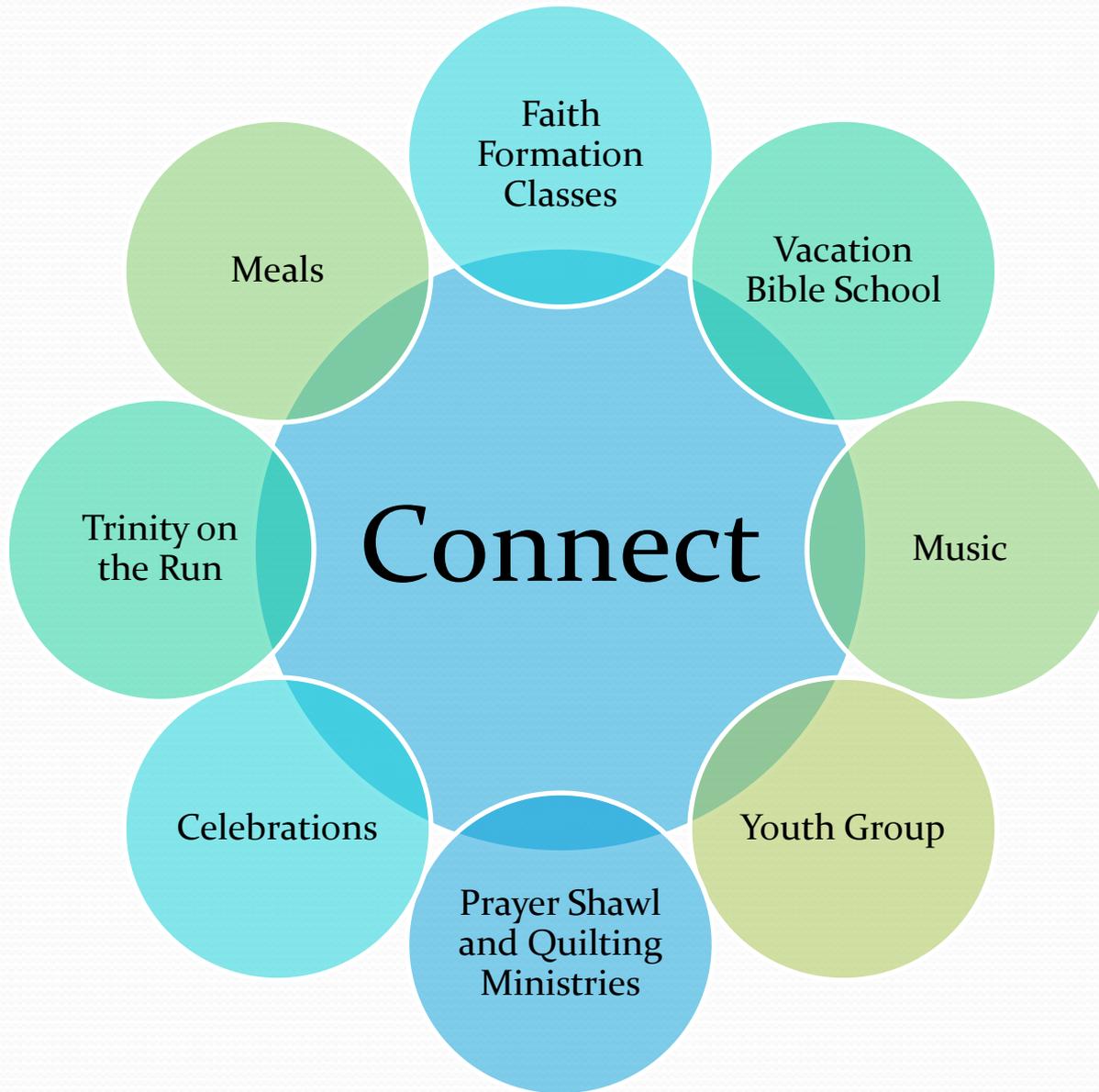
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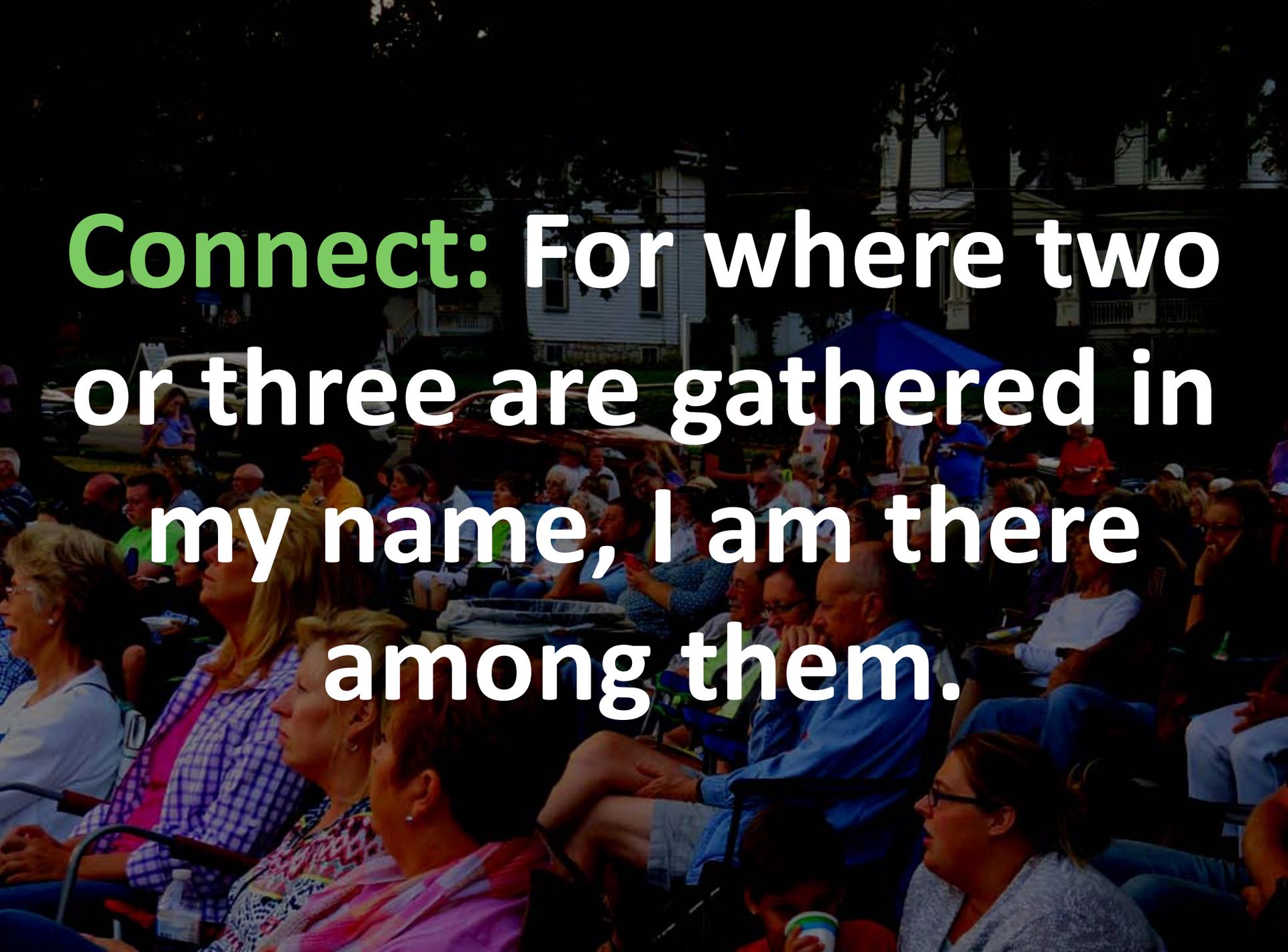
Trinity in the Synod and ELCA

- Trinity falls into the top 1 percent of all ELCA churches in attendance.
- There are nearly 10,000 congregations in the ELCA



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Connect: For where two
or three are gathered in
my name, I am there
among them.

Connect

200 of us participate in Sunday morning faith formation classes.



Connect

250 attend a weekday Bible study, small group, or Sup and Study course throughout the year.



Connect

This summer, Trinity was transformed into “Maker Fun Factory” for our annual Vacation Bible School (VBS).



Connect

During VBS, 250 kids, teens, and adult volunteers enjoy a week of fun, music, and learning about God.



Connect

More than 350 people came out to enjoy ice cream and the wonderful music of our FaithX band at our Summer Sundae Concert.



Connect

A total of nearly 4,000 people a year fill the pews of our Nave to hear the talented musicians who perform as part of our popular Concert Series.



Connect

200 of us perform with
our choirs or FaithX
praise band.



Connect

Youth Group, known as YG, is a great way for our teens to connect with their peers.



Approximately 50 youth from 6th–12th grade gather 2-3 times a month for games, fun, fellowship, and food.

Connect

Our prayer shawl and quilting ministries allow members to connect with each other while they are creating their beautiful pieces.



These ministries also allow a connection to be made with those who receive a shawl or quilt as a gift from the church.

Connect

Special celebrations held throughout the year create a unique and fun opportunity for members of Trinity to gather together in fellowship.

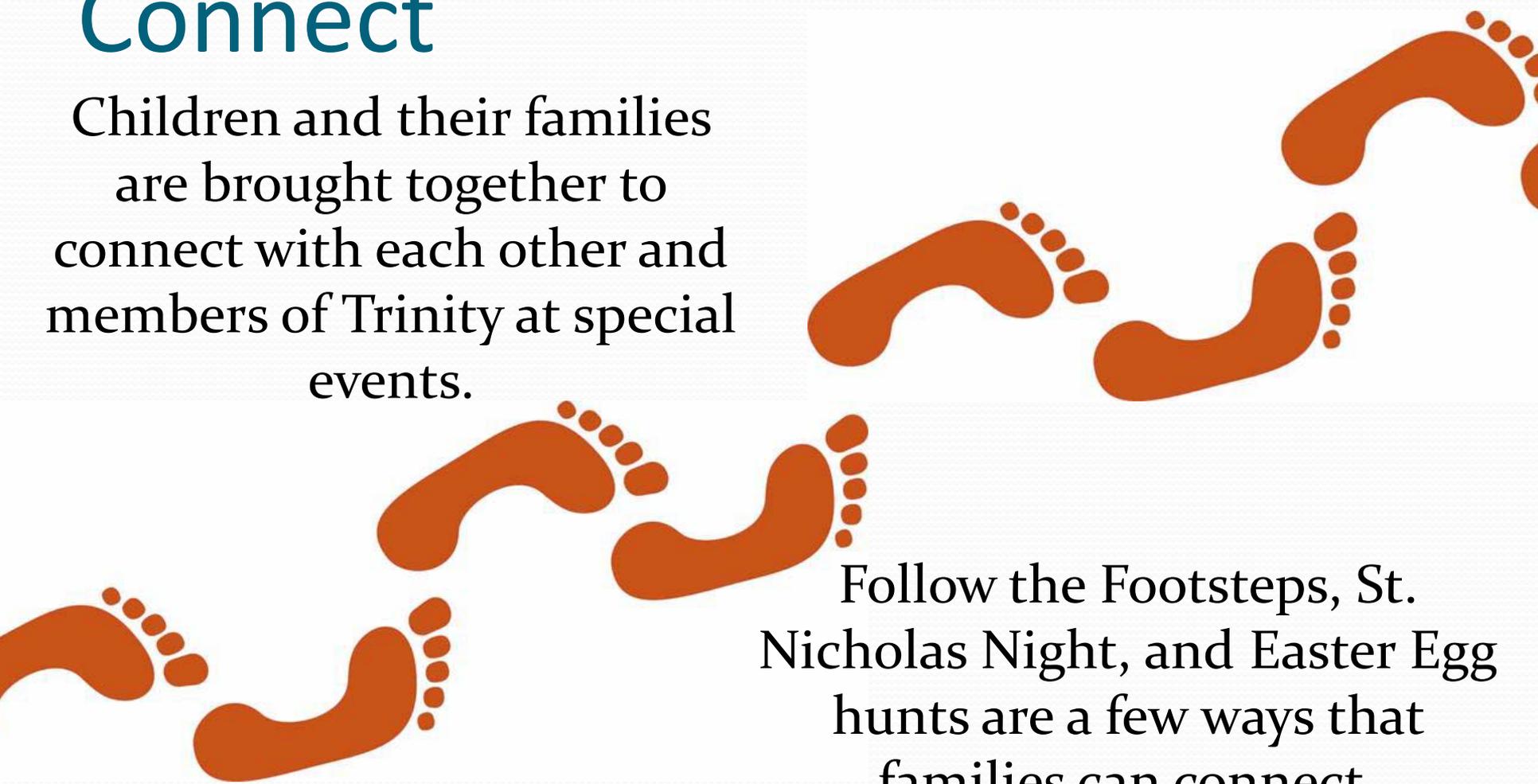


Events such as the Pentecost Potluck and Octoberfest bring together more than 200 members of Trinity to celebrate these special occasions.

Connect

Children and their families are brought together to connect with each other and members of Trinity at special events.

Follow the Footsteps, St. Nicholas Night, and Easter Egg hunts are a few ways that families can connect.



Connect

Every weekend, approximately 30 members of Trinity on the Run gather together for devotions, a walk or run, and a stop at a local coffee shop.

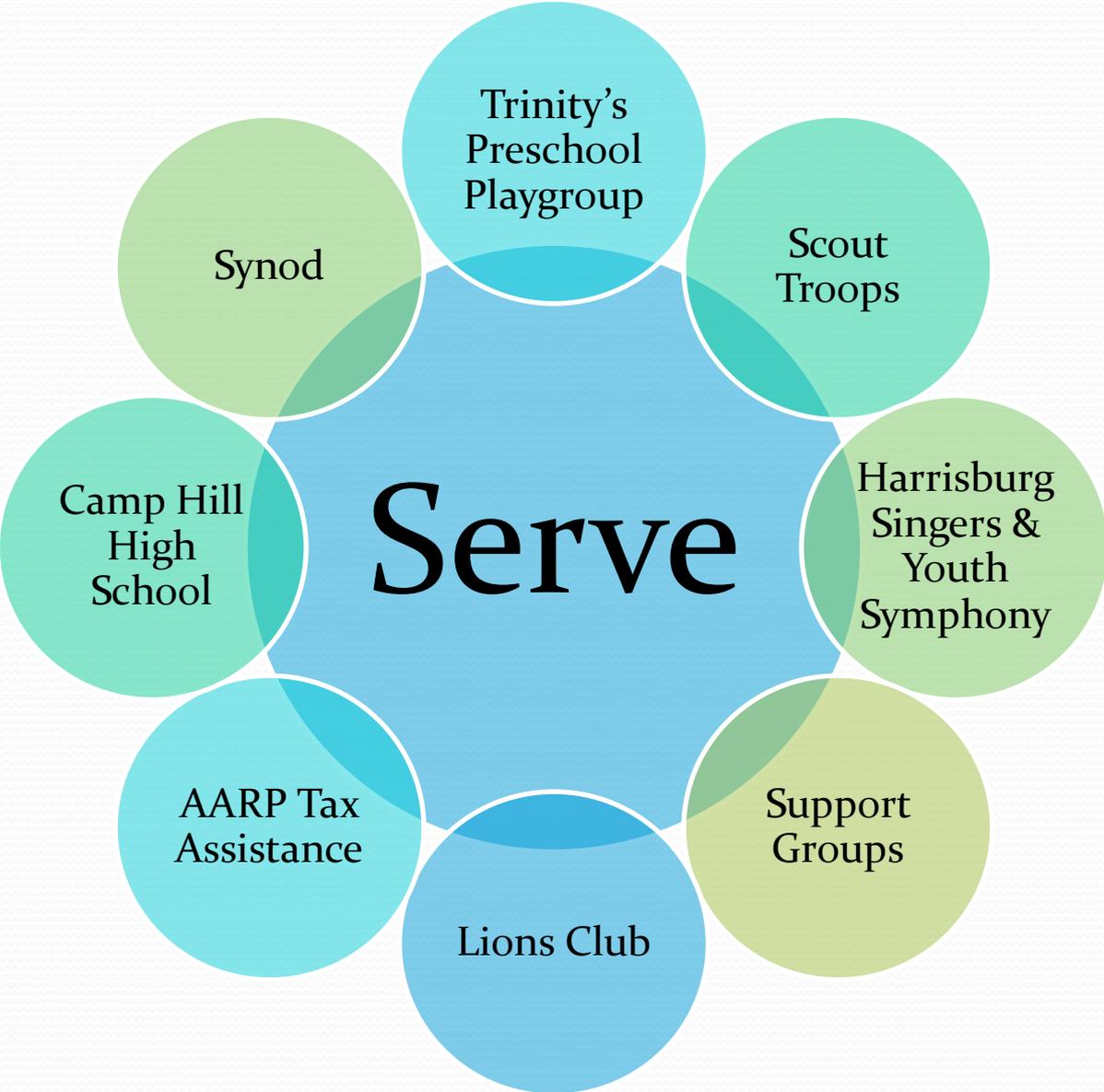


Connect

Trinity hosts many opportunities for our members to gather for meals including the Sup and Study dinners as well as special celebrations.



Events like the annual YG Pasta Night bring in upwards of 200 people.



Serve

Trinity's
Preschool
Playgroup

Scout
Troops

Synod

Harrisburg
Singers &
Youth
Symphony

Camp Hill
High
School

Support
Groups

AARP Tax
Assistance

Lions Club

A group of people, including men and women of various ages, are working together in a kitchen. They are gathered around a long, light-colored countertop, focused on preparing food. Some are rolling out dough with rolling pins, while others are handling ingredients. The kitchen has a professional appearance with stainless steel surfaces and overhead cabinets. The lighting is bright, coming from recessed ceiling lights. The overall atmosphere is one of busy, collaborative work.

Serve: God's work.

Our hands. Trinity's walls.

Serve



While our members serve others through multiple ministries, our *building* serves, too, because it stands as host to many in the community.

Serve

Our respected Trinity Preschool Playgroup is a place where local children ages 2½ through 4 play, discover, and learn. We started 40 years ago with just 12 children in one class. Now we serve 100 children in six classes.



Serve

Trinity is proud to host local troops of Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Girl Scouts. Nearly 200 scouts attend regular meetings and events at Trinity.



Serve

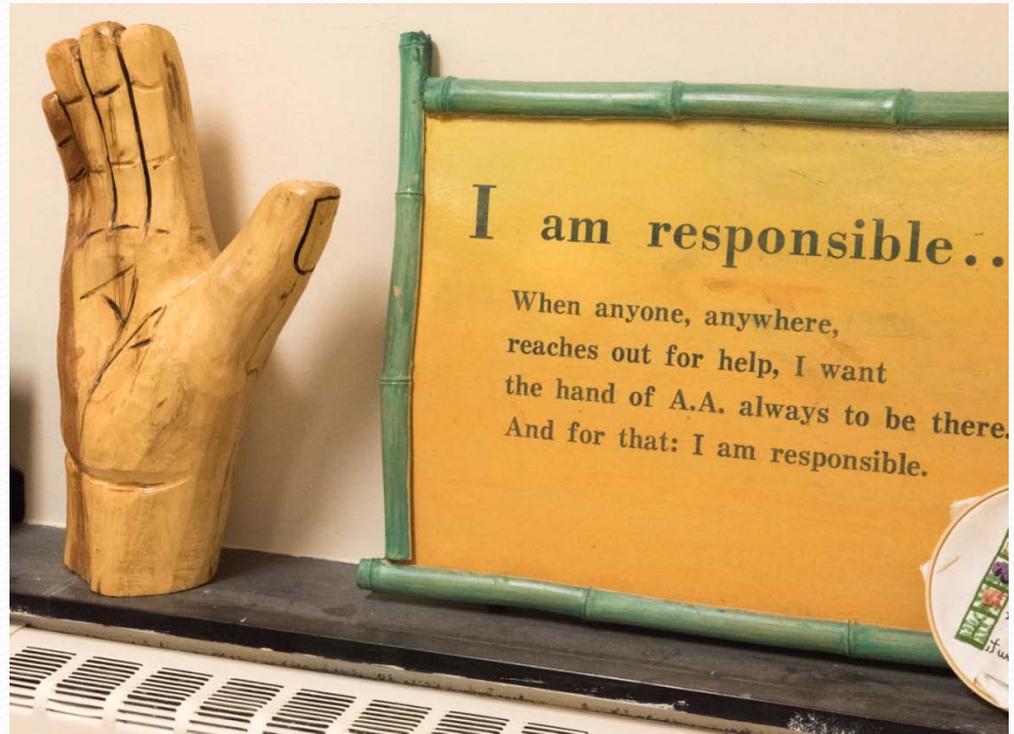
Approximately 250 musicians and vocalists rehearse as part of the Harrisburg Singers and the Harrisburg Youth Symphony Orchestra at Trinity nearly every week from September through May.



Serve

Many local area support groups call Trinity their home. Every month, there are 100 meetings at Trinity. On an average weekday, almost **200** people attend one of those support group meetings.

**That's more than
10,000 a year!**



Serve

- Hundreds of Camp Hill High School graduates and families use Trinity for Baccalaureate every year.
- About 1,000 people attend the annual pancake breakfast hosted by the Camp Hill Lions Club here.
- At least 800 people get help filing their tax returns when Trinity opens its doors for the AARP Tax Assistance Program.
- Approximately 150 people attend Synod meetings here.
- These are just a few examples. Our building serves as host for many other programs and organizations.

**We recognize and applaud
the work and service
that so many have undertaken
to build Trinity to the place we
find ourselves now.**

It's clear that we've grown
because of YOUR efforts,
whether over the past months
or years or decades.

**We want to honor that past as
we plan for our future – to
make what we have now even
better, and to pass our legacy
on to all who follow.**

It is only by thoughtfully examining where we are—and where we want to be—that Trinity will be able to continue to serve as the essential and vital institution as it is now...

...and grow its ability to inspire
and teach people within the
Central Pennsylvania
community.

- In mid-January 2015, Congregation Council accepted the three-year plan developed by our Strategic Planning Committee, who spent many months examining where we are as a church. The plan was presented to the congregation that same month.
- As part of its process, the Committee has continued to meet and report back to Council and the Congregation with a series of comments and observations.
- In May 2016, we engaged Kairos and Associates, a capital resource development firm specializing in churches, to assist us in developing a plan for the maintenance and enhancement of the Trinity church facilities and also to assist us with the creation and execution of a potential capital campaign.

- Kairos conducted “listening” sessions during which all Trinity members were invited to respond to a comprehensive survey and also to participate in interviews. In total, 411 members answered the surveys, and 227 folks chose to be interviewed.
- Through those sessions and other input, we identified the things we are doing well, and those things and processes that can be improved.
- We have been working for the past many months to respond to the suggestions and comments that we received.

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- Also during this period, our Property Committee has been meeting with architects.
 - The meetings with architects have, at times, included members of the Congregation to evaluate suggestions and provide feedback.
 - Those months of meetings and sessions have resulted in a concept plan—a vision—of ways in which the structure and, to a lesser degree, the delivery of services at Trinity can be enhanced and prepared so that Trinity of the future will continue to be the beacon that it is today.

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- In the coming weeks and months, we will undertake a series of publications, meetings, and informational sessions, some large and some small, to share this vision with you, the Congregation.
 - We need and want your input on the general ideas of the vision.
 - This vision is yours to shape and, to the extent that you wish to be a part of the process, we welcome your involvement.
 - The work that has been done by the Strategic Planning Committee, Council, Property Committee, Kairos, and others has all built to where we are now.

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- In the near future, we will invite your comments and questions on the vision; for now, we ask your continued patience.
 - Today we would like to share with you some conceptual renderings of how structural changes to the church may look.
 - We have four renderings to show you; they are also displayed on posters for you to view.

- Just a note on what you'll be seeing here on the next few slides. For each one of the four concepts, we'll have three slides.
 - **First** will be an actual picture of the existing area that we are talking about.
 - **Second** will be a rendering that our architects prepared to show us the concept of how that existing area could look. We'll also list some features of that concept on the same slide.
 - And **third** will be a larger picture of the rendering.

Existing
Exterior
View



Potential

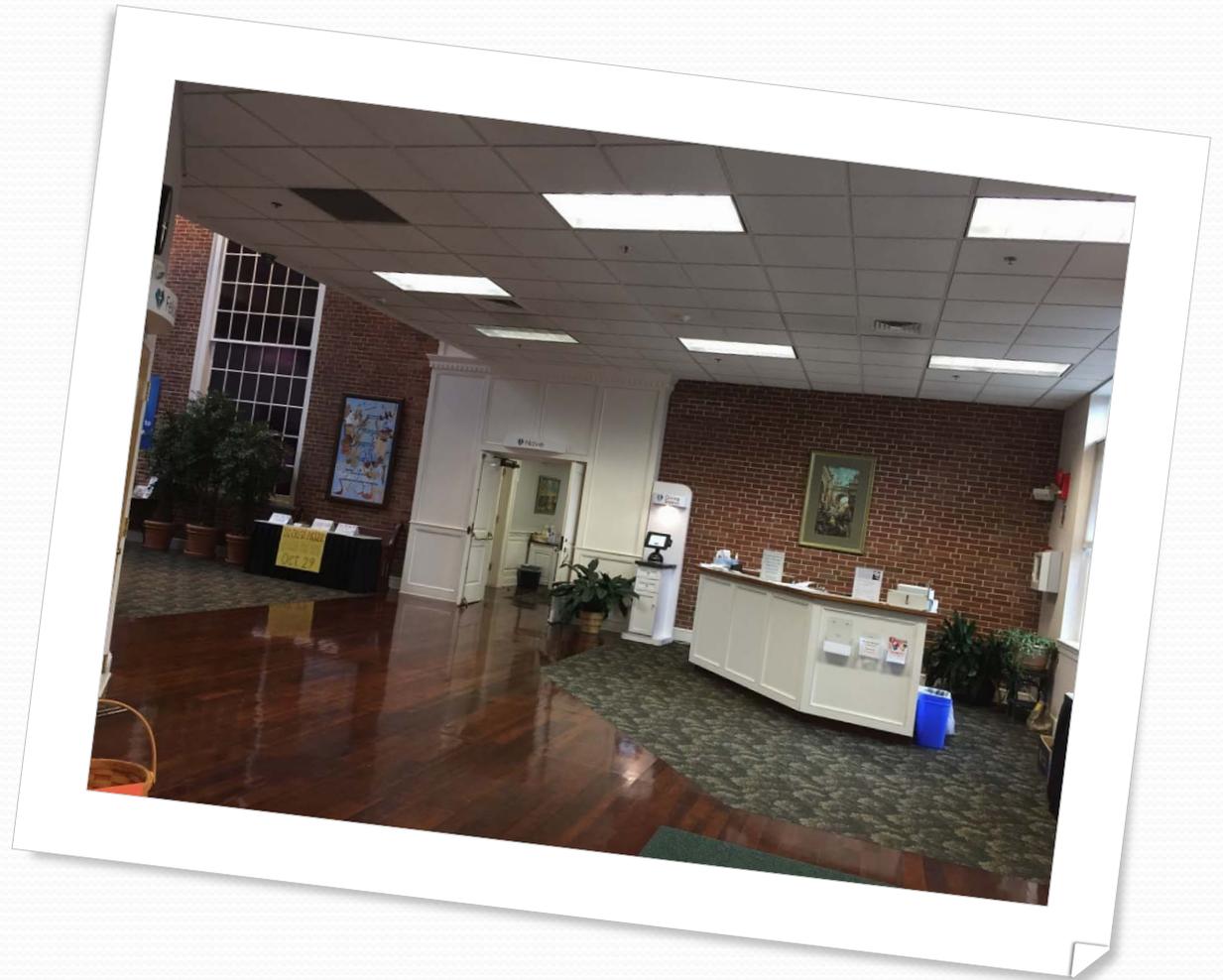
New Weekday Entry and New Connector Link

- Secure weekday entry; office just inside so that staff are visible and can welcome all who enter
- Direct/secure access to preschool & Sunday School
- New secure stairway and elevator to second floor
- Flexible classroom space in former office space
- New connector link improves access between Gathering Space and education wing; natural light





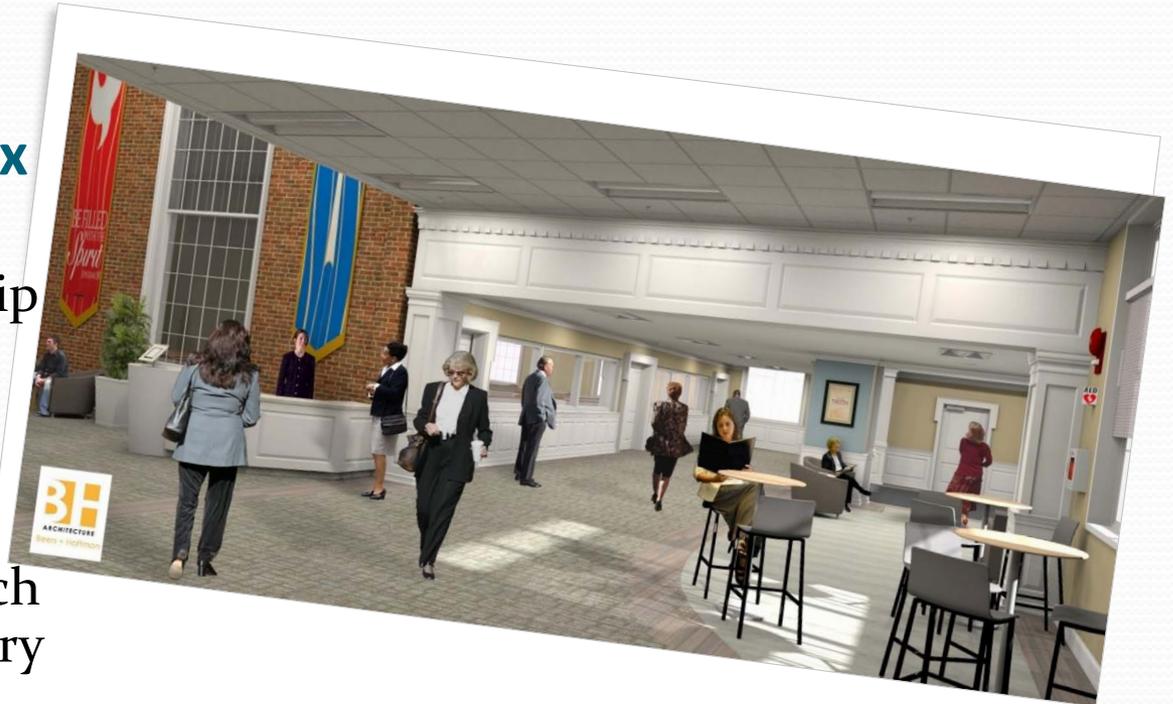
Existing
**Gathering
Space
Looking into
Narthex**



Potential

Gathering Space Expanded Into Narthex

- Nave visible from Gathering Space; worship space less closed off, more welcoming
- Improved traffic flow; openness gives appearance of one church rather than contemporary vs traditional
- More conversation areas; inviting look; natural light
- Attractive open spaces with better sight lines
- Better placement and design of welcome desk





Existing
Gathering
Space



Potential

Reconfigured and Expanded Gathering Space

- More conversation areas; inviting look; natural light
- Attractive open spaces with better sight lines
- Improved traffic flow; easier access to Nave
- Better placement and design of welcome desk
- Airlock entry doors keep cold out, heat in, save energy





Existing
Narthex



Potential Narthex Reconfigured

- Gathering Space expanded into existing Narthex; more welcoming; no longer two separate spaces
- Nave visible through soundproof glass
- Improved traffic flow; openness gives appearance of one church rather than contemporary vs traditional
- Conversation areas; inviting look
- Attractive open spaces with better sight lines





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