



HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Trinity Messenger

April 2023 Issue 2

Alleluia. Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.
1 Corinthians 5:7, 8



The Sacred Triduum:

April 6: Maundy Thursday

Services at 12:00 PM & 7:00 PM

Individual Absolution, Foot Washing, Holy Communion, Stripping of the Altar

April 7: Good Friday

Service at 7:00 PM

Traditional Service

April 8: Holy Saturday

Egg Hunt at 10:00 AM

Children are invited to join us in the Social Hall.

Be sure to bring your Easter basket!

Easter Vigil Liturgy at 7:00 PM

April 9: Easter Sunday

Festival Liturgy at 9:00 AM



The Spirit is Alive and Active

Looking around at all that is going on in the life of Holy Trinity recently it has been clear to me that the Spirit is alive and active among those of us who call Holy Trinity home and the activities of which we are a part.

I was joyous to be a part of the adults and youth who came together to set up for the Community Meals last month that were held at the church. We not only had willing volunteers preparing the room each week so members of our greater community would have a place to share a meal and uplifting fellowship, we also shared as volunteers the joy of serving those who gathered and the gift of working together to bring God's love to guests we did not know yet offered them welcoming, Christ-centered hospitality.

Likewise, a similar air of community was experienced as we, the community of Holy Trinity, gathered to share each other's company and reminisce while we enjoyed watching the movie *The Best of Times in Ephrata*. It brought back a flood of memories for those who have called Ephrata their home for years and gave those of us who have been in the area for a shorter time a fascinating glimpse into the history of a place that continues to evolve and become what God needs it to be through its citizens community pride, love of neighbor, and active hope for its future.

One surely cannot be a part of the activities of the Lenten season that we have experienced and Holy Week as well without seeing and feeling the Spirit powerfully at work in our midst. The Spirit abides in the sacred, life-giving sounds of music and song, scripture and prayer, and the activities of the faithful disciples who that invite us into this seminal time of our church year that bears witness to the unfathomable depth of God's love. The Spirit moves through all these and touches our lives as we reflect upon the gifts of sins forgiven and new life given freely through God's abundant grace and forgiveness.

These are but a few examples of the unending activities that we are experiencing in our midst on a consistent basis. You are invited to prayerfully identify, celebrate, and joyously share and share in the work of the Spirit that is going on all around us. Take the time to consider how the Spirit is working in you, in others, and in the broader life and ministry of this community of which you are an essential part. Likewise, you are encouraged to share this with one another, and if you are willing, to share it with your stewardship team. We wish to hear how you are experiencing the Spirit at work in you or in others, so that we in turn might share with the congregation where and how the Spirit is doing beautiful things among us. Write it down, tell it to someone, or if you are inclined present it to the congregation in whatever creative manner the Spirit is encouraging you to do so.

Your stories, willingly shared, open the eyes of others to a clear understanding of God's actions among us. And in turn, this motivates the actions of others to faithfully participate in the sacred work of God's mission—a mission to which we have each been called through baptism and Jesus' example.

Guided confidently by the Spirit,

Pastor Mark

The April Stewardship focus is the Caring Fund at Luthercare.

Each year, the Caring Fund dollars provide quality care to residents in Luthercare's senior living communities whose resources have been exhausted. The difference between Medicaid reimbursements for daily care and the actual costs to Luthercare is significant. Such deficits are covered through the Caring Fund. In addition, Caring Fund resources provide scholarships for children to participate in Luthercare's early learning programs. Without such scholarship aid, many of these children would not receive this valuable education.

Currently, Luthercare has residential communities in Lititz, Lebanon, and Columbia. The child care centers provide service in Annville, Columbia, Lancaster, Lebanon, and Reamstown.

Luthercare also provides administrative support to Ephrata Area Social Services and mentoring support for in-home child care providers.

Your gifts help these very valuable programs continue.

You can use your special giving envelope during April to support this important program.

April 9-15 Calendar

Sunday, April 9

Easter Sunday

9:00am Sunday Worship

10:00am Adult Forum

10:00am Coffee Hour After Worship

Monday, April 10

10:00am Women's Prayer Group

6:30pm Yoga

Tuesday, April 11

3:30pm Trini Mini

7:00pm Bell Choir

Wednesday, April 12

6:00pm Bell Ensemble

6:30pm Mazon: Middle & High School

6:45pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 13

3:30pm Trini Mini

7:00pm Yoga

7:00pm Thursday Worship

7:30pm Council Meeting

Saturday, April 15

7:30am Walking Group



Notes of THANKS

Dear Siblings in Christ at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,

Although the curriculum used at camp changes each summer, there are basic lessons experienced year after year through word and deed. One of these enduring truths was summed up by one of our campers last summer. "At camp we learn about the love of Jesus and how to share it with others."

Thank you for your gift of \$979.99. Your gift, along with many others by your fellow camp supporters, enables thousands of campers of all ages to experience this good news each year. Thank you so much for your generosity. May the peace that transcends time and place be with you.

Yours in Christ, Michael Youse, Executive Director

To my Holy Trinity Family,

I want to thank our Holy Trinity family for all your love, support and prayers during my Covid battle. The many cards, texts and calls were so appreciated. A special Thank You to Pastor Mark and Donna for all their calls, texts and visits. Words can't express how much you ALL mean to me. I think I'm finally on the road to recovery.

Thank You Again. God Bless, Kitty Dickersheid

I want to thank Donna and Pastor Mark for the spiritual care they gave Jack during his illness. He always looked forward to seeing them. I also want to thank everyone for the cards and calls after Jack's passing. What a comfort to know people care at these times of sorrow.

Dave Bowers

[View This Month's Calendar Here](#)



Office Hours: April 10-14

We recommend you call the office prior to stopping in to ensure hours have not changed.

Office Phone: 717-733-4134 Pastor's Cell: 315-317-8517 Donna's Cell: 717-669-7831

Day	Sue	Pastor
Monday	Office closed	Office closed
Tuesday	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	9:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Wednesday	OFF	9:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Thursday	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	9:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Friday	8:00 - 12:00	OFF

Three Score and Ten Banquet-

This year's Three Score and Ten Banquet will be on Sunday April 16th at noon. Invitations have been mailed out. A signup sheet for servers, delivers, and cleanup crews is in the Gathering Area. A response is required no later than Friday April 6th. This year's menu includes: Amish Roast, Vegetable Medley, Cole Slaw, Rolls, Apple Crisp and Ice Cream.



THE ADULT (all adults are welcome) LUNCH BUNCH ***CHANGE OF DATE

Will be going to The Brickerville Family Restaurant after the 9:00AM liturgy on **April 23**. We'll meet downstairs after the liturgy. All are welcome. For reservations, please call Cheryl Plummer by **April 22** at 625-3187. Plan to join us!

Updates to the Church Constitution

As is often the case, at the 2022 Churchwide Assembly minor changes were made to the ELCA model constitution for congregations, which is the constitution Holy Trinity follows. All ELCA congregations that follow this constitution are required to make those changes. To officially do so, these changes must be approved at our next congregational meeting which is scheduled for Sunday, April 23, immediately following worship. A copy of the changes will be sent to you by email. If you do not have email a hardcopy can be made available for you at your request. Copies will only be mailed if requested.

What Time Is It?Tea Time! May 7, 2023 2-4PM

Well, almost time. . .

If anyone is interested in helping with another "Not So High Tea" in May, please tell Kathy Kuhns by phone, in person, or online.

610-301-8001 or sign-up sheet in gathering area.

tibby2002@hotmail.com

"Pinky fingers up, Ladies!!



MAY I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!

Ephrata Area Social Service is in need of food items and other household items.

Items needed: Canned fruits, canned meats (chicken, spam, tuna), canned pasta, canned carrots, mixed vegetables, peas, corn, canned soups, cereal, hamburger helper, instant potatoes or au gratin, spaghetti sauce with meat, egg noodles, flour, sugar, jelly, pancake mix and syrup (regular & sugar free), tissues, toilet paper, flushable wipes, paper towels, shampoo, toothpaste, body wash, bars of soap, baby wipes, diapers, personal hygiene products, dish soap.

THEY DO NOT NEED: Spaghetti noodles or green beans.

The Property Committee would like to inform the congregation that the cleaning agency hired to clean the church is being terminated at the end of this month due to unsatisfactory performance. Crews are being assembled to perform the cleaning tasks and we are in need of members to help until the Property Committee can find an individual or replacement agency to perform these tasks. The commitment is two (2) hours every three (3) weeks working in a crew of four (4) to six (6) people. Cleaning time will be adjusted to accommodate the crew members' availability. There is a signup sheet in the Gathering Area. If you have questions, please speak to Candy Snyder.



Camping season is upon us - - - Lutheran camping season, that is. Last year, through donations received from members of Holy Trinity, we sent three youngsters from Trini-Mini to a week of camp at Kirchenwald. We'd like to send three children to Kirchenwald again this summer, but this year we'd like to send three children from Trinity. To achieve this goal, we will again place envelopes marked "Camp Fund" on the table in the back of the church. If you would like to contribute, please put your cash or check in one of the envelopes and put it in the offering plate during worship. Or you can send a check to the church office, ensuring that it's clearly designated for the church fund. Many pastors, parents, and campers comment on how attending camp was transformative in their lives. Please consider contributing to the transformation of our youth.

Why Church Camp?

*Did you know that adults who attended church camp as a youth are **more than 3 times as likely** to remain affiliated with a religious community than those who never attended camp?*

Lutheran Camping Corporation offers the very best in outdoor ministry programs at Kirchenwald and Nawakwa:

- Campers practice living a faithful life in a non-threatening environment.
- Campers have opportunities to develop self-confidence and independence.
- Campers learn how to be leaders and serve others.
- Campers develop enthusiasm for their church and bring it back with them.

All this while having a fun time in the great outdoors.

And camp isn't just for kids. Kids at Heart week is for everyone 18 and older who wants to enjoy the camp experience. Campers stay in the very comfortable SchreiberHaus Lodge at Kirchenwald. Elder Camp is for those 55+ and is held at Nawakwa. Enjoy a Pennsylvania staycation with Family Camp offered in July at Nawakwa and August at both Kirchenwald and Nawakwa.

Camp brochures are now available for 2023 and can be found on the table in the back of the narthex. Over \$135 of discounts available. Full payment discount camp registration must be received at camp by **April 1, 2023**. Check it out: <https://www.lutherancamping.org/> **Holy Trinity is committed to finding funds for EVERY child who wants to attend church camp. Lack of funds should NOT be the reason for a child not attending camp.** Resources are available so please talk to Pastor Mark, Donna Nace or call the church office. Contact Lisa Garrett if you have any questions: lrgacd@yahoo.com or 717-490-1927.