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Trinity Messenger

April 2024 Issue 3

Alleluia. Jesus says, I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me. Alleluia.
John 10:14

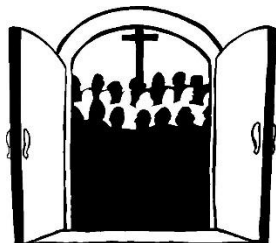
Are you Financially Fit?

Ann Seitz-Brown, a financial advisor with Thrivent, will be present with the congregation on **Sunday, May 5**, during the Adult Forum to share information regarding personal finance and retirement, as well as share ways you as supporters of the ministry of Holy Trinity can arrange to include a financial legacy gift for the church as you are making their plans for the future. There are new programs to not only leave gifts in one's will but also provide gifts before one's death. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area to help make sure there are enough materials to go around that morning. Please plan to be present during the forum that morning.

Stewardship Special Giving for April

North Lancaster Conference Disaster Response Team

As you may know, several of our Holy Trinity family members have served on work teams for Luther Disaster Response (LDR) in the mainland United States and Puerto Rico. During April, we will be collecting donations for our stewardship focus to help fund the life-giving activities of this local group as they prepare to travel to Florida to assist in restoring people's lives by restoring homes that families lost during recent storms.



**Congregational
MEETING**

Congregation Meeting

The annual spring congregational meeting will be held Sunday, April 28, immediately following the 9:00 a.m. worship service in the sanctuary. The primary purpose of the meeting will be voting on the staffing and other options as presented in the "Future of Holy Trinity" document discussed at the April 14 forum. Questions about the options can be addressed to any congregation council member prior to the meeting.

Congregation Council Meeting Summary

At the April 11, 2024, meeting, the Congregation Council:

- Appointed the President, Vice-President, and Secretary (Christy Boos, Lisa Garrett, and Bill Spitzer) to meet with representatives from Ephrata/Cocalico area churches interested in discussing shared ministry needs and resources. Meetings with two congregations are scheduled, one meeting is pending, and Christy is waiting for responses from two other congregations.
- Made a \$200 donation from the congregation to the Daily Bread Food Pantry in Schwenksville in memory of Donna Nace's mother.
- Adopted the Future of Holy Trinity options document to present to the congregation at the April 14 forum.

Information for Donna Nace's mother's funeral: Tuesday, April 23 at Little Zion Lutheran Church, 267 Morwood Rd. Telford, PA. The greeting hour will begin at 10:00 AM and the service will begin at 11:00 AM. A luncheon will follow.

Donna's address: 1740 Lincoln Garden Rd. Ephrata, PA 17522.

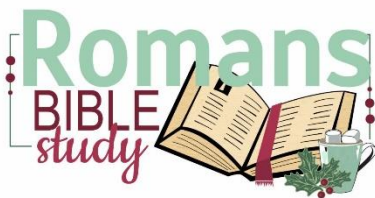
In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in Helen Stever's name to The Benevolent Fund at Lutheran Community Telford c/o Grace Inspired Living ATTN: Alyssa Guers Director of Development, 12 Lutheran Home Drive, Telford, PA 18969, or The Daily Bread Community Food Pantry, P.O. Box 131, Schwenksville, PA 19473.



Notes of **THANKS**

We wanted to thank our church and all the volunteers that took the time to plan and prepare the meal for the 'Three Score & Ten Banquet'. We had a great time of fellowship and the meal was great including the Penn State ice cream! It was also nice to see the shut-ins that don't get to come on Sunday mornings.

Terry & Joyce Gehman



New Bible Exploration

For those participating in the Bible study of Romans, remember there will not be class on Tuesday, March 26 (Holy Week) or Tuesday, April 2. We will resume the study on Tuesday, April 9 at 11:00 AM.

Continuing on Tuesdays you are invited to join in a study of the book of *Romans*. The study will take place each Tuesday morning from 11:00 AM to roughly 12:00 PM. "In his *Preface to Romans* Martin Luther writes, 'this epistle is really the chief part of the New Testament, and is truly the purest gospel...It is a bright light, almost sufficient to illuminate the entire Holy Scriptures'" (*Martin Luther's Basic Theological Writings*, second ed., Fortress, 2005 pp. 98-99). *Romans* is also

the most challenging of the Pauline epistles and will likely provide those participating with significant, in-depth discussion and new ideas to chew on as we wade through it and learn and grow together in our faith lives and our relationships with God and our Lord. There will be sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area for those who are interested in participating.

GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST 2024

The church will be decorated with red geraniums on **Pentecost Sunday, May 19.**
Deadline to order is May 5. There are additional forms on the table in Gathering Area.

Cost of Red Geraniums

quantity

6 ½"/pot _____ @ \$7.00 = _____

5"/pot _____ @ \$5.00 = _____

Presented by _____

Phone# _____

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If you are interested in volunteering for The (Compassion) Project in July, please contact Rob Gilbert.



THE ADULT (all adults are welcome) LUNCH BUNCH will be going to (TBA) after the liturgy on May 12. We'll meet downstairs immediately after the liturgy. All are welcome. Plan to join us!



Why Camp? A place for families

“My family absolutely LOVES Family Camp at Nawakwa. We love it so much that we start a countdown for the next year as soon as our week at camp is over. Seriously, we are that excited!” ~ Amy Koch
 “Every year, the first dates we put on our new calendar are Family Camp at Kirchenwald. We’ve been going since our first child was a baby, and our children have never known a summer where we weren’t at Family Camp.” ~ Pastor Alex Martini

People often talk about Family Camp as though it’s just another vacation option, like going to the beach or Walt Disney World or the Grand Canyon, but Family Camp is so much more than that. Pastor Martini says, “We have made new friends we see year after year. Our faith is strengthened in worship, Bible study, and conversations with the staff and other campers. Our children have

learned to love camp and God’s creation in new and profound ways.”

Koch says her favorite thing about Family Camp is the people. “Our first year, we met a family from another congregation, and we have grown extremely close. We get together throughout the year, and I love that our friendship has a foundation built on faith.”

Maybe it’s time to rethink the value of Family Camp. It might be just what your family needs to reconnect with each other and with God’s family.

Register Now for Summer Camp at LutheranCamping.org

The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania
 Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, & The Wittel Farm LutheranCamping.org

April 21-27 Calendar

Sunday, April 21	
9:00am	Worship
10:00am	Coffee Hour After Worship
10:15am	SCS
Monday, April 22	
10:00am	Women’s Prayer Group
6:30pm	Yoga
Tuesday, April 23	
8:00am	Pickleball
9:00am	Coffee Klatch
11:00am	Bible Study
3:30pm	Trini Mini
7:00pm	Bell Choir
Wednesday, April 24	
6:30pm	Senior Choir
7:00pm	Historical Society
Thursday, April 25	
3:30pm	Trini Mini
7:00pm	Yoga
7:00pm	Thursday Worship
Saturday, April 27	
7:30am	Walking Group

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April 21st Servers:

Council Team: Ed Quirke, Norm Wangman

Assisting Minister: Kathy Kuhns

Lector: Ed Quirke

Acolytes: Clarice Doughty, Anya Gilbert

Ushers: John Fuehrer, Candy Snyder, Mark Mull,
Whip Zimmerman

Altar Guild: Ron & Carlene Kerschner,
David Kerschner, Rob Gilbert

Linens: Patrice Mull

Flowers: Heather Zimmerman



Office Hours April 22-26, 2024

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

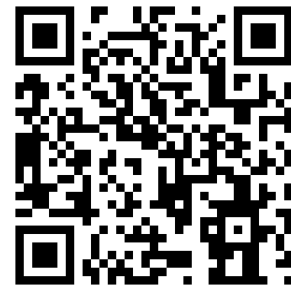
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Day	Sue	Pastor
Monday	8:00 AM- 3:00 PM	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Tuesday	OFF	2:00- 4:00 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM- 4:00 PM	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Thursday	OFF	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Friday	8:00 AM-12:00 noon	OFF

Make Your Regular Offering Electronically

On the Holy Trinity website (www.holytrinityephrata.org), a tab on the menu bar called "Online Giving" will take you to a secure web site for you to give. You can also give your Regular Offering, your Special Appeal donation, your building fund, or your Homes of Hope fund donation by using your Smart Phone and following the QR code.



Thanks for reading! Have a great week ahead!

