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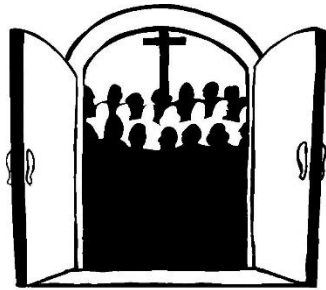
## Trinity Messenger

April 2024 Issue 4

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*Alleluia. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit.. Alleluia. John 15:5*

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### Congregational MEETING

#### Congregational Meeting Voting Information

The spring congregational meeting will be held this Sunday, April 28, immediately following the 9:00 a.m. worship service. It will be held in the Sanctuary and also will be live-streamed but **not** recorded for viewing at another time.

In addition to the presentation of some reports, the congregation will be asked to decide the staffing option we will implement.

The four possible staffing options presented in the "Future of Holy Trinity" at the April 14 forum will be on the ballot. For the first written ballot, members will choose their preferred option. If one option receives two-thirds of the valid votes cast, that is the

option we will adopt. If none of the four options receives a 2/3 majority of the valid votes cast, then the option receiving the fewest votes will be stricken from the ballot and there will be a second ballot with the three remaining options. If none of the three options on the second ballot receives a 2/3 majority of the valid votes cast, then the option with the fewest votes will be stricken from the ballot and there will be a **third** ballot with the two remaining options. The option receiving a **majority** of the valid votes cast on the third ballot will be the option we adopt.

Only members attending the meeting in-person April 28 will be eligible to vote. Our constitution states that to be a **voting** member, a confirmed member must have communed and made a contribution of record within the past year.

Any member needing the "Future of Holy Trinity" document to view the staffing options should contact the church office.

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#### 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 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.

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**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.

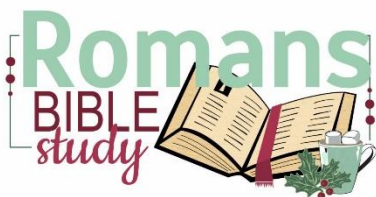
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*Notes of* **THANKS**

To Our Church Family,  
Our deepest thanks to all of you for the many sympathy cards, notes, flowers, and especially for your prayers during this very difficult time. Thank you also for the very generous donation in Mother's memory to the Daily Bread Food Pantry. She volunteered faithfully there for many years; it is a ministry that was close to her heart.  
Your care and concern mean so very much to us.  
With love and thanksgiving,  
Donna, Gary, Allen, Amanda, Leah and Sean

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**New Bible Exploration**

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 1/2"/pot \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$7.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

5"/pot \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Presented by \_\_\_\_\_

Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

To the glory of God and IN MEMORY OF

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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 Old Hickory Inn after the liturgy on May 19. 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](http://LutheranCamping.org)**

**The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania**

**Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, & The Wittel Farm [LutheranCamping.org](http://LutheranCamping.org)**

## April 28-May 4 Calendar

<b>Sunday, April 28</b>	
Congregational Meeting	
9:00am	Worship
10:00am	Coffee Hour After Worship
10:15am	SCS
<b>Monday, April 29</b>	
10:00am	Women's Prayer Group
6:30pm	Yoga
<b>Tuesday, April 30</b>	
8:00am	Pickleball
9:00am	Coffee Klatch
11:00am	Bible Study
3:30pm	Trini Mini
7:00pm	Bell Choir
<b>Wednesday, May 1</b>	
6:30pm	Senior Choir
<b>Thursday, May 2</b>	
3:30pm	Trini Mini
7:00pm	Property Committee
7:00pm	Yoga
7:00pm	Thursday Worship
<b>Friday, May 3</b>	
6:30pm	Friday Night Dinners
<b>Saturday, May 4</b>	
7:30am	Walking Group

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

### April 28th Servers:

**Council Team:** Christy Boos, Lisa Garrett

**Assisting Minister:** John Fuehrer

**Lector:** John Fuehrer

**Acolytes:** Natalie Mull,

**Ushers:** Tom & Kitty Dickersheid

**Altar Guild:** Brenda Wangman,  
Heather Zimmerman, Lisa Garrett

**Linens:** Lori Spitzer

**Flowers:** Winnie Gerlach



## Office Hours April 29- May 3, 2024

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

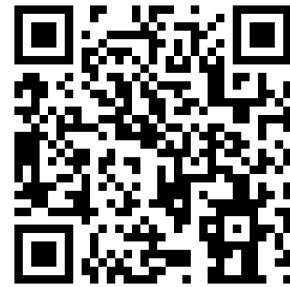
Office Phone: 717-733-4134 Pastor's Cell: 315-317-8517 Donna's Cell: 717-669-7831

Office email: [officeholytrinity@ephratalutheran.org](mailto:officeholytrinity@ephratalutheran.org)

Day	Sue	Pastor
Monday	OFF	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Tuesday	8:00 AM- 4:00 PM	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM- 4:00 PM	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Thursday	8:00 AM-12:00 noon	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](http://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.



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*Thanks for reading! Have a great week ahead!*

