



HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



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August 2023 Issue 2

Alleluia. One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia. Matt. 4:4



August Stewardship: Konde Diocese – Our Partner in Ministry

You may or may not know that each of the sixty-five synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has been linked with a Lutheran companion synod or church body outside the United States with which to partner in ministry and provide each other support through prayer and opportunities to engage with each other. We in the Lower Susquehanna Synod have been blessed with the companionship of the Konde Diocese, which is part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT). The Konde Diocese at present boasts a membership of over 125,000 members in seven church districts. Within these seven districts there are more than 100 congregations that are served by 160 pastors and 200 evangelists, who are serving God's people and spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ, which they have been faithfully doing since 1977.

The operative word in beginning to understand the nature of this ministry partnership and its benefits is "companion." Each of our synods/diocese and the congregations that make up these bodies are called to serve our neighbor and share the life-giving gospel of Jesus Christ. Doing so, no matter if one is part of a congregation in Ephrata, Pennsylvania or a congregation in a village in the Konde Diocese, we can offer encouragement for each other's challenges and celebration for the joys. Through this relationship the work we have been called to do becomes easier and more meaningful because we know there are siblings in Christ offering mutual support. Such a relationship also provides the opportunity to learn from each other through correspondence and the sharing of ideas. This is especially relevant as we in this nation struggle with shrinking congregations and a waning interest in organized religion, while Christian churches in Africa and other less developed parts of the world are experiencing a boom in persons embracing the Gospel and its grace-filled message.

During the month of August the Konde Diocese will be our stewardship focus, and I encourage all of us to prayerfully consider how we as a congregation can be actively engaged in a relationship with the diocese and its individual congregations—supporting their ministries as they support ours. To help us deepen our connect we are working with our synodical liaison with the ELCT to link Holy Trinity with a congregation in the Konde Diocese with whom we can personally have contact and grow our relationship congregation to congregation.



Notes of THANKS

Dear Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your generous donation to Mountaineers' Table. Although we are housed at Ephrata Church of the Brethren and they provide all of our overhead, office supplies, etc., we rely on donations to purchase food. We are currently serving almost 100 families weekly, providing groceries, produce, bread and sometimes household and personal care items. Our 40+ volunteers work hard to make sure every family is served well weekly. Please know that 100% of donations go directly for food. Feel free to stop in Thursdays from 10-11am or 3:45-6:00pm. Thanks for all you do for Ephrata!

Sincerely, Sharon Myers, MT Board Chair


Thank you to our Good News Vacation Bible School Staff! Your faithful sharing of the Gospel and care for the children touched their lives with God's love and blessings during these wonderful four evenings.

Thank you also to the Evangelism Committee for providing bag lunches to take home each evening and to those who helped to decorate. Your willing response to the Holy Spirit's call to share your talents, skills, and time was a great gift that proclaimed God's love in so many ways.

With Love and Thanksgiving, Donna

45th Anniversary Celebration

Please join us in worship on Sunday, August 20th as we celebrate The Reverend Newell Embley's 45th anniversary of ordination. This will be a time of thanksgiving for Pastor Embley's faithful service to God's church and to the Office of Word and Sacrament. There will be a time of fellowship in the Gathering Area immediately following the service.

	<p>THE ADULT (all adults are welcome) LUNCH BUNCH</p> <p>Will be going Mt. Joy Family Diner after the liturgy on August 13. We'll meet downstairs after the liturgy. All are welcome. For reservations, please call Cheryl Plummer by August 12 at 625-3187. Plan to join us!</p>
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Job opportunities at Wilson High School

- Assistant Teacher Child Care and Preschool
- Groundskeepers
- Special Education Job Trainer

Information sheets available on the table in the Gathering Area.

There is a Spanish position and a half-time French position, a Speech Therapist position and a Chemistry teacher position available in addition to these three jobs.

Salem Lutheran Church, Ephrata, invites you on a two-night bus trip to the Pittsburgh area on October 17-19, 2023. Highlights include the Flight 93 National Memorial, the Quecreek Mine Rescue site, guided driving tour of Pittsburgh, the Duquesne Incline, the

National Aviary, Fallingwater, and more. Lunches included at the Grand Concourse Restaurant and the Historic Stone House Restaurant. Price is \$608. per person (double). Reservations are due September 13, 2023. For information call Stephanie Frymyer at 717-733-6057,

Summer Camp

Thank you for your ongoing generosity in support of outdoor ministry through your giving to both the Lutheran Camping Corporation and the camper fund of Holy Trinity. Your generosity has once again made it possible to send three extremely excited youth to camp this summer at Camp Kirchenwald. The cost of one week at camp averages \$600 per camper, which for many families is cost prohibitive, especially if you are trying to send more than one camper. To help continue this important ministry, which changes young lives for the better, please consider giving once again as the Spirit moves you so we can continue to provide youth with the camp experience. To do so, you are invited to use one of the *Camp Fund* envelopes located on the table in the Gathering Area and either place it along with your donation in the offering plate or mail it to or bring it by the church office. Please write *Camper Fund* on the memo line of your check. Again, thank you for your faithful generosity!!

August 6-12 Calendar

Sunday, August 6	
10:00am	Coffee Hour After Worship
Monday, August 7	
10:00am	Women's Prayer Group
6:30pm	Yoga
7:00pm	Evangelism
Thursday, August 10	
7:00pm	Yoga
7:00pm	Thursday Worship
7:30pm	Council Meeting
Saturday, August 12	
7:30am	Walking Group

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

August 6th Servers

Council: Bill Spitzer, Barry Kreider
Assisting Minister: Ed Quirke
Lector: Lisa Garrett
Acolyte: Anya Gilbert
Ushers: Denise Shirker, Trig Olson, Matt Shirker
Altar Guild: Barb-Steve Sweigart, Andy Sweigart
Linen: Patricia Fassnacht
Deliver Flower: Heather Zimmerman



Office Hours: August 7-11

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	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	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	OFF	9:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Friday	8:00 AM - 12	OFF



MAY I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE! Ephrata Area Social Service is in need of food items this summer and we need to start stocking their shelves now. With financial hardship and rising food prices it is getting harder and harder for some of our local families to provide meals for themselves. Items needed –

Beverage products (Kool-Aid, Crystal Light-Drink mixes, etc.)
 Canned fruits - sugar-free, Canned hearty soups
 Canned meats and pastas (spaghetti, spam, tuna, ravioli, etc.), Canned vegetables
 Condiments, Dish soap, Hamburger helper, Individual snack packs (chips, pretzels, crackers)
 Instant potatoes, Jelly, Laundry detergent, Oatmeal, Pancake mix and syrup, Paper towels
 Pasta - gluten free, Peanut Butter, Premixed Jell-O snacks, Spices

Gift cards to Giant, Redner's, or Weis to support fresh produce, meat, and dairy items.

This year our goal is to provide **60 full** boxes of food items this summer and we need your help! Please bring one or two items each week to help reach our goal. If everyone donates – *“many hands make light work”*. Let's help those in need in our community. The Social Ministry Committee thanks you for your continued support!

Thanks for reading! Have a great week ahead!