



HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Alleluia. Jesus preached the good news of the kingdom and cured every sickness among the people. Alleluia. Matt. 4:23

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.

Assisting Maui Fire

Victims

Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) is coordinating with the Pacifica Synod and other partners to assess the needs of people impacted by the wildfires. Together they are addressing the immediate needs and recovery amid the widespread destruction. LDR and the Pacifica Synod are committed to accompanying recovering communities now and in the years ahead.

Gifts given specifically to "U.S. Wildfires" will be restricted to and used in full (100%) for those affected by wildfires. You may donate by following the link:

community.elca.org/uswildfires?_ga to donate electronically or by mail at the address below.

Make checks payable to "Lutheran Disaster Response." Write "U.S. Wildfires" on your check's memo line. You may also donate by calling 800-638-3522 (Monday through Friday) 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. central time.

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Assist Fire Victims | EPHRATA AREA SOCIAL SERVICES

EASS's Community Support department is reaching out to local fire victims in Ephrata in order to provide assistances. Any money donated through this page (www.mygiving.net/campaign/Assist-Fire-Victims) will go to direct aide. If donating on a different platform (check, cash, Paypal) please note this is for "fire victim assistances." Checks can be sent to Ephrata Area Social Services, 227 N. State St., Ephrata, PA 17522. **Gift cards** for Walmart and Ephrata area grocery stores would be eagerly welcomed by these families as they attempt, with the help of EASS and the generosity of the community, to put their lives back together. If you bring gift cards to the church, we, with the guidance of EASS, will make sure they go where they are needed. **There is a local need for hygiene products for children going back to school.**



Notes of **THANKS**

Pastor Newell Embley would like to thank Pastor Mark and the members of Holy Trinity for the delightful reception marking my 45th anniversary of Ordination. Thank you all for the many expressions of congratulations that I received on August 20. It is nice to remembered.

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 to 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



SEPTEMBER IS COMING!

Join in these opportunities to grow in faith and fellowship:

BELL CHOIR

***Rehearsals** resume Tuesday, September 5 at 7:00 pm for our existing bell choir.

*Please consider joining in the fun of ringing! We need ringers to continue the handbell ensemble. Please talk with Donna or call her at 717-669-783



Calling all Singers!!

There are so many good singers in this congregation, so we are going to try something new. We will be forming a Celebration Choir (in addition to Senior Choir) here at Holy Trinity that will sing approximately once a month! The music will be easy to learn and the time commitment will be minimal.

Please consider joining us ☺

Celebration Choir Schedule for September and October

***Wednesday, Sept. 6** – Celebration Choir rehearsal at 7:15 PM in the church sanctuary

*Sunday, Sept. 10 – Celebration Choir – 8:15 AM rehearsal - *Seek Ye First*

***Wednesday, Oct. 4** – Celebration Choir rehearsal at 7:15 PM in the church sanctuary

*Sunday, Oct. 8 – Celebration Choir – 8:15 AM rehearsal - *Jesus Loves Me/Oh How He Loves You and Me*

***Wednesday, Oct. 25** – Celebration Choir rehearsal at 7:15 PM in the church sanctuary

*Sun, Oct. 29 – Reformation – Celebration Choir – 8:15 AM rehearsal - *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

**Senior Choir rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, September 6 at 6:45 PM!
All are welcome!!!**

RALLY DAY: Sunday, September 10

God's Faithful Gift of Liturgy

You are invited and strongly encouraged to participate in a multi-session study, led by Donna Nace, during which we will be exploring our liturgy and why its importance and impact on our faith lives and relationship with God go far beyond our time together on Sunday mornings.

Plan to join us downstairs immediately after worship! Enjoy coffee and treats in the cafe and gather in the social hall for our first session as we explore the depth and richness of our Lutheran liturgy.



August 27- September 2 Calendar

Sunday, August 27	
9:00am	Worship
10:00am	Coffee Hour After Worship
Monday, August 28	
10:00am	Women's Prayer Group
6:30pm	Yoga
Thursday, August 31	
7:00pm	Yoga
7:00pm	Thursday Worship
Friday, September 1	
6:00pm	Friday Night Dinners
Saturday, September 2	
7:30am	Walking Group

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August 27th Servers

Council: Christy Boos
Assisting Minister: John Fuehrer
Lector: John Fuehrer
Acolyte: Anya Gilbert
Ushers: Dave Bowers, Bob & Ann Snader
Altar Guild: Barb & Steve Sweigart, Andy Sweigart
Linen: Lori Spitzer
Deliver Flower: Dan Doremus



Office Hours: August 28- September 1

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

Thanks for reading! Have a great week ahead!

