



HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



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December 2023 Issue 2

Alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord. All flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia. Luke 3:4,
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Stewardship Special Giving for December: ELCA GOOD GIFTS

The ELCA Good Gifts is a creative, meaningful way to support the ministries of the ELCA that mean the most to you and your loved ones. These gifts are real examples from projects currently supported through ELCA churchwide ministries, the ELCA Fund for Leaders, ELCA Global Church Sponsorship, Disability Ministries and Lutheran Response. Each of these programs is a long-term partnership-based ministry that focuses on the needs identified by local congregations and global companion churches and their communities.

Your donation will be used where it is needed most. The ELCA is at work in nearly 80 countries around the world, including the United States. More than 85% of your donation directly supports these programs, with less than 15% used for administrative purposes.

The variety of items that may be provided ranges from different animals: cows, pigs, goats; to providing clean water for a family, to vaccinations, school supplies, seeds and gardening tools, to Sunday School start-up kits. The list goes on and on!

Please be as generous as you can! The need is GREAT!



**Holden Evening Prayer:
Wednesdays during Advent at 7:30
December 6, 13, 20**

Caroling: Please join us on Sunday afternoon, December 17 to go caroling! We will meet in the Social Hall at 2:00 PM.



Christmas Eve Services

4:00 PM: Holy Communion with carols and candle lighting.

Only the 4L00 PM service will be livestreamed.

7:00 PM: Holy Communion with carols and candle lighting.

Kirchenwald Winter Youth Retreat: January 5-7, 2024

For youth in grades 3 through 9
Enjoy Kirchenwald in the Winter! Play broom hockey and other games on the frozen pond. Have fun sledding, playing snow soccer and other winter games. Creative Bible studies and worship experiences led by our summer camp counselors are an important part of this retreat. Other indoor and outdoor activities may be included, as the weather dictates. Cost for the retreat is \$170.

A great Christmas gift for that grandchild who has everything!

Register information is on-line at www.LutheranCamping.org or get a form from Lisa Garrett. Please register by **December 15th**.





Notes of THANKS

My sincere thank you to all, for the visits from Donna, and for the flowers. It means so very much. Pam Critchfield.

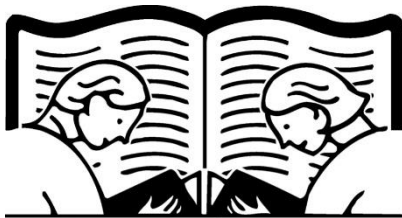
We thank Carlene Kerschner, Natalie, Theresa, and Patrice Mull for designing and making our lovely new Advent banners that adorn the nave's walls. They are a beautiful addition to our church's Advent and Christmas decorations.

The Fulton Elementary staff would like to thank you for the use of your facility for our practice emergency evacuation drill in October. Ideally, we hope the plans that we have developed will not need to be implemented, but if they do, we want our staff and students to be prepared for such an emergency. We are appreciative of your ongoing support of our school's safety and grateful for our continue partnership. Sincerely, Josh McCracken, Principal

To my Trinity family,

A great big thank you to all who attended and helped with the advent St. Nicholas brunch . The food was wonderful and of course, the fellowship. What a joy to have us all together even after a very important yet somewhat discouraging congregational meeting. Once again Donna helped us remember the kindness and generosity of Saint Nicholas. May we keep that spirit strong all year long.

Kathy Kuhns



Revelation Bible Study

Bible Study: *The Revelation to John*

You are invited to join Pastor Mark on Tuesday mornings, from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM, for a study of the book of *Revelation (The Revelation to John)*. The group will meet in the conference room next to the office. The class will run for six consecutive weeks. You are invited to bring your own Bible to take notes if you wish (yes, writing in your Bible is okay); however, Bibles will be available. You are also invited to bring lunch with you in case you want to hang out afterward for more discussion on any topic or to enjoy fellowship time.

Pickleball update

Beginning January 2nd, our Pickleball will be available every Tuesday from 10AM.

Additional days and times will be determined upon interest of court times we begin this new activity. All experienced players come and join us. Those who expressed interest in learning how to play Pickleball are invited to come to our December 10th and January 14th Game Day from 2PM to 4PM. Come and give it a try. See Ron Kerschner if you have questions.



THE ADULT (all adults are welcome) LUNCH BUNCH Will be going to The Ephrata Plaza Diner after the liturgy on December 10. We'll meet downstairs after the liturgy. All are welcome. For reservations, please call Cheryl Plummer by December 9 at 625- 3187. Plan to join us!



Senior Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:45 PM! All are welcome!!!

BELL CHOIR Rehearsals are Tuesdays at 7:00 pm.



December 10-16 Calendar

Sunday, December 10	
9:00am	Worship
10:00am	Coffee Hour After Worship
10:15am	SCS
11:00am	Lunch Bunch
2:00pm	2nd Sunday Social
Monday, December 11	
10:00am	Women's Prayer Group
6:30pm	Yoga
Tuesday, December 12	
11:00am	Bible Study
3:30pm	Trini Mini
7:00pm	Bell Choir
7:00pm	Finance Committee
8:00pm	Executive Council
Wednesday, December 13	
6:30pm	Senior Choir
7:30pm	Advent Evening Prayer
Thursday, December 14	
3:30pm	Trini Mini
7:00pm	Yoga
7:00pm	Thursday Worship
7:30pm	Council Meeting
Saturday, December 16	
7:30am	Walking Group

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

December 10th Servers

Council: Lisa Garrett, Norm Wangman

Assisting Minister: John Weiss

Lector: Ed Quirke

Acolyte: CH: Natalie Mull

Ushers: Allen Nace, John Weiss,
Adam Doughty, Gary Nace

Altar Guild: Denise Shirker,
Kelly Homan, Ann & Bob Snader

Linens: Lori Spitzer

Deliver Flower: Jo Hurst



Office Hours: December 11-15

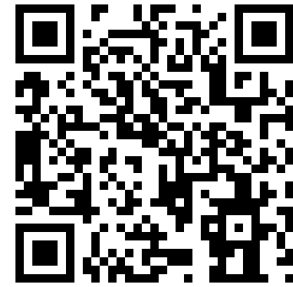
We recommend you call the office prior to stopping in to ensure hours have not changed.

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	8:00AM -12:00 noon	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Friday	8:00AM -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!

