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# Trinity Messenger

January 2024 Issue 1

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*Alleluia. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
and let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. Alleluia. Col. 3:15, 16*

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## Stewardship Special Giving for January Mountaineer's Table

We are excited to be adding *Mountaineers' Table* to our list of organizations whose live-giving work we support as the people of God at Holy Trinity. *Mountaineers' Table* (a 501c3 organization), formerly known as the *Ephrata Power Packs Project*, is in its 10th year of serving families in the Ephrata Area School District (EASD). In 2022 alone, they distributed over 135,000 lbs. of food, feeding an average of 75 families a week, and are presently serving 110 families per week with numbers of those facing daily food insecurity rising. There is no cost to EASD families, who each Thursday arrive at the Ephrata Church of the Brethren to collect their nutritious food, including fresh fruits and vegetables, and a recipe with the needed ingredients provided to prepare the meal. It is an all-volunteer organization, so all monies donated go directly to help the families get food on the table so that children are well fed and ready to learn.

Stephanie Weber, the director and visionary behind this organization, will be joining us in worship on Sunday, January 7 to further introduce us to the important work being done to assist our struggling neighbors. Please plan to be present at 9:00 AM worship to welcome her and learn more.

**NOTE: All Stewardship Special donations on Sunday, December 31 will still go to ELCA GOOD GIFTS.**

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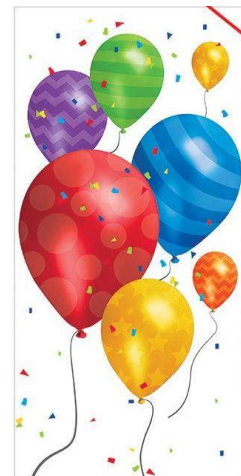
## Happy Birthday

To the members of Holy Trinity who are 70 years and older and celebrating a birthday this month.

### January Birthdays

4 Candy Snyder  
7 John Fuehrer  
15 Mary Brossman

*SEND THEM A BIRTHDAY CARD OR CALL THEM  
WITH YOUR GREETING. WE PRAY GOD GRANTS  
THEM MANY MORE YEARS IN THEIR PILGRIMAGE.*





## 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](http://www.LutheranCamping.org) or get a form from Lisa

Garrett. Please register by **December 15<sup>th</sup>**.



## *Notes of* THANKS

Dear Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, thank you for your generous donation to the Lancaster Vet Center. Your commitment to serving those who have served our country is truly inspiring and we are deeply grateful for your partnership in this important work. Thank you again for your unwavering support.  
Respectfully, Lancaster Vet Center

### **Pickleball update**

Beginning January 2nd, our Pickleball Court will be available every Tuesday from 8AM to 10AM. Additional days and times will be determined upon interest of court times once 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.



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

BELL CHOIR Rehearsals are Tuesdays at 7:00 pm.

## December 31- January 6 Calendar

<b>Sunday, December 31</b>	
9:00am	Worship
10:00am	Coffee Hour After Worship
10:15am	SCS
<b>Monday, January 1, 2024</b>	
New Years Day church office closed	
<b>Tuesday, January 2, 2024</b>	
8:00am	Pickleball
3:30pm	Trini Mini
7:00pm	Bell Choir
7:00pm	Fellowship Committee Meeting
<b>Wednesday, January 3, 2024</b>	
6:45pm	Senior Choir
<b>Thursday, January 4, 2024</b>	
3:30pm	Trini Mini
7:00pm	Property Committee
7:00pm	Yoga
7:00pm	Thursday Worship
<b>Saturday, January 6, 2024</b>	
7:30am	Walking Group

The next....and last Revelation Bible Study will be on  
Tuesday, January 16 at 11 AM.

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

### December 31st Servers:

**Council Team:** John Weiss, Christy Boos

**Assisting Minister:** Ed Quirke

**Lector:** Gary Nace

**Acolytes:** CH Natalie Mull

CR Anya Gilbert

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

**Altar Guild:** Barb & Steve Sweigart,  
Andy Sweigart

**Linens:** Patrice Mull

**Flowers:** Winnie Gerlach



## Office Hours: January 1-5, 2024

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

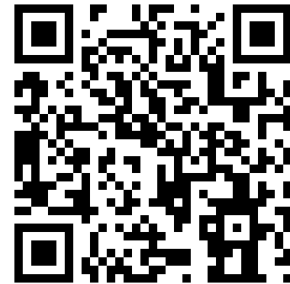
Office Phone: 717-733-4134 Pastor's Cell: 315-317-8517 Donna's Cell: 717-669-7831

Day	Sue	Pastor
Monday	Church Office Closed	Church Office Closed
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- 4:00 PM	OFF
Friday	8:00AM -12:00 noon	OFF

Pastor Mark will be on vacation from December 28-31.

### 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!*

