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Trinity Messenger

July 2024 Issue 4

Alleluia. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia. Eph. 1:17-18

Unified Budget Monthly Financial Update

June Income	\$31,331.65
June Expenses	\$30,637.46
Income Year to Date	\$177,498.82
Expenses Year to Date	\$167,576.84

We have ended the first half of the year with a **positive** (more income than expenses) Unified Budget fund balance of **\$9,921.98**. Thank you for your faithful giving these first six months to enable this positive balance. We know that we will have some major expenses this second half of the year, such as the purchase of heating oil. If the level of giving continues the second half of the year as it has for the first six months, the Finance Committee is confident that we will have only a small deficit which will easily be covered by our reserve funds.

July Congregation Council Meeting Report

At its July 11 meeting, the Congregation Council:

- Approved the Finance Committee recommendation to award \$1,500 to each eligible applicant for this year's Moyer Scholarship.
- Approved sending \$1,030 to the Lutheran Camping Corporation for 2 camperships for eligible children to attend church camp this summer. This money comes from the separate camp scholarship fund established by the congregation. There were no children from Trini Mini attending camp this summer, so the council wanted to make certain other children would have this benefit.
- Approved MIB providing updated property valuations at a cost of \$140. This valuation update is done every 2 years.
- Approved the request from Cocalico Place to provide some temporary parking spaces for a limited number of residents during the facility's upcoming renovation.
- Approved the annual request from Fulton Elementary School to serve as an emergency evacuation shelter.
- Approved the request from Excentia to use Luther Hall, the therapy activity room and the gym for expanded afternoon classes beginning in September.
- Discussed an appropriate response to Ephrata Borough's recently adopted ordinance limiting church's providing overnight shelter and care for the homeless in the borough.

- Heard a report from the Executive Committee meeting with the representatives from Bergstrasse. Cooperation with several social ministry projects is planned. Details will soon be announced to the congregation. Some other cooperative ventures and communication projects are being discussed.
 - Decided not to meet in August, as is the usual practice, unless some issue requires immediate attention.
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Living By the Faith of Jesus Christ

Leading a Bible study focused on Paul's letter to the Romans innately invites one to explore and unpack Paul's struggles in his faith journey. This is a reassuring reminder that Paul and all the other characters we experience in scripture are not superhuman and are not in some otherworldly way better equipped than we are to live a faithful life. They, like we, were flesh and blood and, in their contexts, faced the ups and downs and lapses we do.

As we read the stories of the women and men in our Bibles, we see that it is God's unceasing and gracious presence that sustains them. We, too, are recipients of this same unceasing and gracious presence, saturating our lives with love and forgiveness. God's sustaining love does not keep a record of our mistakes, but is freely given to strengthen our lives, especially when we need it most.

Paul repeatedly reminds us that our faith does not define the validity of our relationship with God. Instead, the unwavering faithfulness of Jesus' obedience, which guided him throughout his bodily mission among God's children, feeds and forms our faith and makes it okay in the eyes of a forgiving God to falter but keep but in doing so, retain a sufficient and intact faith. My friends, God does not expect you to be perfect. God created us and knows us far too well to believe we could ever be. So, with that truth in mind, let us not strive to retain a perfect faith but actively use the faith we have each been gifted, a faith that is sufficient for the mission to which God continues to call us.

Living faithfully of Jesus Christ,

Pastor Mark

Stewardship Special Giving for JULY: Ephrata Area Social Services

Neighbors Helping Neighbors:

Started in 1971 by a group of local churches, Ephrata Area Social Services was formed with a commitment to the ideal of "Neighbors Helping Neighbors." The Planning Committee, in October of 1970 challenged the community with a dream to become a "community of the concerned." To recognize that "in the midst of a flourishing economy, there are those in need who are all but forgotten to their community." It is with those inspirations that EASS has grown to be a diverse provider of services capable of meeting an ever increasing demand from neighbors in need.

EASS is a non-profit organization serving the Ephrata and Cocalico Regions of Northern Lancaster County. The criterion for eligibility is the expression of a legitimate need for help. EASS receives its support from the community. Donations come from churches, civic organizations, private individuals, businesses and local foundations. EASS receives no public funds...

Ephrata Area Social Services, a tradition of reliability, providing services to those in need living in the Ephrata and Cocalico region.

Mission Statement

The mission of Ephrata Area Social Services is to effectively channel community resources into a network of support for neighbors in need of human resources.

Bible Study - Summer 2024

Michael Williams will lead four one-hour sessions this summer. They will be held in the Conference Room on Tuesdays at 11:00am. These meetings will provide an overview of several of Paul's letters to various churches. They are offered so that we can stay in touch throughout the summer. Everyone is welcome.

Dates and subjects:

July 16 – Ephesians

July 23 – Begin Corinthians

August 6 – Finish Corinthians; begin Galatians

August 13 – Finish Galatians

Help Wanted -- Lutheran camping organization

I'm sending this message out in wide broadcast fashion, asking for your help. Please feel free to pass it along so that it can reach even more friends of Nawakwa who may be able to assist or share this request further.

We are seeking help at camp in two areas. First, we need someone to cover the camp health officer role during the weeks of July 14 - 19 and July 28 - August 2. This role is typically filled by a nurse, but it could also be handled by an EMT or other healthcare professionals. Even someone with First Aid, CPR, and AED certifications would be suitable.

Secondly, we are looking for assistance in the kitchen, especially next week (July 7 - 12) and again during the week of July 28 - August 2. This could be someone we hire for the remainder of the summer or week-long volunteers. Duties include general kitchen work such as meal prep and clean-up, dishwashing, sweeping, floor mopping, and other related tasks.

Please let me know if you have any leads and feel free to pass this along to those who might be able to help or know someone who can.

Thank you,

Mike Youse, Executive Director myouse@lutherancamping.org

717-677-8211

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

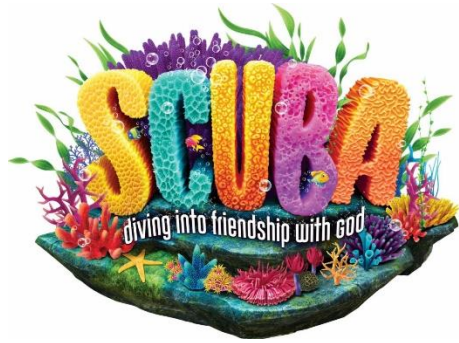
Dish soap, Hamburger helper, Individual snack packs (chips, pretzels, crackers)

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 **50 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!





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS

HERE! Children who have completed Kindergarten through Grade 5 are invited to join us for Bible-Learning experiences, songs, team-building games and more!

Monday, July 15- Thursday July 18.

6:00 PM- 8:00 PM.

CHANGED TO JULY 21!! THE ADULT (all adults are welcome) LUNCH BUNCH will be going to Gus's Diner after the liturgy on **July 21**. We'll meet downstairs immediately after the liturgy. All are welcome. Plan to join us! Please call Cheryl Plummer at 625-3187 to reserve your place!



Summer Music

Our congregation is blessed with talented musicians! Please share your gift and sign-up to offer music during the summer on the sheet provided in the Gathering Area.



July 21-27 Calendar

Sunday, July 21	
9:00am	Worship
10:00am	Coffee Hour After Worship
11:00am	Lunch Bunch
Monday, July 22	
10:00am	Women's Prayer Group
6:30pm	Yoga
Tuesday, July 23	
Bible Study 11AM	
8:00am	Pickleball
Thursday, July 25	
7:00pm	Yoga
7:00pm	Thursday Worship
Saturday, July 27	
7:30am	Walking Group

The fourth Tuesday morning Coffee Klatch will not be held over the summer. The next time it will meet will be in October.

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

July 21st Servers:

Council Team: Norm Wangman, John Fuehrer
Assisting Minister: John Weiss
Lector: John Weiss
Acolytes: Anya Gilbert
Ushers: Peggy Dean, Ed Quirke
Altar Guild: Brenda Wangman, Heather Zimmerman, Lisa Garrett
Linens: Lori Spitzer
Flowers: Winnie Gerlach



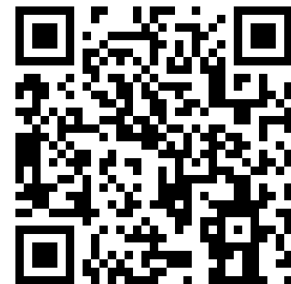
Office Hours July 22-26, 2024

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

Day	Sue	Pastor
Monday	9:00 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	8:00 AM-4:00 PM	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Friday	8:00 AM- 12:00 PM	OFF

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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!

