



HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



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June 2024 Issue 3

Alleluia. Welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. Alleluia. James 1:21

June Stewardship Special:

ELCA World Hunger

More than 820 million people - that's about 11 percent of people in our world today - are hungry.

As members of the ELCA, we are called to respond. We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work.

Working with and through our [congregations](#), in the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands Lutheran churches overseas and other partners, **ELCA World Hunger** is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

Hunger facts

- 821 million people around the world - that's more than 1 in 10 - can't access the food they need to live active, healthy lives.
- According to the most recent estimates, 736 million people live in extreme poverty on less than \$1.90 per day. That's 10% of the world's population.
- At some point in 2017 (the most recent year available), more than 40 million people in the United States were unsure where their next meal might come from.
- 39.7 million Americans were living in poverty in 2017. For a family of four, this means their annual household income was below \$25,094.

Update on Cooperative Meetings with Area Congregations

Over the last couple of months, representatives from Holy Trinity met with Bergstrasse, Muddy Creek and Swamp. There was interest from all congregations, but Muddy Creek feel they are not yet in a situation where they need to act immediately.

Representatives from Bergstrasse and Swamp were very interested and eager to work together. On June 12 we three will meet for the first time as a group, to discuss ways we can come together. Representatives consist of three members of the executive teams.

Representatives from Swamp and Holy Trinity have agreed that this is a matter for congregants and that pastors will be brought in later. Bergstrasse is concerned that pastoral input is key to our success, so there is a bit of differing opinion there, but we plan on discussing this at our first meeting and will come to a decision as to when they should become involved. Each congregation's representatives will be sharing a list of ministerial projects as well as a list of ideas on how we might work together. All ideas are on the table, and we are all in agreement that this is an urgent matter.
Thank you, Christy Boos

It's church picnic time! JUNE 16

Our picnic will be at 12:00 noon at the Ephrata Township Park pavilion. 426 East Fulton St.
Our church service will be at 9:00 in our own Holy Trinity sanctuary!
Please sign up in the gathering area. We would appreciate knowing how many people will be attending. A sign up for donations of items will also be available. Please join us for food, fun, and of course, good fellowship!



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 COMING! 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.**

MOYER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

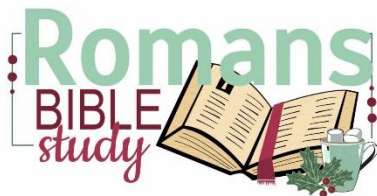
The John H. Moyer and Erma R. Moyer Scholarship Trust of The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity has been established through a gift by their son, John R. Moyer, to honor his parents and perpetuate the family's belief in the importance of higher education.

The Trust provides for a one-year scholarship of \$1,000.00 to be awarded annually to an active member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. As the investment grows, the Finance Committee can recommend to the Congregational Council increasing the amount. The Finance Committee will notify the Congregation Council in June each year of the amount available to be awarded so the Council can determine the number of scholarships that can be offered.

Applications and detailed Scholarship selection information can be obtained from the Church office. Completed applications and transcripts must be returned to the Church office no later than July 15. Congregation Council will approve all applicable scholarship applications. Scholarship checks will be produced and presented to each approved applicant in September.

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.



New Bible Exploration

Continuing on Tuesdays you are invited to join in a study of the book of *Romans*. The study will take place each Tuesday morning from 11:00 AM to roughly 12:00 PM. "In his *Preface to Romans* Martin Luther writes, 'this epistle is really the chief part of the New Testament, and is truly the purest gospel...It is a bright light, almost sufficient to illuminate the entire Holy Scriptures'" (*Martin Luther's Basic Theological Writings*, second ed., Fortress, 2005 pp. 98-99). *Romans* is also the most challenging of the Pauline epistles and will likely provide those participating with significant, in-depth discussion and new ideas to chew on as we wade through it and learn and grow together in our faith lives and our relationships with God and our Lord. There will be sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area for those who are interested in participating. **Last session: June 18.**

The Ephrata Concert Band will present a FREE concert on Sundays June 16 and July 21 at 7 o'clock in the Tom Grater Park. Several members of Holy Trinity will be participating in the band. Bring your lawn chairs and come out for a wonderful evening in the park. In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be moved to the Ephrata Rec Center.

Salem Lutheran Church invites you to join us at Dutch Apple Dinner Theater on Sunday, September 8, 2024 for: *Jersey Boys- a musical about Frankie Valli*. 5:30 -Buffet Dinner, 7:00- Show. You must provide your own transportation. Show includes some adult language. Cost: Adult- \$72, Students, age 13-18- \$34, Students, age 3-12- \$29. Reply by August 8. Send your check made payable to: Salem Lutheran Church office, 1331 W Main St. Ephrata, PA 17522.

Please use this link for the registration sheet:

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=c00cbe78c2&attid=0.1&permmsgid=msg-f:1792608596884759021&th=18e0a0056ea0a1ed&view=att&disp=inline>

June 16-22 Calendar

NOTE: Community Meals will be at Holy Trinity on Thursdays in June @ 6PM.

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| Sunday, June 16 | |
| Church Picnic Ephrata Twncsp. Park 12:00 | |
| 9:00am | Worship in the Church 9AM |
| Monday, June 17 | |
| 10:00am | Women's Prayer Group |
| 6:30pm | Yoga |
| Tuesday, June 18 | |
| 8:00am | Pickleball |
| 11:00am | Bible Study |
| Wednesday, June 19 | |
| 12:00pm | Luther Lunch Ladies |
| Thursday, June 20 | |
| 7:00pm | Yoga |
| 7:00pm | Thursday Worship |
| Saturday, June 22 | |
| 7:30am | Walking Group |

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

June 16th Servers:

Council Team: Ed Quirke, Lisa Garrett
Assisting Minister: Kathy Kuhns
Lector: Mike Sernoffsky
Acolytes: Judy Williams
Ushers: Norm Wangman, Phyllis Doughty, Winnie Gerlach
Altar Guild: Barb & Steve Sweigart, Andy Sweigart
Linens: Brenda Wangman
Flowers: Heather Zimmerman



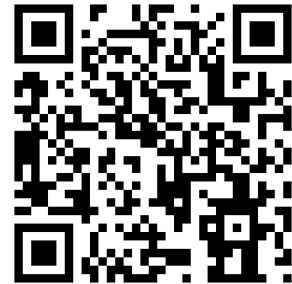
Office Hours June 17-21, 2024

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: officeholyltrinity@ephratalutheran.org

| Day | Sue | Pastor |
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| Monday | 9:30 AM-4:00 PM | 9:00 AM-12:30 PM |
| Tuesday | 8:00 AM-3:00 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 |

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!

