



HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



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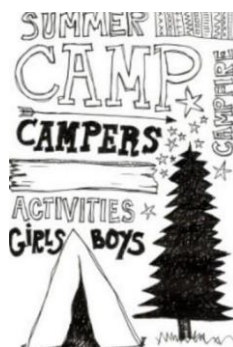
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Trinity Messenger

March 2023 Issue 3

Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world; give me this living water that I may never thirst again.

John 4:42, 15.



Why Church Camp?

*Did you know that adults who attended church camp as a youth are **more than 3 times as likely** to remain affiliated with a religious community than those who never attended camp?*

Lutheran Camping Corporation offers the very best in outdoor ministry programs at Kirchenwald and Nawakwa:

- Campers practice living a faithful life in a non-threatening environment.
- Campers have opportunities to develop self-confidence and independence.
- Campers learn how to be leaders and serve others.
- Campers develop enthusiasm for their church and bring it back with them.

All this while having a fun time in the great outdoors.

And camp isn't just for kids. Kids at Heart week is for everyone 18 and older who wants to enjoy the camp experience. Campers stay in the very comfortable SchreiberHaus Lodge at Kirchenwald. Elder Camp is for those 55+ and is held at Nawakwa. Enjoy a Pennsylvania staycation with Family Camp offered in July at Nawakwa and August at both Kirchenwald and Nawakwa.

Camp brochures are now available for 2023 and can be found on the table in the back of the narthex. Over \$135 of discounts available. Full payment discount camp registration must be received at camp by **April 1, 2023**. Check it out: <https://www.lutherancamping.org/> **Holy Trinity is committed to finding funds for EVERY child who wants to attend church camp. Lack of funds should NOT be the reason for a child not attending camp.** Resources are available so please talk to Pastor Mark, Donna Nace or call the church office. Contact Lisa Garrett if you have any questions: lrgacd@yahoo.com or 717-490-1927.



Notes of **THANKS**

Through our extended medical issues, our Holy Trinity family has provided unending support and prayers, and for this we are very grateful. We never felt that we were walking alone as we have battled the medical issues. In addition to the visits by Donna and Pastor Mark, the numerous cards and phone calls have lifted us. The youth group in particular is thanked for providing us with handmade cards and for sending well wishes. The flowers delivered to our home after the services have brightened our home.

We believe we are on the upswing, and we owe this to a large degree on the Holy Trinity prayers and support. We are thankful for each member of our church family and the togetherness that we felt as we have gone through the tough days.

With special thanks, Carl and Sue Rentschler

Dear friends at Holy Trinity,
Thank you so much for your generous gift to support our work at Water Street Mission! We're so grateful for your partnership through prayer, volunteering, and financial support. We couldn't do this work without church partners like you. Thank you!

Grace & Peace, Tim Diehl

March Stewardship Special: Lutheran Disaster Response

Lutheran Disaster Response shares God's hope, healing and renewal with people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need.

- **Middle East Crisis**
- **Hurricane Response**
- **U.S. Flooding**
- **Horn of Africa Drought**
- **U.S. Tornadoes**
- **Eastern Europe Crisis Response**
- **U.S. Wildfires**
- **U.S. Severe Storms**

- **South Sudan Relief**
- **Middle East and Europe Refugee Crisis**
- **AMMPARO: Protecting Migrant Minors**

How We Work

We are a church that is a catalyst, convener and bridge builder. Lutheran Disaster Response collaborates with other disaster response organizations and religious entities in the United States and around the world. This enables the greatest stewardship of resources and maximum impact of response. We are a welcome partner because we respect the perspectives and strengths of others.

We recognize that every disaster is local. Because of this, we believe every response needs to be rooted in the community; we work to accompany that community from immediate relief through long-term recovery. In our international work we partner closely with companion churches and other Lutheran and ecumenical relief agencies to make sure local needs are being addressed and met. In the United States, we work through our extensive affiliate network and other partners to address these same concerns.

Lutheran Disaster Response strives to help the church continue to be church in the midst of disaster — following Christ's call to share hope and healing with our neighbor in need. Some key areas of work include:

- Providing emotional and spiritual care for people who have been affected by a disaster and for leaders who respond to a disaster
- Coordinating volunteers through our local affiliates
- Assisting refugees in a holistic way by meeting the varied needs of the community
- Promoting disaster risk-reduction by helping communities build their assets thereby reducing the effects of likely disasters
- Providing long-term recovery efforts by addressing the unmet needs months or even years after a disaster strikes

The Rev. Daniel Rift

Director, ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response Fund
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

March 12-18 Calendar

Sunday, March 12	
9:00am	Sunday Worship
10:00am	Adult Forum
10:00am	Coffee Hour After Worship
Monday, March 13	
10:00am	Women's Prayer Group
6:30pm	Yoga
Tuesday, March 14	
3:30pm	Trini Mini
7:00pm	Bell Choir
Wednesday, March 15	
12:00pm	Luther Lunch Ladies
6:00pm	Bell Ensemble
6:30pm	Mazon: Middle & High School
6:45pm	Senior Choir Rehearsal
7:30pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday, March 16	
3:30pm	Trini Mini
7:00pm	Yoga
7:00pm	Thursday Worship
Saturday, March 18	
7:30am	Walking Group

Saturday, March 11 - before you go to bed...set your clocks forward one hour.



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



March 12th Servers

Council: Bill Spitzer, Norm Wangman

Assisting Minister: John Weiss

Lector: Lisa Garrett

Acolyte: Natalie Mull

Ushers: Phyllis Peters, Tom & Kitty Dickersheid

Altar Guild: Michelle Cable, Denise Shirker

Linens: Patricia Fassnacht

Deliver Flowers: Dan Doremus

Office Hours: March 13-17

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 - Noon	OFF

Luncheon Watch Party:

"The Best of Times in Ephrata"

Sunday, March 12 after Adult Forum

Please join us for Lunch and a showing of "The Best of Times" ' Movie in the 1940s of Ephrata after Adult Forum on March 12th at 11:15 We have a signup sheet on the table in the Gathering Area if you would like to contribute to our lunch. We will have conversations about who and what is in the Movie. So if you are interested in the History of Ephrata please join us for this afternoon of Fellowship! *Ann Brossman is one of the Narrators. *Our own Pastor Smith is shown in Movie *Special Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Nissley for supplying the movie.



Essence of Joy Choir Concert

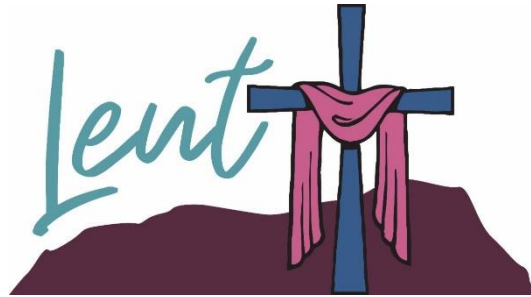
Holy Trinity Lutheran church cordially invites you to a free community concert performed by *Essence of Joy Choir* from Penn State University on Sunday, March 26, 2023 at 4:00 PM. This concert is sponsored through a grant from the Anne Brossman Sweigart Charitable Foundation.



Easter Egg Hunt

Please donate individually wrapped candy for our egg hunt. Candy may be placed in the basket on the piano in the gathering area.

**God on Tap – Tuesday
March 28 Gather at
Nonna Rosa
Restaurant, in Akron -
Dinner begins at 6:00
pm / Conversation
begins at 7:00 pm.
Dinner Reservations
appreciated on or
before Sunday March
26. Call Berstrasse
Lutheran Church
Office. 717-733-7808**



LENT

*Devotional booklets for Lent
are on the piano in the
gathering area.*

*Remember that Evening
Prayer is held each
Wednesday at 7:30PM
during Lent.*

VBS Planning Meeting
March 19 at 11:15am in the gathering
area for any who has inputs for how
we can optimize our program

Help Earthquake Victims

in Turkey and Syria

If the Spirit is moving you to respond to the devastating earthquake in Turkey and Syria, please follow this link to the [Lutheran World Relief \(LWR\) Website](#). There are simple instructions on how to give. Obviously, we want to hold those affected by this terrible event in our prayers as well as the relief efforts being carried out by LWR and its faithful volunteers and staff.

THE ADULT (all adults are welcome) LUNCH BUNCH

Will be going to The Evergreen Diner after the 9:00AM liturgy on **March 19**. We'll meet downstairs after the liturgy. All are welcome. For reservations, please call Cheryl Plummer by **March 11** at 625-3187. Plan to join us!

What Time Is It?

.....Tea Time!

Well, almost time_____

If anyone is interested in helping with another, "Not So High Tea," in May, please tell Kathy Kuhns by phone, in person, or online. Ph. 610-301-8001 and e-mail, tibby2002@hotmail.com.

Luther Lunch Ladies

Will be going to Oregon Dairy on **March 15 at 12pm**. All are welcome.

For reservations, please contact Elaine Sernoffsky 717-475-5472 or Marti Nissley 717-940-0637!

EASTER FLOWERS 2023

It is time once again to think about Easter flowers as we prepare to celebrate the Lord's resurrection, April 9, 2023.

Flowers may be presented to the glory of God and "In memory of..." or "In honor of..."

Orders may be brought into or mailed to the church office. All mail orders must be received no later than Monday, March 20, and must be accompanied by payment. Make Checks payable to Holy Trinity.

The cost of each plant is as follows:

Tulip - \$6 -6.5" pot Daffodils - \$10.60- 8" pot
Lilies - \$8 - 5-6 blooms Mums - \$7 - 6" pot
Hyacinths - \$6.25 -3 bulbs 6.5" pot
(Sorry, no color choice)

Persons ordering flowers are responsible for picking them up following the Easter Day Liturgy.

NAME _____

PHONE _____

How many _____ Lily \$8.00

How many _____ Daffodils \$10.60

How many _____ Tulips \$6.00

How many _____ Mums \$7.00

How many _____ Hyacinths \$6.25

To the glory of God and:

IN MEMORY OF or IN HONOR OF _____

AMOUNT PAID \$ _____

***“Pinky fingers
up, Ladies!!***

The Property Committee would like to inform the congregation that the cleaning agency hired to clean the church is being terminated at the end of this month due to unsatisfactory performance.

Crews are being assembled to perform the cleaning tasks and we are in need of members to help until the Property Committee can find an individual or replacement agency to perform these tasks. The commitment is two (2) hours every three (3) weeks working in a crew of four (4) to six (6) people. Cleaning time will be adjusted to accommodate the crew members' availability. There is a signup sheet in the Gathering Area. If you have questions, please speak to Candy Snyder.



Wittle Farm Open House

You are invited to visit The Wittle Farm on March 19th 2:00-4:30pm. Take a tour of the Growing Project with members of the staff and see what the farm is all about. A ministry partnership between the Lutheran Camping Corporation, the [Lower Susquehanna Synod](#), and [Hunger-Free Lancaster County](#), the Growing Project reclaims a portion of the acreage gifted to the Lutheran Camping Corporation for its original use, farming. The crops harvested are donated to assist individuals and families in need through the partnership with Hunger-Free Lancaster County.

Register here: <https://www.lutherancamping.org/event/wfgp-open-house-0323/>
or call (717) 677-8211.

Location: 1753 Mill Road, Elizabethtown

Thanks for reading! Have a great week ahead!

