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# Trinity Messenger

March 2024 Issue 1

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*We proclaim Christ crucified, the power of God and the wisdom of God. 1 Corinthians 1:23, 24*

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## **Stewardship Special Giving for March 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](#)
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- [U.S. Tornadoes](#)
- [Eastern Europe Crisis Response](#)
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- [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

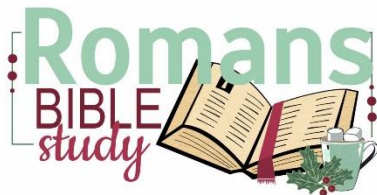
The Rev. Daniel Rift

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

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**Social Ministry is collecting hygiene and laundry products for EASS. The includes shampoo, conditioner, bodywash, deodorant, baby powder, laundry soap, and fabric softener. Place items in the designated box in the Gathering Area.**

#### Donate Hygiene Items



### **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.

## Happy Birthday

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

### March Birthdays

3 Lyn Weiss  
5 Donald Nissley  
10 Winnie Gerlach  
12 Gary Nace  
23 Kitty Dickersheid  
24 Barry Kreider

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



**If you are interested in volunteering for The (Compassion) Project in July, please contact Rob Gilbert.**



THE ADULT (all adults are welcome) LUNCH BUNCH will be going to Caruso's Restaurant after the liturgy on March 10. We'll meet downstairs immediately after the liturgy. All are welcome. Plan to join us!

### Easter Egg Hunt- Saturday, March 30 at 10AM

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



Easter Egg Hunt



# EASTER FLOWERS 2024 EASTER IS EARLY THIS YEAR!

It is time once again to think about Easter flowers as we prepare to celebrate the Lord's resurrection, March 31, 2024

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 4**, and must be accompanied by payment. Make Checks payable to Holy Trinity. Additional forms are available in the Gathering Area.

The cost of each plant is as follows:

Tulip - \$6.25 - 6.5" pot Daffodils - \$10.80- 8" pot

Lilies - \$8.30 - 5-6 blooms Mums - \$7 - 6" pot

Hyacinths - \$6.40 - 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 \$8.30  
How many \_\_\_\_\_ Daffodils \$10.80  
How many \_\_\_\_\_ Tulips \$6.25  
How many \_\_\_\_\_ Mums \$7.00  
How many \_\_\_\_\_ Hyacinths \$6.40

To the glory of God and:  
IN MEMORY OF or IN HONOR OF \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT PAID \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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### Pickleball update

Pickleball Court is available every Tuesday from 8:00 to 10:00 AM. Anyone who is experienced or a beginner is welcome. See Ron Kerschner if you have any questions.



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

BELL CHOIR Rehearsals are Tuesdays at 7:00 pm.

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## Why Camp? A place for families

“My family absolutely LOVES Family Camp at Nawakwa. We love it so much that we start a countdown for the next year as soon as our week at camp is over. Seriously, we are that excited!” ~ Amy Koch

“Every year, the first dates we put on our new calendar are Family Camp at Kirchenwald. We’ve been going since our first child was a baby, and our children have never known a summer where we weren’t at Family Camp.” ~ Pastor Alex Martini

People often talk about Family Camp as though it’s just another vacation option, like going to the beach or Walt Disney World or the Grand Canyon, but Family Camp is so much more than that. Pastor Martini says, “We have made new friends we see year after year.

Our faith is strengthened in worship, Bible study, and conversations with the staff and other campers. Our children have learned to love camp and God’s creation in new and profound ways.”

Koch says her favorite thing about Family Camp is the people. “Our first year, we met a family from another congregation, and we have grown extremely close. We get together throughout the year, and I love that our friendship has a foundation built on faith.”

Maybe it’s time to rethink the value of Family Camp. It might be just what your family needs to reconnect with each other and with God’s family.

**Register Now for Summer Camp at  
LutheranCamping.org**

The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania  
Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, & The Wittel Farm LutheranCamping.org

## Strengthening the Church, One Camper at a Time

Recent studies have shown that individuals who experience church camping as children and youth are more likely to stay involved in faith communities as adults.

### Why?

- Church camp experience offers opportunities to live a faithful life in a non-threatening environment.
- Campers practice living as Jesus intends us to live in a community of people striving to do the same.
- Campers have opportunities to practice times of quiet, individual devotion, as well as active, participatory worship.
- Campers are given a safe space to discuss faith topics with peers and mentors.
- Campers are given opportunities for worship leadership and participation.

• Campers learn how to be faithful Christian disciples, eager to proclaim the Gospel and serve others.

All of this faith formation takes place within the setting of an outdoor community that seeks to build character, foster independence, encourage good relationships, and teach life skills...benefits that campers will carry for the rest of their lives. Congregations, in turn, will grow and flourish with members who are eager to lead and serve.

Since 1929, the Lutheran Camping Corporation has provided a Christ-centered ministry for people in all stages of life. LCC is in partnership and cooperation with congregations of the Lower Susquehanna Synod for the proclamation of the Gospel.

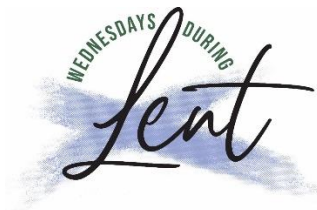
The camps of LCC provide unique and effective settings and experiences where the Gospel is shared, and faith is nurtured in the lives of children, adults and families. LCC’s programs serve as an extension of congregational ministry, and participants of all ages return to their homes and families renewed and strengthened for Christian living.

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**March 3-10 Calendar**

<b>Sunday, March 3</b>	
9:00am	Worship
10:00am	Coffee Hour After Worship
10:15am	SCS
<b>Monday, March 4</b>	
10:00am	Women's Prayer Group
6:30pm	Yoga
7:00pm	Evangelism
<b>Tuesday, March 5</b>	
8:00am	Pickleball
11:00am	Bible Study
3:30pm	Trini Mini
7:00pm	Bell Choir
7:00pm	Fellowship Committee Meeting
<b>Wednesday, March 6</b>	
6:30pm	Senior Choir
7:30pm	Evening Prayer
<b>Thursday, March 7</b>	
3:30pm	Trini Mini
7:00pm	Property Committee
7:00pm	Yoga
7:00pm	Thursday Worship
<b>Saturday, March 9</b>	
Daylight Savings time begins overnight	
7:30am	Walking Group



## Wednesdays during Lent

### Evening Prayer:

Wednesday: February 21, February 28, March 6, March 13, March 20, March 27.

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

### March 3rd Servers:

**Council Team:** Norm Wangman, Kevin Gingrich

**Assisting Minister:** John Weiss

**Lector:** Lori Spitzer

**Acolytes:** Natalie Mull

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

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

**Linens:** Patricia Fassnacht

**Flowers:** Jo Hurst



## Office Hours March 4-8, 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**

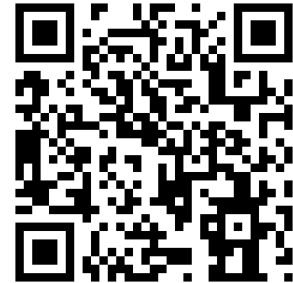
Office email: [officeholytrinity@ephratalutheran.org](mailto:officeholytrinity@ephratalutheran.org)

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

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### **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!*

