



HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Trinity Messenger

March 2024 Issue 3

*Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains a single grain;
but if it dies, it bears much fruit. John 12:24*



Palm/Passion Sunday

March 24, 2024 at 9:00 AM

Blessing of the Palms

Sunday School at 10:15 AM

Reading of the Passion according to Mark

The Sacred TriduUm:

Maundy Thursday

March 28, 2024- Service at 7:00 PM

Individual Absolution, Foot Washing

Holy Communion, Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday

Traditional Liturgy

March 29, 2024

Service at 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday

March 30, 2024

Egg Hunt 10AM

Easter Vigil Liturgy at 7:00 PM

Holy Communion

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

Festival Liturgy with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM

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**
- **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

Three Score and Ten Banquet-

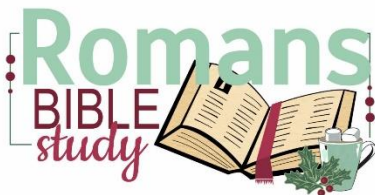
This year's Three Score and Ten Banquet will be on Sunday April 7th at noon. Invitations have been mailed out. A signup sheet for servers, delimiters, and cleanup crews is in the Gathering Area. A response is required no later than Friday, March 22nd.



Donate Hygiene Items



Social Ministry is collecting hygiene and laundry products for EASS. This includes shampoo, conditioner, bodywash, deodorant, baby powder, laundry soap, and fabric softener. Place items in the designated box 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 a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area for those who are interested in participating.

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!

Looking forward to another dinner with friends? Then come join us for a Pot o' Gold Pot luck dinner 🍲 on March 15...6:00 Friday. Sign up in the gathering area...please bring something to share.....chips, casserole...cookies. Salad. Whatever. We will provide ice cream 🍦 Let's see what happens....still a good time to chat with friends and family.
Fellowship committee 🌸 🌸

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

Please invite your grandchildren or neighbor children. Each child should bring a container.



Easter Egg Hunt

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.



*Wednesday, March 27 - 6:45 PM - Celebration Choir "Christ is Alive!" rehearsal in the sanctuary

*Sunday, March 31 - Easter - sing "Christ Is Alive!" - meet at 8:20 AM in the sanctuary to rehearse before the service

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

*The Senior Choir will be rehearsing the Easter anthem "Christ is Alive!" every Wednesday from 7:10-7:20 PM. If you attend Lenten Services, come a little bit early and join us each week!

BELL CHOIR Rehearsals are Tuesdays at 7:00 pm.

March 17-23 Calendar

Sunday, March 17	
9:00am	Worship
10:00am	Coffee Hour After Worship
10:15am	SCS
Monday, March 18	
10:00am	Women's Prayer Group
6:30pm	Yoga
Tuesday, March 19	
8:00am	Pickleball
11:00am	Bible Study
3:30pm	Trini Mini
7:00pm	Bell Choir
Wednesday, March 20	
12:00pm	Luther Lunch Ladies
6:30pm	Senior Choir
7:30pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday, March 21	
3:30pm	Trini Mini
6:00pm	Community Meal
7:00pm	Yoga
7:00pm	Thursday Worship
Saturday, March 23	
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 17th Servers:

Council Team: John Fuehrer, Kathrin Baltz
Assisting Minister: Ed Quirke
Lector: Ed Quirke
Acolytes: Natalie Mull
Ushers: Curtis & Christy Boos, Bill & Lori Spitzer
Altar Guild: Barb & Steve Sweigart, Andy Sweigart
Linens: Patrice Mull
Flowers: Dan Doremus



Office Hours March 18-22, 2024

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

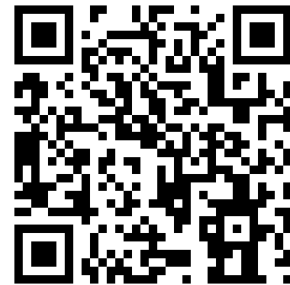
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Day	Sue	Pastor
Monday	8:00 AM- 4:00 PM	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Tuesday	8:00 -12:00 noon	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM- 4:00 PM	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Thursday	OFF	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Friday	8:00AM -12:00 noon	OFF

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!

