



HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Trinity Messenger

March 2024 Issue 4

Christ humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name.

Phil. 2:8-9



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

Congregational Gatherings in April

There will be two important gatherings in April to discuss the future of Holy Trinity.

Sunday, April 14, there will be a forum following the morning worship service. The Congregation Council plans to present several options (with details and implications for each) for discussion. The discussion will help the Council reduce the options for a final congregational vote.

Sunday, April 28, will be the annual Spring Congregational Meeting following the morning worship service. As part of the meeting, the Congregation Council plans to conduct a vote to set definitively the direction for the congregation.

The Council hopes to have both meetings in the Sanctuary, so that they can be livestreamed. While the meetings will be available for viewing while they occur, there will not be a way for viewers to participate. Also, the livestream will probably **not** be available for later viewing.

March Congregation Council Report

At the March 14 Congregation Council meeting:

- The Council learned that another congregation is interested in leasing worship, Christian education, and activity space from Holy Trinity. A task force was appointed to negotiate with this congregation to determine if Holy Trinity can accommodate their needs and at a monthly lease rate that is satisfactory to both. Bill Spitzer was appointed chair of the task force. He will provide information to the Council and congregation as the negotiations proceed. It is planned that an update will be available for the April 14 congregational forum.
- The Fellowship Committee reported the annual church picnic will be held Sunday, June 16, at the **Ephrata Township Park** pavilion on East Fulton Street. The picnic will be “pot luck”.
- The Council discussed further the options available to the congregation going forward and how to present those options at the April 14 congregational forum.

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



Notes of THANKS

Thank you for your recent gift of \$778.44. Your gift enables thousands of campers of all ages to experience the good news each year. Thank you so much for your generosity. one of the enduring truths was summed up by one of our campers last summer. *"At camp, we learn about the love of Jesus and how to share it with others"*. We look forward to having you join us sometime at Kirchenwald, Nawakawa and/or The Wittle Farm. Again, thank you for partnering with us in this ministry through your contribution.

Yours in Christ, Michael Youse, Executive Director.

A big thank you to all who attended our Potluck dinner ...

34 attended 😊🌸🌸 It turned out to be another great night of fellowship and fun, and so much food!! We look forward to another potluck dinner on April 19th at 6:00 in the fellowship hall.

Here are some more dates to save: May 19th, our third Not- so -High Tea,☐

June 16th: church picnic at Ephrata Township Park .

Please come and enjoy good fellowship with all.

Fellowship Committee

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.



3 Score 10
Banquet

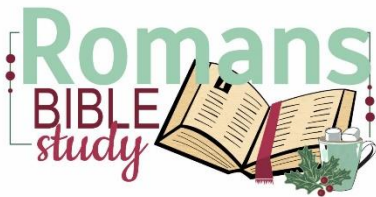
Donate Hygiene Items



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.

Trini Mini closed during Holy Week, Tuesday and Thursday, March 26 & 28.

Trini Mini will finish the Winter Session this Thursday, the 21st of March. We gained new kids in the last few months and grew to 16 kids. We are now averaging about 11 kids as Spring sports beckon to our kids. Spring Trini Mini starts April 2. Our last session for this school year ends on May 21st with a pizza party for kids and their families. Summer camp will be August 19-23, Monday to Friday morning from 9:30 until noon. Blessings



New Bible Exploration

For those participating in the Bible study of Romans, remember there will not be class on Tuesday, March 26 (Holy Week) or Tuesday, April 2. We will resume the study on Tuesday, April 9 at 11:00 AM.

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.

Phyllis Peters is moving

Phyllis Peters will be moving to Texas to live permanently with her family on March 30. If you would like to send her a card or other correspondence to wish her well her present address is **Calvary Homes, 502 Elizabeth Dr., Lancaster, PA 17601**. or give her a call: **717-824-8303**.

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 after the liturgy on April. We'll meet downstairs immediately after the liturgy. All are welcome. Plan to join us!

**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.



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**

March 24- 31 Calendar

Sunday, March 24	
Palm Sunday	
9:00am	Worship
10:00am	Coffee Hour After Worship
10:15am	SCS
Monday, March 25	
10:00am	Women’s Prayer Group
6:30pm	Yoga
Tuesday, March 26	
8:00am	Pickleball
9:00am	Coffee Klatch
6:00pm	God on Tap
7:00pm	Bell Choir
Wednesday, March 27	
6:30pm	Senior Choir
6:45pm	Celebration Choir prac.
7:00pm	Historical Society
7:30pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday, March 28	
Maundy Thursday	
7:00pm	Yoga
7:00pm	Thursday Worship
Friday, March 29	
Good Friday	
7:00pm	Worship
Saturday, March 30	
Easter Vigil	
7:30am	Walking Group
10:00am	Egg Hunt
7:00pm	Worship
Sunday, March 31	
Easter Sunday	
8:20am	Celebration choir prac.
9:00am	Worship
10:00am	Coffee Hour After Worship
10:15am	SCS



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 24th Servers:

Council Team: Christy Boos, Lisa Garrett

Assisting Minister: John Fuehrer

Lector: Gary Nace

Acolytes: Natalie Mull, Clarice Doughty, Anya Gilbert

Ushers: Tom & Kitty Dickersheid

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

Linens: Lori Spitzer

Flowers: Winnie Gerlach



Office Hours March 25-29, 2024 (Church office closed April 1)

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 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	OFF-office closed	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!