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| **Trinity Messenger**November 2023 Issue 3 |

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| *Alleluia. Keep awake and be ready, for you do not know on**﻿what day your Lord is coming. Alleluia.*Matt. 24:42, 44 |

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| **Stewardship Special Giving for November:** **VETERANS**    The Veteran Center located in the Greenfield Industrial Park in Lancaster began its programs for Veterans in 1979. The primary mission of the center is to provide quality readjustment service for veterans and their families to civilian life.   Since the month of November includes Veteran’s Day, the Stewardship Committee decided to honor Veterans this month.    The center serves all veterans, those who have completed their service but also active-duty veterans. The team that staffs this center has a goal of providing whatever a veteran may need in their lives, including connecting them with services either with the VA or in our community. The help provided is geared to help the veteran readjust to their current situation. Some of the situations can be Post Traumatic Stress, Sexual Trauma, Bereavement, Drug and Alcohol, referral for VA benefits, referral for homeless veterans, or any other barrier to the veteran getting care. Some of these cannot be completed with government funds so donations are very welcome. |

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| **2nd Sunday Social****Intention**: Provide a place for Holy trinity and friends to meet and share fellowship. This is an opportunity for casual conversation. Table games are possible, as well as Corn Hole and Shuffleboard. But you do not have to participate to participate!. You being there, changes all of us for the better, whether you play or not.**When**: 2nd Sundays, *November 12, 2023*: Drop in between 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM**Where**: Fellowship Hall. By: Fellowship Committee. **Munchies:**Provided.**Upcoming Dates: December 10, January 14** |

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| **Leaf Cleanup this Saturday, November 11 at 8AM.****﻿If you can help, bring a rake.** |

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| **Thanksgiving Day Baskets**Thanksgiving is around the corner and once again the Social Ministry Committee will be collecting food items to make Thanksgiving Day Baskets. We were given the names of 20 area families in need from Ephrata Area Social Services. We need your help! Using your donations, we will provide these families with a Thanksgiving Dinner. Please bring in food items according to your last name.A-D: canned peas or cornE-H: canned sweet potatoesI-L: seasoned stuffingM-P: instant potatoesQ-S: jello snack packs (premade jello in containers) or package cookies or applesauceT-Z: apple juice or orange drinkWe are also accepting donations of 10-14 lb turkeys. Contact the church office or Rob Gilbert if you can donate a turkey no later than **November 5th**. Monetary donations to purchase items will be greatly appreciated. Donations can be dropped off at the church and placed in the basket in the Gathering Area.We have done this with Ephrata Area Social Services for several years and they need our help more than ever. Please let us not disappoint those in need. If you have any questions, please call Rob Gilbert at 721-3822.**Two Important Congregational Meetings**There will be an informational forum about the proposed 2024 Ministry Spending Plan (Budget) and our deficit financial situation Sunday, **November 19,** in the social hall following the worship service. Not only will current and projected financial information be shared at the meeting, but questions will be answered and ideas solicited.The annual congregational meeting will be held Sunday, **December 3,**in the sanctuary following the worship service. At this meeting the 2024 Ministry Spending Plan will be presented for adoption.Members are strongly encouraged to attend both meetings because of the financial implications. |

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| **Bible Study: *The Revelation to John***   You are invited to join Pastor Mark on Tuesday mornings, from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM, beginning November 7 for a study of the book of *Revelation* (*The Revelation to John*). The group will meet in the conference room next to the office. The class will run for six consecutive weeks. **The class will not be meeting on November 21**. You are invited to bring your own Bible to take notes if you wish (yes, writing in your Bible is okay); however, Bibles will be available. You are also invited to bring lunch with you in case you want to hang out afterward for more discussion on any topic or to enjoy fellowship time.   |

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**Pickleball News**Holy Trinity now has Pickleball equipment, and a court set up in the multi-purpose room. Anyone who is interested in learning how to play pickleball or who already is a pickleball player may use the court. There are two signup sheets on the table in the gathering area. One for beginners and one for those who already know how to play and want to sign up for times and dates. We need to know this info so we can coordinate the use of the area with other events that might be happening. See Ron Kerschner if you have any questions. |

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| THE ADULT (all adults are welcome) LUNCH BUNCH Will be going to Oregon Dairy after the liturgy on November 12. We’ll meet downstairs after the liturgy. All are welcome. For reservations, please call Cheryl Plummer by November 11 at 625- 3187. Plan to join us! |

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| Dear Friends, On behalf of Excentia Human Services, I would like to personally thank you for supporting Excentia Human Services! Your donation of $635.61 in support of our Ephrata preschools will make a true impact in the everyday lives of children with autism and developmental needs. Thanks to donations like this one, we have been able to implement many exciting changes to further our services. With these innovative services we continue to make great strides within the community and for those we support, thanks to the generosity of our wonderful donors, Again, thank you for your contribution and commitment to Excentia Human Services. Warm regards, Mary Godin, Director of Development and Marketing. |

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| **Celebration Choir Schedule for November**Wednesday, November 15**–**Celebration Choir rehearsal at 7:15 PM in the church sanctuaryWednesday, November 22 – Thanksgiving Eve Service – 7:00 PM                         Celebration Choir will sing “We Gather Together” at this service.﻿**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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| **Luther Acres Holiday Bazaar and Pancake Breakfast****Saturday, November 18th at Luther Acres Towne Center 250 St. Luke Drive, Lititz****Holiday Bazaar 8AM- 2PM Pancake Breakfast 8-10AM****If you are interested in more info, pick up a flyer on the table in Gathering Area.** |

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| **November 12-18 Calendar** |

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| [**View This Month's Interactive Calendar Here**](https://holytrinityephrata.org/events/calendar.html) |

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| **November 12th Servers****Council:**Lisa Garrett, Norm Wangman**Assisting Minister:**John Fuehrer**Lector:**Norm Wangman**Acolyte:**CH: Anya Gilbert**Ushers:**Ron & Carlene Kerschner,David Kerschner, Rob Gilbert**Altar Guild:**Brenda Wangman,Heather Zimmerman, Lisa Garrett**Linen:**Patrice Mull**Deliver Flower:**Jo Hurst |

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| **Office Hours: November 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** |

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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** | 8:00AM -12:00 noon | OFF |

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| **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. |

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| ***Thanks for reading! Have a great week ahead!*** |

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