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All who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.
Luke 18:14

October Council Update

October Council Report

- Ed Quirke was elected & installed as a council member to complete the term of Lori Brusk.
- Approval given to paint the entire worship area.
- A policy was adopted on the procedure to expend Homes of Hope house funds and that a balance of \$25,000 will be maintained for repairs.
- A congregational forum and an information session about the proposed 2023 budget will be held during the Adult Forum November 27, the week prior to the annual congregational meeting set for December 4.
- Holy Trinity will host the Community Meals during March and September, 2023. Holy Trinity will provide the meal March 2.
- Remote Communication for Congregational Meetings
 - At our congregational meeting on December 4, we will be voting to include in the constitution of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church section C10.08. (see below) from the Model Constitution for Congregations of the ELCA, to which we adhere. This section had been left out of our present version of the constitution, and as you might imagine with the change in the use of technology that we have seen during the past three years, which has allowed persons to access meetings and other events remotely, this inclusion is a necessity, so all might have the opportunity to participate. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.
 - C10.08. This congregation may hold meetings by remote communication, including electronically and by telephone conference, as long as there is an opportunity for simultaneous

aural communication or its equivalent. To the extent permitted by state law, notice of all meetings may be provided electronically.

Financial Update Through September 30 (75% of the year):

- Unified Budget Expenses....\$259,596.64 (64% of budget)
- Unified Budget Income.....\$213,118.13 (72% of budget)
- Deficit YTD.....\$ 46,478.51

This Week At Holy Trinity: Oct 23 - Oct 29

Sunday, October 23	
9:00am	Sunday Worship
10:00am	Adult Forum
10:00am	Coffee Hour After Worship
Monday, October 24	
10:00am	Women's Prayer Group
6:30pm	Yoga
Tuesday, October 25	
9:00am	Coffee Klatch
3:30pm	Trini Mini
6:00pm	God on Tap
7:00pm	Bell Choir
Wednesday, October 26	
6:00pm	Bell Ensemble
6:30pm	Mazon: Middle & High School
6:45pm	Senior Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, October 27	
3:30pm	Trini Mini
7:00pm	Yoga
7:00pm	Thursday Worship
Saturday, October 29	
7:30am	Walking Group

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

Office Hours: Oct. 24-28

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

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

Is the Glass Half Empty? or Is it Half Full?

Here's a question for you all.

"Is Your Glass Half Empty, or Half Full?" Who fills your glass? As one looks at the glass, I realize how deciding whether it is half full or half empty depends on a person's perspective. As it relates to a basis for the believer in Jesus, do we see the positive possibilities? Is a half full glass enough in God's Kingdom?

God blesses and increases the generosity of the giver. When we consider what a blessing it is to give or receive that which is needed, whether it be time, gift or God's peace, we feel the love of Christ. Giving support to provide the many ministries of Holy Trinity is a blessing for givers, as well as the receivers of this support.

Darryll and I have been married for 53 years. As Darryll often says, "38 of the best years of my life!" In that 53 years together we have been trying to follow our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ's teachings. At the beginning of our church experience, for example, we were saddened by suggested giving guidelines, in relation to our own financial circumstances. Our perception was the glass was more than half way empty, especially, looking at a tithe, which we understood then, as 10%. The fact that we were in our twenties, and hadn't given any thought to what we would contribute, led us to evaluate what was important to us.

We started where we were with what we could muster from our meager budget. We knew we wanted to give more to support our belief that Jesus has directed us to love our neighbor by spreading the Good News and responding to those in need. We intended to always give more from year to year, no matter how little, to what was called the Pledge Campaign at church. One year, we were pleased to realize, that our loan on a used car was paid off. We could afford to apply the monthly payment to our continually growing pledge that year. Our glass looked a little fuller. We still had a long way to go. Each year after that we continued to add from our abundance to our own, "Give to God Campaign."

As we look back at our lives, we realize that in the Kingdom of Jesus, there are many ways to give and receive blessings. As we matured at the churches during our marriage, we became aware of the example set by our parents. My father, a Lutheran minister, was always visiting his congregation under varying conditions. One parishioner in particular,

Miss Martha, loved his visits. Dad would visit her amidst the clutter, dust and disarray of the tiny house, all the while keeping his feet moving to keep the rats from crawling up his legs. My Mom often went along with him. She would tend to Miss Martha' hair and grooming needs. Both our parents were very generous in many ways. Darryll's dad was a music teacher who brought his musical skills to church in wonderful ways. Although the Kuhns' lived 5 blocks from the railroad tracks, Hobos who rode the trains occasionally ended up sitting outside their house to receive a meal from Darryll's mom. Generosity takes many forms. In Proverbs 18:16, "A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed."

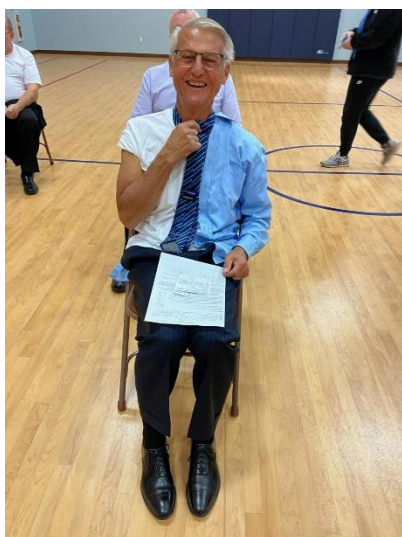
When we consider what our contributions can accomplish, we should also think beyond current needs to what future ministries at Holy Trinity are possible. "Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act," from Corinthians, 9:8. What we contribute is not dependent upon the church budget, or the tithe, but rather, on the Blessing of Abundance God has given to us all.

May we all continue to grow in faith.

Amen.

Kathy Kuhns

More Info For You



John Weiss is ready for his shot from pharmacist Tom Smith at the church's October 16 COVID booster and flu shot clinic. Thank you to Tom and Beth Smith for providing this clinic.



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 sweet potatoes

E-H: seasoned stuffing

I-L: instant potatoes

M-P: jello snack packs (premade jello in containers) or package cookies or applesauce

Facebook/Instagram Help

Do you use Facebook or Instagram? Would you be willing to assist in creating content for our Church's social

media? Please contact Natale Benigno if you are able to help.

REMINDER

In the midst of all our Holy Trinity activities, don't forget to snap a picture of your group for us to share in the newsletter. You can send your picture to the office to be included.

Adult Lunch Bunch

The Adult Lunch Bunch will be going to the Country Kitchen for dinner on Sunday, November 13. anyone who would like to join us are welcome. Reservations can be made by calling Cheryl Plummer at 717-625-3187.

Q-S: apple juice or orange drink
T-Z: canned peas or corn

We are also accepting donations of 10-14 lb turkeys. Contact the church office or Rob Gilbert if you are able to donate a turkey no later than **November 6th**. 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 a number of 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.

Fellowship Opportunities

Coffee Klatch October 25; 9:00-11:00

- Please join us for Coffee & Fellowship

Game Day November 2; 2:00 - 4:00

- Please join us for Some healthy competition and Fellowship too!

Congregation Brunch November 6

- Fellowship will provide brunch for the congregation after the Worship Service

Game Day & Cookie Exchange December 4; 2:00 - 4:00

- Cookies & Games will also be for the whole family
- Please bring your favorite 24 (2 Dozen) Cookies to exchange with others. Also include 24 recipe Cards of your Cookies Recipe.
- We will have Snacks / Hot Chocolate / Coffee / Cookies * Sugar Cookies to Decorate
- *Plenty of games to play * We will be playing Christmas music to help get you in the mood



Looking for more information not included in this week's newsletter?
Be sure to checkout our website!

Thanks for reading! Have a great week ahead!

