



Trinity Messenger
September 2024 Issue 1

Alleluia. God gave us birth by the word of truth so that we would become a kind of first fruits of creation. Alleluia. James 1:18

**Stewardship Special Giving for September:
Konde Diocese - Our Partner in Ministry**

You may or may not know that each of the sixty-five synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has been linked with a Lutheran companion synod or church body outside the United States with which to partner in ministry and provide each other support through prayer and opportunities to engage with each other. We in the Lower Susquehanna Synod have been blessed with the companionship of the Konde Diocese, part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT). The Konde Diocese at present boasts a membership of over 125,000 members in seven church districts. Within these seven districts, more than 100 congregations are served by 160 pastors and 200 evangelists serving God's people and spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ, which they have been faithfully doing since 1977.

The operative word in beginning to understand the nature of this ministry partnership and its benefits is "companion." Each of our synods/dioceses and the congregations that make up these bodies are called to serve our neighbor and share the life-giving gospel of Jesus Christ. Doing so, whether one is part of a congregation in Ephrata, Pennsylvania, or a congregation in a village in the Konde Diocese, we can offer encouragement for each other's challenges and celebrate the joys. Through this relationship, the work we have been called to do becomes easier and more meaningful because we know there are siblings in Christ offering mutual support. Such a relationship also provides the opportunity to learn from each other through correspondence and sharing ideas. This is especially relevant as we in this nation struggle with shrinking congregations and a waning interest in organized religion. Christian churches in Africa and other less developed parts of the world are experiencing a boom in persons embracing the Gospel and its grace-filled message.

During September, the Konde Diocese will be our stewardship focus. I encourage us to prayerfully consider how we can actively engage in a relationship with the diocese and its individual congregations—supporting their ministries as they support ours. To help us deepen our connection, we are working with our synodical liaison with the ELCT to link the Holy Trinity with a congregation in the Konde Diocese with whom we can personally have contact and grow our relationship from congregation to congregation.

Property Committee News- Currently there are 3 teams of 5 people who faithfully clean our church facility. The 3 teams are looking for additional help to do a fall cleaning involving a little extra work and help. This is an opportunity for our congregation members to volunteer 3-4 hours of your time to accomplish this one time fall cleaning. Planning to schedule in October-date, time, details, signup coming in September. Please consider helping.

HOLY TRINITY HAS A NEW FACEBOOK PAGE!!

Please follow this link to the new page:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61563831542098&mibextid=LQQJ4d>

Congratulations and Best Wishes

To the members of Holy Trinity who are 70 years and older and celebrating a birthday in **September**:

13 Karen Leonhard
22 Jo Hurst
22 Robert Snader
26 Marie Gingrich
27 Gisela Woerner

Send them a birthday card or call them with a greeting. We pray God grants them many more years in their pilgrimage.



Celebration Choir Schedule

Wednesday, September 4 – 7:00 PM – Rehearsal
Sunday, September 8 – “Healer of Our Every Ill”

Wednesday, October 2 – 7:00 PM – Rehearsal
Sunday, October 6 – “As a Little Child”

Wednesday, October 23 – 7:00 PM – Rehearsal
Sunday, October 27 (Reformation) – “When in Our Music God is Glorified”

Wednesday, November 13 – 7:00 PM – Rehearsal
Sunday, November 17 – “God is So Good”

Wednesday, December 11 – 6:30 PM – Rehearsal
Sunday, December 15 – “First Song of Isaiah”

Please consider joining us and sharing your musical talents! All are welcome!!



We are offering additional Pickleball time in the evening. Beginning every Tuesday starting, September 3, the court will be open for play from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Open to any skill level.

THE ADULT (all adults are welcome) LUNCH BUNCH will be going to The Centerville Diner in Mt. Joy after the liturgy on September 8. We'll meet downstairs immediately after the liturgy. All are welcome. Plan to join us! Please call Cheryl Plummer at 625-3187 to reserve your place!



Salem Lutheran Church, Ephrata, invites you on a bus trip to "Cape May at Christmastime," on December 3, 2024. The trip includes free time to explore, shop, and lunch on your own, at the Washington Street, pedestrian only, outside mall; guided tour of the 1879, Emlen Physic Estate and Carroll Gallery at the estate; dinner at the Lobster House Restaurant; and the Holiday Lights Trolley Tour. Reservations are due by Oct 22nd. For information, call Stephanie Frymyer at 717-682-9697, or Laurel Kluck at 717-701-0266

September 1-7 Calendar

Sunday, September 1	
9:00am	Worship
10:00am	Coffee Hour After Worship
Monday, September 2	
Labor Day- church office closed	
Tuesday, September 3	
8:00am	Pickleball
6:00pm	Pickleball
7:00pm	Bell Choir
7:00pm	Fellowship Committee Meeting
Wednesday, September 4	
7:00pm	Celebration Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, September 5	
Community Meal 6PM	
7:00pm	Property Committee
7:00pm	Yoga
7:00pm	Thursday Worship
Friday, September 6	
6:30pm	Friday Night Dinners
Saturday, September 7	
7:30am	Walking Group

The fourth Tuesday morning Coffee Klatch will not be held over the summer. The next time it will meet will be in October.

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

September 1st Servers:

Council Team: John Weiss, Barry Kreider

Assisting Minister: Kathy Kuhns

Lector: Lisa Garrett

Acolytes: Anya Gilbert

Ushers: Dave Bowers, Ann & Bob Snader

Altar Guild: Brenda Wangman,
Heather Zimmerman, Lisa Garrett

Linens: Brenda Wangman

Flowers: Dan Doremus



Office Hours September 2-6, 2024

Church office will be closed on September 2 for Labor Day.

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

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Day	Sue	Pastor
Monday	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
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	12:30 PM-4:00 PM	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Friday	8:00 AM-12:00 PM	OFF

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