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## Holy Trinity Newsletter

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Psalm 117 O praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people.

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### Welcome to our 2nd Edition!

Thank you for your feedback and questions about our newsletter! We will continue to incorporate any feedback you have. Please reach out to Natale with any questions, comments or concerns. Don't forget to submit your ideas for the Newsletter Name! Ideas will be accepted thru **March 6th**.

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## Letter From Pastor

The season of Lent is a gift. It is a gift because it provides us with the opportunity to take stock of our lives and seriously consider how we have been living the life God has given us, life as followers of Jesus. If that is not enough, we have been given this opportunity wrapped in the grace of a God who created us, loves us despite our flaws, and will not cast us aside even if what we discover about ourselves seems unredeemable and leaves us feeling unworthy of the abundant forgiveness God freely offers each of us without exception.

Likewise, Lent is also an invitation to take seriously our faith. We are graciously invited to reorder our priorities and once again, or maybe for the first time, place our faith and our relationship with God at the top of the list rather than placing it somewhere on the list where it conveniently meets our needs or fits neatly into our schedules. In my experience, we treat our relationships with God assuming it will always be there for us whenever we have time for it or when it comes in handy. We choose to do this instead of making that relationship our most important relationship and a conscious part of our daily lives.

I encourage each of us to accept the invitation and the gift that the season of Lent and God are graciously offer. I encourage us to reclaim the faith we have each been given by God and sort out and reorder our lives in a manner that places our relationships with God at the top of the list. Push aside those other things that we have made into gods, replacing the God who loves us with things that are fleeting and in the long run cannot sustain us or give us life.

God has not forgotten us. God has not placed us further down on the list. Let us likewise make God and our relationship with God the central focus of our lives, for it is our committed involvement in that relationship that makes all things well. It is that relationship that guides us through our daily lives and sustains us when we need to feel God's love most.

May your Lenten seasons be blessed with meaningful discoveries and a renewed relationship with your God and his beloved son, our life-giving savior, Jesus Christ.

# This Week At Holy Trinity

<b>6</b> <b>Lent 1</b> <b>Eucharist</b> <b>9:00AM</b> <b>SCS 10:20AM</b>  Altar Guild Training 10:20AM	<b>7</b> Women's Prayer Group 10AM  Zoom Yoga 6:30PM  Evangelism 7PM Zoom	<b>8</b> Trini Mini 3:30- 5:30 PM  Mazon 6PM  Bellchoir 7PM  Finance 7PM  Executive 8PM	<b>9</b> Youth Bellchoir 6PM Mazon 6:30PM Sr. Choir 6:45PM  Evening Prayer 7:30PM	<b>10</b> Trini Mini 3:30- 5:30 PM  Community Meal 6PM  Zoom Yoga 7PM  <b>Worship 7PM</b>  Council 7:30PM	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  Walking group 7:30AM
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[View March's Full Calendar Here](#)

## More Info For You



### Messiah University Concert Choir

Sunday March 27, 2022  
at 4:00PM

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church of Ephrata cordially invites you to a free community concert.

This concert is sponsored through a grant from the Anne Brossman Sweigart Charitable Foundation.

For further details, please contact  
717-733-4134  
Masks will be recommended at this event.



### Salem Lutheran Preschool

1331 W. Main St., Ephrata, is now taking registrations for the Fall. Classes are available for 3 and 4 year olds. Call the church office at 717-733-6646 or email at [office@salemephrata.org](mailto:office@salemephrata.org) for a tour or more information.

### Bus Trip to Winterthur

Salem Lutheran Church, Ephrata, is hosting a bus trip to Winterthur on Thursday, May 12. The trip includes the Jacqueline Kennedy exhibit: From Winterthur to the White House, lunch at Buckley's Tavern and wine tasting at a local winery. Reservations are due April 1. Call Stephanie Frymyer at 717-733-6057



### Songs for a New World

Thursday, March 17  
at 7:30 PM

Bergstrasse is pleased to announce a new partnership with **Servant Stage** from Strasburg, PA. Servant Stage Company joyfully serves our community by providing exceptional theatrical and musical experiences. For more information visit [www.servantstage.org](http://www.servantstage.org)

With a small powerhouse cast of dynamic performers and musicians and a driving, exquisitely crafted score that runs the gamut of today's popular music, *Songs for a New World* is a moving collection of powerful songs that examine life, love and the choices that we make.



I sincerely thank you for the altar flowers. I appreciate all thoughts and prayers.  
Pam Critchfield



Dear Holy Trinity Members,  
We would like to thank you for the visits, prayers, cards and kind well wishes while Bonnie was in the hospital and rehab. Bonnie especially was grateful for eh visit of Pastor Mark and Donna Nace. We have struggles through Bonnie's health issues and moving. We now have an apartment at Moravian Manor and Bonnie is here in rehab getting stronger to be in the apartment together. We hope to see everyone in church soon.  
In Peace,  
Bob & Bonnie Eberly



Our sincere thanks to Pastor Mark and Donna Nace for all your visits, phone calls and Prayers as Ron is recuperating. Thank you to the congregation too for all your calls, texts, prayers and cards. We are so grateful to God and our Holy Trinity Church Family.  
Blessings! Ron and Carlene Kerschner

Dear Partners in Mission:

Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$2,093 to the Indiana-Kentucky Synod Disaster Fund. Your gift will help to provide relief and recovery for the people and communities affected by the natural disasters in western Kentucky, as well as other parts of the synod, now and for the long haul.

For example, St. Matthew by the Lake Lutheran Church in Benton, Kentucky - our congregation closest to the tornado tragedy in and around Mayfield, Kentucky - began very early to provide meals on Wednesday evening for both the victims of the storm and the volunteers who have come to assist them. This ministry continues while the congregation also tends to families and friends of the congregation who lost their homes. Gifts like your make it possible to sustain such ministry while also providing direct financial support for those who need it most.

Thank you for your generous partnership in the gospel!

Peace be with you,  
Rev. Dr. William O. Gafkjen, Bishop

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



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