



# HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



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## Trinity Messenger April 2025 Issue 4

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*Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe. Alleluia.*  
John 20:29

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### **Stewardship Special Giving for APRIL: North Lancaster Conference Disaster Response Team**

As you may know, several of our Holy Trinity family members have served on work teams for Luther Disaster Response (LDR) in the mainland United States and Puerto Rico. During April, we will be collecting donations for our stewardship focus to help fund the life-giving activities of this local group as they prepare to travel to Florida to assist in restoring people's lives by restoring homes that families lost during recent storms. A representative will give a Temple Talk on April 6. Please be present that day to hear from them; please consider giving generously to their efforts and those of the team of volunteers they represent.

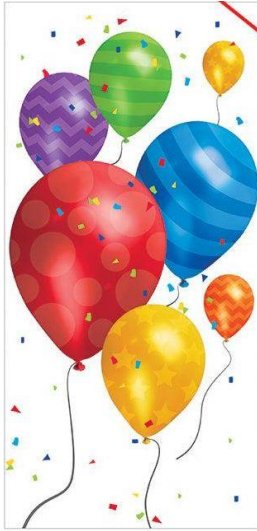
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### **Congregational Meeting**

The Spring Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, May 4, immediately following the worship service.





### **Happy Birthday**

To the members of Holy Trinity who are 70 years and older and celebrating a birthday this month.

### **May Birthdays**

6 Trudy Shaner  
9 Anna Snader  
20 Joyce Gehman  
23 Ella Shupp  
24 Roberta Maurer  
31 Brenda Wangman

*SEND THEM A BIRTHDAY CARD OR CALL THEM WITH YOUR GREETING. WE PRAY GOD GRANTS THEM MANY MORE YEARS IN THEIR PILGRIMAGE.*

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**Fellowship potluck for May will be on the 23rd.** Please sign up in Gathering area.



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For the past several years, the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church congregation has sent several children to Camp Kirchenwald by paying the cost associated with camp. The church established a camp fund to which congregation members can contribute to provide sufficient funds for children to attend camp. The balance in that fund currently stands at \$990. With the average cost for a week at Kirchenwald standing at around \$700, we have sufficient funds to send one child. This message is to remind members that contributions can be made to this fund to provide additional funds for the opportunity for more than one child from Trinity to attend camp. To contribute to the camper fund, you can write a check payable to the church and write "Camper Fund" in the memo space. Checks may be put in the offering plate, dropped off at the church office, or mailed to the church.

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The Lutheran Camping Corporation presents...

# WORK DAYS AT CAMP



**SATURDAY, APRIL 26 - NAWAKWA, 9:00 AM**

**SATURDAY, MAY 3 - KIRCHENWALD, 8:30-4**

For information or to RSVP for Kirchenwald's Work Day, contact Mark Russell at [mrussell@lutherancamping.org](mailto:mrussell@lutherancamping.org)

FOR NAWAKWA: Volunteers needed to do general housekeeping, gardening, painting, carpentry, and other tasks.

A noon meal will be provided.

So that enough food can be prepared, please RSVP by April 18 at [LutheranCamping.org](http://LutheranCamping.org) or 717-677-8211



The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania  
Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and The Wittel Farm  
PO Box 459, Arendtsville, PA 17303  
717-677-8211 • [www.LutheranCamping.org](http://www.LutheranCamping.org)



**of the hills, trees, and stars**

**LANCASTER CHAMBER SINGERS**  
CONNER NEWKAM-ULRICH, CONDUCTOR

**May 3 & 4**

**A concert of choral music**  
drawing inspiration from the landscapes that shape us, both physically and spiritually.

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**  
167 E Main Street, Ephrata, PA 17522  
Saturday, May 3, 2025 | 3PM

**St. Edward's Episcopal Church**  
2455 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601  
Sunday, May 4, 2025 | 3PM



Advance Tickets: \$10 | At the Door: \$15 | Children 18 & Under: Free  
scan the QR code or purchase tickets online at [www.lancasterchambersingers.org](http://www.lancasterchambersingers.org)



THE ADULT (all adults are welcome) LUNCH BUNCH will be going to Country Kitchen in Manheim after the liturgy on May 4. 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!

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### Indoor Giveaway

Free Yard sale is still happening. Items for your taking are downstairs in hallway and Sunday School room. Still sorting through the closet. New items weekly. Please check it out and help to recycle and repurpose these items. All items will be recycled somewhere. Your help is appreciated.

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### HANDBELLS

Calling all those with an interest in ringing handbells for Easter. A reminder of our upcoming handbell rehearsals for the season...

Tuesday 5/6, 7p.m.

Tuesday 5/13, 7p.m., and Wednesday, 4/16 6:15 – 6:45 PM.

Contact Debbie with any questions.



### Celebration Choir Schedule

Wednesday, May 7 – 7:00 PM – Rehearsal

Sunday, May 11 – sing "God Is So Good"

Wednesday, June 4 – 7:00 PM – Rehearsal

Sunday, June 8 (Pentecost) – sing "As The Wind Song"

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

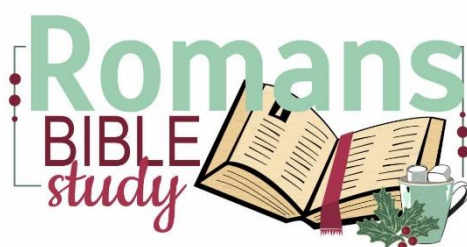


### Sunday Church School for God's Children on the Move!

Sunday school on the move will have its last Sunday on the 18 of May.

We will not meet on May 4 due to the congregational meeting.

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### Bible Study

The weekly study of Paul's letter to the Romans will be on Tuesdays, at 11:00 AM. All are welcome to come and explore this relationship-defining epistle with much to teach us about God's grace and the depth of God's relationship with us through the gift

of His Son. See you soon!

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### ***Bergstrasse Community Closet – What’s New?***

What’s new? Continuation of helping out Landis Homes personal care unit with items needed. New volunteers added to our hard-working crew. New bathrooms in closet wing of church for our use. Thanks Bergstrasse Lutheran Church! We are averaging at least 5 to 10 new families each time we are open. Boxes of clothing donated to Career Link, to help people with outfits for job interviews. Boxes of clothing and items given to Community Action Five to Thrive, and Refugee Connect.



Thank you to all of our donors, and the many of you who support us in so many ways!

2025 Hours, Saturdays and Sundays listed from 12PM to 2PM:  
May 3&4, 17&18

Donations for the clothing closet may be left in the box in the narthex of Holy Trinity church. Please contact the Clothing Closet on Facebook if you are interested in volunteering.

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### **Sharing Upcoming Events and Information**

Congregational committees and other ministries of Holy Trinity are invited and encouraged to share the details of upcoming happenings with the congregation and beyond via our recently updated Facebook page and our webpage. Theresa Mull ([theresakmull@gmail.com](mailto:theresakmull@gmail.com)), our Facebook page administrator, and Adam Doughty ([adamc.doughty@gmail.com](mailto:adamc.doughty@gmail.com) or 717-445-0007), our webpage administrator if you would like your group’s activities shared. They are waiting to hear from you to help share your information with a broader audience. Sue (church office) also needs to know so she can get events on the calendar in a timely manner.

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### **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>

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**April 27-May 4 Calendar**

27 APR, SUN

● EASTER 2

● 9am Worship

● 10am Coffee Hour After Worship

28 APR, MON

● 10am Women's prayer group

● 6:30pm Yoga

29 APR, TUE

● 9am Coffee Klatch

● 11am Bible Study

● 3:30pm Trini Mini

● 6pm Pickleball

1 MAY, THU

● 3:30pm Trini Mini

● 7pm Property Committee

● 7pm Thursday Worship

2 MAY, FRI

● 6:30pm Friday Night Dinners

3 MAY, SAT

● 7:30am Walking Group

4 MAY, SUN

● EASTER 3

● 9am Worship

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

**April 27th Servers:**

**Council Team:** John Fuehrer, Elaine Sernoffsky

**Assisting Minister:** John Weiss

**Lector:** Norm Wangman

**Acolytes:** Judy Williams, Anya Gilbert, Ava Morgan,

**Ushers:** Denise Shirker, Trig Olson, Matt Shirker

**Altar Guild:** Denise Shirker, Ann & Bob Shirker

**Linens:** Patrice Mull

**Flowers:** Jo Hurst



**Office Hours April 28-May 2, 2025**

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**

**Office email: [officehollytrinity@ephratalutheran.org](mailto:officehollytrinity@ephratalutheran.org)**

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

**Make Your Regular Offering Electronically**

On the Holy Trinity website ([www.holytrinityephrata.org](http://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!***

