



HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Alleluia. One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia. Matthew 4:4

Stewardship Special Giving for August: LUTHERCARE.

Each year, the Caring Fund dollars provide quality care to residents in Luthercare's senior living communities whose resources have been exhausted. The difference between Medicaid reimbursements for daily care and the actual costs to Luthercare is significant. Such deficits are covered through the Caring Fund. In addition, Caring Fund resources provide scholarships for children to participate in Luthercare's early learning programs. Without such scholarship aid, many of these children would not receive this valuable education.

Currently, Luthercare has residential communities in Lititz, Lebanon, and Columbia. The child care centers provide service in Annville, Columbia, Lancaster, Lebanon, and Reamstown.

Luthercare also provides administrative support to Ephrata Area Social Services and mentoring support for in-home child care providers.

Your gifts help these very valuable programs continue.

You can use your special giving envelope during August to support this important program.

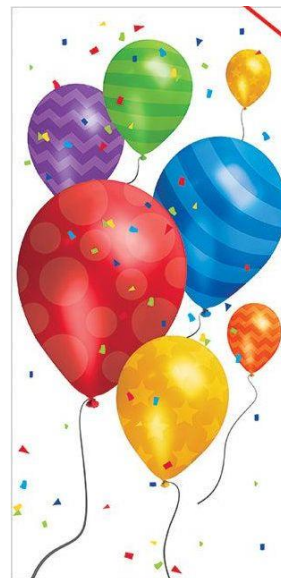
Happy Birthday

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

AUGUST

- 1 - Shirley Tobias
- 5 - Peggy Dean
- 12- Joyce Hooper
- 15 - Susan Loss
- 17- Norman Wangman
- 17 - Phyllis Peters
- 21 - Carl Rentschler
- 30- Dan Doremus

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



Gather On The Hill

In partnership with Ephrata Area Social Services (EASS), Bergstrasse Lutheran Church has begun a new program for area senior citizens called Gather On The Hill. It takes place on the first Tuesday of each month at the church (9 Hahnstown Rd., Ephrata) from 11:30 – 2:00 PM. Each gathering includes games and other fellowship activities. The event is free to the public, and lunch is provided at no cost. Need a ride? EASS provides free transportation for those who are interested. Please call EASS at (717) 733-0345 to RSVP no later than the Friday prior. To arrange for transportation, please dial ext. 112. See you on the hill!

Help Wanted: Bergstrasse Community Clothing Closet

Bergstrasse Community Clothing Closet is open the first weekend of every month for persons in need of clothing and other household goods. Entrance is accessible via the door off the lower parking lot. Hours are Saturday noon – 2pm and Sunday 11am – 1pm. **Next open August 3rd and 4th.**

Donations: Currently there is a desperate need for men's pants, shorts and shoes. There is always a need for children's clothing. All clothing in good shape is accepted as are household items like sheets, towels, etc. Donations may be dropped off directly at Bergstrasse when the Community Clothing Closet is open or in the box at the back of the narthex in Holy Trinity.

Volunteers: sort clothing, hang it and tag it by color to keep track of what is moving and what is not, and greet shoppers at the courtesy desk. Shoppers check in and specify how many people they are shopping for and what items are of particular interest. Volunteers meet at 6-7:30pm on the Friday before the Closet is open (**August 2nd**) to sort donations and get them ready for the next day. When the Closet is open, volunteers are needed from 11:30 – 2:30 on Saturdays and 10:30 – 1:30 on Sundays. You do not need to be there the entire time to volunteer – whatever time you have available within those times is fine.

If you have further questions, you may either stop by the next time the Closet is open and have a look around or call Pattie Martin at 717-344-1347.

Bible Study - Summer 2024

Michael Williams will lead four one-hour sessions this summer. They will be held in the Conference Room on Tuesdays at 11:00am. These meetings will provide an overview of several of Paul's letters to various churches. They are offered so that we can stay in touch throughout the summer. Everyone is welcome.

Dates and subjects:

August 6 – Finish Corinthians; begin Galatians

August 13 – Finish Galatians



Notes of **THANKS**

Dear Siblings in Christ at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,
Thank you for your recent gift of \$1,030 designated for the Campership Fund. One of our strongest traditions at the Lutheran Camping Corporation has been that we provide camperships for those children who could not come otherwise. I will never forget how one camper expressed his wonderment about the community he found at camp- he told me that "at camp, everyone wanted

to be my friend. It's not like that at school!". We will never know exactly how many lives have been blessed through our outdoor ministries over the past 95 years. Your special gift continues the tradition that we don't turn away any child. May the peace that transcends time and place be with you.

Yours in Christ
Michael Youse, Executive Director

Dear Holy Trinity,
Thank you for allowing me to share about EASS.
Love, EASS Staff

MAY I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE! Ephrata Area Social Service is in need of food items this summer and we need to start stocking their shelves now. With financial hardship and rising food prices it is getting harder and harder for some of our local families to provide meals for themselves.

Items needed:

Beverage products (Kool-Aid, Crystal Light-Drink mixes, etc.), Canned fruits - sugar-free
Canned hearty soups, Canned meats and pastas (spaghetti, spam, tuna, ravioli, etc.)
Canned vegetables, Condiments, Dish soap, Hamburger helper, Individual snack packs (chips, pretzels, crackers), Instant potatoes, Jelly, Laundry detergent, Oatmeal, Pancake mix and syrup, Paper towels, Pasta - gluten free, Peanut Butter, Premixed Jell-O snacks, Spices.

Gift cards to Giant, Redner's, or Weis to support fresh produce, meat, and dairy items

This year our goal is to provide **50 full** boxes of food items this summer and we need your help! Please bring one or two items each week to help reach our goal. If everyone donates – *"many hands make light work"*. Let's help those in need in our community. The Social Ministry Committee thanks you for your continued support!

THE ADULT (all adults are welcome) LUNCH BUNCH will be going to The Pancake Farm after the liturgy on August 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!



Summer Music

Our congregation is blessed with talented musicians! Please share your gift and sign-up to offer music during the summer on the sheet provided in the Gathering Area.



August 4-10 Calendar

Sunday, August 4	
9:00am	Worship
10:00am	Coffee Hour After Worship
11:00am	Lunch Bunch
Monday, August 5	
10:00am	Women's Prayer Group
6:30pm	Yoga
7:00pm	Evangelism
Tuesday, August 6	
8:00am	Pickleball
11:00am	Bible Study
7:00pm	Fellowship Committee Meeting
Thursday, August 8	
7:00pm	Yoga
7:00pm	Thursday Worship
7:30pm	Council Meeting
Saturday, August 10	
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](#)

August 4th Servers:

Council Team: Barry Kreider, John Weiss

Assisting Minister: Kathy Kuhns

Lector: Kathy Kuhns

Acolytes: Norm Wangman

Ushers: Tom & Kitty Dickersheid

Altar Guild: Denise Shirker, Kelly Homan

Bob & Ann Snader

Linens: Brenda Wangman

Flowers: Dan Doremus



Office Hours August 5-9, 2024

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

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Day	Sue	Pastor
Monday	OFF	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Tuesday	OFF	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	8:00 AM-12:00 PM	OFF

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