



# HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



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## Trinity Messenger August 2024 Issue 2

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*Alleluia. I am the living bread that came down from heaven.  
Whoever eats this bread will live forever. Alleluia. John 6:51*

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### **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.

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### **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 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> for a special back to school clothing giveaway.**

**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 at Bergstrasse when the Community Clothing Closet is open.

There is a special need for donation of a bookcase for use by the Clothing Closet.

**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 to sort donations and get them ready for the next day. On Saturdays and Sundays when the Closet is open, volunteers are needed from 11:30 – 2:30 and 10:30 – 1:30. 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.

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**This past week I believe we had 3 new people joining us in our church service. I know people were welcoming them and that is terrific! Just want to ask the congregation to pass on the info of asking them to sign the guest register and pick up a Welcome Bag. Thanks for your help.**

**Evangelism committee**

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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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As director of the Senior Choir at Holy Trinity since 2008, I am very grateful that I have been able to share my love of sacred music with so many dedicated and talented choir members. These choir members have been a pleasure to work with, inspiring me every single week, and the support I have felt from Donna Nace, a very talented musician, and the congregation has been truly uplifting.

Over the past few years, the choir has diminished in size due to many factors, and it has become difficult to continue having a choir that rehearses and sings weekly. In light of this and the financial issues this church is facing, I feel this is the time to make a change. In place of the weekly Senior Choir, I will instead direct a monthly Celebration Choir, similar to what we tried this past year, which will rehearse one Wednesday and sing one Sunday a month. This will begin in September.

Music has always been important to this congregation and I am hoping you will support the Celebration Choir by joining us whenever you are able. A schedule for the Celebration Choir will be coming soon. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,  
Deb Olson

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### **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

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*Notes of* **THANKS**

Dear friends at Holy Trinity,

Thank you to all of you who sent me birthday greetings and for the Altar Flowers.

Thank you to Donna Nace who visited me on my birthday, your thoughtfulness made my day special. God Bless all of you. Shirl Tobias

Dear Holy Trinity family,

We just wanted to say thank you to everyone for your prayers, phone calls, texts and many cards supporting us during these last few months. So far so good since the second surgery so we are hopeful that Scott will be pain free soon!

We are so grateful and blessed to be a part of our wonderful congregation!

Scott and Heather Zimmerman

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**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!

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THE ADULT (all adults are welcome) LUNCH BUNCH will be going to after the liturgy on September. 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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### 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 11-17 Calendar**

### Sunday, August 11

9:00am Worship

10:00am Coffee Hour After Worship

### Monday, August 12

10:00am Women's Prayer Group

6:30pm Yoga

### Tuesday, August 13

8:00am Pickleball

11:00am Bible Study

7:00pm Finance Committee

8:00pm Executive Council

### Thursday, August 15

7:00pm Yoga

7:00pm Thursday Worship

### Saturday, August 17

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 11th Servers:

**Council Team:** Kevin Gingrich, Kathrin Baltz

**Assisting Minister:** Ed Quirke

**Lector:** Norm Wangman

**Acolytes:** Norm Wangman

**Ushers:** Steve Sweigart, Carl Rentschler,  
Andy Sweigart

**Altar Guild:** Brenda Wangman,  
Heather Zimmerman, Lisa Garrett

**Linens:** Patrice Mull

**Flowers:** Heather Zimmerman



### Office Hours August 12-16, 2024

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

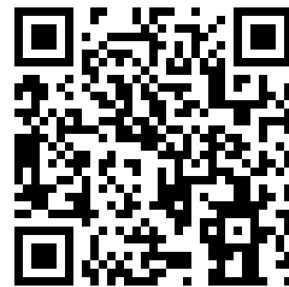
**Office Phone: 717-733-4134 Pastor's Cell: 315-317-8517 Donna's Cell: 717-669-7831**

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

Day	Sue	Pastor
Monday	8:00 AM-4:00 PM	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
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	8:00 AM-4:00 PM	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Friday	8:00 AM-12:00 PM	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!*

