



HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



Trinity Messenger
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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. John 6:68

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. Thank you.

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.

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 17th and 18th 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.

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>



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!!

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 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!



August 25-31 Calendar

Sunday, August 25	
9:00am	Worship
10:00am	Coffee Hour After Worship
Monday, August 26	
10:00am	Women's Prayer Group
6:30pm	Yoga
Tuesday, August 27	
8:00am	Pickleball
Thursday, August 29	
7:00pm	Yoga
7:00pm	Thursday Worship
Saturday, August 31	

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 25th Servers:

Council Team: Bill Spitzer, Ed Quirke

Assisting Minister: John Fuehrer

Lector: John Fuehrer

Acolytes: Norm Wangman

Ushers: Norm Wangman, Phyllis Doughter,
Winnie Gerlach

Altar Guild: Denise Shirker, Kelly Homan,
Ann & Bob Snader

Linens: Patricia Fassnacht

Flowers: Jo Hurst



Office Hours August 26-30, 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.

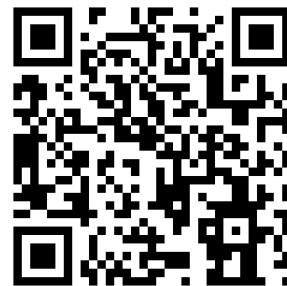
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Day	Sue	Pastor
Monday	8:00 AM-4:00 PM	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Tuesday	8:00 AM-4:00 PM	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM-4:00 PM	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Thursday	8:00 AM-4:00 PM	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Friday	8:00 AM-12:00 PM	OFF

Make Your Regular Offering Electronically

On the Holy Trinity website (www.holytrinityephrata.org), 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.



Thanks for reading! Have a great week ahead!

