



Trinity Messenger
August 2025 Issue 1

Alleluia. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia. Matt. 5:3

SPECIAL MEETING TO DISCUSS ELEVATOR REPAIR AND UPGRADE

There will be a special congregational meeting on **Sunday, August 3**, immediately following worship to discuss and make decisions regarding the necessary repairs to the elevator and upgrade it, so that it will reliably serve our present and growing needs as well as that of all persons who visit and utilize our building. Please be in prayer around these important decisions and come prepared to discuss creative and faithful ways to fund these needed repairs and upgrades.

CLARE HOUSE: August Stewardship Focus

Clare House transforms the lives of women and their children through an employment-focused program providing safety, housing, and supportive services with the goal of financial stability. Founded in 1980.

Our mission and vision

We believe dignity and value are the keys to helping women move forward. While women and their children are here, they can expect everyone at Clare House to treat them with respect, regardless of who they are or where they came from. We believe in our residents' success – and we'll provide the tools and opportunities to make it happen.

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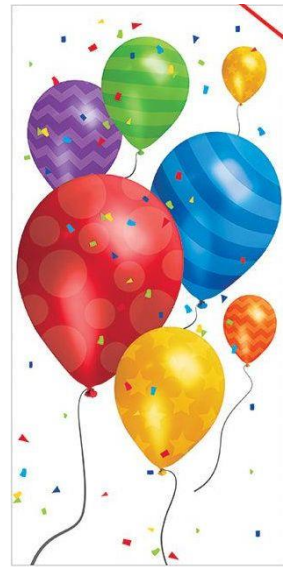
Our vision is a community where all women and their children are empowered to build a stable foundation.

Happy Birthday

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

AUGUST

1 - Shirley Tobias
3 - Clay Brubaker
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.



Shirley Tobias will be 90 years old on August 1...there will be a Birthday Card Shower for her...address:

Shirley Tobias, Ephrata Manor, 99 Bethany Road,
Skilled Nursing Room 226B, Ephrata, PA 17522.

Calling all ringers!

Season ringers and new to handbells,, we would love to have you! Please let Debbie know asap of your interest in ringing this fall. Debbie Fortna: (717) 681-5985 and email elegantkeys88@gmail.com

Thank you!



THE ADULT (all adults are welcome) LUNCH BUNCH will be going to The Oregon Dairy after the liturgy on August 10. 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!

Weekly Faith Conversations

Please join in weekly faith conversations on Tuesday mornings at 11:00 AM at Holy Trinity. Those gathered in the Conference Room will use Pastor Karen Minnich-Sadler's book, *Spiritual Reflections for the Human Journey*, as a guide for reflection and conversation around areas of our faith lives that we share as we accompany one another on our journey of faithful discipleship.



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, Peanut Butter Laundry detergent, Oatmeal, Pancake mix and syrup, Paper towels, Pasta - gluten free 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!



Help Wanted: Bergstrasse Community Clothing Closet

Bergstrasse Community Clothing Closet is open for all people in need of clothing and other household goods. Entrance is accessible via the door off the lower parking lot. Hours are 12 – 2pm.

Summer Schedule:

Aug 2nd and 3rd

Aug 16th and 17th

Sept 6th and 20th

Donations: Currently there is a continuing 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. Thank you so much for sharing what God has given you! Your generosity is helping those in need in our community!

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. When the Closet is open, volunteers are needed from 11:30 – 2:30 on Saturdays and 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/text 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>

August 3-9 Calendar

3 AUG, SUN

● PENTECOST 8

● 9am Worship

● 10am Coffee Hour After Worship

4 AUG, MON

● 10am Women's prayer group

● 6:30pm Yoga

5 AUG, TUE

● Ephrata Auxiliary

● 11am Faith Conversations

● 6pm Pickleball

● 7pm Fellowship Committee Meeting

7 AUG, THU

● 7pm Property Committee

● 7pm Thursday Worship

9 AUG, SAT

● 7:30am Walking Group

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

August 3rd Servers:

Council Team: Elaine Sernoffsky, Kathrin Baltz

Assisting Minister: Kathy Kuhns

Lector: Kathy Kuhns

Acolytes: Patrice Mull

Ushers: Norm Wangman, Phyllis Doughty,

Winnie Gerlach, Clay Brubaker

Altar Guild: Barb & Steve Sweigart, Andy Sweigart

Linens: Lori Spitzer

Flowers: Judy Wechter



Office Hours August 4-8, 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: officeholytrinity@ephratalutheran.org

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