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Trinity Messenger
August 2025 Issue 2

Alleluia. Keep awake and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. Alleluia. Matt. 5:3

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.

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!





Notes of THANKS

Hello to my friends at Holy Trinity.

Thank you for all the Happy Birthday messages I received. What great fun it was to look at all the cards from all of you who took time to make my day special. Holy Trinity is a very loving and caring congregation. My thankfulness and blessings to you all. Shirl Tobias



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!

Lower Susquehanna Synod & Konde Diocese Dedicate Mbeya Hospital

Note from Rev. Cliff Eshbach:

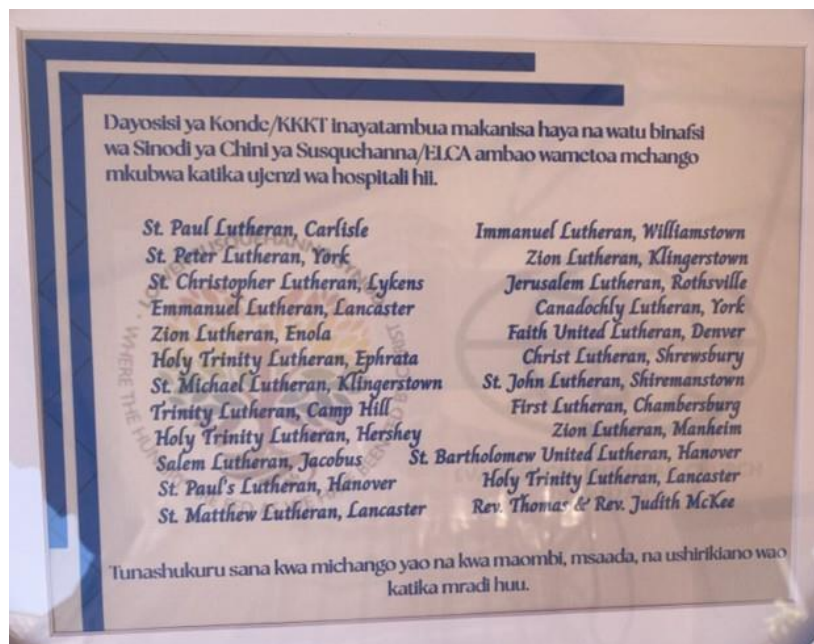
Hi Mark:

I hope your summer is going well. On June 28 the Konde Diocese dedicated the new hospital in the city of Mbeya. I was one of three from our committee who attended the dedication. We presented them with the attached plaque that listed people and congregations who helped to fund the project. Closely look at the column on the left and you'll see Holy Trinity has been included. Thanks again for your generosity in helping with this important addition to the health care community in the diocese.

Thought you would like to see this.

Best wishes as you serve the folks in Ephrata.

Cliff Eshbach



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 10-16 Calendar

10 AUG, SUN

● PENTECOST 9

● 9am Worship

● 10am Coffee Hour After Worship

● 11am Lunch Bunch

11 AUG, MON

● 10am Women's prayer group

● 6:30pm Evangelism ZOOM

● 6:30pm Yoga

12 AUG, TUE

● 11am Faith Conversations

● 6pm Pickleball

● 7pm Finance Committee

● 8pm Executive Council

14 AUG, THU

● 7pm Thursday Worship

● 7:30pm Council Meeting

16 AUG, SAT

● 7:30am Walking Group

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

August 10th Servers:

Council Team: John Weiss, John Fuehrer

Assisting Minister: Ed Quirke

Lector: Judy Williams

Acolytes: Lillian Doughty

Ushers: Dave Bowers, Bob & Ann Snader,
Tom & Kitty Dickersheid

Altar Guild: Denise Shirker, Ann & Bob Snader

Linens: Patricia Fassnacht

Flowers: Winnie Gerlach



Office Hours August 11-15, 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	8:00 AM- 4:00 PM	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Tuesday	8:00 AM- 12:00 PM	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM- 4:00 PM	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Thursday	8:00 AM- 12:00 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!