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**Trinity Messenger**  
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*Alleluia. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart Alleluia. Matt. 11:29*

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**Treasurer's Report: August, 2025**

**July Financial Report**

Unified Budget Income	\$24,936.71
Unified Budget Expense	\$33,906.87

**Year To Date:**

Income	\$207,122.27
Expenses	\$195,641.44
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>\$ 11,480.83</b>

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**July and August Council Report**

At the July and August meetings, the Congregation Council:

- Awarded Moyer scholarships to Anya Gilbert, Carly Gilbert, Joseph McGinty, Ava Morgan, Sydney Morgan and Natalie Mull.
  - Approved the Property Committee recommendation to award the elevator renovation contract to the Otis Elevator Company.
  - Approved the Property Committee recommendation to award the annual elevator maintenance contract to the Otis Elevator Company at a cost of \$226/month.
  - Approved negotiations to allow an addiction recovery group to use the social hall once a week.
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**Elevator Renovation Contract Signed**

Holy Trinity has signed a contract with the Otis Elevator Company to renovate the elevator. The contract is in the amount of \$179,500. In addition, Holy Trinity will do preparation work that is estimated to cost at least \$20,500. The total cost for the upgrade will be at least **\$200,000**. Otis will place the order for the parts needed. The Company anticipates 2-3 months before all the necessary parts are secured. The Company also estimates the installation work will take 7 weeks. This installation work by Otis may be divided into two parts.

Given the length of time needed by the company for this work and the congregation's desire to have an operational elevator for Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter, the project may not be completed until sometime in 2026.

More information will soon be available about the special appeal for funds for this project. There is now an option available on our online giving portals to make contributions there designated for the elevator renovation.

Updates on the renovation work will be given as the work schedules become available. Information on when the elevator is **not** available for use will be publicized, including when worship services will be held in the social hall. Also, regular updates on contributions for the project and total costs will be published.

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### **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.

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.

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

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### **Handbell hands-on workshop!!**

– with Leanne Fiorella and Ron Bellamy, director of Philadelphia Handbell Ensemble.

Wednesday, September 3, 6:30 PM – 8 PM

This is not only for bell ringers but for **EVERYONE** who has a thought of possibly ringing handbells or is just curious about how bells work. You will not want to miss it!

Please let Debbie know if you're interested in attending, but no RSVP needed.

See Debbie for more information or just come!

717-681-5985

[Elegantkeys88@gmail.com](mailto:Elegantkeys88@gmail.com)

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### **Friday Night Dinners**

It's that time of year again!! Friday Night Dinners will resume Friday, September 5th, 2025!!!! Please sign the sheet in the gathering area, all are welcome to join this wonderful fellowship of fun, good conversation and good food!

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### Please consider volunteering!

Volunteer (s) needed to do "quick sweep" and empty trash cans in Chancel area, Sanctuary, Gathering area and entrance areas every other week. ( basically, the weeks that cleaning teams are not scheduled to do cleaning) See Carlene Kerschner

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THE ADULT (all adults are welcome) LUNCH BUNCH will be going to Applebee's after the liturgy on September 14. 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!



Dear Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,

As a new academic year begins at United Lutheran Seminary, I want to thank you- not just for supporting this mission, but for being part of it. You're not simply *helping* form future church leaders- you are *forming* them. when a student steps into the classroom with curiosity and conviction, when they wrestle with Scripture, when they preach their first sermon or comfort someone in crisis: You are right there with them. You are raising leaders for the church. You are teaching theology. You are sustaining a community of faith, courage, and hope. You may never meet them, but know you are part of their story- and they will carry your faithfulness into the congregations, hospitals, chaplaincies, and communities they serve.

With Sincere Gratitude, Mr. Conor Brooks, CFRE, VP for Institutional Advancement

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### 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.

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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, 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.**

**Schedule: Sept 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>**

**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. 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!

**Please note new donation policy: due to limited space household items can no longer be accepted, only clothing and shoes.**

**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.

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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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## August 24-30 Calendar

18 AUG, MON

- Trini Mini Camp (Day 1/5)
- 10am Women's prayer group
- 6:30pm Yoga

19 AUG, TUE

- Trini Mini Camp (Day 2/5)
- 11am Faith Conversations
- 6pm Pickleball

20 AUG, WED

- Trini Mini Camp (Day 3/5)
- 12pm Luther Lunch Ladies

21 AUG, THU

- Trini Mini Camp (Day 4/5)
- 7pm Thursday Worship

22 AUG, FRI

- Trini Mini Camp (Day 5/5)

23 AUG, SAT

- 7:30am Walking Group

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

### August 24th Servers:

**Council Team:** Ed Quirke, Norm Wangman

**Assisting Minister:** John Fuehrer

**Lector:** Lori Spitzer

**Acolytes:** Judy Williams

**Ushers:** Denise Shirker, Trig Olson, Matt Shirker

**Altar Guild:** Barb & Steve Sweigart, Andy Sweigart

**Linens:** Brenda Wangman

**Flowers:** Heather Zimmerman

**AV:** Bob Eberly



**Office Hours August 25-29, 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](mailto: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](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.



***Thanks for reading! Have a great week ahead!***