



Trinity Messenger
August 2025 Issue 5

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

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.

CLARE HOUSE: August Stewardship Focus

Donations on August 31 will go to Clare House

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.

September Stewardship Focus: Lancaster Food Hub

Founded in 1947 as the Lancaster County Council of Churches, the Lancaster County Food Hub has been serving neighbors in need for nearly 80 years. What began as a grassroots, faith-based effort to provide food, clothing, and shelter has grown into a trusted community anchor, rooted in compassion, dignity, and hope.

Today, the Food Hub continues this important mission by meeting basic human needs through free food, clothing, and homeless outreach services. Their team works to foster respectful relationships, connect neighbors with supportive resources, and create a welcoming space for all who come through their doors.

Guided by a vision of a Lancaster County where every individual is supported and empowered to live with dignity and stability, the Food Hub provides not only immediate relief but also pathways to long-term resilience and self-sufficiency. Through direct services, strong partnerships, and compassionate care, they uplift individuals and families while strengthening our whole community.

***On September 7, Eric Conahan, Director to eh Advancement, Lancaster Food Hub will give a Temple Talk**

Celebration Choir Schedule

Wednesday, September 10 – 7:15 PM – Rehearsal

Sunday, September 14 – sing “Go to the World”

Wednesday, October 15 – 7:15 PM – Rehearsal

Sunday, October 19 – sing “Give Me Jesus”

Wednesday, October 29 – 7:15 PM – Rehearsal

Sunday, November 2 – sing “Gospel Medley”

Please consider joining us and sharing your musical talents! **All are welcome!!**

Contact Deb Olson at (717)314-5243 or dtolson613@gmail.com with questions!



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





Congratulations and Best Wishes

To the members of Holy Trinity who are 70 years and older and celebrating a birthday in **September**:

13 Karen Leonhard
22 Jo Hurst
22 Robert Snader
26 Marie Gingrich
27 Gisela Woerner

Send them a birthday card or call them with a greeting. We pray God grants them many more years in their pilgrimage.

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!



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

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!



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.

Schedule: 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. 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.

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>

31	AUG, SUN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PENTECOST 12 ● 9am Worship ● 10am Coffee Hour After Worship
1	SEP, MON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Labor Day- Church Office closed ● 10am Women's prayer group ● 6:30pm Yoga
2	SEP, TUE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ephrata Auxiliary ● 11am Faith Conversations ● 6pm Pickleball ● 7pm Fellowship Committee Meeting
4	SEP, THU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 7pm Property Committee ● 7pm Thursday Worship
5	SEP, FRI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6:30pm Friday Night Dinners
6	SEP, SAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 7:30am Walking Group

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

August 31st Servers:

Council Team: Heather Zimmerman, Christy Boos

Assisting Minister: Kathy Kuhns

Lector: Ed Quirke

Acolytes: Patrice Mull

Ushers: Ron & Carlene Kerschner, David Kerschner
Rob Gilbert

Altar Guild: Denise Shirker, Ann & Bob Snader

Linens: Lori Spitzer

Flowers: Judy Wechter

AV: Matt Shirker



Office Hours September 1-5, 2025

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

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Day	Sue	Pastor
Monday	Office Closed- Labor Day	Office Closed- Labor Day
Tuesday	10:00 AM- 2:00 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!