



HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Trinity Messenger

February 2023 Issue 3

You are the light of the world. A city set upon a hill cannot be hid.
Matthew 5:14

February 12 - February 18

Sunday, February 12

9:00am Sunday Worship

10:00am Adult Forum

10:00am Coffee Hour After Worship

Monday, February 13

10:00am Women's Prayer Group

6:30pm Yoga

Tuesday, February 14

3:30pm Trini Mini

7:00pm Bell Choir

Wednesday, February 15

12:00pm Luther Lunch Ladies

6:00pm Bell Ensemble

6:30pm Mazon: Middle & High School

6:45pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 16

3:30pm Trini Mini

7:00pm Yoga

7:00pm Thursday Worship

Saturday, February 18

7:30am Walking Group

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



February 12th Servers

- Council:** Ed Quirke, Bill Spitzer
- Assisting Minister:** John Weiss
- Lector:** John Weiss
- Acolyte:** CH: Anya Gilbert
- Ushers:** John Fuehrer, Candy Snyder, Mark Mull, Whip Zimmerman
- Altar Guild:** Brenda Wangman, Heather Zimmerman, Lisa Garrett
- Linens:** Lori Spitzer
- Deliver Flowers:** Dan Doremus

Office Hours: February 13 - February 17

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 Donna's Cell: 717-669-7831

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	OFF	9:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Friday	8:00 AM - Noon	OFF

ATTENTION: Offering Envelopes for February

The company we use to supply the monthly offering envelopes called and said they cannot send the February envelopes due to the paper shortage. They will be sending pew envelopes to the church and those will be available for your use. Please clearly include your name and giving number on the outside of the envelope. February 5 & 12 were included in your January mailing.

Visioning Team

The Visioning Team (Pastor Embley, Ed Quirke, Natalie Mull, Judy Wechter, Elaine Sernoffsky, and Pastor Mark) met recently with our coach, Pastor Dave Daubert, who is a church renewal consultant with the ELCA. This first meeting was fruitful and has placed the team on a clear and faithful path in beginning the process of identifying who the congregation of Holy Trinity is on the other side of the pandemic and where God is leading us as we move forward. As I mentioned in my announcements this past Sunday, our first assignment is to seek your answers to three questions that are being distributed in worship for the next two Sundays and will be included on the back cover of the bulletin that is mailed to our shut-ins and others without Internet access each week. The team is asking that you prayerfully reflect upon these questions and provide us your constructive answers by **Sunday, February 19th**. For your privacy there is a large white envelope on the large wooden table on the right side of the Gathering Area in which you may place your completed questionnaires. Once your questionnaires are received your answers will be compiled into a usable document that will be used for our small group discussions during the adult forum on **Sunday, February 26th**. Placing your name on your questionnaire is optional; however, if we need to clarify an answer it would be helpful. Your answers to the questions will be anonymous. To help us move forward in an effective manner it is vital that as many people as possible participate in this first step in renewing our congregation and defining clearly its vision and mission within the kingdom of God.

Trini Mini Invites You to Join Us for Naturalist Programs

Trini Mini has received funding for providing special programs during 2023. We want to invite the congregation and friends thereof to join us for these programs. All programs are on **Tuesdays from 4:15 to 5:15**. We will meet in the Gym or fellowship Hall. Please join us as we learn more about the following:

February 14, 2023 ---- Maple Sugaring
March 21, 2023 ---- Birds, Nest, Eggs and Babies
April 18 ---- Catch the Wind
May 30, 2023 ---- Butterflies and Moths
October 24, 2023 ---- Backyard Wildlife

Nature programs provided by Lancaster County Department of Parks and Recreation, Environmental Education Team. Funding for the Programs provided by a grant from the Anne Brossman Sweigart Charitable Foundation, Dan Doremus, grant writer.



Community Meals

Community Meals are back at Holy Trinity during the month of March. Each Thursday our building will host the meal with various churches serving the meal each week.

HOLY TRINITY IS SERVING MARCH 2ND!

In partnership with The New Cloister Restaurant Holy Trinity will be serving a hot meal to those who need it most. We need volunteers to make the night go smoothly. We are asking for volunteers to help setup, serve and clean up. We are also asking for donation of homemade baked goods to compliment the dessert being provided by Cloister.

A sign up sheet will be in the back of the church. Any questions please reach out to Peggy Dean.

FEBRUARY STEWARDSHIP: The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania

The Church, in a place and time apart...Where God's presence is experienced, Faith is renewed, Christ's love is felt, and the Church is strengthened for the service and proclamation of the Gospel! Our mission is to be a gracious expression of God's love for all people.

The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania operates three facilities: Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and the Wittel Farm; with a variety of outdoor experiences in a uniquely Lutheran tradition. Each summer, hundreds of young people, adults, and families come to camp to grow in faith through adventure, nature, and creative arts experiences.

Retreat programs are offered for all ages throughout the year. Plus, all facilities are available for rent by retreat groups, church groups, and families.

The Growing Project at the Wittel Farm is a volunteer-supported working farm that grows fresh fruits and vegetables, which are donated to address food insecurity in Lancaster County.

As a Reconciling in Christ organization, all people are invited and welcome to enjoy the goodness of God's creation through the community at camp.

Communications Committee Meeting Summary

DATE OF MEETING: January 16, 2023 at 7:00 PM

MATTERS DISCUSSED

Essence of Joy Community Concert

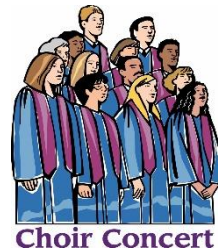
The majority of the meeting was devoted to discussing the Essence of Joy Community Concert which will be held on Sunday, March 26, 4 PM at Holy Trinity. Organized in November 1991 by Dr. Anthony Leach, Essence of Joy is one of twelve choral ensembles in the Penn State School of Music. Essence of Joy performs sacred and secular music from the African/African American traditions. Following the concert, a meal will be provided to the performers before their departure to Penn State. The concert is sponsored through a grant from the Anne Brossman Sweigart Charitable Foundation.

Website Update

The website content was reviewed, and the Essence of Joy concert and Ash Wednesday services were added to the church website. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM

Essence of Joy Choir Concert

Holy Trinity Lutheran church cordially invites you to a free community concert performed by *Essence of Joy Choir* from Penn State University on Sunday, March 26, 2023 at 4:00 PM. This concert is sponsored through a grant from the Anne Brossman Sweigart Charitable Foundation.



Boiler Replacement

Last fall when the heating contractor performed routine service on the building's boilers, it was determined that our oldest boiler could not be repaired and needed to be replaced. We have a second boiler that was installed when the addition was constructed.

Our previous boilers were purchased from Burnham Corporation in Lancaster. Not only does Burnham produce excellent products, but we were able to purchase them at a discount because a member worked for the company.

Due to current members having a relative working for Burnham, the congregation was again able to purchase a new boiler at a substantial discount. The boiler with a new burner has been installed by Leffler Energy. The cost for all the work, including removal of the old burner and preparation for the new one, was \$18,535. The cost was paid using building fund offerings.

Volunteer Appreciation Brunch

**February 19th
After Worship**

We will be
serving
Juice/Coffee,
Bagel & Cream
Cheese,
Breakfast
Casseroles,

2023 SOUPER BOWL CHALLENGE

The Kanas City Chiefs and the Philadelphia Eagles are headed to Super Bowl LVII on Feb. 12! Collection bins will be set up this week at the back of the church for the teams. Bring in your non-perishable food and toiletry donations and place them into the bin of the team you think will win the Super Bowl. Whatever your reason, pick your team and DONATE! Whichever team collects the most items by **February 12th** (after worship) will be declared the winner of the **Holy Trinity SOUPER BOWL CHALLENGE!**

All items will be donated to Ephrata Area Socials Services.

Danishes, Baked Oatmeal and Fruit Salad We will share Poems, Experiences and thanking others for their time and gifts. **Please bring your thoughts on anything you would like to share about volunteers during open mike. Hope to see you there!**

Snow or Inclement Weather

Notice of worship or meeting cancellations can be found on:

- TV Channel ABC 27 or their website: www.abc27.com
- WGAL 8 website: www.WGAL.com
- Front page of Holy Trinity's website: holytrinityephrata.org

Watching or Listening to Worship Services

To watch live:

<https://holytrinitylutheranchurcheprata.sermon.net/main>

- click on *Now Playing*
- click on *Tune in Live*

To watch a recording:

- click on *Now Playing*
- click on *Play Video*

To listen live on a phone:

- call (717) 733-4134
- Once the church message begins dial 7001. If that does not work, try 7001#.
- Call 5 minutes before the service begins.
- Please remember to mute your phone during the service or remain silent

THE ADULT (all adults are welcome) LUNCH BUNCH

Will be going to The Evergreen Diner after the 9:00AM liturgy on **March 19**. We'll meet downstairs after the liturgy. All are welcome. For reservations, please call Cheryl Plummer by **March 11** at 625-3187. Plan to join us!

Help Earthquake Victims in Turkey and Syria

If the Spirit is moving you to respond to the devastating earthquake in Turkey and Syria, please follow this link to the [Lutheran World Relief \(LWR\) Website](#). There are simple instructions on how to give. Obviously, we want to hold those affected by this terrible event in our prayers as well as the relief efforts being carried out by LWR and its faithful volunteers and staff.

Thanks for reading! Have a great week ahead!

