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# Trinity Messenger

February 2023 Issue 4

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*This is my Son, my Chosen, listen to him!* Luke 9:35

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## February 19 - February 25

<b>Sunday, February 19</b>	
9:00am	Sunday Worship
10:00am	Adult Forum
10:00am	Coffee Hour After Worship
<b>Monday, February 20</b>	
10:00am	Women's Prayer Group
6:30pm	Yoga
<b>Tuesday, February 21</b>	
3:30pm	Trini Mini
7:00pm	Bell Choir
<b>Wednesday, February 22</b>	
12:00pm	Ash Wednesday Service
6:00pm	Bell Ensemble
6:30pm	Mazon: Middle & High School
6:45pm	Senior Choir Rehearsal
7:30pm	Ash Wednesday Service
<b>Thursday, February 23</b>	
3:30pm	Trini Mini
7:00pm	Yoga
7:00pm	Thursday Worship
<b>Saturday, February 25</b>	
7:30am	Walking Group

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## February 19th Servers

**Council:** Norm Wangman, Ed Quirke

**Assisting Minister:** John Fuehrer

**Lector:** Lori Spitzer

**Acolyte:** CH: Natalie Mull, Ava Morgan

Anya & Carly Gilbert

**Ushers:** Ron & Carlene Kerschner, David Kerschner, Rob Gilbert

**Altar Guild:** Michelle Cable, Denise Shirker

**Linens:** Patricia Fassnacht

**Deliver Flowers:** Dan Doremus

## Office Hours: February 20 - February 24

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	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	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.

## Congregation Council Report

At it's meeting February 9, the Congregation Council:

- Passed a motion to commend our administrative assistant Sue Johns for her work to discern and diligence to pursue correcting an error she found in an update to our payroll software that the software company was not aware of.
- Asked the Stewardship Committee to see if offering envelope costs could be significantly reduced by reducing the number of envelopes in each pack and/or switching providers.

- Reviewed the comments from the November 27 forum. The results will be presented to the congregation at the April congregational meeting.
- Set the spring congregational meeting for Sunday, April 23, following the 9:00 a.m. worship service.
- Set the church picnic for Sunday, June 25, in Grater Park.

### **Finance Committee Report**

- Having to find a new investment advisor, the committee has decided to move our four investment accounts to a brokerage account with Thrivent Trust Company from our accounts with Edward Jones.
- The review of our 2022 financial accounts and payroll was conducted by Dean Hoover, CPA, from WNC. Only two minor corrections had to be made. All account and balance totals were correct as presented in the treasurer's December 31 financial reports.
- Ed Quirke has consented to serve as the committee chair.

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## **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.**

## ***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.



### **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](https://www.lutheranworldrelief.org/). 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.

### **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!

### **Snow or Inclement Weather**

Notice of worship or meeting cancellations can be found on:

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

### **Watching or Listening to Worship Services**

To watch live:

<https://holytrinitylutheranchurchephratapa.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

### **Salem Lutheran Preschool**

Salem Lutheran Preschool, 1331 W. Main St. Ephrata, is now taking registrations for Fall 2023. The 3 Year Old class meets Tuesdays and Thursdays 9-11:30. The 4 Year Old class meets Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9-11:30. For more information or to register, contact Stephanie Frymyer at 717-682-9697 or [sfrymyer@ptd.net](mailto:sfrymyer@ptd.net)

### **Volunteer Appreciation Brunch February 19th After Worship**

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