



Trinity Messenger
February 2025 Issue 3

Alleluia. Rejoice, and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia. Matt. 4:19



Stewardship Special Giving for February:

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.

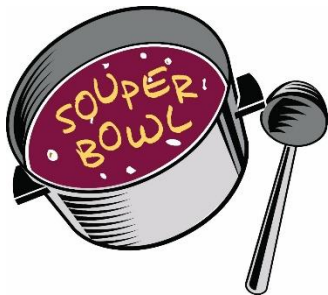
The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania operates three facilities: Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and the Wittel Farm; with a variety of outdoor experiences in a uniquely Lutheran tradition.

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.



Holy Trinity Souper Bowl Challenge

It's that time of year for the Super Bowl! Evangelism Committee is once again having a "SOUPER BOWL CHALLENGE"! Please bring canned food or other non-perishable items until February 16 and put them in the box of the team you hope will win the Super Bowl. We will count the items and announce the winner.

All items collected will be donated to EASS. Thank you for supporting our community!

Jim Hooper - Memorial Service

A time of visitation and memorial service will be held for Joyce Hooper's husband, Jim, on February 22 at the Olewiler & Heffner Funeral Chapel, located at 35 Gotham Place, Red Lion, PA. Visitation will be from 1:00-2:00 PM with the service following. Condolence cards may be sent to Joyce and her family at 309 Bank Hill Rd., Wrightsville, PA 17368.

Notice of worship/meeting cancellations can be found on our website, Facebook & Instagram page as well as ABC27 snowwatch@abc27.com and WGAL8 www.WGAL.com



POTLUCK DINNERS RESUME

The Fellowship Committee will host a potluck dinner on Friday, February 21, at 6:00 PM. Further information will be provided closer to the date. Look for a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area.

Celebration Choir Schedule

Wednesday, February 12 - 7:00 PM rehearsal

Sunday, February 16 - sing "How Can I Keep From Singing"

Wednesday, March 12 - 6:30 PM rehearsal

Sunday, March 16 - sing "Teach Me Thy Ways"



Notes of THANKS

Dear Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$2990.93 to ministries of the ELCA through the ELCA Good Gifts. As a church, we are freed by the transformative life of Christ, and this freedom emboldens us to love and serve our neighbors just as Christ has shown us. Your gifts to the ministries of the ELCA help people around the world feel the power of God's love. Thank you for your gracious gifts. The glory of God shines through you.

With gratitude, Rachel Wind, Executive for Development

Thank you for giving to the Daily Bread Community Food Pantry in 2024. We appreciate that you thought of us. It is a true show of your faith in action. Your generosity has helped us to serve an average of 285 households (1009 individuals) coming monthly for food. We could not further our mission without your support.

Why Camp?

A place for Christ-centered community

Daniel comes from a family that is all about baseball. Their vacations and their summer plans all revolve around coaching, playing, and refereeing games and visiting famous ballparks and baseball history museums. But every summer, Daniel makes sure that he has one week set aside to go to camp – even if it means missing a game or two.

“A week at camp is like nothing else I do,” Daniel says. “It’s different

than being on a team playing a game. Our cabin group – and the whole camp community – is like a family. The counselors are fun, and you can tell they really care about us, and nobody has to be the best at anything – we just have fun together! And I like talking about God with the staff and other people my age.”



Camp provides daily opportunities for prayer, faithful conversation with other Christians, stewardship of God’s Creation, elements of service to God and others, and daily devotions. We hear and experience God’s Word, and have opportunities to put it immediately into practice. We live out our baptismal promises, reminded that we are named, claimed, and sent. It’s an immersion in a loving, grace-filled community of Christ that offers us the a glimpse of the promised Kingdom - a fully immersive experience of the loving presence of Jesus, thanks to the gift of the Holy Spirit - and, as Daniel reminds us, we also have a lot of fun.

Maybe it’s time we rethink the value we place on church camp. It really does reinforce everything we teach about being a beloved child of God and allows us to encounter the living Christ in powerful ways.

Register Now for Summer Camp at LutheranCamping.org

The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania
Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, & The Wittel Farm LutheranCamping.org



Phillies' season is upon us again

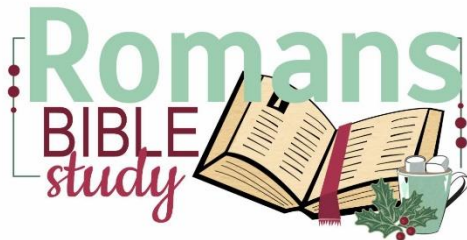
If anyone is interested in traveling on down to see a game, please place your name, phone number and amount of tickets you would like for a specific game on the sheet in the gathering area. Most names on a date wins!!

I will secure tickets and keep you informed. 🍌!

Thank you, Kathrin Baltz

Sunday Church School on the Move!

Children and Parents are invited to attend Sunday School in the gymnasium on February 2nd and 16th at 10:20-10:50 AM. Snacks can be gotten in the cafe right after church until 10:20 when Sunday School will start in the gym. Parents are asked to remain. Any questions or concerns can be directed to Darryl or Kathy Kuhns.



Bible Study

The weekly study of Paul's letter to the Romans will be on Tuesdays, at 11:00 AM. All are welcome to come and explore this relationship-defining epistle with much to teach us about God's grace and the depth of God's relationship with us through the gift of His Son. See you soon!

Bergstrasse Community Closet

Thank you to all of our donors, and the many of you who support us in so many ways!

2025 Hours:

Feb: 15&16 from 12 to 2.

March: 1&2, 15&16 from 12 to 2.

Starting 2025, we have made both Saturday and Sundays, 12 to 2 so our volunteers can enjoy Bergstrasse Lutheran Church worship service on Sundays 10am.

Donations for the clothing closet may be left in the box in the narthex of Holy Trinity church.

Please contact the Clothing Closet on Facebook if you are interested in volunteering.



Sharing Upcoming Events and Information

Congregational committees and other ministries of Holy Trinity are invited and encouraged to share the details of upcoming happenings with the congregation and beyond via our recently updated Facebook page and our webpage. If you have anything that will be occurring between now and Christmas and needs sharing, please contact Theresa Mull (theresakmull@gmail.com), our Facebook page administrator, and Adam Doughty (adamc.doughty@gmail.com or 717-445-0007), our webpage administrator if you would like your group's activities shared. They are waiting to hear from you to help share your information with a broader audience.

Salem Lutheran Preschool, 1331 W. Main St., Ephrata, is now taking registrations for Fall 2025. Classes for 3 and 4 year olds are available. Call the Church office for more information, 717-733-6646.

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>

February 16-22 Calendar

16 FEB, SUN

- Celebration Choir sings
- 9am Worship
- 10am Coffee Hour After Worship
- 10:20am SCS

17 FEB, MON

- 10am Women's prayer group
- 6:30pm Yoga

18 FEB, TUE

- 11am Bible Study
- 3:30pm Trini Mini
- 6pm Pickleball

19 FEB, WED

- 12pm Luther Lunch Ladies

20 FEB, THU

- 3:30pm Trini Mini
- 7pm Thursday Worship

22 FEB, SAT

- 7:30am Walking Group

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

February 16th Servers:

Council Team: Kathrin Baltz, Christy Boos

Assisting Minister: Ed Quirke

Lector: Norm Wangman

Acolytes: CH: Ava Morgan

Ushers: Curtis & Christy Boos, Bill & Lori Spitzer

Altar Guild: Barb & Steve Sweigart, Andy Sweigart

Linens: Patrice Mull

Flowers: Winnie Gerlach



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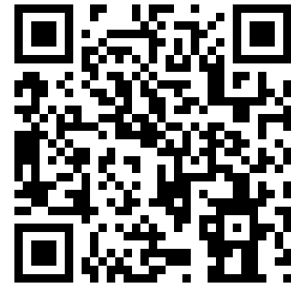
Office Phone: 717-733-4134 Pastor's Cell: 315-317-8517

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 Noon	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM- 4:00 PM	OFF
Thursday	8:00 AM- 12:00 Noon	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Friday	8:00 AM- 12:00 Noon	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!

