



HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



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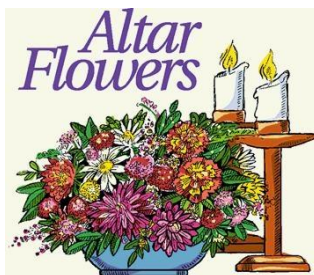
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Trinity Messenger

January 2023 Issue 4

Jesus preached the good news of the kingdom and cured every sickness among the people. Matthew 4:23



Altar Flowers and Worship Appointments-PLEASE READ

Beginning in 2023, the church will no longer be supplementing the cost of altar flowers for worship each week due to the increased cost of doing so. Our Ministry Support Plan, which was approved at the recent annual congregational meeting, does not allow for the added expense of weekly flowers. With the closing of *Roxanne's Flowers* at the end of December the church will once again be utilizing *Royer's Flowers and Gifts* for its floral needs. The cost for weekly altar flowers will be \$55.00. This amount will cover the cost of two vases and delivery. As in the past, please write your name on the flower chart in the Gathering Area for the Sunday(s) on which you wish to sponsor flowers and fill out one of the forms indicating who the flowers are to be giving "in honor of," "in memory of," or "in thanksgiving for," and turn that into the church office. Filling out a form will ensure the information to be included in the bulletin is accurate. In the same manner, if you wish to contribute toward **weekly worship appointments**, the bottom of the same form needs to be completed. The cost for weekly worship appointments can be for any amount. **The flower chart is only for altar flowers.** Please do not sign up for worship appointments on this chart. There will be no flowers on the altar on the Sundays when people have not sponsored flowers.



IMPORTANT NOTICE: We emailed 2022 donation statements to everyone we have emails for. All others have been printed and will be available on the table in the Gathering Area. If you have not picked yours up by the end of the month, we will mail them. Please let the church office know if you have not received a statement.

Year End Financial Report For 2022:

Unified Budget Expense	\$375,660.36
Unified Budget Income	\$297,212.41
Year End Deficit	\$ 78,447.95

The deficit was covered by funds remaining from bequests received by the congregation.

Budgeted Expense	\$402,061.00
Budgeted Income	\$283,830.00
Budgeted Deficit	\$ 118,231.00

January 22-28, 2023

Sunday, January 22	
9:00am	Sunday Worship
10:00am	Adult Forum
10:00am	Coffee Hour After Worship
Monday, January 23	
10:00am	Women's Prayer Group
6:30pm	Yoga
Tuesday, January 24	
3:30pm	Trini Mini
6:00pm	God on Tap
7:00pm	Bell Choir
Wednesday, January 25	
6:00pm	Bell Ensemble
6:30pm	Mazon: Middle & High School
6:45pm	Senior Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, January 26	
3:30pm	Trini Mini
7:00pm	Yoga
7:00pm	Thursday Worship
Saturday, January 28	
7:30am	Walking Group

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

Office Hours: January 23-27

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

Pastor Mark will be on vacation this week. If you need anything please call the church office or Donna Nace.

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

Snow or Inclement Weather:

Notice of worship/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



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.



January Congregation Council Meeting

At its meeting January 12, the congregation council:

- Approved the Evangelism Committee request for \$125 licensing fee to show a movie February 5 that will be a community event.
- Requested that committee chairs submit a summary of committee meetings to be included in the *Messenger*.
- Directed the Property Committee to evaluate the current cleaning service provider and solicit additional proposals to provide the service.
- Affirmed that there will not be altar flowers for weeks there is no sponsor.



Change for Administrative Assistant

The Congregation Council has negotiated with Sue Johns, our administrative assistant, a reduction in work hours. For 2023, Sue will work 20 less days with a corresponding reduction in pay. This means that some weeks will work one less day (or perhaps ½ day). As always, check the *Messenger* for Sue's schedule for the following week. A reminder, if you plan to come to the building or office, it is a good practice to call first to make certain the building is open.

Organ Repair

During the last four months of 2022, some necessary repairs were made to our pipe

2022 Sweigart Foundation Grant

In response to our request, the Sweigart Foundation has again generously awarded a grant to Holy Trinity. The \$5,000 grant was made in December. The Congregation Council has made the following allocations of the grant:

- \$1,000 for Trini Mini supplies and programs
- \$1,200 for transportation of students to Trini Mini
- \$1,800 for a **2024** concert, perhaps by a Millersville University music organization
- \$1,000 for organ case and pipe repair

AMAZON SMILE

Amazon is discontinuing its Amazon Smile program on February 20, 2023.

organ. The case holding pipes above the choir loft became loose over time and was in danger of falling. The case was more securely reattached and painted. At the same time, the exposed pipes were cleaned and repaired. The total cost of the repair done by Brunner & Associates was \$5,731.56. The cost was paid using \$1,000 of the Sweigart Foundation grant and \$4,731.56 from our Thanksgiving and Memorial Fund.

The Friday evening dinners will resume Friday, February 3rd at The Lincoln House and every first Friday of the month thereafter. The sign up sheet will be available at the back of the church.

Looking for more information not included in this week's newsletter?
Be sure to checkout our website!

Thanks for reading! Have a great week ahead!

