



# HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



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*Alleluia. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. Alleluia. Psa. 98:3*

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## Stewardship Special Giving for January: Mountaineers' Table

The Ephrata *Mountaineer's Table* is enrolling new families for the school year. The *Mountaineer's Table* is designed to help families stretch their grocery money, prepare low-cost meals for their families over the weekend, and have their children well-fed and ready to learn. Every Thursday, participating families receive a recipe and the ingredients to make the meal. Additional items including cereal, peanut butter, soups, and fresh fruits and vegetables are distributed. Helpful information is also included in the weekly packs, including "Smart Shopping Tips," "Clever Ways to Use Leftovers," and "Food to

Always Have On Hand."

There is no cost to participate, but there are expectations: **Program participants will be expected to pick up their food every Thursday evening at the Ephrata Church of the Brethren located at 201 Crescent Avenue in Ephrata. Failure to do so will result in being removed from the program.**

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**Reminder for those of you who are planning to attend Donna's Retirement Celebration and have not sent in your RSVP, your reservation is due no later than Sunday, January 5th. Thank you.**

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## Happy Birthday

To the members of Holy Trinity who are 70 years and older and celebrating a birthday this month.

### January Birthdays

4 Candy Snyder  
7 John Fuehrer  
15 Mary Brossman  
20 Charlann Brubaker

*SEND THEM A BIRTHDAY CARD OR CALL THEM WITH YOUR GREETING. WE PRAY GOD GRANTS THEM MANY MORE YEARS IN THEIR PILGRIMAGE.*



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**Sunday School Instructors Needed**

Christian Education is an integral part of children's faith development, be it in a classroom or at home around the kitchen table, and it has been a staple in the lives of the Holy Trinity's children for generations. With this in mind, the Christian Education Team seeks individuals to share their gifts to help our children develop their faith and deepen their relationship with God and their Lord. The class of elementary-age and younger children meets two Sundays a month for 30 minutes after worship. The team hopes to have enough volunteers so that no one has to teach both Sundays in a month and, per our child protection policy and insurance, have two teachers and/or adults in the classroom while each session is being taught. If you are interested in helping to sustain the Sunday school program by sharing your gifts, please speak with Phyllis Doughty or Pastor Mark.

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### **Organist Search Committee Update**

The organist search committee developed and submitted the job description for an organist to serve with the people of Holy Trinity to church music organizations and area music departments at colleges and universities and the Synod in mid-October. Currently, no interest has been shown in the position, so while the committee will actively continue to advertise for a candidate to fill the position, it is proactively arranging for area organists to help lead us in worship on Sundays in February and March. As we navigate an unfamiliar time in our life as a congregation, let us do so with a grace-filled appreciation for those who are faithfully working on behalf of our ministries and in the certainty that God is present amid the changes taking place in which we are each called to play a constructive part.

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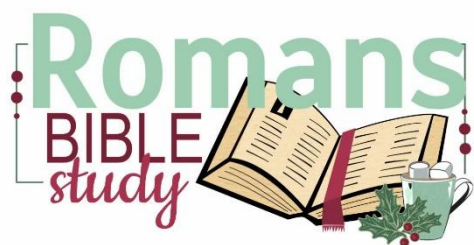
### **Sunday Church School Class schedule**

Parents have determined that holding Sunday Church School classes for their children every other week works best for their families. Children ages 3 and up will meet for class with Donna in her classroom on the following dates:

January 5 & 19

Classes begin at 10:20 AM.

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### **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!

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### **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](mailto:theresakmull@gmail.com)), our Facebook page administrator, and Adam Doughty ([adamc.doughty@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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## 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>

### January 5-11 Calendar

5	JAN, SUN	● 9am	Worship
		● 10am	Coffee Hour After Worship
		● 10:20am	SCS
6	JAN, MON	● 10am	Women's Prayer Group
		● 6:30pm	Yoga
		● 7pm	Evangelism
7	JAN, TUE	● 11am	Bible Study
		● 3:30pm	Trini Mini
		● 6pm	Pickleball
		● 6:15pm	Handbell Ensemble
		● 7pm	Bell Choir
		● 7pm	Fellowship Committee Meeting
9	JAN, THU	● 3:30pm	Trini Mini
		● 7pm	Thursday Worship
		● 7:30pm	Council Meeting
11	JAN, SAT	● 7:30am	Walking Group

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

#### January 5th Servers:

**Council Team:** Barry Kreider, Lisa Garrett

**Assisting Minister:** Ed Quirke

**Lector:** Gary Nace

**Acolytes:** Ava Morgan, Natalie Mull

**Ushers:** Curtis & Christy Boos, Bill & Lori Spitzer

**Altar Guild:** Brenda Wangman,  
Heather Zimmerman, Lisa Garrett

**Linens:** Lori Spitzer



**Flowers:** Jo Hurst

**Office Hours January 6-10, 2024**

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

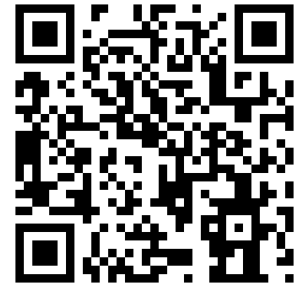
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Day	Sue	Pastor
Monday	8:00 AM- 4:00 PM	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Tuesday	8:00 AM- 12:00 Noon	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM- 4:00 PM	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Thursday	8:00 AM- 4:00 PM	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Friday	8:00 AM- 12:00 Noon	OFF

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On the Holy Trinity website ([www.holytrinityephrata.org](http://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.



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***Thanks for reading! Have a great week ahead!***

