



**Trinity Messenger**  
January 2025 Issue 4

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*Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor,  
and to proclaim release to the captives. Alleluia. Luke 4:18*

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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.**



**Donation Statements**

The 2024 Donation Statements were emailed last week. For members without an email address, the statements have been printed and placed on a table in the gathering area. Contact the church office if you need a copy mailed to you.

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

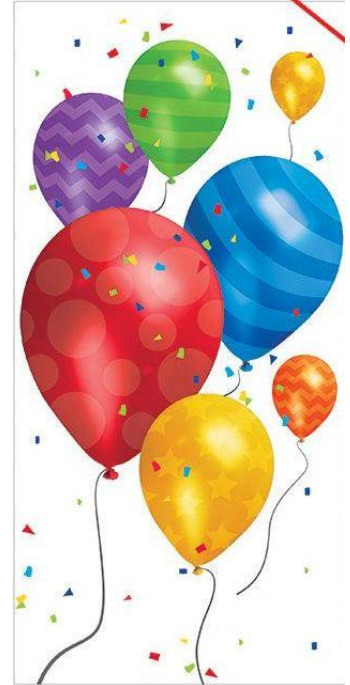
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### Happy Birthday

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

### February Birthdays

1 Rick Woerner  
5 Warren Fegley  
8 Scott Eaby  
9 Kathy Kuhns  
10 Earl Dinger  
12 Pat Fassnacht  
14 Darryll Kuhns  
17 Joy Althouse  
19 Anne Houck  
27 Mary Jane Weidman  
28 Grace Myers



*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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## Notes of THANKS

It is difficult to find the words to adequately express my deep, heartfelt gratitude for the amazing retirement celebration held last Saturday afternoon. I was truly overwhelmed to celebrate with so many of you with whom I have been blessed to share ministry during the past thirty-three years.

Thank you, thank you to those who planned, set up, and took part in this wonderful event; the decorations, delicious meal, music, and fellowship were perfect and touched me deeply. I am absolutely overwhelmed by the incredibly generous monetary gift and the outpouring of your care. It has been my privilege and pleasure to serve you. I will miss you profoundly in so many ways. I carry you in my heart always and continually hold you in prayer.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Love, Donna

Dear Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Thank you for your gift of \$5,000 to Lutheran Disaster Response. 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. Your Spirit-filled generosity helps families and

communities reeling from disasters. Your gifts enable people to rebuild their lives and livelihoods now and far into the future. Thank you for your gracious gifts. the glory of God shines through you.  
In Christ, The Rev. Daviel Rift, Director, Giving, Service and Justice

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### **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"

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### **Dear Widows and Widowers,**

Swamp Lutheran Church has an active widow and widower's group. We would like to invite others from your congregation to join us. Our next luncheon will be the day before Valentine's Day. This holiday can be a time for widows and widowers to reflect on love and loss. It can be a lonely time. So please come to be with new and old friends. Let's shift our focus from the hearts and flowers and stand together on the truth and positivity of our Heavenly Father's unending love and amazing grace. So, with that said, we've invited Pastor Scott Brubaker of Swamp Lutheran to be our guest and speak on "LOVE".



What: Widow and Widowers Luncheon

When: Thursday February 13<sup>th</sup> 11:30 am

Where: Udder Choice Restaurant, Ephrata, PA

Turn right after entering. Private room on the right. (separate checks)

Guest: Pastor Scott Brubaker

**For the February 13<sup>th</sup> luncheon Please RSVP to our church office at (717)-336-2849.**

If you have a widow or widower friend, please bring them along, just RSVP for a count for the restaurant.

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### **ORGANIST SEARCH PROCESS**

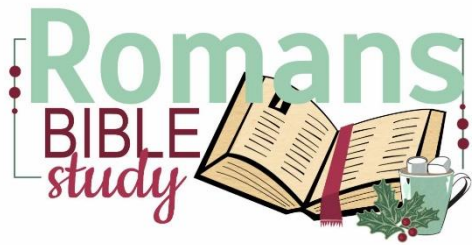
The Committee has received several resumes from possible organist candidates. These have been reviewed and discussed, and the committee has begun to schedule interviews. Please hold the committee in your prayers as they carry out interviews to find the candidate who will best fit in with the worship ministry of Holy Trinity.

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### **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.

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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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### ***Bergstrasse Community Closet 2024 wrap up.***

We are excited for 2025! All are welcome here, no questions asked, no strings attached. There is plenty for everyone. We thank God, to always manage to bring to us what we need in donations, and the ability to provide this ministry to all who need it.

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



2025 Hours:

Feb: 1&2, 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.

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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>

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## January 26- February 1 Calendar

26 JAN, SUN

- 9am Worship
  - 10am Coffee Hour After Worship
  - 10:20am SCS
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27 JAN, MON

- 6:30pm Yoga
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28 JAN, TUE

- 9am Coffee Klatch
  - 11am Bible Study
  - 3:30pm Trini Mini
  - 6pm Pickleball
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30 JAN, THU

- 3:30pm Trini Mini
  - 7pm Thursday Worship
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1 FEB, SAT

- 7:30am Walking Group

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

### January 26th Servers:

**Council Team:** Bill Spitzer, Elaine Sernoffsky

**Assisting Minister:** Kathy Kuhns

**Lector:** Dan Doremus

**Acolytes:** Ava Morgan

**Ushers:** Denise Shirker, Trig Olson, Matt Shirker

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

Lisa Garrett

**Linens:** Patrice Mull

**Flowers:** Heather Zimmerman



**Office Hours January 27-31, 2024**

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**

**Office email: [officeholyltrinity@ephratalutheran.org](mailto:officeholyltrinity@ephratalutheran.org)**

Day	Sue	Pastor
Monday	8:00 AM- 4:00 PM	Church office Closed
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	OFF	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](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!*

