



HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



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# Trinity Messenger

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*Alleluia. Blessed are you, Lord of heav'n and earth; you have revealed these things to infants. Alleluia. Matthew 11:25*



*[Jesus said] whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple — truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.*

—Matthew 10:40-42

Yesterday, as I stood at the rear of the sanctuary, shaking hands and greeting folks, I was reminded once again of the importance of showing hospitality to the stranger as I spent time speaking to a couple of visitors who had joined us that morning. They commented on how much they enjoyed the service and took the extra time to make sure I knew how welcome they had been made to feel by those in the pews around them and others. It truth, this is not the first time I have heard this from visitors who have joined us. Jesus reminds us in our gospel from this past Sunday that when we welcome the stranger it is the same as welcoming him and the one who sent him. The act of showing hospitality is by its nature an extension of God's love. When we acknowledge those who are newly among us, making them feel at home, we are serving as God's representatives. Our words and actions serve as a sacred act through which we honor and nurture the other as God's creation and celebrate their worth. We often do not know what brings the visitor to us, what might be going on in their lives or the challenges they might be navigating. However, what we do know is that taking the time to welcome others, especially the stranger, can be like a "cup of cold water" on a scorching hot day—refreshing, life-giving, and oh so welcome!

*A custom existed among the first generations of Christians, when faith was a bright fire that warmed more than those who kept it burning. In every house then a room was kept ready for any stranger who might ask for shelter; it was even called "the stranger's room." Not because these people thought they could trace something of someone they loved in the stranger who used it, not because the man or woman to whom they gave shelter reminded them of Christ, but because — plain and simple and stupendous fact — he or she was Christ.*  
— Dorothy Day

In Christ's service,  
*Pastor Mark*

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## **Lancaster County Food Hub Stewardship special giving Focus July 2023**

Since 1947, the Lancaster County Food Hub (LCFH), formally the Lancaster County Council of Churches, has served the most needy and marginalized members of our society as well as the working poor struggling to make ends meet. The overarching goal of our organization is to help fill the gap for these individuals and families by providing services in three key areas. They are Food, Clothing, and Shelter.

The Hub has seen a significant rise in requests over the last few years, and in response to the increased demand purchased and renovated a 27,000 square foot warehouse in downtown Lancaster. Housed in this warehouse is a 7500 square foot Food Hub that serves as the largest food distribution site in Lancaster County. The Hub also operates the largest free Clothing Bank in our area as well as holds the contract to operate the PA Workwear program in Lancaster County. The PA Workwear Program works in conjunction with Career Link to provide interview appropriate attire for individuals preparing for a job interview. After they have secured employment, they receive a week's worth of work clothing as well as proper footwear if needed such as steel toed boots, nurse's shoes and non-skid shoes. The clothing bank is open to anyone and is available for individuals to come every 60 days. Additionally, the Hub has a fully stocked Hygiene Bank which provides all toiletry items as well as laundry detergent for clients once a month.

The Welcome Place is an emergency overnight shelter that offers a safe place to sleep 365 days a year, as well as a Drop-In Center, open 5 days per week to Operating in partnership with LanCO My Home, we collaborate with many local agencies to support our neighbors in need find hope and confidence as they navigate difficult situations all in a trusting, healthy and supportive atmosphere.

**To support Lancaster food Hub, use your special giving envelope or just mark your giving for the Hub. Thanks in advance for supporting this valuable nonprofit in our area.**

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## **2023 Vacation Bible School: *GOOD NEWS CAMP***



**We are loved by a mighty God!**  
**Children who have completed Kindergarten through Grade 5**

are invited to join us for  
Bible-Learning experiences, songs,  
team-building games and more!  
**Monday, July 17-Thursday, July 20**  
6:00-8:00 PM

**\*\*\* EMPTY 8oz. plastic water bottles with the caps are needed for a VBS project. place them in the box on the piano in the gathering area. Bottles of apple juice are needed for VBS. Please place them on the piano in the gathering area. Thank you!\*\*\***



*Notes of* **THANKS**

Dear Holy Trinity,  
Thank you for being the champion for children and young adults with disabilities in our community by supporting our organization. We very much appreciate the donation of \$1,110.61 through your May Special Giving. It will help us to deliver meaningful programs for our participants! It's wonderful to hear from our families about what Aaron's Acres means to them! Our mission is to be able to continue and have lives changed because of your generosity!

Sincerely, Risa Paskoff, Executive Director.

Thank you for the beautiful rose bud to honor the birth of Paige Evelyn Kerschner. We appreciate all of your well wishes and prayers upon our daughter's arrival. We look forward to introducing Paige to the Trinity Family. Dave, Angela and Noah Kerschner

To my church family,  
Thank you for the delivery of the Altar Flowers. It was a nice surprise. Also, I again want to thank Donna Nace for her faithful visits to me. Also, thank you to the youth at Holy Trinity and their kindness to send me greeting cards throughout the year. Shirl Tobias

To my Holy Trinity Family,  
I want to thank you all for your love, support and prayers as I recuperate after surgery. The many cards, texts and calls are so appreciated. Thank you to Pastor Mark for the hospital visit and to Donna and her faithful phone calls. Thank you for the Altar Flowers and for their delivery and visit from Dan. You have all been a blessing to me as I continue my healing process.  
Carlene Kerschner



## **Aaron's Acres Summer Camp**

Thank you for the overwhelming generosity many of you displayed in supporting the summer camp program of Aaron's Acres. If you remember, during her temple talk Kate Mullen, the Director of Development & Community Relations for Aaron's Acres, presented us with an open invitation to visit the camp and experience all that goes on there throughout the summer. She has once again extended an invitation to us, so we have two possible dates (Monday, July 17 or Friday, July 28) on which we will be arranging a visit. The camp is located at the New Holland Community Memorial Pool campus (400 E. Jackson St., New Holland) and the tour will begin at 10:30 AM and last for roughly 45 minutes. If you are interested in experiencing the camp, please contact Norm Wangman (717.568.8053 or [nwangman@ptd.net](mailto:nwangman@ptd.net)) for details and your choice of dates. The date with the most interest will be the date on which the tour will take place. Please contact Norm as soon as possible so he can schedule the visit.

## **Summer Camp**

Thank you for your ongoing generosity in support of outdoor ministry through your giving to both the Lutheran Camping Corporation and the camper fund of Holy Trinity. Your generosity has once again made it possible to send three extremely excited youth to camp this summer at Camp Kirchenwald. The cost of one week at camp averages \$600 per camper, which for many families is cost prohibitive, especially if you are trying to send more than one camper. To help continue this important ministry, which changes young lives for the better, please consider giving once again as the Spirit moves you so we can continue to provide youth with the camp experience. To do so, you are invited to use one of the *Camp Fund* envelopes located on the table in the Gathering Area and either place it along with your donation in the offering plate or mail it to or bring it by the church office. Please write *Camper Fund* on the memo line of your check. Again, thank you for your faithful generosity!!



A sign-up sheet will be in the Gathering Area for musicians willing to offer special music during the prelude for our summer liturgies. Please sign-up.

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## July 9-15 Calendar

<b>Sunday, July 9</b>	
10:00am	Coffee Hour After Worship
<b>Monday, July 10</b>	
10:00am	Women's Prayer Group
6:30pm	Yoga
<b>Tuesday, July 11</b>	
6:30pm	Finance 7PM
8:00pm	Executive 8PM
<b>Thursday, July 13</b>	
7:00pm	Yoga
7:00pm	Thursday Worship
7:30pm	Council Meeting
<b>Saturday, July 15</b>	
7:30am	Walking Group

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

### July 9nd Servers

**Council:** Barry Kreider, Ed Quirke  
**Assisting Minister:** John Weiss  
**Lector:** Lori Spitzer  
**Acolyte:** Carly Gilbert  
**Ushers:** Norm Wangman, Phyllis Doughty, Winnie Gerlach  
**Altar Guild:** Brenda Wangman, Heather Zimmerman, Lisa Garrett  
**Linens:** Patricia Fassnacht  
**Deliver Flower:** Heather Zimmerman



### Office Hours: July 10-14

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	OFF	9:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Tuesday	OFF	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 PM	OFF





**MAY I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!** Ephrata Area Social Service is in need of food items this summer and we need to start stocking their shelves now. With financial hardship and rising food prices it is getting harder and harder for some of our local families to provide meals for themselves. Items needed –

Beverage products (Kool-Aid, Crystal Light-Drink mixes, etc.)

Canned fruits - sugar-free, Canned hearty soups

Canned meats and pastas (spaghetti, spam, tuna, ravioli, etc.), Canned vegetables

Condiments, Dish soap, Hamburger helper, Individual snack packs (chips, pretzels, crackers)

Instant potatoes, Jelly, Laundry detergent, Oatmeal, Pancake mix and syrup, Paper towels

Pasta - gluten free, Peanut Butter, Premixed Jell-O snacks, Spices

Gift cards to Giant, Redner's, or Weis to support fresh produce, meat, and dairy items.

This year our goal is to provide **60 full** boxes of food items this summer and we need your help! Please bring one or two items each week to help reach our goal. If everyone donates – *“many hands make light work”*. Let's help those in need in our community. The Social Ministry Committee thanks you for your continued support!

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## MOYER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The John H. Moyer and Erma R. Moyer Scholarship Trust of The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity has been established through a gift by their son, John R. Moyer, to honor his parents and perpetuate the family's belief in the importance of higher education.

The Trust provides for a one-year scholarship of \$1,000.00 to be awarded annually to an active member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. As the investment grows, the Finance Committee can recommend to the Congregational Council increasing the amount. The Finance Committee will notify the Congregation Council in June each year of the amount available to be awarded so the Council can determine the number of scholarships that can be offered.

Applications and detailed Scholarship selection information can be obtained from the Church office. Completed applications and transcripts must be returned to the Church office no later than July 15. Congregation Council will approve all applicable scholarship applications. Scholarship checks will be produced and presented to each approved applicant in September.

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

