



# HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



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## Trinity Messenger

July 2025 Issue 4

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*Alleluia. Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you Alleluia. Luke 11:9*

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### **SPECIAL MEETING TO DISCUSS ELEVATOR REPAIR AND UPGRADE**

There will be a special congregational meeting on **Sunday, August 3**, immediately following worship to discuss and make decisions regarding the necessary repairs to the elevator and upgrade it, so that it will reliably serve our present and growing needs as well as that of all persons who visit and utilize our building. Please be in prayer around these important decisions and come prepared to discuss creative and faithful ways to fund these needed repairs and upgrades.

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### **United Lutheran Seminary—July Stewardship Focus**

Andrea Oslikova, Senior Director of Major Gifts and Engagement & Co-Director of Worship Life, will be our guest at our worship service on Sunday, July 20 to offer a temple talk and answer questions about United Lutheran Seminary (ULS) and its important ministry. Our ELCA seminaries faithfully provide quality theological education that prepares those feeling called to serve God's church as ordained rostered leaders. As the church, we are called to offer our generous support to ULS and the seminaries of the ELCA, while prayerfully identifying potential candidates who feel called to serve the church in its varied expressions of ministry. Please consider giving generously, as the Spirit moves you, in support of our partnership with the seminary and its critical mission.

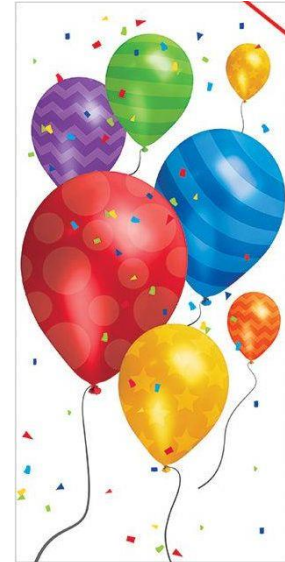
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## Happy Birthday

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

### AUGUST

1 - Shirley Tobias  
3 - Clay Brubaker  
5 - Peggy Dean  
12- Joyce Hooper  
15 - Susan Loss  
17- Norman Wangman  
17 - Phyllis Peters  
21 - Carl Rentschler  
30- Dan Doremus



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



Shirley Tobias will be 90 years old on August 1...there will be a Birthday Card Shower for her...address:  
Shirley Tobias, Ephrata Manor, 99 Bethany Road,  
Skilled Nursing Room 226B, Ephrata, PA 17522.

THE ADULT (all adults are welcome) LUNCH BUNCH will be going to The Oregon Dairy after the liturgy on August 10. We'll meet downstairs immediately after the liturgy. All are welcome. Plan to join us! Please call Cheryl Plummer at 625-3187 to reserve your place!



### Weekly Faith Conversations

Please join in weekly faith conversations on Tuesday mornings at 11:00 AM at Holy Trinity. Those gathered in the Conference Room will use Pastor Karen Minnich-Sadler's book, *Spiritual Reflections for the Human Journey*, as a guide for reflection and conversation around areas of our faith lives that we share as we accompany one another on our journey of faithful discipleship.

**Concert to benefit Ephrata Area Social Services: July 27, 2025 at 4PM at Mellinger's Lutheran Church, 80 Gockley Rd. Stevens, PA.** Admission is free. The concert is by AHAVA. Please bring a non-perishable food or toiletry item for the EASS pantry. Social Ministry will provide a picnic-style supper following the concert. A free-will offering will be collected for EASS and to support the picnic-style supper.



**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, Peanut Butter Laundry detergent, Oatmeal, Pancake mix and syrup, Paper towels, Pasta - gluten free 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 **50 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!



Dear Holy Trinity,  
Thank you so much for allowing us to use your Fellowship Hall & equipment for my presentation on July 2. My God bless your ministry in the days ahead.  
Blessings, Doug Gehr, Ephrata Cloister Associates.



### **Help Wanted: Bergstrasse Community Clothing Closet**

Bergstrasse Community Clothing Closet is open for all people in need of clothing and other household goods. Entrance is accessible via the door off the lower parking lot. Hours are 12 – 2pm.

#### **Summer Schedule:**

**Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Aug 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Sept 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Donations:** Currently there is a continuing need for men's pants, shorts and shoes. There is always a need for children's clothing. All clothing in good shape is accepted as are household

items like sheets, towels, etc. Donations may be dropped off directly at Bergstrasse when the Community Clothing Closet is open or in the box at the back of the narthex in Holy Trinity. Thank you so much for sharing what God has given you! Your generosity is helping those in need in our community!

**Volunteers:** sort clothing, hang it and tag it by color to keep track of what is moving and what is not, and greet shoppers at the courtesy desk. Shoppers check in and specify how many people they are shopping for and what items are of particular interest. Volunteers meet at 6-7:30pm on the Friday before the Closet is open to sort donations and get them ready for the next day. When the Closet is open, volunteers are needed from 11:30 – 2:30 on Saturdays and Sundays. You do not need to be there the entire time to volunteer – whatever time you have available within those times is fine.

If you have further questions, you may either stop by the next time the Closet is open and have a look around or call/text Pattie Martin at 717-344-1347.

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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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**July 27-August 2 Calendar**

27 JUL, SUN

● PENTECOST 7

● 9am Worship

● 10am Coffee Hour After Worship

28 JUL, MON

● 10am Women's prayer group

● 6:30pm Yoga

29 JUL, TUE

● 9am Coffee Klatch

● 11am Faith Conversations

● 6pm Pickleball

31 JUL, THU

● 7pm Thursday Worship

2 AUG, SAT

● 7:30am Walking Group

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

**July 27th Servers:**

**Council Team:** Heather Zimmerman, Christy Boos

**Assisting Minister:** John Fuehrer

**Lector:** John Fuehrer

**Acolytes:** Patrice Mull

**Ushers:** Steve Sweigart, Sue Watts,  
Carl Rentschler, Andy Sweigart

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

**Linens:** Brenda Wangman

**Flowers:** Heather Zimmerman



**Office Hours July 28-August 1, 2025**

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

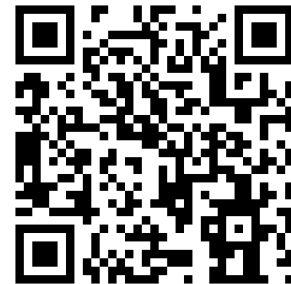
Office email: [officeholylrinity@ephratalutheran.org](mailto:officeholylrinity@ephratalutheran.org)

| Day       | Sue               | Pastor           |
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| 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- 12:00 PM | 9:00 AM-12:30 PM |
| Thursday  | OFF               | 9:00 AM-12:30 PM |
| Friday    | OFF               | 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!***