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# Trinity Messenger

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*Holy, holy, holy, is the lord of hosts; God's glory fills the whole earth. Isa. 6:3*

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## Pastor Letter

*A lot of my friends don't really want to go to their church. But we want to be here, and the older people in our church can see that...so they want us to be here. Our whole church treats us like we're the church of today, not just the church of the future.*

—Ashlee, age 17

Yesterday during worship, we experienced the joy of publicly recognizing the academic accomplishments of seven of our young people, who have recently graduated from, or will soon graduate from, various levels of education. I find these opportunities to spotlight and celebrate these milestones to be an important means of reminding ourselves and those of the younger generation, who are gift to our church families, how important they are to the life of our congregations. Because they are younger, we of the older generation sometimes forget they have God-given gifts and keen insights to share, which benefit the mission of God's church and positively affect how it is carried out. Through their involvement they introduce vitality and forward thinking to our conversations and they enliven our worship, while opening our eyes, hearts, and minds to what it is to be faithful servants in our modern, ever-changing world.

The above quote is from the book *Growing Young: 6 Essential Strategies To Help Young People Discover and Love Your Church*; the research for which came from studies carried out by the Fuller Youth Institute. Much of their research and conclusions came from interviewing young people, ages 15 – 29, regarding their experiences in their congregations and what keeps them involved in and attracted to their churches, not to mention, how we as the church can most effectively love and serve these fellow servants of God. It may come as a surprise, but it is not about flashy worship or a multitude of youth group activities. Likewise, it is not about the size of the church and its congregation, or its location, the age of the church or its congregants, a specific denomination, its “cool factor,” a modern building, a big budget, a contemporary worship style, and slick ministry programs. “For young people today, relational warmth is the new cool...feeling at home transcends any building...[and] when it comes to churches that grow young, there is no age discrimination.”

The core of growing young as a congregation and helping to keep young people engaged and committed is the building of relationships with them that sincerely display how valued they are. It is taking

time to ask them questions about their lives as well as about their faith. It is about showing them how much we appreciate their gifts and their willingness to share them, while inviting them to be an equal part of our faith communities, seeking their opinions and listen to their ideas.

Our young people need us to love them unconditionally, listening to them without judgement or criticism, treating them as equals who have been called to serve God, as each of us has been called, and empowering them by offering them opportunities to serve God alongside us. So, the next time you are around young people, take the time to show a sincere interest in them. Thank them for their service as part of the faith community. Ask them about what is going on in their lives. Take them seriously and really listen to what they are saying. Invite them to be part of whatever activities and ministries you are involved in or encourage them to get involved in areas that interest them. Each one of them is an extraordinary gift from God and a fellow child of God who is worth knowing and learning from.

Let us commit to growing young together by showing appreciation for our young people and building the relational warmth they are seeking from the older generation. Let us be a community that values our young people and is willing to learn from them and grow in our faith and service to God with them.

Pastor Mark

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## This Week At Holy Trinity: June 12-18

<b>Sunday, June 12</b>	
9:00am	<a href="#">Celebration of Pastor Larry Hummer's 50th Ordination Anniversary</a>
9:00am	<a href="#">Sunday Worship</a>
10:00am	<a href="#">Coffee Hour After Worship</a>
<b>Monday, June 13</b>	
10:00am	<a href="#">Women's Prayer Group</a>
6:30pm	<a href="#">Zoom Yoga</a>
<b>Tuesday, June 14</b>	
6:30pm	<a href="#">VBS Decorating Committee</a>
<b>Wednesday, June 15</b>	
12:00pm	<a href="#">Luther Lunch Ladies</a>
<b>Thursday, June 16</b>	
7:00pm	<a href="#">Zoom Yoga</a>
7:00pm	<a href="#">Thursday Worship</a>
<b>Saturday, June 18</b>	
7:30am	<a href="#">Walking Group</a>

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

## Office Hours: June 13-17

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

Day	Sue	Pastor
Monday	8AM - 4PM	9AM - 12:30PM
Tuesday	8AM - 4PM	9AM - 12:30PM
Wednesday	8AM - 4PM	9AM - 12:30PM
Thursday	Off	10:30AM - 12:30PM
Friday	8AM - 12PM	Off

## More Info For You



### June 26 at Grater Park

Worship at 10:30am followed by food, fellowship and fun! Bring a bag of strawberries.... everything else provided.

### Moyer Memorial Scholarship

The John H. Moyer and Erma R. Moyer Scholarship Trust of the Evangelical Lutheran Church at 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 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 Congregational 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.



### Vacation Bible School

July 25-28, 6:15-8:30pm.

### Monumental - Celebrating God's Greatness

Volunteers please sign up on the sheet on the piano in the gathering area

A simple meal will be offered at 5:30pm for families attending the program.

VBS Decorating Committee: Tuesday from 6:30-8:00PM in the Social Hall

### SUMMER MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

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.



### Compassion Project

Holy Trinity will be participating in the Compassion Project through LOVE INC. during the month of July. This was previously called the Ephrata or the Manheim Project. The Compassion Project is a local mission outreach which provides tangible services to our neighbors in the name of Christ. What is at the heart of a Compassion Project? Jesus showed compassion to people and shared the hope of a relationship with Him. He connected with people where they were and built relationships based on compassion. Jesus set an example for us as we look to meet people where they are. The Compassion Project is designed to be a practical resource to the local church and Christian community to aid them in acts of compassion, and can be engaged in by one or multiple congregations. These acts of compassion create unique and exciting opportunities for

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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**THE ADULT (all adults are welcome) LUNCH BUNCH** will be going to Park Place Diner on June 12. Reservations can be made by calling Cheryl Plummer at 717-625-3187 by June 11.

### **NEWSLETTER and BULLETIN UPDATE**

May 29th was the last edition of the Tri-fold. The Sunday bulletin will no longer be emailed. All information moving forward will be in the weekly newsletter and our website. For those without electronic communication, paper copies of the newsletter will continue to be available at the back of the church. Thank you for your support as we continue to optimize church communications.

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### **Luther Lunch Ladies**

Join the Luther Lunch Ladies for a fun filled luncheon on June 15 at noon. We are all women from Trinity who enjoy dining around the county on the third Wednesday every month. Think about joining us and participating in a nice afternoon of fellowship and friendship. Contact Marti Nissley by June 13 to be added to the reservation.

relationships to be built and the gospel to be shared.

Local families will submit requests to LOVE INC. for projects they need done in and around their homes. Based upon our talents we will be matched up with families to assist them. Please complete the [Compassion Project Volunteer Form](#) and return to Rob Gilbert or the Church Office by June 19<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Rob Gilbert

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**IMPORTANT!** Because of safety issues, only the double glass doors by the Church Office will be unlocked for church events during the week. If you exit by another door, please make certain it latches firmly and cannot be opened.



Dear Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,

I am writing to thank you for the \$632 donation you made to Clare House. Everything Clare House does, from the first day a woman walks through our doors to the day she's found economic and emotional freedom, is made possible thanks to the help of our community. When you give to Clare House, you're supporting a step forward for women and their children. Please know that I am so happy that you appreciate our mission and you understand the difference we can make in the lives of those we serve. And if you feel compelled to get involved in another way, please reach out about our current Volunteer opportunities.

With Gratitude, Amanda Lynn Richardson,  
Executive Director, Clare House

Dear Holy Trinity Lutheran Church:

Amount received: \$1021.14. Greetings from United Lutheran Seminary. We give thanks for each of you and include you in our prayers. We are grateful for your partnership and accompaniment on the journey as we live out our mission to equip students as leaders to proclaim the living Gospel for a changing church and world. We look forward to the opportunity to gather with you in person or by zoom in the coming year.

Yours faithfully, Mr. Conor Brookes,  
CFRE Vice President for Institutional Advancement

Dear Holy Trinity Church Family,

My sincere thanks to Pastor Mark and Donna Nace for all your calls and to the congregation for all your calls, texts, prayers, cards and Altar Flowers during my recovery from my recent surgery. I am so blessed to have so many caring friends.

Peace be with you, Ron Kerschner.

To my Family at Trinity Lutheran Church

I would like to thank everyone for your prayers and concerns. Thank you for all the inquiries of concern to Michelle and Joyce regarding my well-being. It is nice to know I am still remembered. A special thanks to Donna and Pastor Mark for all her prayers, visits, and communion, you are most kind. Thank You to the youth who never fail to send and make me special cards. They are works of art! I Don't think you missed a holiday or special occasion. Your cards always brighten my day! Thanks too for all the beautiful flowers and those who deliver them! Thank you! Thank You!

All my Love! Bonnie Frey

Dear Church family,

Thank you for the altar flowers and cards! Thank you to Dan Doremus for delivering the flowers.

Joy Althouse

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### **Celebration of Pastor Hummer's 50th Anniversary of Ordination**

We will celebrate The Rev. Larry Hummer's 50th ordination anniversary at the 9:00 a.m. worship service, **Sunday, June 12**. The Rev. Dennis Trout, retired pastor of Swamp Lutheran Church and long time friend of Pastor Hummer, will preach. Pastor Mark Luscombe will preside. Following the worship service, a reception with light refreshments will be held in the multi-purpose room. Join us along with family, friends, and colleagues of Pastor Hummer to celebrate this milestone anniversary. No program is planned. Come enjoy the decorations, food and fellowship. Pastor Hummer was ordained June 11, 1972, at the assembly of the Central Pennsylvania Synod in Gettysburg, PA.

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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!***

