



# HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



## Trinity Messenger

June 2025 Issue 4

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*Alleluia. Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you. Alleluia.*

Luke 8:29

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### Treasurer's Report: June, 2025

#### May Financial Report

Unified Budget Income	\$31,518.05
Unified Budget Expense	\$23,202.81

#### Year To Date:

Income	\$154,190.37
Expenses	\$133,338.88
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>\$ 20,851.49</b>

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### June Council Meeting Report

At the June 12 Congregation Council meeting, the Council:

- Approved the Finance Committee motion to donate \$7,000 for the Konde Diocese hospital construction and \$7,000 for capital projects at our synod's Lutheran Camping Corporation. This \$14,000 is from the tithe of the Esther Winters estate received earlier this year (\$4,000) and some of the accumulated investment earnings in our special benevolence fund (\$10,000).
  - Heard the Property Committee report that Requests for Proposals to update the elevator will be sent to contractors before the end of the month.
  - Received one bid to update and host our website. Other bids and recommendations are being sought.
  - Received the Property Committee report that the "Top Hat" lights in the sanctuary have been replaced with new LED lights. Also, the storm drain in the parking lot needs repair.
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### Elevator Upgrade

For several months the Congregation Council has reported major upgrades are needed for our elevator. The Property Committee is seeking proposals and bids for the elevator upgrades. The plan is to have a special congregational meeting later this summer to discuss the recommendations received for the needed work. Council would not be surprised if the lowest bid is at least \$100,000. While some congregation reserve funds are available for this project, almost certainly a special appeal campaign will be needed. As soon as more information becomes available, it will be published and then explained at the special congregational meeting.

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**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!

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### **Stewardship Special Giving for JUNE: ELCA World Hunger**

Nearly 1-in-10 people – 733 million – in our world are hungry. As members of the ELCA, we are called to respond. We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work. Working with and through our congregations in the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands Lutheran churches overseas and other partners, ELCA World Hunger is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty. Through this comprehensive approach, we work to address hunger from all angles — both domestically and globally.

*For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me. – Matthew 25:35*



**Pickleball News-No Tuesday Night Pickleball in the month of June. We will begin again in July.**

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### **MOYER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP\*\* NOTE DATE CHANGE**

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 6.**\*\*\* Please note this date change! Congregation Council will approve all applicable scholarship applications. Scholarship checks will be produced and presented to each approved applicant in September.



Members of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church are invited to the summer concerts by the Ephrata Concert Band. These will be held at 7 o'clock p.m. on Sundays - June 29, July 13 and 27. The concerts will be held in the Tom Grater Park, and it is advised to bring lawn chairs. Several members of Holy Trinity will be

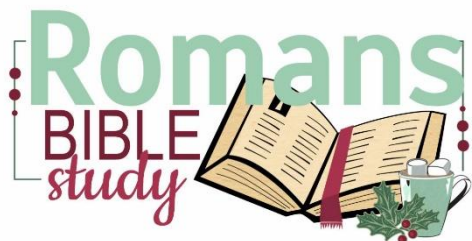
participating in the concert!

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Holy Trinity Lutheran Church fully supports our children attending church camp and believes every child who would like to attend should be given an opportunity. To offset any financial concerns that families may face, Trinity has created a campers' fund to which congregation members may contribute to provide financial assistance to address any barriers to camp attendance. If you have a child or children who would like to attend church camp this summer, please see Lisa Garrett, Trinity's camp person, to see what financial assistance may be available through the church's campers' fund.



THE ADULT (all adults are welcome) LUNCH BUNCH will be going to Knight & Day Diner after the liturgy on July 13. 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!



#### 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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#### Dear Widow and Widower's Group: Happy Summertime!

Our May luncheon was very interesting. Pastor Glenn Beard spoke to us about the Lutheran Disaster Relief efforts globally, nationally and locally. There is so much that they do to respond to conventional and unconventional disasters, always in



contact with the impacted community. It was so interesting, we are inviting him for a Temple Talk at Swamp Lutheran in the fall.

Summer activities:

**Reading Museum Senior Series– Friday June 27<sup>th</sup> 1 PM**

The Museum Curator of Art will speak about “Female Watercolorists” represented at the Museum. Admission to the Museum is \$6 for seniors and free for members.

Registration is required, so let me know if you plan to attend and I’ll register us.

Email me at [bmiz13@hotmail.com](mailto:bmiz13@hotmail.com) or call the church office to register at (717) 366- 2849. Also let us know if you need transportation.

**Hike** – Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup>, meet at the Middle Creek Visitor Center at 10 am.

Please RSVP to me at [bmiz13@hotmail.com](mailto:bmiz13@hotmail.com) or call the church office to register at (717) 366- 2849.

**Fox Meadow Creamery Tuesday July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 am – Lunch and Ice Cream**

Show up and enjoy the food and delicious ice cream concoctions. It opens at 11 and gets busy fast. Let me know that you are coming so I can save us a table.

Please RSVP to me at [bmiz13@hotmail.com](mailto:bmiz13@hotmail.com) or call the church office to register at (717) 366-2849..

**Dutch Apple Dinner Theater, Buddy Holly Story Friday August 15**

There are still tables available for this evening showing 6 pm dinner 7:30 pm show \$80.

Let me know asap if you are interested in going. (note: there are other dates available, let me know of your interest.)

Email me at [bmiz@hotmail.com](mailto:bmiz@hotmail.com) of your interest.

Also, inform me if there is any activity that you would like to share with the Group. We are starting to plan for activities Sept – December. As always, feel free to bring any widow(er) friends to join in the activities with us (just RSVP). Hoping to see you soon...remember YOU ARE NOT ALONE,

Barbara Mizdail

Members of the Welcome Committee of Swamp Lutheran Church.

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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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22 JUN, SUN

● PENTECOST 2

● 9am Worship

● 10am Coffee Hour After Worship

23 JUN, MON

● 10am Women's prayer group

● 6:30pm Yoga

24 JUN, TUE

● 9am Coffee Klatch

● 11am Bible Study

26 JUN, THU

● 7pm Thursday Worship

28 JUN, SAT

● 7:30am Walking Group

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

**June 22nd Servers:**

**Council Team:** Lisa Garrett, Elaine Sernoffsky

**Assisting Minister:** John Weiss

**Lector:** Lisa Garrett

**Acolytes:** Norm Wangman

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

**Altar Guild:** Barb & Steve Sweigart, Andy Sweigart

**Linens:** Brenda Wangman

**Flowers:** Jo Hurst



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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- 12:00 Noon	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.



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