

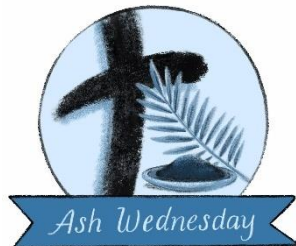


HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



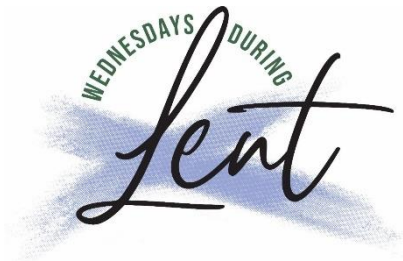
Trinity Messenger
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Alleluia. This is my Son, my Chosen, listen to him!. Alleluia. Luke 9:35



March 5: Ash Wednesday Service at 7PM

Wednesday Evening Prayer during Lent 7:30PM

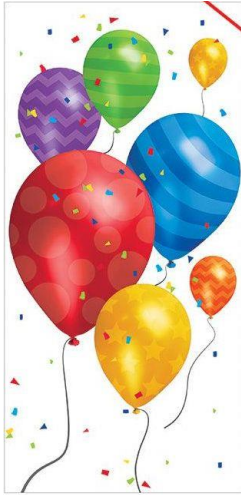


Stewardship Special Giving for MARCH:

Disaster Response: How We Work

We are a church that is a catalyst, convener and bridge builder. Lutheran Disaster Response collaborates with other disaster response organizations and religious entities in the United States and around the world. This enables the greatest stewardship of resources and maximum impact of response. We are a welcome partner because we respect the perspectives and strengths of others.

We recognize that every disaster is local. Because of this, we believe every response needs to be rooted in the community; we work to accompany that community from immediate relief through long-term recovery. In our international work we partner closely with companion churches and other Lutheran and ecumenical relief agencies to make sure local needs are being addressed and met. In the United States, we work through our extensive affiliate network and other partners to address these same concerns. Lutheran Disaster Response strives to help the church continue to be church in the midst of disaster — following Christ's call to bring hope and healing to our neighbor in need.



Happy Birthday

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

March Birthdays

- 3 Lyn Weiss
- 5 Donald Nissley
- 10 Winnie Gerlach
- 12 Gary Nace
- 23 Kitty Dickersheid
- 24 Barry Kreider

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

EASTER FLOWERS 2025

It is time once again to think about Easter flowers as we prepare to celebrate the Lord's resurrection, April 20, 2025

Flowers may be presented to the glory of God and "In memory of..." or "In honor of..."

Orders may be brought into or mailed to the church office. All mail orders must be received no later than Monday, March 17, and must be accompanied by payment. Make Checks payable to Holy Trinity.



The cost of each plant is as follows:

Tulip - \$6.25 -6.5"pot Daffodils - \$10.80- 8" pot

Lilies - \$8.75 - 5-6 blooms Mums - \$7 - 6" pot

Hyacinths – \$6.40 -3 bulbs 6.5" pot

(Sorry, no color choice)

Persons ordering flowers are responsible for picking them up following the Easter Day Liturgy.

NAME _____

PHONE _____

How many _____ Lily \$8.75

How many _____ Daffodils \$10.80

How many _____ Tulips \$6.25

How many _____ Mums \$7.00

How many _____ Hyacinths \$6.40

To the glory of God and:

IN MEMORY OF or IN HONOR OF

AMOUNT PAID \$ _____

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



Hymn boards

Recently there has been some discussion about the hymn boards. Please allow me to explain why they may not always be in use. As with any organization when there is a staff reduction there is a need to prioritize tasks. Our priorities must lie with those things that are vital for the future of our congregation and with those things that are an essential part of our worship. Sunday school and a Worship Committee were top priorities. A heartfelt and grateful thank you to all of those individuals who have volunteered to serve in this capacity! Debbie Fortna, our new organist, will be a vital part of the worship committee, determining things like the hymns, liturgical setting, etc. Pastor, council, usher teams and altar guild have all picked up extra tasks. So, in evaluating what were necessities and what perhaps were not, it was decided that the hymn boards were redundant to the bulletins. All of the hymn numbers are already listed in the bulletins and for the 60% of the congregation using the large format bulletins, the full hymns are in there as well. Can we do without the hymn boards? Certainly. Is it different than what we are used to? Absolutely! Can something be done to keep them in use? Yes, new volunteers to step forward and take on the responsibility. Keep in mind it is not always just a once weekly change. During Advent and Lent there is Wednesday worship, Eve services, and daily changes during Holy Week. We would love to have some new volunteers as well for altar guild – we are one person short of being able to start a new team. Currently we have only three teams. Ideally, we would have four. There are numerous opportunities to help by serving on the various committees within our church. There is still one open council position. Likely there will be other small changes in the coming year as we adjust to a new organist and new ways of doing things with our reduced staff and new opportunities to serve. Thank you for your patience and grace during this time of change and I hope you will look forward to the exciting new opportunities this year may bring. Peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ, Lisa Garrett, council president.



POTLUCK DINNER

Let's all spring ahead for another pot luck 🌸
Our next pot luck dinner will be held on March 21st in the Fellowship Hall, 6-7:30.

Join us for fellowship and food(Oh the food!) 😊

Overall, a very pleasant evening. Sign up in the gathering area 🌸
Fellowship Committee

Celebration Choir Schedule

Wednesday, February 26 – 7:00 PM – Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 12 – 6:30 PM – Rehearsal

Sunday, March 16 – sing “Teach Me Thy Way”

Wednesday, April 2 – 6:30 PM – Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 9 – 6:30 PM – Rehearsal

Sunday, April 13 (Palm Sunday) – sing “The King of Glory”

Wednesday, April 16 – 6:30 PM – Rehearsal

Thursday, April 17 (Maundy Thursday) – sing “A New Commandment”

Sunday, April 20 (Easter) – sing “We Know that Christ Is Raised”

Please consider joining us and sharing your musical talents! All are welcome!!



Notes of THANKS

To the Congregation of Trinity Lutheran,

Thank you so much for your generous donation to Mountaineers' Table! Your donation will help us to continue providing food and support for 130 families in Ephrata.

Thank you sincerely, Steph

Why Camp? A place for families

“My family absolutely LOVES Family Camp at Nawakwa. We love it so much that we start a countdown for the next year as soon as our week at camp is over. Seriously, we are that excited!”

~ Amy Koch

“Every year, the first dates we put on our new calendar are Family Camp at Kirchenwald. We’ve been going since our first child was a baby, and our children have never known a summer where we weren’t at Family Camp.”

~ Pastor Alex Martini

People often talk about Family Camp as though it’s just another vacation option, like going to the beach or Walt Disney World or the Grand Canyon, but Family Camp is so much more than that. Pastor Martini says, “We have made new friends we see year after year. Our faith is strengthened in worship, Bible study, and conversations with the staff and other campers. Our children have learned to love camp and God’s creation in new and profound ways.”

Koch says her favorite thing about Family Camp is the people. “Our first year, we met a family from another congregation, and we have grown extremely close. We get together throughout the year, and I love that our friendship has a foundation built on faith.”



Maybe it's time to rethink the value of Family Camp. It might be just what your family needs to reconnect with each other and with God's family.

Register Now for Summer Camp at LutheranCamping.org

The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania
Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, & The Wittel Farm LutheranCamping.org



Phillies' season is upon us again

If anyone is interested in traveling on down to see a game, please place your name, phone number and amount of tickets you would like for a specific game on the sheet in the gathering area. Most names on a date wins!!

I will secure tickets and keep you informed. ⚾!

Thank you, Kathrin Baltz

Sunday Church School for God's Children on the Move!

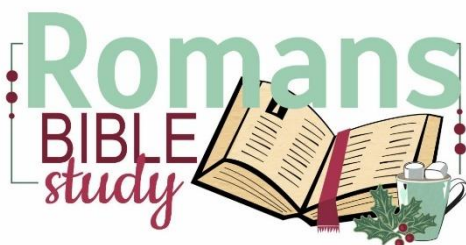
The dates for Sunday School are: March 2 & 16, April 6 (Easter is April 20) and May 4 & 18.

The location for Sunday School is the gymnasium. Parents and children are encouraged to stop in the Café just outside of the gymnasium after church for snacks until 10:30AM. Sunday School will be from 10:30 until 11:00 AM. Parents need to stay close by and may attend Adult Forum, sit in the gym or remain in the Café, during Sunday School.

Activities chosen for the children will be determined by safety factors including considering number and ages of the children. On occasion, after initial physical warmup activities, younger children may move to a class room near by. They will be returned to the gym by 11:00 AM

We look forward to seeing you!

Winnie Gerlach, Mike and Elaine Sernoffsky, Kathleen and Darryll Kuhns



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!

Bergstrasse Community Closet – What's New?

What's new? Continuation of helping out Landis Homes personal care unit with items needed. New volunteers added to our hard-working crew. New bathrooms in closet wing of church for our use. Thanks Bergstrasse Lutheran Church! We are averaging at least 5 to 10 new families each time we are open. Boxes of clothing donated to



Career Link, to help people with outfits for job interviews. Boxes of clothing and items given to Community Action Five to Thrive, and Refugee Connect.

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

2025 Hours, Saturdays and Sundays listed from 12PM to 2PM:

March:1&2, 15&16

April 5&6, 19&20

May 3&4, 17&18

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.

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), our Facebook page administrator, and Adam Doughty (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.

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>

MARCH 2-8 Calendar

2	MAR, SUN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● TRANSFIGURATION ● 9am Worship ● 10am Coffee Hour After Worship ● 10:20am SCS
3	MAR, MON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 10am Women's prayer group ● 6:30pm Yoga ● 7pm Evangelism
4	MAR, TUE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ephrata Auxiliary ● 11am Bible Study ● 3:30pm Trini Mini ● 6pm Pickleball ● 7pm Fellowship Committee Meeting
5	MAR, WED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 7pm Ash Wednesday worship
6	MAR, THU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 3:30pm Trini Mini ● 6pm Community Meal ● 7pm Property Committee ● 7pm Thursday Worship
7	MAR, FRI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6:30pm Friday Night Dinners
8	MAR, SAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Turn your clocks ahead tonight ● 7:30am Walking Group

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

MARCH 2nd Servers:

Council Team: Elaine Sernoffsky, Bill Spitzer

Assisting Minister: John Weiss

Lector: Lisa Garrett

Acolytes: CH: Patrice Mull CR: Natalie Mull

T: Judy Williams, Anya Gilbert

Ushers: Norm Wangman, Phyllis Doughty,
Winnie Gerlach

Altar Guild: Brenda Wangman,



Heather Zimmerman, Lisa Garrett

Linens: Patricia Fassnacht

Flowers: Jo Hurst

Ash Wednesday: March 5th Servers: 7PM

Council Team: Lisa Garrett, Heather Zimmerman

Assisting Minister: John Fuehrer

Acolyte: Judy Williams

Ushers: Ron & Carlene Kerschner, David Kerschner, Rob Gilbert

Office Hours MARCH 3-7, 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: officeholytrinity@ephratalutheran.org

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	OFF	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), 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.

