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Trinity Messenger

May 2024 Issue 1

Alleluia. Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Alleluia. John 15:5

May Stewardship: Aaron's Acres Embracing Possibilities Beyond Disabilities

Aaron's Acres is a Lancaster based non-profit committed to providing individuals with developmental disabilities ages 5 through 21 year-round age-appropriate therapeutically based recreation programs led by specially trained and certified staff in a supportive environment that enhances socialization and communication skills. Emotional and recreational support is offered for the entire family.

Aaron's Acres summer camp operates on the belief that every child should be able to experience the same recreational activities despite different ability levels. Supervisory staff is comprised of professionals (special education teachers) who have experience in working with children of all abilities. A low staff to child ratio (1:1 or 1:2) ensures that each child's needs are met immediately and appropriately. Lastly, a nurse is on staff to meet any medical needs that might arise.

Aaron's Acres summer camp provides children and young adults with activities ranging from arts and crafts to therapeutic horseback riding. Each day is packed with unique opportunities, including visits from therapy animals, magicians and music therapists, as well as pool time, and even the organization of a carnival. Children, regardless of disability, are able to take part in all activities offered at Aaron's Acres; everyone is a camper and everyone can have fun!

On May 5, Aaron's Acres' Executive Director Risa Paskoff will be giving a Temple Talk.

Congregational Meeting Report

At the April 28 spring congregational meeting, the congregation adopted by more than 80% of the votes cast on the first ballot Staffing Option D. This option, which becomes effective January 1, 2025, retains the pastor at full-time and moves the administrative assistant and the parish assistant/church musician to $\frac{3}{4}$ time. This option will be in effect as long as income continues at approximately current levels.

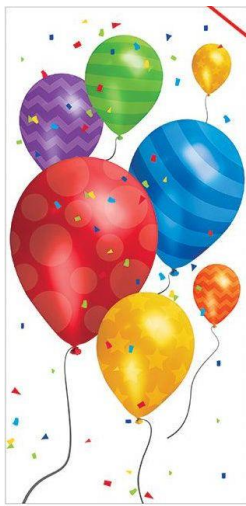
In addition, the congregation council will continue to seek ways Holy Trinity can cooperate with other congregations to reduce costs. And, the council will also continue to seek ways to increase rental income.

Also at the meeting, Donna Nace reported that Vacation Bible School will be held July 15-18. People will be needed to assist with the program. Kathy Kuhns, reporting for the Fellowship Committee, announced that a reception will be held following the worship service June 9 to celebrate Pastor Mark's 20th anniversary of ordination. Also, the church picnic will be held

June 16 at noon at the Ephrata Township Park pavilion (East Fulton Street). The picnic will be pot luck this year.

Are you Financially Fit?

Ann Seitz-Brown, a financial advisor with Thrivent, will be present with the congregation on **Sunday, May 5**, during the Adult Forum to share information regarding personal finance and retirement, as well as share ways you as supporters of the ministry of Holy Trinity can arrange to include a financial legacy gift for the church as you are making their plans for the future. There are new programs to not only leave gifts in one's will but also provide gifts before one's death. There will a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area to help make sure there are enough materials to go around that morning. Please plan to be present during the forum that morning.



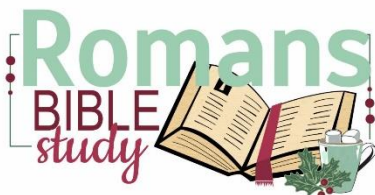
Happy Birthday

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

May Birthdays

6 Trudy Shaner
9 Anna Snader
20 Joyce Gehman
23 Ella Shupp
31 Brenda Wangman

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



New Bible Exploration

Continuing on Tuesdays you are invited to join in a study of the book of *Romans*. The study will take place each Tuesday morning from 11:00 AM to roughly 12:00 PM. "In his *Preface to Romans* Martin Luther writes, 'this epistle is really the chief part of the New Testament, and is truly the purest gospel...It is a bright light, almost sufficient to illuminate the entire Holy Scriptures'" (*Martin Luther's Basic Theological Writings*, second ed., Fortress, 2005 pp. 98-99). *Romans* is also the most challenging of the Pauline epistles and will likely provide those participating with significant, in-depth discussion and new ideas to chew on as we wade through it and learn and grow together in our faith lives and our relationships with God and our Lord. There will be sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area for those who are interested in participating.



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TOURNAMENT

Fundraiser benefitting the
Lutheran Camping Corporation &
The Penryn Food Pantry
Saturday, May 18 @ 4:00 PM
ST. PAUL PENRYN 1258 NEWPORT ROAD PENRYN
\$30 REGISTRATION FEE PER TEAM
Food truck & Beer. Dogs welcome
TO REGISTER CALL 717.665.6093
OR EMAIL
STPAULPEN@GMAIL.COM

GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST 2024

The church will be decorated with red geraniums on Pentecost Sunday, May 19.
Deadline to order is May 5. There are additional forms on the table in Gathering Area.

Cost of Red Geraniums

quantity

6 ½"/pot _____ @ \$7.00 = _____

5"/pot _____ @ \$5.00 = _____

Presented by _____

Phone# _____

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If you are interested in volunteering for The (Compassion) Project in July, please contact Rob Gilbert.



THE ADULT (all adults are welcome) LUNCH BUNCH will be going to Old Hickory Inn after the liturgy on May 19. We'll meet downstairs immediately after the liturgy. All are welcome. Plan to join us!



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

May 5-11 Calendar

Sunday, May 5	
9:00am	Worship
10:00am	Coffee Hour After Worship
10:15am	SCS
Monday, May 6	
10:00am	Women's Prayer Group
6:30pm	Yoga
7:00pm	Evangelism
Tuesday, May 7	
8:00am	Pickleball
3:30pm	Trini Mini
7:00pm	Bell Choir
7:00pm	Fellowship Committee Meeting
7:00pm	Finance Committee
8:00pm	Executive Council
Wednesday, May 8	
6:30pm	Senior Choir
Thursday, May 9	
3:30pm	Trini Mini
7:00pm	Yoga
7:00pm	Thursday Worship
7:30pm	Council Meeting
Saturday, May 11	
7:30am	Walking Group

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

May 5th Servers:

Council Team: Kathrin Baltz, Kevin Gingrich

Assisting Minister: Ed Quirke

Lector: Lori Spitzer

Acolytes: Barry Kreider, Anya Gilbert

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

Altar Guild: Denise Shirker, Kelly Homan,
Ann & Bob Snader

Linens: Patricia Fassnacht

Flowers: Jo Hurst



Office Hours May 6-10, 2024

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

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Day	Sue	Pastor
Monday	8:00 AM-12:00 noon	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Tuesday	8:00 AM- 10:00 AM	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM- 10:00 AM	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Thursday	8:00 AM-10:00 AM	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.



Thanks for reading! Have a great week ahead!

