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# Trinity Messenger

May 2024 Issue 3

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*Alleluia. I will not leave you orphaned, says the Lord. I am coming to you. Alleluia. John 15:5*

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## **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!

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## **Unified Budget Monthly Financial Update**

April Income	\$30,532.26
April Expenses	\$29,544.96
Income Year to Date	\$119,715.05
Expenses Year to Date	\$110,093.57

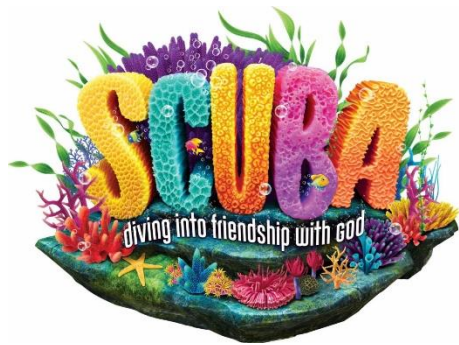
Thank you for your faithful contributions through the first four months of 2024 which has the congregation in a favorable financial situation.

The Finance Committee is working on additional ways to share with the congregation a comparison of our giving versus the anticipated Unified Budget expenses. The committee is also working on the requested "markers" that would indicate that we might have to shift from the anticipated staffing model for 2025 approved at the congregational meeting (Option D) to Option C. The committee appreciates feedback from members as we seek to provide the desired financial updates.

## Congregation Council Report

There were no items on the agenda requiring action by the congregation council at its meeting May 9. The council received an update from the Executive Committee about meetings with other congregations interested in cooperation. A first-time meeting is scheduled with a congregation May 16. We are also awaiting a response from another congregation council about scheduling a second meeting. Plans were finalized to celebrate Pastor Mark's 20<sup>th</sup> ordination anniversary at the June 9 worship service, which will include a reception following the service.

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### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS

**COMING!** Children who have completed Kindergarten through Grade 5 are invited to join us for Bible-Learning experiences, songs, team-building games and more!

**Monday, July 15- Thursday July 18.  
6:00 PM- 8:00 PM.**

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If you or your child is graduating from high school, college, or graduate school, please send info to the church office ASAP.

**Send: name, school, degree, and future plans.**



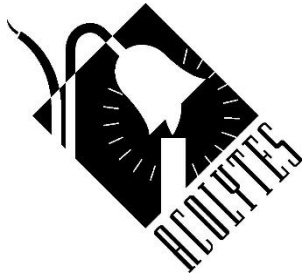
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### CHILD PROTECTION CLEARANCES NEEDED!

Thank you to everyone who calls Holy Trinity "home" and faithfully gives back to God's church by volunteering in any and all capacities. Our ministries would not be possible without your active and thoughtful stewardship.

Reminder, if you are planning to volunteer directly with or around children at Holy Trinity you need to complete a *Report of Criminal History* (PSP) clearance through the Pennsylvania State Police and a *Child Abuse History Clearance* through the PA Department of Human Services. Both of these clearances are free to volunteers and can be completed online for easy submission. Information regarding these is available in the church office. If your clearances are expiring you have already been contacted. You also must complete a *Reference Check for Applicant Seeking Approved Adult Status* and a *Child Protection Covenant*. Both of these are also available at the church office. All four of these documents are required by the church per our new child protection policy. To complete the latter two documents you will also need to include a photocopy of your valid PA State Driver's License. Vacation Bible School, Trini Mini Summer Camp, and other events are just around the corner, so please complete these clearances as soon as possible, if you have not already. These clearances not only protect the children to whom we minister they also protect volunteers and staff if legal action is taken against them and/or the church.

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### **Acolytes are needed!**

We no longer have enough youth to fill this Assisting Minister role. A sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Area for this summer's Sundays. Please help us, Donna will train new Acolytes.

**\*Wednesday, May 22 - 7:00 PM - Celebration Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary \*Sunday, May 26 - sing "Canon of Praise" - meet at 8:30 AM in the sanctuary to rehearse before the service**



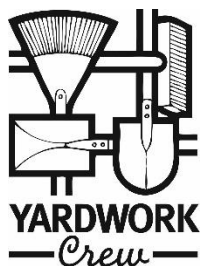
### **Tea Time for Tea, Ladies!**

**May 19th 2-4 in Fellowship Hall**

**Still time to sign up in gathering area ... we are asking for donations of teatime goodies sign up also in gathering area. Come enjoy the fun and fellowship**

### **Summer Music**

Our congregation is blessed with talented musicians! Please share your gift and sign-up to offer music during the summer on the sheet provided in the Gathering Area.



**Please consider volunteering to weed, trim and possibly mulch the outside of the church property May 18, 2024 @ 8:00 AM. Bring tools if you have them, gloves, wheelbarrows, etc.**

**We will begin with weeding and trimming bushes and if time permits get into mulching.**



*Notes of* **THANKS**

Dear Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,  
we would like to thank you for your wonderful donation to the Daily Bread Community Food Pantry in memory of Helen Stever. Helen was a loyal volunteer at the Pantry for over 25 years

and helped out so many clients. All donations in her memory are being put in our building fund as a permanent memorial, helping the pantry find a forever home where we can expand our services. Helen was anxiously awaiting the day we could move into our own building. This past year has brought an increase in the number of people seeking help with food. We are in need of more room to expand and help these families. Your thoughtful contribution will help us on our way to provide the services for them.

Sincerely, Deborah Arndt, Office Administrator.

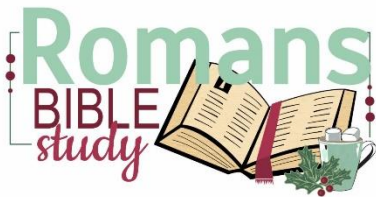
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## MOYER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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 15. Congregation Council will approve all applicable scholarship applications. Scholarship checks will be produced and presented to each approved applicant in September.



### **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.



**CORNHOLE**  
**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



*Strawberry Festival:*

**Saturday, June 1, 11AM- 1 PM**  
**Luther Acres, 600 E Main St. Lititz.**  
**\$7.00: Strawberries, Shortcake, Ice Cream, Whipped Cream**  
**\$5.00: Hot Dog, Chips, Drink**  
**+ Raffle- must be present to win strawberry themed items.**

*Proceeds benefit the charitable activities of the Luther Acres Residents' Council*

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Salem Lutheran Church invites you to join us at Dutch Apple Dinner Theater on Sunday, September 8, 2024 for: *Jersey Boys- a musical about Frankie Valli.* 5:30 -Buffet Dinner, 7:00- Show. You must provide your own transportation. Show includes some adult language. Cost: Adult- \$72, Students, age 13-18- \$34, Students, age 3-12- \$29. Reply by August 8. Send your check made payable to: Salen Lutheran Church office, 1331 W Main St. Ephrata, PA 17522.

Please use this link for the registration sheet:

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=c00cbe78c2&attid=0.1&permmsgid=msg-f:1792608596884759021&th=18e0a0056ea0a1ed&view=att&disp=inline>

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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!

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## May 19-25 Calendar

<b>Sunday, May 19</b>	
9:00am	Worship
10:00am	Coffee Hour After Worship
10:15am	SCS
2:00pm	Not-so-High-Tea
<b>Monday, May 20</b>	
10:00am	Women's Prayer Group
6:30pm	Yoga
<b>Tuesday, May 21</b>	
8:00am	Pickleball
3:30pm	Trini Mini
<b>Wednesday, May 22</b>	
6:30pm	Senior Choir
7:00pm	Celebration Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm	Historical Society
<b>Thursday, May 23</b>	
7:00pm	Yoga
7:00pm	Thursday Worship
<b>Saturday, May 25</b>	
7:30am	Walking Group

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

## May 19th Servers:

**Council Team:** Norm Wangman, Bill Spitzer

**Assisting Minister:** Kathy Kuhns

**Lector:** Kathy Kuhns

**Acolytes:** Anya Gilbert

**Ushers:** Curtis & Christy Boos, Bill & Lori Spitzer

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

**Linens:** Patrice Mull

**Flowers:** Dan Doremus



## Office Hours May 20-24, 2024

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 Donna's Cell: 717-669-7831**

**Office email: [officeholytrinity@ephralutheran.org](mailto:officeholytrinity@ephralutheran.org)**

Day	Sue	Pastor
Monday	9:30 AM-3:30 PM	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Tuesday	8:00 AM-4:00 PM	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM-4:00 PM	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Thursday	8:00 AM-4:00 PM	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!*

