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Trinity Messenger

May 2025 Issue 3

Alleluia. Everyone will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another. Alleluia.

John 10:14

Treasurer's Report

May, 2025

April Financial Report

Unified Budget Income	\$26,866.63
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Unified Budget Expense	\$24,650.88
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Year To Date:

Income	\$122,672.32
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Expenses	\$110,136.07
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Surplus	\$ 12,536.25
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May Council Meeting Report

At the May 8 Congregation Council meeting, the Council:

- **Received notice from Ephrata Borough that beginning in June the congregation will be assessed a monthly stormwater management fee. The fee is based on the property's area of impervious surface. The borough has not told us what the monthly fee will be.**
- **Approved the audio/visual team's request to increase the internet speed with Windstream at a reduced cost per month.**
- **Asked Adam Doughty to contact a local company to transfer our web service and upgrade the web page.**
- **Asked the Property Committee to get bids to update the elevator controls and do any necessary equipment repairs.**

Stewardship Special Giving for MAY:

Ephrata Area Social Services

Neighbors Helping Neighbors:

Started in 1971 by a group of local churches, Ephrata Area Social Services was formed with a commitment to the ideal of "Neighbors Helping Neighbors." The Planning Committee, in October of 1970 challenged the community with a dream to become a "community

of the concerned." To recognize that "in the midst of a flourishing economy, there are those in need who are all but forgotten to their community." It is with those inspirations that EASS has grown to be a diverse provider of services capable of meeting an ever increasing demand from neighbors in need.

EASS is a non-profit organization serving the Ephrata and Cocalico Regions of Northern Lancaster County. The criterion for eligibility is the expression of a legitimate need for help. EASS receives its support from the community. Donations come from churches, civic organizations, private individuals, businesses and local foundations. EASS receives no public funds...

Ephrata Area Social Services, a tradition of reliability, providing services to those in need living in the Ephrata and Cocalico region.

Mission Statement

The mission of Ephrata Area Social Services is to effectively channel community resources into a network of support for neighbors in need of human resources.

Items cannot currently be uploaded to the website, so changes to the calendar and server's schedule cannot be made. Please check your newsletter for server's duties and the calendar until the upload glitch is resolved. The Google interactive calendar on the website is up to date.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Our high school and college graduates will be recognized during the worship service on Sunday, May 25. If your child is presently involved in the life of Holy Trinity and is graduating from high school or college this spring, please provide this information to the church office. Please share with us as well when your child will be graduating, from where, and what their future plans are. We look forward to celebrating this exciting time with them and their families.



GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST 2025

The church will be decorated with red geraniums on Pentecost Sunday, June 8.

Deadline to order is May 19. There are additional forms on the table in Gathering Area.

Cost of Red Geraniums

quantity

6.5"/pot _____ @ \$5.00 = _____

4.5 "/pot _____ @ \$3.00 = _____

Presented by _____

Phone# _____

To the glory of God and IN MEMORY OF

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Sweet and Savory aka Wine & Cheese aka hors d'oeuvre.....is no longer a "Pot Luck Dinner!" As a matter of fact, it is not a dinner at all! On May 16, 2025, eat a light dinner before bringing your contribution of Sweet and Savory finger foods to share. Suggestions for finger foods are available on the sign-up table. Water and lemonade will be available. Feel free to bring your own wine, soda,

etc...This coming Sunday, Mother's Day (May 11), is the only day to sign-up for this event. See you there on this, our 3rd Friday event, Sweet and Savory, or, "Finger Food, Fellowship and Fun!" May 16 at 6:00 PM-7:30 PM.

Acolytes Needed!



As you may have noticed, we see the same few familiar faces as acolytes in the chancel each Sunday morning, and those individuals do a fine job. What you may not know is that three of those servers will graduate from high school this spring, and will probably no longer be available as they head off to future pursuits. We need more folks to step up and take on this ministry. The tasks are not difficult - light the altar candles, receive the offering from the usher and hand it to Pastor Mark, hold the wine flagon during communion and refill the assisting minister's chalice as necessary, and extinguish the altar candles. You will receive training on these tasks. During certain seasons of the church year, when the processional and recessional are part of the liturgy, the acolyte also carries either a torch or the cross. Please consider volunteering as an acolyte. You may find that you gain a new perspective on the worship service, being more fully engaged when you are "up front." Feel free to speak with Norm Wangman, Patrice Mull, or myself about how we have been enriched by our service as acolytes. Again, please consider volunteering. Trust me, if I can do it, you can, too!

Judy Williams

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.

It's church picnic time! JUNE 15

Our picnic will be at 12:00 noon at the Ephrata Township Park pavilion. 426 East Fulton St.

Our church service will be at 9:00 in our own Holy Trinity sanctuary!

Please sign up in the gathering area. We would appreciate knowing how many people will be attending. A sign up for donations of items will also be available. Please join us for food, fun, and of course, good fellowship!





For the past several years, the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church congregation has sent several children to Camp Kirchenwald by paying the cost associated with camp. The church established a camp fund to which congregation members can contribute to provide sufficient funds for children to attend camp. The balance in that fund currently stands at \$990. With the average cost for a week at Kirchenwald standing at around \$700, we have sufficient funds to send one child. This message is to remind members that contributions can be made to this fund to provide additional funds for the opportunity for more than one child from Trinity to attend camp. To contribute to the camper fund, you can write a check payable to the church and write "Camper Fund" in the memo space. Checks may be put in the offering plate, dropped off at the church office, or mailed to the church.



THE ADULT (all adults are welcome) LUNCH BUNCH will be going to after the liturgy on June ?. 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!

HANDBELLS

Calling all those with an interest in ringing handbells. A reminder of our upcoming handbell rehearsals for the season...

Wednesday 5/7, 6p.m.

Wednesday 5/14, 7p.m.

Contact Debbie with any questions.



Celebration Choir Schedule

Wednesday, June 4 – 7:00 PM – Rehearsal

Sunday, June 8 (Pentecost) – sing “As The Wind Song”

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

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

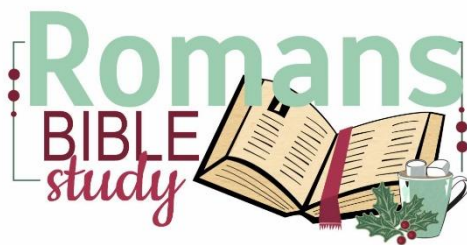
Sunday school on the move will have its last Sunday on the 18 of May.

HARRISBURG GAY MEN'S CHORUS

The Harrisburg Gay Men's Chorus returns to Bergstrasse on Saturday, May 17 at 7pm as they present *A Choral Kaleidoscope*. The concert is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will support the HGMC.

LANCASTER CHORALE

The Lancaster Chorale, a 100-voice choir and full orchestra, presents *Elijah* at The Gardner Theatre on the campus of Lancaster Country Day School on Saturday, May 17 at 7pm and Sunday, May 18 at 3pm. The prophet Elijah has predicted a drought: punishment for those who worship the false God Baal. This includes King Ahab's wife, Jezebel. After Elijah is proved right, he persuades the People to repent – and to kill Baal's prophets. Their faith is rewarded with storm clouds and rain. The concert is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will help defray production costs.



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:

May 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. 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. Sue (church office) also needs to know so she can get events on the calendar in a timely manner.

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>

May 18-24 Calendar

18 MAY, SUN

● EASTER 5

● 9am Worship

● 10am Coffee Hour After Worship

● 10:20am SCS

19 MAY, MON

● 10am Women's prayer group

● 6:30pm Yoga

20 MAY, TUE

● 11am Bible Study

● 3:30pm Trini Mini

● 6pm Pickleball

21 MAY, WED

● 12pm Luther Lunch Ladies

22 MAY, THU

● 3:30pm Trini Mini

● 7pm Thursday Worship

24 MAY, SAT

● 7:30am Walking Group

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

May 18th Servers:

**Council Team: Heather
Zimmerman, John Weiss**

Assisting Minister: Ed Quirke

Lector: Dan Doremus

**Acolytes: Anya Gilbert, Ava
Morgan, Natalie Mull**

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

**Altar Guild: Denise Shirker, Ann
& Bob Snader**

Linens: Patrice Mull

Flowers: Winnie Gerlach



Office Hours May 19-23, 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: officeholyltrinity@ephratalutheran.org

Day	Sue	Pastor
Monday	OFF	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Tuesday	12:00 Noon - 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- 12:00 Noon	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Friday	8:00 AM- 12:00 Noon	OFF

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(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!

