



HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Trinity Messenger

November 2022 Issue 2

They are before the throne of God, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. Rev. 7:15

Churches don't have bills. They have ministry expenses.

There is a good chance that this truth about the nature of God's church may not be a reality that you had ever considered. It is more likely the case, because we tend to color "the church" as an inorganic entity to be maintained, not unlike our homes for which money needs to be paid to a variety of different vendors if we want to keep the lights on, the toilets flushing, and whatever else is necessary to keep the place operating. We miss the aforementioned truth that God's church, our congregation, is a place where ministries that are carried out daily by people, staff and volunteers alike, to assure the Gospel is faithfully being shared in a variety of different ways.

From the seemingly mundane tasks that take place in the church office, to worship planning and music selection, Christian education, outreach programs like Trini Mini and the ongoing activities of our ministry committees, the sharing of the Gospel is continually taking place through these activities. All that takes place in the day to day life of a congregation is ministry. It is ministry that helps us to fulfill the mission of Jesus Christ in the world to serve others inside and outside our walls as well as enliven our present ministries while spawning new opportunities that God has waiting for us to discover and bring to life.

As we faithfully continue carrying out our ministries, I encourage us to prayerfully reconsider how we think about what goes on in the daily life of Holy Trinity. Folks, we are not a business, and what is financially necessary to support God's ministries among us, in which we are each called to play a part through our baptism, are not business expenses. Therefore, let us through consistent prayer and honest reflection consider how we are supporting and/or how we might more effectively support God's ministries at Holy Trinity, so that the Gospel will continue to be boldly shared in Jesus' name.

With trust in God,
Pastor Mark

This Week At Holy Trinity: Nov. 6-Nov. 12 SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK SATURDAY NIGHT!!

Sunday, November 6	
9:00am	Sunday Worship
10:00am	Adult Forum
10:00am	Coffee Hour After Worship
2:00pm	Trinity Game Day
Monday, November 7	
10:00am	Women's Prayer Group
6:30pm	Yoga
7:00pm	Evangelism
Tuesday, November 8	
3:30pm	Trini Mini
7:00pm	Bell Choir
Wednesday, November 9	
6:00pm	Bell Ensemble
6:30pm	Mazon: Middle & High School
6:45pm	Senior Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, November 10	
3:30pm	Trini Mini
7:00pm	Yoga
7:00pm	Thursday Worship
7:30pm	Council Meeting
Saturday, November 12	
7:30am	Walking Group

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

Office Hours: Nov. 6-12

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

Day	Sue	Pastor
Monday	8:00AM- 4:00PM	9:00AM- 12:30PM
Tuesday	8:00AM- 4:00PM	9:00AM- 12:30PM
Wednesday	8:00AM- 4:00PM	9AM - 12:30PM
Thursday	OFF	9:30AM- 12:30PM
Friday	8:00AM- Noon	OFF



Notes of THANKS

We are so thankful for the prayers, cards, phone calls, and support during Earl's recent surgery, accident, and recuperation, as well as the cards and words of comfort on the loss of our beloved greyhound, April.

Earl and Donna Dinger

Dear Pastor Mark, Donna, and my Church Family,

I want to thank all of you for the cards, phone calls, visits and altar flowers and especially the prayers. My recovery has been slow but uneventful, which is all I can hope for. I was really thankful for your visits Donna and giving me communion since I haven't been able to receive it in person but with God's grace I hope to be back soon. God's Blessings, Linda Hinkle

Generosity Celebration Breakfast

Please plan to attend a celebration breakfast on Sunday, November 6 immediately following worship. We will gather around good food and wonderful conversation to celebrate the abundance of God's goodness and the generosity everyone has displayed in committing to generously support the ministry of Holy Trinity and the future ministries that God has in store for us. Bring your appetite for delicious food and a joyous appreciation for blessings God has given us through our community of faith and in the gift of each other.

Reminder—please return your intent card to the church by placing it in the offering plate on any Sunday or mailing it to the church. These cards help us to project what the financial gifts will look like in the coming year, so that we can begin new ministries, sustain those already occurring, and make faithful decisions that reflect responsible stewardship of our resources. Every card is important no matter if you are planning to increase your offering or not. So please, share your intentions with us.

ELM Homeless Support Initiative

Cleaning the house is probably a chore that most of us don't relish, but what if we looked at it as a blessing, not as a chore? What a blessing that we have a shelter to clean! Not everyone has that luxury. Not everyone has a shelter or running water, or a stove and refrigerator, or closets, . . .

Homelessness DOES exist, and it exists right here in Ephrata. Refresh Lancaster has recognized the issue of homelessness and sets up a mobile shower every Wednesday morning at the Pioneer Fire Company, but there's more to cleanliness than washing the dirt off your body. After your shower or bath, do you put on the same underwear or socks you had just been wearing? When asked what was needed most for the folks who take advantage of the shower, Refresh Lancaster said, "Underwear, socks, thermals, things such as that."

This is where we can help. Through ELM's cooperative ministry outreach, we can collect new items to be distributed post-shower so our brothers and sisters have opportunity to put on clean clothing. Please consider purchasing new items of underwear, socks, thermals, and other clothing necessities. They are currently in need of men's and women's sizes M, L, and XL. Put your items in the box labeled "ELM" located in the back of the church.

We have been blessed . . . let us share our blessings with others.



December 4th 2:00 - 4:00 Trinity Game Day / Cookie Exchange

- Cookies & Games will also be for the whole family
*Please bring your favorite 24 (2 Dozen) Cookies to exchange with others.
Also include 24 recipe Cards of your Cookies Recipe.
* We will have Snacks / Hot Chocolate / Coffee / Cookies
* Sugar Cookies to Decorate
*Plenty of games to play * We will be playing Christmas



Thanksgiving Baskets

Thanksgiving Day Baskets

Thanksgiving is around the corner and once again the Social Ministry Committee will be collecting food items to make Thanksgiving Day Baskets. We were given the names of 20 area families in need from Ephrata Area Social Services. We need your help! Using your donations, we will provide these families with a Thanksgiving Dinner. Please bring in food items according to your last name.



Please join us for fun, food, and fellowship with **Friday Night Dinners**. The next one is planned to be held Friday, November 4 at 6PM. The sign up will be available in the gathering area. All are welcome, singles, couples, & friends, for this event, with every first Friday of the month thereafter. A sign-up sheet with more information will be available in the back of the church. Please come out and support this fellowship.

THE ADULT (all adults are welcome) LUNCH

music to help get you in the mood

On Sunday, November 20th, there will be a disaster response planning meeting for any volunteers interested in disaster response mission trips in 2023. The meeting will be in the Community Room at Luther Acres, 250 St. Luke Drive, Lititz, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

A-D: canned sweet potatoes
E-H: seasoned stuffing
I-L: instant potatoes
M-P: jello snack packs (premade jello in containers) or package cookies or applesauce
Q-S: apple juice or orange drink
T-Z: canned peas or corn

We are also accepting donations of 10-14 lb turkeys. Contact the church office or Rob Gilbert if you are able to donate a turkey no later than **November 6th**. Monetary donations to purchase items will be greatly appreciated. Donations can be dropped off at the church and placed in the basket in the Gathering Area.

We have done this with Ephrata Area Social Services for a number of years and they need our help more than ever. Please let us not disappoint those in need. If you have any questions, please call Rob Gilbert at 721-3822.

BUNCH will be going to Country Kitchen on November 13. We will meet downstairs after the liturgy. Reservations can be made by calling Cheryl Plummer at 717-625-3187 by November 12.

Luther Lunch Ladies

Join the Luther Lunch Ladies for a fun filled luncheon on November 16 at noon. We are all women from Trinity who enjoy dining around the county on the third Wednesday every month. Think about joining us and participating in a nice afternoon of fellowship and friendship.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS & TREES

POINSETTIAS CAN BE ORDERED BY RETURNING THIS FORM VIA MAIL OR DROP OFF TO THE CHURCH OFFICE. **ORDERS WILL NOT BE TAKEN IN CHURCH THIS YEAR.**
DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

NAME _____

PHONE _____

_____ Poinsettias (\$8.00 each) 6 ½ in. Pot

IN MEMORY/HONOR OF:

OR

I WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF CHRISTMAS TREES.

\$5.00 _____ \$10.00 _____ \$15.00 _____ \$20.00 _____

IN MEMORY/HONOR OF:

Lutheran Camping Corporation's Annual Quilt Auction

register at 717-677-8211 or on-line at
LutheranCamping.org

Date: Sunday November 6, 2022
Time: 2pm Silent Auction, 3pm Live Auction
Dinner following live auction
Location: Camp Nawakwa
1033 Nawakwa Rd
Biglerville, PA 17307

Online Bidding Oct 29 – Nov 3



Avoid supply chain issues and do your Christmas shopping at the auction! 100% of the proceeds will go to the Endowment Fund, making camping possible for generations to come! Go to <https://www.lutherancamping.org/upcoming-events/quilt-auction/> to view items for auction and begin bidding or just make a donation. Items being auctioned include quilts, wooden items, pillows, afghans, gift baskets, wreaths, and many more hand-made items. Note: 60"x80" quilts can be donated to LWR, doubling your generosity in supporting Lutheran outreach programs.

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Be sure to checkout our website!

Thanks for reading! Have a great week ahead!

