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October 2023 Issue 4

Alleluia. Shine like stars in the world, holding fast to the word of life. Alleluia. Phil. 2: 15, 16

Council Meeting Update

At the October 12, 2023, Congregation Council meeting, the Council:

- Approved the purchase of 2 hearing assistance devices for use during worship services and other events in the Sanctuary. Anyone desiring to try one of these assisted hearing devices should see John Fuehrer or Bob Eberly.
- Reviewed the proposed Ministry Spending Plan (Budget) for 2024. Because of the financial implications, the council encourages members to attend the finance presentation during the adult forum following the worship service November 19 and the annual Congregational meeting following worship December 3.
- Approved publishing our QR code in the Sunday bulletin to allow worshippers a direct link to online giving.
- Approved the removal of two dead trees in the parking lot.

Treasurer's Report: October, 2023

September Financial Report:

	September	Actual YTD	% Budget YTD
Unified Budget Income	\$19,682.92	\$213,731.36	68%
Unified Budget Expense	\$28,549.55	\$250,947.25	65%
Deficit Year to Date	\$37,215.89		

Note: The deficit does **not** yet include the \$34,400 just paid last week for heating oil.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Hummer, Treasurer

Two Important Congregational Meetings

There will be an informational forum about the proposed 2024 Ministry Spending Plan (Budget) and our deficit financial situation Sunday, **November 19**, in the social hall following the worship service. Not only will current and projected financial information be shared at the meeting, but questions will be answered and ideas solicited.

The annual congregational meeting will be held Sunday, **December 3**, in the sanctuary following the worship service. At this meeting the 2024 Ministry Spending Plan will be presented for adoption.

Members are strongly encouraged to attend both meetings because of the financial implications.

Please send in any names of loved ones (family or friend) that you would like included in the name list for All Saints Sunday, November 5. **Members** who died in the last year will automatically be included, so you do not need to send those. Send to church office by October

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Bible Study: *The Revelation to John*

You are invited to join Pastor Mark on Tuesday mornings, from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM, beginning November 7 for a study of the book of *Revelation (The Revelation to John)*. The group will meet in the conference room next to the office. The class will run for six consecutive weeks. **The class will not be meeting on November 21.** You are invited to bring your own Bible to take notes if you wish (yes, writing in your Bible is okay); however, Bibles will be available. You are also invited to bring lunch with you in case you want to hang out afterward for more discussion on any topic or to enjoy fellowship time.

The Stewardship Committee is honored to present Clare House as the focus for Special Giving for the month of October.

Clare House transforms the lives of women and their children through an employment-focused program providing safety, housing, and supportive services with the goal of financial stability. Founded in 1980.

Our mission and vision

We believe dignity and value are the keys to helping women move forward. While women and their children are here, they can expect everyone at Clare House to treat them with respect, regardless of who they are or where they came from. We believe in our residents' success – and we'll provide the tools and opportunities to make it happen.

Requested donations for Clare House: Clare House Wish List Laundry - Detergent, Disinfecting Wipes, *Bathroom Cleaner, All Purpose Cleaner, Toilet Cleaner, *House Brooms, Casserole Dishes, Nonstick Baking Pans (Metal), Pots/Pans sets, Sturdy laundry baskets, Scrubber dish sponges, Dish Drying Racks w/ drain tray, Personal Items: RRTA Bus Passes (10 trip), Gift Cards (UGI, Giant, Weis, Target, Wal-Mart, Lowes, Home Depot.)

Phone: (717) 291-8967 | Fax: (717) 291-6830 www.ClareHouseLancaster.org **Clare House is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Your donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.**

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Our vision is a community where all women and their children are empowered to build a stable foundation.

The new October- December issue of *Christ In Our Home* devotionals are available in the gathering area. Please pick up your copy today.



THE ADULT (all adults are welcome) LUNCH BUNCH Will be going to Oregon Dairy after the liturgy on November 12. We'll meet downstairs after the liturgy. All are welcome. For reservations, please call Cheryl Plummer by November 11 at 625- 3187. Plan to join us!



Calling all Singers!!

There are so many good singers in this congregation, so we are going to try something new. We will be forming a Celebration Choir (in addition to Senior Choir) here at Holy Trinity that will sing approximately once a month! The music will be easy to learn and the time commitment will be minimal.

Please consider joining us ☺

Celebration Choir Schedule for October

***Wednesday, Oct. 25** – Celebration Choir rehearsal at 7:15 PM in the church sanctuary

***Sun, Oct. 29** – Reformation – Celebration Choir – 8:15 AM rehearsal -*Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

Senior Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:45 PM! All are welcome!!!

BELL CHOIR Rehearsals are Tuesdays at 7:00 pm.

October 22-28 Calendar

Sunday, October 22	
9:00am	Worship
10:00am	Coffee Hour After Worship
10:15am	SCS
Monday, October 23	
10:00am	Women's Prayer Group
6:30pm	Yoga
Tuesday, October 24	
9:00am	Coffee Klatch
3:30pm	Trini Mini
6:00pm	God on Tap
7:00pm	Bell Choir
Wednesday, October 25	
6:45pm	Senior Choir
7:00pm	Historical Society Mtg. 7PM
7:15pm	Celebration Choir
Thursday, October 26	
3:30pm	Trini Mini
7:00pm	Yoga
7:00pm	Thursday Worship
Saturday, October 28	
7:30am	Walking Group

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

October 22th Servers

Council: John Weiss, Christy Boos
Assisting Minister: Ed Quirke
Lector: Ed Quirke
Acolyte: Anya Gilbert
Ushers: Denise Shirker, Trig Olson,
Matt Shirker
Altar Guild: Denise Shirker, Kelly Homan,
Ann & Bob Snader
Linen: Patrice Mull
Deliver Flower: Jo Hurst



Office Hours: October 23-27

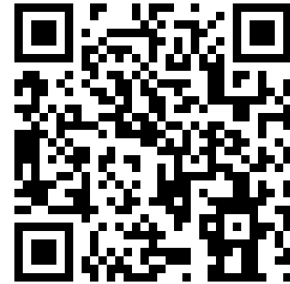
We recommend you call the office prior to stopping in to ensure hours have not changed.

Office Phone: 717-733-4134 Pastor's Cell: 315-317-8517 Donna's Cell: 717-669-7831

Day	Sue	Pastor
Monday	8:00 AM- 4:00 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	8:00AM -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 give your Regular Offering, your Special Appeal donation, and your Capital Campaign donation... ONLINE. Or, you can use your Smart Phone and follow the QR code.



Thanks for reading! Have a great week ahead!

