



HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Trinity Messenger October 2024 Issue 2

Alleluia. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia.
Matthew 5:3

Unified Budget Monthly Financial Update

September Income	\$27,547.68
September Expenses	\$41,952.97
Income Year to Date	\$263,965.84
Expenses Year to Date	\$268,768.32

For the first time in months, we have a deficit in the Unified Budget (\$4,802.48). This is not unexpected, as heating oil was purchased for the year at a cost of \$13,691.80 (less than budgeted).

Thank you for your contributions for the year to date. Continued contributions in these final three months of the year will enable the congregation to conclude the year in a much better financial condition than we first thought, with no deficit or a very manageable one.

Also in September, we paid \$14,618.00 for the repair of the roof over the chancel. This bill was paid from the building fund. The contractor still has some repair work to complete over the rear section of the building which will result in some additional cost.

Stewardship Special Giving for October:

United Lutheran Seminary Scholarship Fund

United Lutheran Seminary, formed in 2017 (the year marking the 500th anniversary of the Reformation), joined two historic Lutheran institutions into one. These two seminaries-Gettysburg founded in 1826 and Philadelphia in 1864 – shared a common history in a robust and religiously diverse region of the nation. The forging of the nation in Philadelphia and the new birth of freedom in Gettysburg.

Our Mission builds and sustains an affirming and diverse learning community of faithful, well-educated leaders skilled at guiding grace-filled encounters. Deeply rooted in the history of Lutheranism within Christianity, we witness to and participate in the work of God in the world through spiritual leadership, public advocacy, impactful worship and care of neighbor.

United Lutheran Seminary is empowered by the Gospel to preach, teach, lead, and cultivate flourishing communities within a just and sustainable world.

Sunday Church School Class schedule

Parents have determined that holding Sunday Church School classes for their children every other week works best for their families. Children ages 3 and up will meet for class with Donna in her classroom on the following dates:

October 6 & 20

November 3 & 17

December 1 & 15

January 5 & 19

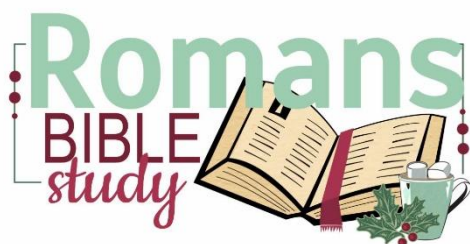
Classes begin at 10:20 AM.

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 3. **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 28.** officeholytrinity@ephratalutheran.org



Organist Search Committee Formed

A search committee has been assembled to begin identifying and interviewing candidates for the position of church organist to serve at Holy Trinity following Donna's retirement. Those faithfully serving in this capacity are Deb Olson, Donna Dinger, Judy Williams, and Barry Kreider. Pastor Mark will serve as a de facto committee member, offering leadership and guidance throughout this process. Please keep these persons, each other, and the process in your prayers.



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!

Hello to all my fellow parishioners,

Announcing:

The first pot luck dinner of the season will be the third Friday Oct 18. 6-7:30. We will of course, have a Harvest theme ! 🍁🍂 Please save the date !

Everyone is welcome...friends, family , enemies 🤝

Please bring something to sharecoffee, tea and juice will be provided. BYOB Sign up sheet in the gathering area.

Looking forward to another great evening to eat and share conversation.

Kathy Kuhns Fellowship 🍁

Welcome to the Trinity Cafe ☕

Please join us downstairs after worship for some coffee, or tea, and of course Goodies! 🍪🍩
Take time to chat then if you are able, join us for adult forum in the fellowship hall for lively discussions...this Sunday Pastor Mark will be helping us to understand Judaism.

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. If you have anything that will be occurring between now and Christmas and needs sharing, please contact 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.

Take up the cross and lead

A recent gospel from Mark is the lesson from Jesus about taking up the cross and following him. How scary that must have been for the early Christians to respond to that call at a time of persecution. Church council is a cross that needs to be taken up. We need leaders to guide our church. It is not nearly as scary as the call to early church leaders – we guarantee you will not forfeit your life, just a few hours every month! Won't you answer God's call to fill a vacant or soon-to-be vacant church council position? There are three positions that will be vacated at the end of the year and need to be filled in addition to two other seats that have remained unfilled. Please consider a place on church council to help lead our congregation. We need a diversity of viewpoints to lead effectively. You may contact Lisa Garrett or any other current council member with any questions and to express your interest in being a doer who acts. Thank you!

All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast Buffet

Saturday, November 16, 2024 7:00-10:00 AM

BREAKFAST INCLUDES: EGGS, HOME FRIES, CREAMED CHIPPED BEEF, PANCAKES, FRENCH TOAST, BACON, SAUSAGE, HAM, COFFEE, TEA, JUICES, VARIOUS PASTRIES AND FRUIT.

ADMISSION BY DONATION PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: NORTH LANCASTER CONFERENCE DEAN'S FUND

Proceeds benefit Lower Susquehanna Synod Lutheran Disaster Response Ministry in 2025.

SWAMP LUTHERAN CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL 275 SWAMP CHURCH ROAD, REINHOLDS PHONE 717-336-2849

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>



Celebration Choir Schedule

Wednesday, October 23 – 7:00 PM – Rehearsal

Sunday, October 27 (Reformation) – “When in Our Music God is Glorified”

Wednesday, November 13 – 7:00 PM – Rehearsal

Sunday, November 17 – “God is So Good”

Wednesday, December 11 – 6:30 PM – Rehearsal

Sunday, December 15 – “First Song of Isaiah”

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

Lutheran Camping Corporation’s Annual Quilt Auction (register at 717-677-8211 or on-line at LutheranCamping.org)

Date: Sunday November 3, 2024

Location: Camp Nawakwa 1033 Nawakwa Rd
Biglerville, PA 17307

Time: Oct 26 – 31 – Online bidding

2pm Silent Auction

3pm Live Auction

Dinner following live auction

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 to just make a donation. Items being auctioned include quilts, wooden items, pillows, afghans, gift baskets, Penn State items, and many more hand-made items. Note: 60”x80” quilts purchased at the auction can be donated to LWR, doubling your generosity in supporting Lutheran outreach programs. Register for in-person attendance by Oct. 30th.



Pickleball Update-Tuesday AM pickleball has officially moved to Tuesday nights. Open to any skill level. Court time is from 6pm to 8pm





THE ADULT (all adults are welcome) LUNCH BUNCH will be going to Nonna Rosa in Akron after the liturgy on October 13. 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!

Music at Jerusalem: Trio Jolie: Crystal Jordan, cello; Robin Lilarose, flute; Kirsten Myers, oboe. Sunday, November 10, 3PM at Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church, 36 Church Street, Rothsville, PA.

Help Wanted: Bergstrasse Community Clothing Closet

Bergstrasse Community Clothing Closet is open the first full weekend of every month for persons in need of clothing and other household goods. Entrance is accessible via the door off the lower parking lot. Hours are Saturday noon – 2pm and Sunday 11am – 1pm.



Fall/Winter Schedule:

Nov 2nd and 3rd

Dec 7th and 8th

Donations: Currently there is a desperate need for men's pants, shorts and shoes. There is always a need for children's clothing. All clothing in good shape is accepted as are household items like sheets, towels, etc. Donations may be dropped off directly at Bergstrasse when the Community Clothing Closet is open or in the box at the back of the narthex in Holy Trinity.

Volunteers: sort clothing, hang it and tag it by color to keep track of what is moving and what is not, and greet shoppers at the courtesy desk. Shoppers check in and specify how many people they are shopping for and what items are of particular interest. Volunteers meet at 6-7:30pm on the Friday before the Closet is open to sort donations and get them ready for the next day. When the Closet is open, volunteers are needed from 11:30 – 2:30 on Saturdays and 10:30 – 1:30 on Sundays. You do not need to be there the entire time to volunteer – whatever time you have available within those times is fine. If you have further questions, you may either stop by the next time the Closet is open and have a look around or call Pattie Martin at 717-344-1347.

Sunday, October 13	
9:00am	Worship
10:00am	Coffee Hour After Worship
10:15am	SCS
11:00am	Lunch Bunch
Monday, October 14	
10:00am	Women's Prayer Group
6:30pm	Yoga
Tuesday, October 15	
11:00am	Bible Study
3:30pm	Trini Mini
6:00pm	Pickleball
7:00pm	Bell Choir
Wednesday, October 16	
12:00pm	Luther Lunch Ladies
Thursday, October 17	
3:30pm	Trini Mini
7:00pm	Yoga
7:00pm	Thursday Worship
Friday, October 18	
Church office closed	
6:00pm	Pot Luck
Saturday, October 19	
7:30am	Walking Group

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

October 13th Servers:

Council Team: John Fuehrer, Norm Wangman

Assisting Minister: John Weiss

Lector: Ed Quirke

Acolytes: Anya Gilbert,

Ushers: Tom & Kitty Dickersheid

Altar Guild: Brenda Wangman,
Heather Zimmerman, Lisa Garrett

Linens: Lori Spitzer

Flowers: Winnie Gerlach



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

NOTE: Sue will be on vacation from October 12-27. The office will be open Monday through Thursday 9-12 and will be staffed by volunteers.

Pastor Mark will have hours as listed below.

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

