



HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Trinity Messenger October 2024 Issue 4

Alleluia. If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. Alleluia. John 8: 31-32

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.

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.** officeholyltrinity@ephratalutheran.org



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:

November 3 & 17

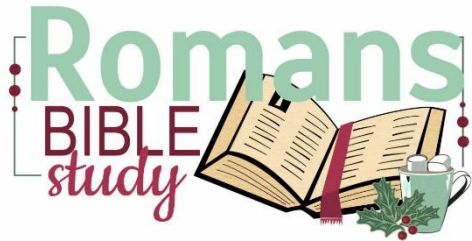
December 1 & 15

January 5 & 19

Classes begin at 10:20 AM.

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!

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 N after the liturgy on November (TBA). 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 27
Celebration Choir sings
Pastor Mark vacation
9:00am Worship
10:00am Coffee Hour After Worship
10:20am SCS
Monday, October 28
Pastor Mark vacation
10:00am Women's Prayer Group
6:30pm Yoga
Tuesday, October 29
Pastor Mark vacation
9:00am Coffee Klatch
3:30pm Trini Mini
6:00pm Pickleball
6:15pm Handbell Ensemble
7:00pm Bell Choir
Wednesday, October 30
Pastor Mark vacation
Thursday, October 31
Pastor Mark vacation
3:30pm Trini Mini
7:00pm Yoga
7:00pm Thursday Worship
Friday, November 1
6:30pm Friday Night Dinners
Saturday, November 2
7:30am Walking Group

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

October 27th Servers:

Council Team: John Weiss, Barry Kreider

Assisting Minister: Kathy Kuhns

Lector: Lori Spitzer

Acolytes: CH: Ava Morgan, CR: Natalie Mull,

T: Patrice Mull, Judy Williams

Ushers: Denise Shirker, Trig Olson, Matt Shirker

Altar Guild: Denise Shirker, Kelly Homan

Ann & Bob Snader

Linens: Brenda Wangman

Flowers: Dan Doremus



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 8-12 and will be staffed by volunteers.

Pastor Mark will have hours as listed below.

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	OFF
Friday	8:00 AM- 12:00 PM	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!

