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Trinity Messenger

September 2023 Issue 3

Alleluia. We have an advocate, Jesus Christ the righteous; your sins are forgiven on account of his name. Alleluia. 1 John 2:1,12

If you have any articles/announcements for the September 24, October 1, or October 8 issues of the Trinity Messenger, please have them to Sue by September 19. Between painting and flooring in the office and Sue's vacation, it is necessary to have them early.

September Stewardship: Excentia (S. June Smith Center) **EXCENTIA HUMAN SERVICES: A LIFESPAN OF SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL NEEDS**

Excentia Human Services has a long history of almost 60 years in Lancaster County, providing a lifespan of services and supports to children and adults with developmental disabilities. Pronounced "x-cen-cha," our name is a composite of the words "essence" and "excellence." Excentia represents the unique element that defines an individual's core, or their "essence," and the honoring of each person's essence, and circumstances, as they strive to excel as their best selves. This philosophy fuels everything we do for the people we support and our team of dedicated employees who make our mission possible.

I want to take a minute to tell you a story about one of the children we support.

As the youngest of five siblings, Bennett always loves tagging along for family activities. In his early years, nothing seemed concerning with Bennett's development. As his mom, Amy, noted, he was a tad bit delayed, but it was something she thought he would catch up with easily as time went on. However, as he got older, Bennett struggled with mobility and speech delays. At this point, Bennett qualified for Early Intervention Services due to his diagnosis. Ultimately, he found himself at Excentia Human Services.

Since starting preschool, Bennett has outgrown the need for speech intervention, is holding his own with his peers and is learning to be more independent with his mobility. "We love his education program!" says Amy, Bennett's mom. "He looks forward to his preschool days and comes home full of stories."

These stories and Bennett's eagerness to entertain and connect to people have been the most surprising result of his education. "He has great manners and expresses himself extremely well. I know that's largely due to what they do at school with the kids!"

And it is also the reason why Bennett is so eager to do "school" activities at home while his mom homeschools his siblings. With the help of his occupational and speech therapists and the support he has at home, Bennett's future is optimistic and promising. For now, though, he's right where he needs to be, enjoying school and being a kid, and tagging along with his brothers and sister.

Successes like Bennett's are possible because of the supports provided by Excentia Human Services.

Please consider making a donation that will impact more children like Bennett.



Saturday, September 30th 2023, 5:00-8:00 PM
Camp Kirchenwald, 1 Cutoff Rd Lebanon PA 17042

Did your child have a great week at camp? Consider attending our Party with a Purpose fundraiser and help us continue to provide awesome programs! The evening will consist of a BBQ meal, live music, silent and live auction items, and giveaways. The evening is free and we ask participants to donate what they would pay for an evening out for dinner and entertainment. This is an adult only event but childcare will be provided.



Attention Retired Readers!

Love to read and discuss what you read?
Looking for a literary mini-vacation?

Join other readers for an Adult Study
Retreat on:

Major Pettigrew's Last Stand by Helen
Simonson
The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry by
Rachel Joycen

Additional reading – *A Man Called Ove* by
Fredrik Backman
I Capture the Castle by Dodie Smith

October 3-5, 2023 at Nawakwa
Registration fee: \$170 Lodging and meals
(7) provided. Begins Tuesday morning and
ends with lunch on Thursday.

Call 717-677-8211 or visit
<https://www.lutherancamping.org/event/adult-study-retreat-2023/>



On September 19, Grace Long will celebrate her 102nd birthday! Please help celebrate this special day by sending her a birthday card!

Grace Long
Ephrata Manor Skilled Care Room 210
99 Bethany Rd.
Ephrata, PA 17522

Parade Night

Please join your fellow siblings in Christ on the front lawn of Holy Trinity on Parade Night, Wednesday, September 27, at 5:30 PM. We will be offering hot dogs, chips, baked goods, and water for dinner, and there will be live music provided by the band *Dill Weed*.

Wonderful to have them back with us! To help make this possible, we are once again asking for donations of hot dogs, buns, 8 oz. bottles of water, and bagged, individual serving size homemade baked goods (cookies & brownies). Please wait until the weekend prior to the Parade Night to bring buns and baked goods to the church, so they will be fresh. Hot dogs and bottles water can be brought to the church anytime between now and the week of the event. Please put hot dogs in the refrigerator in the Fellowship Hall and water on the row of tables against the wall of the Fellowship Hall. Thank you in advance for your donations! Our Evangelism Team looks forward to seeing you on the front lawn the evening of the parade.

Lutheran World Relief Ingathering Appeal

Lutheran World Relief Ingathering appeal is Sunday October 1st. This year the Social Ministry Committee is looking for new blankets (60" x 80", non-fleece) and monetary donations to purchase items for personal kits. Each kit is \$5.00. See the poster in the Gathering Area. Volunteers will be needed to help assemble the kits. The time and date will be announced later. If you have any questions, please contact Rob Gilbert at 721-3822.

Blessing of the Pets -Sunday, October 2 -

Outside at Church (weather permitting) at 2:00 PM on lawn beside Luther Hall.

Bring your pets, large and small for a special blessing. Be sure your pets are on leashes.



Assisting Maui Fire Victims

Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) is coordinating with the Pacifica Synod and other partners to assess the needs of people impacted by the wildfires. Together they are addressing the immediate needs and recovery amid the widespread destruction. LDR and the Pacifica Synod are committed to accompanying recovering communities now and in the years ahead.

Gifts given specifically to "U.S. Wildfires" will be restricted to and used in full (100%) for those affected by wildfires. You may donate by following the link:

community.elca.org/uswildfires?_ga to donate electronically or by mail at the address below. Make checks payable to "Lutheran Disaster Response." Write "U.S. Wildfires" on your check's memo line. You may also donate by calling 800-638-3522 (Monday through Friday) 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. central time.

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
P.O. Box 1809
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Assist Fire Victims | EPHRATA AREA SOCIAL SERVICES

EASS's Community Support department is reaching out to local fire victims in Ephrata in order to provide assistances. Any money donated through this page (www.mygiving.net/campaign/Assist-Fire-Victims) will go to direct aide. If donating on a different platform (check, cash, Paypal) please note this is for "fire victim assistances." Checks can be sent to Ephrata Area Social Services, 227 N. State St., Ephrata, PA 17522. **Gift cards** for Walmart and Ephrata area grocery stores would be eagerly welcomed by these families as they attempt, with the help of EASS and the generosity of the community, to put their lives back together. If you bring gift cards to the church, we, with the guidance of EASS, will make sure they go where they are needed. **There is a local need for hygiene products for children going back to school.**



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. 4** – Celebration Choir rehearsal at 7:15 PM in the church sanctuary

*Sunday, Oct. 8 – Celebration Choir – 8:15 AM rehearsal - *Jesus Loves Me/Oh How He Loves You and Me*

***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 will resume on Wednesday, September 6 at 6:45 PM! All are welcome!!!

BELL CHOIR

***Rehearsals are** Tuesdays at 7:00 pm for our existing bell choir.



September 17-23 Calendar

Sunday, September 17	
9:00am	Worship
10:00am	Coffee Hour After Worship
10:15am	SCS
Monday, September 18	
10:00am	Women's Prayer Group
6:30pm	Yoga
Tuesday, September 19	
7:00pm	Bell Choir
Wednesday, September 20	
12:00pm	Luther Lunch Ladies
6:45pm	Senior Choir
Thursday, September 21	
6:00pm	Community meal
7:00pm	Yoga
7:00pm	Thursday Worship
Saturday, September 23	

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September 17th Servers

Council: Christy Boos, Norm Wangman

Assisting Minister: Ed Quirke

Lector: Gary Nace

Acolyte: anya Gilbert

Ushers: Phyllis Peters,
Tom & Kitty Dickersheid

Altar Guild: Barb & Steve Sweigart
Andy Sweigart

Linen: Patrice Mull

Deliver Flower: Jo Hurst



Office Hours: September 18-22

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	OFF	9:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Friday	8:00 AM - 12	OFF

Thanks for reading! Have a great week ahead!

