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Trinity Messenger

April 2022 Issue 2

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth. Ps 8:1

Letter From Pastor

Pray First

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes... --Proverbs 3:5-7a

Jesus took time to pray often in his ministry. We read in the gospels of Jesus taken time to turn to God in prayer, in conversation, to find renewal and direction for the new aspects of his ministry that lay ahead. Jesus reached out to God for clarity of purpose, guidance, and to gather strength—to determine what God’s will was for him rather than depending on his our insight.

I have found that it is easy, amid the rush of life and our laser focus on the work to which we are called by God, to leave God, the one who called us in the first place, out of the planning and the decision making. We become so focused on the how we are going to achieve the results we desire that we lose sight of the fact that since it is God’s plan we should logically invite God to be a part of it—the most important part of it I believe. It is my experience that when we attempt things with our own understanding alone, the results are not as fruitful as they could have been, and the process by which we got there is often flawed and is filled much more struggle along the way.

Taking time to invite God through prayer into the work we do as a community of faith and in the decisions we make on behalf of God’s church should be, without saying, the first thing we do before getting started. *Pray First* is a practice that I am encouraging all of us, as responsible stewards of God’s church, to adopt before we do anything or make any decisions as formal committees, volunteer groups, or individuals called to serve in any capacity to which God is calling us.

If you do not feel comfortable praying off the top of your head, jot down a prayer that you can use each time you need to pray before a meeting or gathering. We often pray ourselves out of meetings or gatherings, which is fine, but often we do not take the time to pray ourselves into a meeting. Asking God to be present to help us ascertain God’s will and not our own, so we can make the decisions that are reflective God’s desire and not our own, should be our goal in all circumstances. So, remember, lay aside our desires and *Pray First* for God’s guidance. You will be surprised at how much better the results are when you invite God into mix and seek God’s direction.

Faithfully relying on God,

Pastor Mark

This Week At Holy Trinity

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10 Palm Sunday Eucharist 9:00AM SCS 10:20AM	11 Women's Prayer Group 10AM Zoom Yoga 6:30PM	12 Trini Mini 3:30- 5:30 PM Mazon 6PM Bellechoir 7PM	13 Youth Bellechoir 6PM Mazon 6:30PM Sr. Choir 6:45 Evening Prayer 7:30PM	14 Community Meal 6PM Maundy Thursday 7:00 PM	15 The Triduum Good Friday 7:00PM Church Office Closed	16 Egg Hunt 10AM Easter Vigil 7:00PM
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More Info For You



Easter Events

In preparation for Holy Week, Donna Nace will be teaching "The Triduum: Three Days That Changed Everything." Join Donna March 27, April 3 and April 10 at 10:20AM in the Social Hall to explore these important days in our faith.

Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday 4/16 @10AM



Holy Week Services
Wednesday 4/13 @7:30PM
Maundy Thursday 4/14 @7PM
Good Friday 4/15 @7PM
Easter Vigil 4/16 @7PM



Congregation Meeting

The annual spring congregational meeting will be held Sunday, May 1, following the 9:00 a.m. worship service. The meeting will be held in the social hall. Any committee chair that desires to make a presentation or any member who has an item to be considered for the agenda should contact Council President Christy Boos by Tuesday, April 19.

Snap That Picture!

Don't forget to take pictures while participating in any of our events! Please submit your pictures for use in our Newsletter, Website or Social Media to Natale Benigno or Adam Doughty! Be sure to have permissions of those in the photos for use in our church publications.

Three Score and Ten Banquet-

This year's Three Score and Ten Banquet will be on Sunday April 24 at 12:00. Invitations have been mailed out. A signup sheet for servers, and cleanup crews is in the Gathering Area. A response is required no later than Friday April 15th. This year's menu includes: ham loaf, scallop potatoes, vegetable medley, cole slaw, rolls, ice cream and brownies.

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Fellowship

Not So High Tea

Ladies of Trinity, Bergstrasse and Salem SAVE-THE-DATE!
Sunday May 15, 2022 2-4 PM
Trinity will be hosting in the Trinity Fellowship a Not So High Tea Party. More info coming. Get your "little pinkies" ready girls!

Luther Lunch Ladies

Join the Luther Lunch Ladies for a fun filled luncheon at one of the area's restaurants! We are all women from Trinity who enjoy dining around the county on the 4th Wednesday of the month. Think about joining us and participating in a nice afternoon of fellowship and friendship. Contact Marti Nissley for more information.

Coffee Klatch

Join in this Fellowship event to enjoy conversation, sip coffee and a bite of sweets. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall the last Tuesday of the month from 9am to 11am. Contact Candy Snyder for more information.

Trinity Game Time

Join Darryll Kuhns and Winnie Gerlach in an afternoon of games every first Sunday 2-4pm to

Easter Sunrise Service
@ Bergstrasse at 6:15AM

Easter Sunday 4/17 @9AM

welcome) LUNCH BUNCH will be going to Gus's Restaurant on April 10. We will meet downstairs at 11:30 after Sunday School. Reservations can be made by calling Cheryl Plummer at 717-625-3187 by April 9.

Fellowship with some friendly competition. No need to bring a game unless you have a special one you want to share. For questions or thoughts contact Darryll.



Members of Holy Trinity,

Thank you for the support in making the Messiah University Choir Concert a success on March 27! So many people had a hand in various details anywhere from manning entrances and greeting people to the youth group members serving as ushers. I personally cannot thank people enough for all the help to clean up and making sure everything ran smoothly. Many others helped in making sure we had the services and items needed for the event.

We once again filled the sanctuary and showed our hospitality to the community and beyond. The high school students appreciated being part of the program, and it was an inspirational experience for them. Their participation also brought in more members of the community.

If you missed the concert, it may be viewed on Live Stream using these links.

<https://HolyTrinityLutheranChurchEphrataPA.sermon.net/main/main/21953380>

If you click on this link, you can download the .mp4 file. It is 769 MB.

<https://HolyTrinityLutheranChurchEphrataPA.sermon.net/dvhig/h/21953380.mp4>

This entire event was sponsored and paid by the Anne Brossman Sweigart Charitable Foundation. Besides human time and energy, Holy Trinity spent nothing on this concert but reaped the benefits of charisma that will affect our spiritual climate. All leftover foods were used for the welfare of the congregation either through Trini Mini program or Sunday morning fellowship time. All food was purchased by local businesses, and nothing went to waste.

Overall, It was a glorious event and a wonderful musical experience. Thanks for your ongoing support for programs like this!

Jim Kimmel

Dear Friends at Holy Trinity,

Thank you all so much for the prayers, cards, concern and kindness extended to me and my family during this difficult time. Thank you to Pastor Mark and Donna for all they put into the wonderful service for Dad. Special thank to the choir for the beautiful flowers.

Sincerely, Kathy, Katie, Dan & Matt

I would like to thank Donna, Pastor Mark, and the congregation for the calls, cards, flowers, and soup during my recovery. I truly feel blessed.

Dave Bowers

To my Church Family,

I want to thank the congregation for the beautiful flowers. They have been sitting on my coffee table. I was so surprised. I would also want to thank Donna for the telephone calls. I'm doing fine.

Sincerely, Cheryl Plummer

Dear Friends of EASS,

On behalf of our Board of Directors, staff, and families we serve, thank you for your donation of \$710 to Ephrata Area Social Services. As you may know, we were organized over 50 years ago to support our Neighbors in Need living in Northern Lancaster County. We provide support through our four core programs: Hand UP exchange food & clothing bank, Transportation, Meals on Wheels, & Community Support Services. Your support will aid us in furthering our mission to empower and connect neighbors to build a healthy and vibrant community.

Sincerely, Casey Ellis, Executive Director

Community meals has been serving food in Holy Trinity every Thursday in March and will also be serving every Thursday in April. The doors open at 5:30 pm and serving begins at 6:00 pm. This would not be possible without the wonderful help of the Property Committee and John Fuehrer. They have been coming every Wednesday night and setting up the all-purpose room with tables and chairs for 100 people, desert and coffee tables and whatever else is needed. Then, after the meal, returning to the church Thursday nights at 7:00 pm to take the tables and chairs down and clean the floors, vacuum the hallway and make sure the church is locked up properly. They do this so Trini Mini and S. June Smith will have access to the gym the rest of the week. Otherwise, they could just leave the tables up. I know that they are not getting home to their families until late each Wednesday and Thursday. A big thank-you to them for their unselfish help. Without them, the community meals would not be possible.

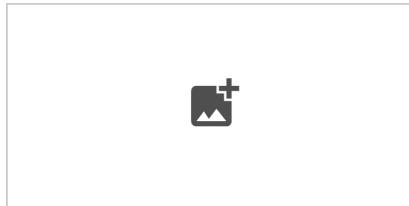
God Bless you!

Peggy Dean

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Thanks for reading! Have a great week ahead!



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