



HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



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# Trinity Messenger

April 2024 Issue 1

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*Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe. Alleluia.  
John 20:29*

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## **Stewardship Special Giving for April North Lancaster Conference Disaster Response Team**

As you may know, several of our Holy Trinity family members have served on work teams for Luther Disaster Response (LDR) in the mainland United States and Puerto Rico. During April, we will be collecting donations for our stewardship focus to help fund the life-giving activities of this local group as they prepare to travel to Florida to assist in restoring people's lives by restoring homes that families lost during recent storms. Beth and Tom Smith will be in worship on Sunday, April 7, to offer a temple talk to provide us with details about this upcoming trip and the vital humanitarian work this team is up to. Please be present that day to hear from them; please consider giving generously to their efforts and those of the team of volunteers they represent.

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## **Congregational Gatherings in April**

There will be two important gatherings in April to discuss the future of Holy Trinity. **Sunday, April 14**, there will be a forum following the morning worship service. The Congregation Council plans to present several options (with details and implications for each) for discussion. The discussion will help the Council reduce the options for a final congregational vote.

**Sunday, April 28**, will be the annual Spring Congregational Meeting following the morning worship service. As part of the meeting, the Congregation Council plans to conduct a vote to set definitively the direction for the congregation.

The Council hopes to have both meetings in the Sanctuary, so that they can be livestreamed. While the meetings will be available for viewing while they occur, there will not be a way for viewers to participate. Also, the livestream will probably **not** be available for later viewing.

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## Spring Fling Potluck

### Spring Fling!!!! Potluck

Sign up for another delicious and fun filled evening on April 19, 6:00pm. Bring something to share. Sign-up sheet is in the gathering area ☺  
Fellowship Committee

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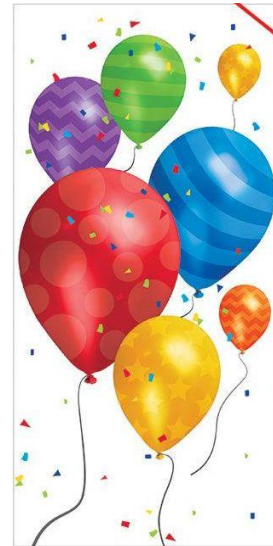
## Happy Birthday

To the members of Holy Trinity who are 70 years and older and celebrating a birthday this month.

### April Birthdays

1 - Craig Forney  
4 - Jean Cammauf  
14 - John Leonhard  
14 - Penny Stick  
17 - Deb Moyer  
19 - Robert Eberly  
24 - Deb Grube

*SEND THEM A BIRTHDAY CARD OR CALL THEM WITH YOUR GREETING. WE PRAY GOD GRANTS THEM MANY MORE YEARS IN THEIR PILGRIMAGE.*



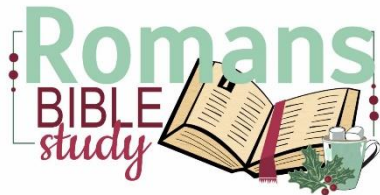
## Notes of THANKS

Thank you to my friends at Holy Trinity for all of your Easter Greetings and the Altar Flowers. Special thank you to Donna Nace for all of her faithful visits, which I enjoy so much. Thank you to the youth who continue to bless me with all the cards that they send me. I am truly blessed by your thoughts and prayers. Shirl Tobias

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## Trini Mini

We gained new kids in the last few months and grew to 16 kids. We are now averaging about 11 kids as Spring sports beckon to our kids. Spring Trini Mini starts April 2. Our last session for this school year ends on May 21<sup>st</sup> with a pizza party for kids and their families. Summer camp will be August 19-23, Monday to Friday morning from 9:30 until noon. Blessings



## **New Bible Exploration**

**For those participating in the Bible study of Romans, remember there will not be class on Tuesday, March 26 (Holy Week) or Tuesday, April 2. We will resume the study on Tuesday, April 9 at 11:00 AM.**

Continuing on Tuesdays you are invited to join in a study of the book of *Romans*. The study will take place each Tuesday morning from 11:00 AM to roughly 12:00 PM. "In his *Preface to Romans* Martin Luther writes, 'this epistle is really the chief part of the New Testament, and is truly the purest gospel...It is a bright light, almost sufficient to illuminate the entire Holy Scriptures'" (*Martin Luther's Basic Theological Writings*, second ed., Fortress, 2005 pp. 98-99). *Romans* is also the most challenging of the Pauline epistles and will likely provide those participating with significant, in-depth discussion and new ideas to chew on as we wade through it and learn and grow together in our faith lives and our relationships with God and our Lord. There will be sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area for those who are interested in participating.

## **Phyllis Peters has moved**

Phyllis Peters has moved to Texas to live permanently with her family. If you would like to send her a card or other correspondence to wish her well her new address will be: c/o Brandon Peters, 1311 Citlali Sun Ln, San Antonio, TX 78245.

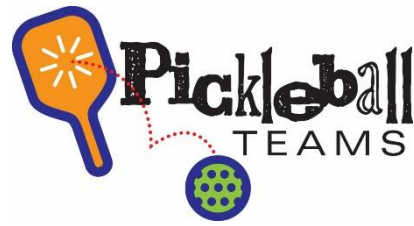
**If you are interested in volunteering for The (Compassion) Project in July, please contact Rob Gilbert.**



THE ADULT (all adults are welcome) LUNCH BUNCH will be going to Park Place Diner after the liturgy on April 14. We'll meet downstairs immediately after the liturgy. All are welcome. Plan to join us!

### Pickleball update

Pickleball Court is available every Tuesday from 8:00 to 10:00 AM. Anyone who is experienced or a beginner is welcome. See Ron Kerschner if you have any questions.



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

BELL CHOIR Rehearsals are Tuesdays at 7:00 pm.



### Why Camp? A place for families

“My family absolutely LOVES Family Camp at Nawakwa. We love it so much that we start a countdown for the next year as soon as our week at camp is over. Seriously, we are that excited!” ~ Amy Koch

“Every year, the first dates we put on our new calendar are Family Camp at Kirchenwald. We’ve been going since our first child was a baby, and our children have never known a summer where we weren’t at Family Camp.” ~ Pastor Alex Martini

People often talk about Family Camp as though it’s just another vacation option, like going to the beach or Walt Disney World or the Grand Canyon, but Family Camp is so much more than that. Pastor Martini says, “We have made

new friends we see year after year. Our faith is strengthened in worship, Bible study, and conversations with the staff and other campers. Our children have learned to love camp and God’s creation in new and profound ways.”

Koch says her favorite thing about Family Camp is the people. “Our first year, we met a family from another congregation, and we have grown extremely close. We get together throughout the year, and I love that our friendship has a foundation built on faith.”

Maybe it’s time to rethink the value of Family Camp. It might be just what your family needs to reconnect with each other and with God’s family.

**Register Now for Summer Camp at [LutheranCamping.org](http://LutheranCamping.org)**

The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania

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**April 7-13 Calendar**

**Sunday, April 7**

9:00am Worship

10:00am Coffee Hour After Worship

10:15am SCS

12:00pm 3 Score 10 Banquet

**Monday, April 8**

10:00am Women's Prayer Group

6:30pm Yoga

**Tuesday, April 9**

8:00am Pickleball

11:00am Bible Study

3:30pm Trini Mini

7:00pm Bell Choir

7:00pm Finance Committee

8:00pm Executive Council

**Wednesday, April 10**

6:30pm Senior Choir

**Thursday, April 11**

3:30pm Trini Mini

7:00pm Yoga

7:00pm Thursday Worship

7:30pm Council Meeting

**Saturday, April 13**

7:30am Walking Group

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

## April 7th Servers:

**Council Team:** Barry Kreider, John Weiss

**Assisting Minister:** Ed Quirke

**Lector:** Mike Sernoffsky

**Acolytes:** Natalie Mull,

**Ushers:** Norm Wangman, Phyllis Doughty,  
Winnie Gerlach

**Altar Guild:** Brenda Wangman,  
Heather Zimmerman, Lisa Garrett

**Linens:** Patricia Fassnacht

**Flowers:** Jo Hurst



## Office Hours April 8-12, 2024

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

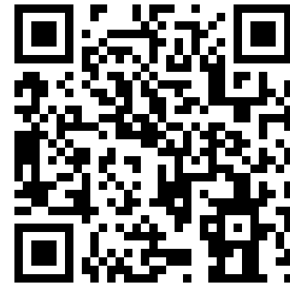
**Office Phone:** 717-733-4134 **Pastor's Cell:** 315-317-8517 **Donna's Cell:** 717-669-7831

**Office email:** [officeholytrinity@ephralutheran.org](mailto:officeholytrinity@ephralutheran.org)

Day	Sue	Pastor
Monday	OFF	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-12:00 noon	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Friday	8:00 AM-12:00 noon	OFF

## Make Your Regular Offering Electronically

On the Holy Trinity website ([www.holytrinityephrata.org](http://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!*

