



HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



Trinity Messenger

April 2025 Issue 2

Christ humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every nation.

Phil. 3:8-9

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. A representative will give a Temple Talk on April 6. 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.

Wednesday Evening Prayer during Lent 7:30PM



Palm/Passion Sunday

April 13, 2025

Holy Communion

The Sacred Triduum:

Maundy Thursday

April 17, 2025- Service at 7:00 PM
Individual Absolution, Foot Washing
Holy Communion, Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday

Traditional Liturgy
April 18, 2025
Service at 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday

April 19, 2025
Easter Vigil Liturgy at 7:00 PM
Holy Communion

Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025

Festival Liturgy with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM

Congregational Meeting

The Spring Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, May 4, immediately following the worship service.



Three Score and Ten Banquet-

This year's Three Score and Ten Banquet will be on Sunday April 27th at noon. Invitations have been mailed. A signup sheet for servers, delivers, and cleanup crews is in the Gathering Area. A response is required no later than Friday April 18th. If you have any questions, please contact Rob Gilbert.



For the past several years, the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church congregation has sent several children to Camp Kirchenwald by paying the cost associated with camp. The church established a camp fund to which congregation members can contribute to provide sufficient funds for children to attend camp. The balance in that fund currently stands at \$990. With the average cost for a week at Kirchenwald standing at around \$700, we have sufficient funds to send one child. This message is to remind members that contributions can be made to this fund to provide additional funds for the

opportunity for more than one child from Trinity to attend camp. To contribute to the camper fund, you can write a check payable to the church and write "Camper Fund" in the memo space. Checks may be put in the offering plate, dropped off at the church office, or mailed to the church.



**Earth Day
Celebration** 2025

**Sunday, April 27, 2025 • 2-6pm
Kirchenwald**

**Enjoy an afternoon of environmental
activities, games, and crafts at one
of your favorites places within
God's creation: **CAMP!** An evening
meal is included in the \$15 fee.
All ages welcome.**

**RSVP to 717-677-8211 or
LutheranCamping.org by April 18**



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The Lutheran Camping Corporation presents...

WORK DAYS AT CAMP



SATURDAY, APRIL 26 - NAWAKWA, 9:00 AM

SATURDAY, MAY 3 - KIRCHENWALD, 8:30-4

For information or to RSVP for Kirchenwald's Work Day, contact Mark Russell at mrussell@lutherancamping.org

FOR NAWAKWA: Volunteers needed to do general housekeeping, gardening, painting, carpentry, and other tasks.

A noon meal will be provided.

So that enough food can be prepared, please RSVP by April 18 at LutheranCamping.org or 717-677-8211



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of the hills, trees, and stars

LANCASTER CHAMBER SINGERS
CONNOR NEWKAM-ULRICH, conductor

May 3 & 4

A concert of choral music
drawing inspiration from the landscapes that shape us, both physically and spiritually.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
167 E Main Street, Ephrata, PA 17522
Saturday, May 3, 2025 | 3PM

St. Edward's Episcopal Church
2453 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601
Sunday, May 4, 2025 | 3PM



Advance Tickets: \$10 | At the Door: \$15 | Children 18 & Under: Free
scan the QR code or purchase tickets online at www.lancasterchambersingers.org

Indoor Giveaway

Folks have been busy weeding through the Sunday school supply closets and removing unneeded items. These items have been arranged on tables in the back hallway and classroom of the church basement (church office level). All items are free! Check them out because you never know the treasures you might find.

HANDBELLS

Calling all those with an interest in ringing handbells for Easter. A reminder of our upcoming handbell rehearsals for the season...

Wednesday 4/16, 6:15 -6:45 p.m.

No Rehearsal 4/22

Tuesday 4/29, 7 p.m.

Tuesday 5/6, 7p.m.

Tuesday 5/13, 7p.m., and Wednesday, 4/16 6:15 – 6:45 PM.

Contact Debbie with any questions.



Celebration Choir Schedule

Wednesday, April 9 – 6:30 PM – Rehearsal

Sunday, April 13 (Palm Sunday) – sing “The King of Glory”

Wednesday, April 16 – 6:30 PM – Rehearsal

Thursday, April 17 (Maundy Thursday) – sing “A New Commandment”

Sunday, April 20 (Easter) – sing “We Know that Christ Is Raised”



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

Sunday Church School for God's Children on the Move!

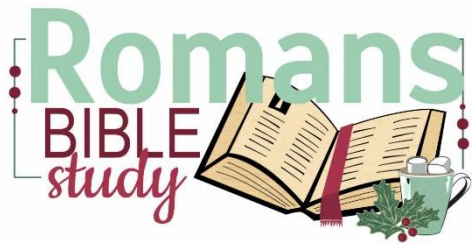
The dates for Sunday School are: April 6 (Easter is April 20-no SCS) and May 4 & 18.

The location for Sunday School is the gymnasium. Parents and children are encouraged to stop in the Café just outside of the gymnasium after church for snacks until 10:30AM. Sunday School will be from 10:30 until 11:00 AM. Parents need to stay close by and may attend Adult Forum, sit in the gym or remain in the Café, during Sunday School.

Activities chosen for the children will be determined by safety factors including considering number and ages of the children. On occasion, after initial physical warmup activities, younger children may move to a classroom nearby. They will be returned to the gym by 11:00 AM

We look forward to seeing you!

Winnie Gerlach, Mike and Elaine Sernoffsky, Kathleen and Darryll Kuhns



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!

Bergstrasse Community Closet – What's New?

What's new? Continuation of helping out Landis Homes personal care unit with items needed. New volunteers added to our hard-working crew. New bathrooms in closet wing of church for our use. Thanks Bergstrasse Lutheran Church! We are averaging at least 5 to 10 new families each time we are open. Boxes of clothing donated to Career Link, to help people with outfits for job interviews. Boxes of clothing and items given to Community Action Five to Thrive, and Refugee Connect.



Thank you to all of our donors, and the many of you who support us in so many ways!

2025 Hours, Saturdays and Sundays listed from 12PM to 2PM:

April 19&20

May 3&4, 17&18

Donations for the clothing closet may be left in the box in the narthex of Holy Trinity church. Please contact the Clothing Closet on Facebook if you are interested in volunteering.

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. 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. Sue (church office) also needs to know so she can get events on the calendar in a timely manner.

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>

April 13-18 Calendar

13 APR, SUN

- Celebration Choir sings
 - PALM SUNDAY
 - 9am Worship
 - 10am Coffee Hour After Worship
-

14 APR, MON

- 10am Women's prayer group
 - 6:30pm Evangelism ZOOM
 - 6:30pm Yoga
-

15 APR, TUE

- NO Bible Study
 - 3:30pm Trini Mini
 - 6pm Pickleball
-

16 APR, WED

- 12pm Luther Lunch Ladies
 - 6:30pm Celebration Choir rehearsal
 - 7:30pm Evening Prayer
-

17 APR, THU

- Celebration Choir sings
 - MAUNDY THURSDAY 7PM
 - 3:30pm Trini Mini
-

18 APR, FRI

- GOOD FRIDAY 7 PM

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

April 13th Servers:

Council Team: Ed Quirke, John Fuehrer

Assisting Minister: Kathy Kuhns

Lector: Judy Williams

Acolytes: Anya Gilbert, Natalie Mull, Patrice Mull

Ushers: Curtis & Christy Boos, Bill & Lori Spitzer

Altar Guild: Brenda Wangman,
Heather Zimmerman, Lisa Garrett

Linens: Brenda Wangman

Flowers: Heather Zimmerman



Office Hours April 14-18, 2025

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

Office email: officeholytrinity@ephratalutheran.org

Day	Sue	Pastor
Monday	8:00 AM- 4:00 PM	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Tuesday	8:00 AM- 12:00 Noon	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	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	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!

