



Trinity Messenger
February 2026 Issue 1

Alleluia. Rejoice and be glad, for your rewards is great in heaven. Alleluia. Matt. 5:12

Stewardship Special Giving for February: Camping Campaign

The Church, in a place and time apart...Where God's presence is experienced, Faith is renewed, Christ's love is felt, and the Church is strengthened for the service and proclamation of the Gospel! Our mission is to be a gracious expression of God's love for all people.

The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania operates three facilities: Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and the Wittel Farm; with a variety of outdoor experiences in a uniquely Lutheran tradition.

Each summer, hundreds of young people, adults, and families come to camp to grow in faith through adventure, nature, and creative arts experiences.

Retreat programs are offered for all ages throughout the year. Plus, all facilities are available for rent by retreat groups, church groups, and families.

The Growing Project at the Wittel Farm is a volunteer-supported working farm that grows fresh fruits and vegetables, which are donated to address food insecurity in Lancaster County.

As a Reconciling in Christ organization, all people are invited and welcome to enjoy the goodness of God's creation through the community at camp.



Welcome to Holy Trinity Sunday School on the Move!

Please join us for Sunday School the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month, the next one being February 1. Children will proceed downstairs after the Children's Sermon. For those not attending church, please meet us at 9:20 in the Cafe area. All are welcome for our Journey with Jesus!! ❤️.

Love and Peace,
Holy Trinity Christian Ed

NOTICE: Holy Trinity's website is sometimes up, sometimes not. A new website is being pursued and will be up and running as soon as possible. If you are looking for the livestream connection it is here: Holy Trinity's services are now online at Sermons.net. Just copy and paste the link below into your browser. <https://holytrinitylutheranchurcphephratapa.sermon.net/main>



Happy Birthday

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

February Birthdays

1 Rick Woerner
5 Warren Fegley
8 Scott Eaby
9 Kathy Kuhns
10 Earl Dinger
12 Pat Fassnacht
14 Darryll Kuhns
19 Anne Houck
27 Mary Jane Weidman

SEND THEM A BIRTHDAY CARD OR CALL THEM WITH YOUR GREETING. WE

PRAY GOD GRANTS THEM MANY MORE YEARS IN THEIR PILGRIMAGE.

Treasurer

Holy Trinity is seeking someone to serve as treasurer beginning in 2027.

Larry Hummer completed two 3-year terms as treasurer in December 2025, the maximum allowed by our constitution. The Congregation Council decided to suspend the treasurer term limit and elected Larry to serve as treasurer until the end of 2026. This decision gives the Finance Committee and Council time to decide how to redefine the position.

We are searching now so that the new treasurer can be tutored by our present treasurer later this year. More importantly, we want the person to be part of the discussion with the Finance Committee as we decide how to handle the position and congregational finances going forward.

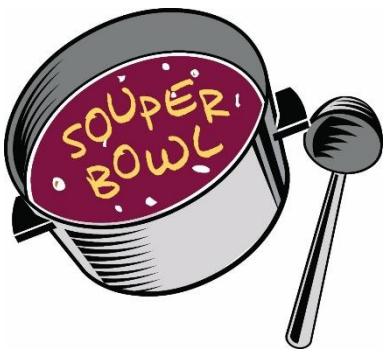
If interested, contact Larry Hummer or Ed Quirke for more information by **February 8**. We would like to have the treasurer candidate(s) attend the March 10 Finance Committee meeting.



Notes of **THANKS**

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Lancaster Vet Center, we wish to thank you for the recent donation of \$486.82. 100% of your donation will be used to supplement the excellent care and services provided to our Veteran patients and their families. We are very grateful for your generosity and support of our Nation's Veterans. Sincerely, Jason Lane, Voluntary Service



Holy Trinity Souper Bowl Challenge

It's that time of year for the Super Bowl! Evangelism Committee is once again having a "SOUPER BOWL CHALLENGE"! Please bring canned food or other non-perishable items from now until February 15 and put them in the box of the team you hope will win the Super Bowl. We will count the items and announce the winner.

All items collected will be donated to EASS. Thank you for supporting our community!

ELEVATOR RESTORATION PROJECT UPDATE

In keeping with the promise made previously, as chairman of the Stewardship Committee, I am pleased to inform you as to the contributions received to date.

In October 2025, the donations totaled \$11,063.94. The Treasurer's Report for November 2025 indicated a total of \$6,717.00. Therefore, the total to date amounts to \$17,735.94

We have started with a very positive indication of what can be done to meet the challenge. Let us continue on the same path for the future. Thank you for your support.

I will provide another report in the February 2026 Trinity Messenger.

Norman A. Wangman



YOGA

Due to the instructor retiring....Yoga will no longer have sessions here at Holy Trinity

Hello to the Trinity family

The Fellowship committee would like to announce our **first Pot Luck dinner** of the New Year. It will be held on the third Friday of the month , February 20 from 6:30 to 8:00 in the fellowship hall. Please save the date . A sign up sheet will be placed in the gathering area in the near future. Hope you can join us... bring family ,friends and a good appetite!

K Kuhns □





Celebration Choir Schedule

Sunday, February 1 - sing "Arise, Shine" by Robert Lau

Wednesday, February 11 – 7:15 PM – Rehearsal

Sunday, February 15 (Transfiguration) – sing "Shine, Jesus, Shine" arr. Tom Fettke

Wednesday, March 4 – 6:45 PM – Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 11 – 6:45 PM – Rehearsal

Sunday, March 15 – sing "Be Thou My Vision" arr. Alice Parker

Wednesday, March 25 – 6:45 PM – Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 1 – 6:45 PM – Rehearsal

Thursday, April 2 (Maundy Thursday) – sing "A New Commandment"

Sunday, April 5 (Easter) – sing "Christ Is Alive" arr. Hal H. Hopson

Wednesday, May 13 – 7:15 PM – Rehearsal

Sunday, May 17 – sing "God We Gather as Your People" by David Lohman

Handbell Choir

Handbell Choir Schedule:

Handbell Rehearsal is Wednesdays at 6:30PM



Upcoming Performances:

Sunday, February 15: *Beautiful Savior*

Sunday, March 8: *Balm in Gilead*

Easter Sunday, April 5: *Thine is the Glory*

Sunday, May 24: *Holy Is the Lord*

For Questions contact Debbie: 717-681-5985 Elegantkeys88@gmail.com

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

The local branch of the Christ-centered support group, *Celebrate Recovery*, has begun meeting in the church social hall on Monday evenings from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM. The group was meeting at City Gate but outgrew their space and reach out to Holy Trinity to see about finding room in our facility. *Celebrate Recovery* is a world-wide ministry that offers support to persons seeking "freedom from their hurts, hang-ups, and habits" and is not limited to those recovering from addiction. It seeks to serve as well those persons struggling with various types of dependency and the pain and trauma associated with these. If you are interested in finding out more about this group and/or how it might be helpful to you, please check out their website at celebraterecovery.com. All are welcome!

Weekly Bible Study: Tuesdays at 11AM

NEW BIBLE STUDY

A New Bible study focusing on the Acts of the Apostles will begin on Tuesday, January 6. The class will meet in the church conference room at 11:00 AM. There is a participant's book for the class that can be ordered through Amazon. The book is entitled *Acts: Catching Up With The Spirit*, authored by Matthew

L. Skinner. If you have any questions please direct them to Pastor Mark. We look forward to having you as part of the study and learning more about the early activities of the Jesus' followers.

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>

February 1-6 Calendar

1 FEB, SUN

- Celebration Choir sings
- Epiphany 4
- 9am Worship
- 10am Coffee Hour After Worship
- 10:15am Adult Forum

2 FEB, MON

- 10am Women's prayer group
- 6pm Celebrate recov.

3 FEB, TUE

- 11am Bible Study
- 3:30pm Trini Mini
- 6pm Pickleball
- 7pm Ephrata Auxillary
- 7pm Fellowship Committee Meeting

4 FEB, WED

- 6:30pm Handbell Choir

5 FEB, THU

- 3:30pm Trini Mini
- 7pm Property Committee
- 7pm Thursday Worship

6 FEB, FRI

- 6:30pm Friday Night Dinners

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

February 1st Servers:**Council Team:** Rob Gilbert, Elaine Sernoffsky**Assisting Minister:** John Weiss**Lector:** John Weiss**Acolytes:** Dylan Lynn**Ushers:** Steve Sweigart, Sue Watts,

Carl Rentschler, Andy Sweigart

Altar Guild: Denise Shirker, Ann & Bob Snader**Linens:** Patrice Mull**Flowers:** Winnie Gerlach**AV:****Office Hours February 2-6, 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	9AM - 12 NOON	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Thursday	9AM - 12 NOON	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Friday	9AM - 12 NOON	OFF

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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 Elevator Improvement fund donation by using your Smart Phone and following the QR code.



Thanks for reading! Have a great week ahead!