



HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Trinity Messenger
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*Alleluia. A voice from heaven said,
"This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." Alleluia. Matthew 3:17*



Stewardship Special Giving for January: Mountaineers' Table

The Ephrata *Mountaineer's Table* is enrolling new families for the school year. The *Mountaineer's Table* is designed to help families stretch their grocery money, prepare low-cost meals for their families over the weekend, and have their children well-fed and ready to learn. Every Thursday, participating families receive a recipe and the ingredients to make the meal. Additional items including cereal, peanut butter, soups, and fresh fruits and vegetables are distributed. Helpful information is also included in the weekly packs, including "Smart Shopping Tips," "Clever Ways to Use Leftovers," and "Food to

Always Have On Hand."

There is no cost to participate, but there are expectations: **Program participants will be expected to pick up their food every Thursday evening at the Ephrata Church of the Brethren located at 201 Crescent Avenue in Ephrata. Failure to do so will result in being removed from the program.**



Notes of **THANKS**

A THANK YOU to all the members of the congregation that supported The December Stewardship Appeal for the ELCA GOOD GIFTS of SAFE WATER ACCESS. We surpassed our goal of \$2,500.00 and are sending a check to ELCA in the amount of \$2,990.93. Thank you so much for your gracious generosity in this appeal. An additional THANK YOU to the congregation for all the other monthly appeals that the Stewardship Committee has recognized in 2024. The total contributions that have been made for the year amounts to \$12,546.07. God has blessed our congregation in many ways and as chairman of the Stewardship Committee I thank you for this generosity. Norman Wangman, Chairman



Celebration Choir Schedule

Wednesday, January 15 – 7:00 PM – Rehearsal

Sunday, January 19 – “Arise, Shine”

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

Bergstrasse Community Closet 2024 wrap up.

Since March 2024, we have helped almost 2,000 people in the area, not including the many school districts, nursing homes, and hurricane victims. We also have saved almost 6,000 articles of clothing from ending up in the landfill. A heartfelt thank you, to our hardworking volunteers! Each and every one of you are amazing. None of this would be possible without your input, ideas, and work. So many friendships have been formed, and so many connections made! We are excited for 2025! All are welcome here, no questions asked, no strings attached. There is plenty for everyone. We thank God, to always manage to bring to us what we need in donations, and the ability to provide this ministry to all who need it.

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

2025 Hours:

Jan 4&5, 18&19 from 12 to 2.

Feb: 1&2, 15&16 from 12 to 2.

March:1&2, 15&16 from 12 to 2.

Starting 2025, we have made both Saturday and Sundays, 12 to 2 so our volunteers can enjoy Bergstrasse Lutheran Church worship service on Sundays 10am.

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.

Sunday School Instructors Needed

Christian Education is an integral part of children’s faith development, be it in a classroom or at home around the kitchen table, and it has been a staple in the lives of the Holy Trinity’s children for generations. With this in mind, the Christian Education Team seeks individuals to share their gifts to help our children develop their faith and deepen their relationship with God and their Lord. The class of elementary-age and younger children meets two Sundays a month for 30 minutes after worship. The team hopes to have enough volunteers so that no one has to teach both Sundays in a month and, per our child protection policy and insurance, have two teachers and/or adults in the classroom while each session is being taught. If you are interested in helping to sustain the Sunday school program by sharing your gifts, please speak with Phyllis Doughty or Pastor Mark.

Organist Search Committee Update

The organist search committee developed and submitted the job description for an organist to serve with the people of Holy Trinity to church music organizations and area music departments at colleges and universities and the Synod in mid-October. Currently, no interest has been shown in the position, so while the committee will actively continue to advertise for a candidate to fill the position, it is proactively arranging for area organists to help lead us in worship on Sundays in February and March. As we navigate an unfamiliar time in our life as a congregation, let us do so with a grace-filled appreciation

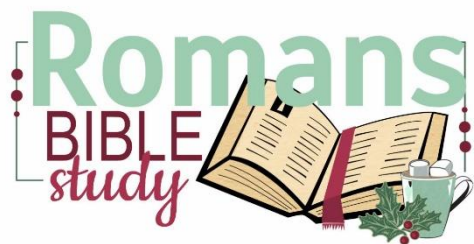
for those who are faithfully working on behalf of our ministries and in the certainty that God is present amid the changes taking place in which we are each called to play a constructive part.

Sunday Church School Class schedule

Parents have determined that holding Sunday Church School classes for their children every other week works best for their families. Children ages 3 and up will meet for class with Donna in her classroom on the following dates:

January 5 & 19

Classes begin at 10:20 AM.



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!

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. If you have anything that will be occurring between now and Christmas and needs sharing, please contact 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.

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>

January 12-18 Calendar

12 JAN, SUN

- 9am Worship
- 10am Coffee Hour After Worship
- 10:20am SCS
- 11am Lunch Bunch

13 JAN, MON

- 10am Women's Prayer Group
- 6:30pm Yoga

14 JAN, TUE

- 11am Bible Study
- 3:30pm Trini Mini
- 6pm Pickleball
- 6:15pm Handbell Ensemble
- 7pm Bell Choir

15 JAN, WED

- 12pm Luther Lunch Ladies
- 7pm Celebration Choir rehearsal

16 JAN, THU

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

18 JAN, SAT

- 7:30am Walking Group

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

January 12th Servers:

Council Team: Heather Zimmerman, Kathrin Baltz

Assisting Minister: John Fuehrer

Lector: Mike Sernoffsky

Acolytes: CH: Norm Wangman, CR: Natalie Mull,

T: Judy Williams, Patrice Mull

Ushers: Allen Nace, Gary Nace, Ed Quirke,

John Weiss, Adam Doughty

Altar Guild: Barb & Steve Sweigart, Andy Sweigart

Linens: Patricia Fassnacht

Flowers: Winnie Gerlach



Office Hours January 13-17, 2024

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

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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	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), 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!

