# YOU'RE WELCOME...











May 31, 2021

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY E.L.C.A. 167 EAST MAIN STREET EPHRATA PA 17522 PHONE 717.733.4134



On Sunday, May 23 (Pentecost Sunday) we will be gathering with four of our youth as they affirm their baptisms and in doing so affirm the faith the Christian church professes, which goes hand-in-hand with such a commitment. This is always an important day not only for the youth, who are making this serious commitment and their families, but also for those of us in the congregation who are called upon to support these sisters and brothers as they continue their life-long, faithful journey of Christian discipleship through words and deeds that profess God's love in Jesus Christ to others.

As these young folks make their professions of faith, I would ask that each of us, be we physically present in worship, watching or listening from home or elsewhere, or unable to participate but mindful of the importance of this day, to honestly and in solidarity consider our commitment to serving God and how we can improve at stepping beyond the limiting bounds of the church building with willing feet and Christ-centered hearts to carry out

God's work. The call given to us to go and make disciples (to touch lives with God's infinite love) that Jesus gave to his disciples two thousand years ago is the exact one we have been given. It is a call that Jesus gave to move us from lethargy and personal ease to an active life of serving our neighbor, one-on-one, rather than from the confines of a building. Financial stewardship to support the work of others has its place, but the work of a disciple is centered on the idea of building relationships with people and sharing God's love through personal interactions. Sharing this love is most impactful and lasting when we are physically and emotionally God's love, meeting folks where they are in their daily lives—in their neighborhoods and amid their needs.

Once again, as we celebrate the decision of our youth to commit to a life of service in God's name, let us recommit ourselves to serving others in God's name by touching lives with grace-filled hearts and be willing, as Jesus was, to connect with our neighbors one-on-one, so they might know who God and Jesus are through our helping hands and life-affirming words, walking the path of a disciple with them as sisters and brothers in Christ.

In Christ's service,

Pastor Mark

# 2021 Graduates:



- Lillian Doughty will be graduating from Garden Spot High School. She plans to attend college in the fall to study chemistry.
- **Nathan Kimmel** will be graduating from Ephrata High School. He will be attending Messiah University to major in education.
- **Megan Kimmel** will be graduating from New York College of Podiatric Medicine with her Doctor of Podiatric Medicine. She will be doing her residency at UPMC Pinnacle in Harrisburg.
- Eliza Mull- graduating May 9th from PSU with a degree in political science and Latin America studies.

Please join us before or after church on Sunday, May 2nd at 9 A.M. - 10:15 A.M. for an ELM Fellowship ZOOM Coffee Hour. We thought it would be nice to gather on ZOOM to touch base with each other and share what is happening in our Church community. We would love to see all of you attend! It would be nice to see your faces and talk about whatever you would like to share with us! Please join us and share in Fellowship!

Sunday May 2 - ELM Virtual Coffee Hour - 9:00 am - 10:15 am. Click the zoom link and join the conversation. Pastor Jim will initiate the call; Michelle will monitor.

Topic: ELM Virtual Coffee Hour

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86914976910? pwd=ZGZ1WStkL0xzcjlIQzd5N1RiUitBUT09 ALSO...

Friday May 7 - S'mores 'N More - 7:00 pm - ?. First Friday round the Firepit at The Grove on the Bergstrasse Campus. Bring a lawn chair, flashlight, non-alcoholic beverage to share. A time to get to know each other. Future events may include outdoor activities for all ages! S'mores fixings provided!

We look forward to seeing all of you! Blessings!

If you have any questions, please call Michelle Cable at 717-201-0722.

#### ATTENDANCE FOR MARCH ONLINE

Date	Worship
March 7, 2021	59
March 14, 2021	39
March 21, 2021	64
March 28, 2021	56

Holy Trinity's services are now online at Sermons.net. Just copy and paste the link below into your browser. <a href="https://holytrinitylutheranchurchephratapa.sermon.net/main">https://holytrinitylutheranchurchephratapa.sermon.net/main</a>

**E-Mail:** Holy Trinity needs your e-mail address to supplement, facilitate and economize the information highway from the church office to you! Your e-mail address won't be placed in a church directory. It will only be used for mailings originating in the church office. If you want to be included, please print your name and e-mail address on an index card (by the box) and place in the box provided.

#### **Prayer Chain Participants:**



Kitty Dickersheid, Patricia Fassnacht, Joyce Gehman,
Carlene Kerschner, Henrietta Mull, Mary Stophel,
Cindy Sutton, Judy Zimmerman.

To submit names for prayer, please call the church office at 733-4134.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!**

As a result of Federal Law, hospitals are no longer able to provide the church with any information about patients without prior patient permission. The only way we will know about ADMISSIONS AND ROOM NUMBERS, is if you inform us.

#### OUR SERVANTHOOD TO THE COMMUNITY

DAILY ON WEEKDAYS:

S. June Smith Center

1st Tuesday each month:

EPHRATA COMMUNITY AUXILIARY



CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

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



#### **MAY**

- 1 Gloria Keller
- 4 Charles Weidman
- 9 Anna Snader
- 13 Virginia DelPiano
- 14 Cindy Sutton
- 18 Bonnie Frey
- 20 Joyce Gehman
- 23 Ella Shupp
- 31 Brenda Wangman

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



# YOGA CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

The Yoga group would like to invite anyone interested in Yoga to come to our practice on Monday evenings. We meet at 6:15PM and end about 8 in the Gathering Area. Bring

a mat and wear comfortable clothes that allow for movement.

#### **BULLETIN "RECYCLING"**

In order to save on the expense of printing the bulletin, the bulletins from the 8:00 service will be "recycled" for use at the 10:30 service. The information inserts will be available for one per family to take home.

# Life Together at Holy Trinity May 2021

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Eucharist 8 & 10:30 AM	Prayer Group 10AM			Property 7PM		Walking group 7:30AM
9 Easter 6	10	11	12	13	14	15
Eucharist 8 & 10:30 AM	Women's Prayer Group 10AM	Finance 7PM		Church Council 7PM		Walking group 7:30AM
Mother's Day		Executive 8PM				
16 Easter 7	17	18	19	20	21	22
Eucharist 8 & 10:30 AM	Women's Prayer Group 10AM	ELM Mtg. 7PM @ Bergstrasse		Newsletter Deadline		Walking group 7:30AM
23 Day of Pentecost	24	25	26	27	28	29
Eucharist 8 & 10:30 AM	Women's Prayer Group	ZOOM				Walking group
Confirmation 8AM	10AM	God on Tap 6:30PM		Newsletter Mailing		7:30AM
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#### MOYER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The John H. Moyer and Erma R. Moyer Scholarship Trust of The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity has been established through a gift by their son, John R. Moyer, to honor his parents and perpetuate the family's belief in the importance of higher education.

The Trust provides for a one-year scholarship of \$1,000.00 to be awarded annually to an active member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. As the investment grows, the Finance Committee can recommend to the Congregational Council increasing the amount. The Finance Committee will notify the Congregation Council in June each year of the amount available to be awarded so the Council can determine the number of scholarships that can be offered.

Applications and detailed Scholarship selection information can be obtained from the Church office. Completed applications and transcripts must be returned to the Church office no later than July 15.

#### Women's Prayer Group

Mondays at 10 AM in the Gathering Area

Luther Ladies group is back in full swing and we are enjoying fellowship, laughter and good lunches each month. This group has been meeting for over 10 years at various restaurants in the area. We invite any lady of Holy Trinity. to consider joining us for an afternoon of fun .If interested, please call Lois Beck at 71-627-0603.

#### Call-In Worship

Calling in to participate to worship is available at the 10:30 AM worship service as well as the 8:00 AM worship service. So, if you sleep in or miss the first service, please join us for the second one. To Listen Live on a telephone: call (717) 733-4134. Once church the message begins dial 7001. If that does not work, try 7001#. Call five minutes before the service begins and wait. Please remember to mute your phone during the service or remain silent during the service.

Salem Lutheran Preschool, 1331 W. Main St., Ephrata, is now taking registrations for Fall 2021. The 3 Year Old Class meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 to 11:30. The 4 Year Old Class meets Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 to 11:30. Safety protocols are in place. For registration info and to schedule a tour, call the Church office at 717-733-6646.

## **GERANIUMS FOR** PENTECOST 2021

The church will be decorated with red geraniums on

• Pentecost Sunday, May 23. Orders can be sent to the church office.

Deadline to order is May 10.

Cost of Red Geraniums quantity

Deadline for ordering is May 10, 2021

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#### Make Your Regular Offering Electronically

On the Holy Trinity website (www.holytrinityephrata.org), a new tab on the menu bar called "Online Giving" will now take you to a secure web site for you to give. You can now give your Regular Offering, your Special Appeal donation, and your Capital Campaign donation... ONLINE. Or, you can use your Smart Phone and follow the QR code.



A Bible-times adventure for children completing **Kindergarten-Grade 5!** Join us as we journey with Moses and the Israelites as God guides and provides in the wilderness!



Monday, July 26- Thursday, July 29 6:30-8:00 PM **Holy Trinity Lutheran Church** 167 E. Main St. Ephrata, PA 17522



Register now by calling 717-733-4134

Masks and Social distancing will be observed. Free program limited to 50 children.



#### **OUR WORSHIPING COMMUNITY**





May 2021 Assisting Ministers 8:00 AM					
The Ministers	May 2 2021 Easter 5	May 9 2021 Easter 6	May 16 2021 Easter 7	May 23, 2021 Pentecost	May 30 2021 The Holy Trinity
Council Team	Lori Brusk	Phyllis Peters	Kevin Gingrich	Natale Benigno	Tina Morgan
Assisting Minister	Mary Stophel	John Fuehrer	Deb Hornberger	Mary Stophel	John Fuehrer
Communion Assistant					
Lector	Mary Stophel	John Fuehrer	Deb Hornberger	Mary Stophel	John Fuehrer
Acolyte					
Ushers	Curtis & Christy Boos Trig Olson	Steve Sweigart Dave & Sue Watts Tim Sweigart Carl Rentschler Andy Sweigart	Phyllis Peters Tom-Kitty Dickersheid	Dave Bowers, Bob & Anne Snader	Curtis & Christy Boos Trig Olson
AV	Live Stream	Live Stream	Live Stream	Live Stream	Live Stream
Altar Guild	Judy Zimmerman Mary Stophel	Barb & Steve Sweigart Andy Sweigart	Judy Wechter Kelly & John Homan	Judy Zimmerman Mary Stophel	Barb-Steve Sweigart Andy Sweigart
Launder Linens	Patrice Mull	Lori Spitzer	Brenda Wangman	Patricia Fassnacht	Patrice Mull
Fogging Duty-after 1st service	Kevin Gingrich	John Fuehrer	Peggy Dean	Mary Stophel	Donald Nissley

<u>Please check your assigned dates carefully</u> and if for some reason you are unable to fulfill your obligation, please contact someone who will serve in your stead. *This is your responsibility.* Please let the church office know of such changes.

May 2021 Assisting Ministers 10:30 AM					
The Ministers	May 2 2021 Easter 5	May 9 2021 Easter 6	May 16 2021 Easter 7	May 23, 2021 Pentecost	May 30 2021 The Holy Trinity
Council Team	Christy Boos	Deb Hornberger	Michelle Cable	Adam Doughty	Deb Hornberger
Assisting Minister	John Weiss	Curtis Boos	Deb Hornberger	John Weiss	Curtis Boos
Communion Assist					
Lector	John Weiss	Curtis Booos	Deb Hornberger	John Weiss	Curtis Boos
Acolyte					
Ushers	Peggy Dean Bill Young	John Weiss Gary Nace, Allen Nace Adam Doughy Rob Gilbert	Phyllis Doughty Norm Wangman	Denise Shirker Trig Olson Matt Shirker Scott Garman	Peggy Dean Bill Young
AV	Matt Shirker	Norm Wangman	Mike Sernoffsky	Matt Shirker	Norm Wangman
Altar Guild	Brenda Wangman Heather Zimmerman Amy Good	Michelle Cable Denise Shirker	Donna Nace Allen Nace	Brenda Wangman Heather Zimmerman Amy Good	Michelle Cable Denise Shirker
Deliver Flowers	Winnie Gerlach	Dan Doremus	Brenda Wangman	Winnie Gerlach	Dan Doremus
Nursery					

#### **Stewardship Special Giving for MAY: Milagro House**

Our Mission: Milagro House provides education, housing and support services for women and their children who would otherwise be experiencing homelessness. Our vision is to prepare the women and children who come through our doors with the skills they need to break the cycle of homelessness and poverty and move from dependence to self-sufficiency. What sets Milagro House apart in our industry is the educational component to the program. Education is the underpinning of everything we do at Milagro House and is the catalyst for women moving from dependence to independence through meaningful employment at a self-sustaining wage.

#### **Services Provided:**

#### **Educational Services**

Women accepted into our program must be committed to pursuing educational advancement. The staff at Milagro House customizes each woman's program to meet her specific needs and interests. Milagro House offers two educational options for women in our program GED Program: Provides GED classes conducted by a certified teacher and volunteer tutors. Post-Secondary Programs: Works with staff to develop a post-secondary education plan and attend college and certification programs of their choice.

#### **Residential and Support Services**

Provides support through – Housing for women and children customized case management, individual and group counseling, parenting programs, life skills training, children's programs.

#### **After Milagro House**

After education, gaining employment and housing, case management staff continue to work with the families for their first year to help ensure their continued success. For additional information check their website at www.Milagrohouse.org

To help Milagro House you can use your Special Giving envelope during the month of July. Thanks in advance for your support of this program.

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# To the faith communities of Ephrata Lutheran Ministry: A Cooperative Ministry of the Bergstrasse & Holy Trinity congregations:

I've been overwhelmed with love and gratitude many times in my life. One of those times was on Sunday April 10, 2011 when I was ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament in the ELCA at Gloria Dei Church in Huntingdon Valley, Pennsylvania. It was a life milestone, fifty three years in the making! Most recently, I was overwhelmed again with love and gratitude by your cards in recognition of the tenth anniversary of my ordination! I am blessed by your outpouring of love and support. My ministry, our ministry is enriched with your presence and commitment to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in a world desperately in need of love. Thank you, thank you, thank you! I look forward to many years sharing in ministry with you!

Pastor Jim Goodyear

To the members of Trinity Lutheran Church,

A sincere thank you to all the friends who remembered me with get-well cards following my hospital stay. Also, I appreciated so much the many calls from Donna and the beautiful Altar flowers she brought. They brightened my day. I will be moving to Ephrata Manor on March 27.

> Peace and good wishes to all, Kathryn Sweigart

Thank you so much for the WAWA gift cards that were placed in my mailbox! It was a wonderful Easter surprise!

Very Sincerely, Donna I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and all the get-well cards I received af ter my knee replacement surgery on March 31. An extra big thank you to the volunteers who helped in the office during my 2 week absence: Phyllis Peters, Bob Snader, Mary Stophel and Larry Hummer. They kept things moving in the office!!

Thanks again,

Sue Johns

Dear Friends, Thank you for sharing your compassion and for continuing to support

United Lutheran Seminary. Thank you for your check of \$679.00. May God's peace and God's message of hope be with you.

Rev. Dr. Martin Otto Zimmann Major Gift Officer

Dear Holy Trinity Family, I would like to give my sincere gratitude and most heartfelt thanks for all the continued prayers, good wishes, and wonderful thoughts for my ongoing health issue. It has certainly been a blessing to have all of you in my life. A special note of thanks to Donna for her visits and calls during this most challenging time. Love and prayers to all.

Much love and thanks, Kathrin Baltz

#### IN THE COMMUNITY:

#### **Assistance** Needed!

#### **Peter's Porch Prep**

Peter's Porch at Zion Lutheran Church (435 Main Street, Akron) is

open every third Saturday of the month. Doors open at 8:00am till 10:00am. Join us for a free breakfast, free

clothing and free groceries/toiletries for families and

munity outreach? The two Wednesdays before Peter's

donations. Clothing donations may be dropped off at

Zion Monday – Friday 9am-2pm. In addition, there is a

Peter's Porch at Faith United, Denver on the 1st Satur-

day; at Lititz Mennonite on the 2nd Saturday; and Landis Valley Christian Fellowship, Lancaster on the 4th

Saturday....all from 8-10AM. For more info see flyer

Zion's Church office: (717)859-2100

onluth@dejazzd.co

on bulletin board. Questions can be directed to Tracy in

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#### COMMUNITY MEAL



#### UP-DATE: Cancelled until further notice.

The community meal program in Ephrata, continues to be an important singles. Would you be willing to volunteer at this compart of the ministry here at Holy Trinity. There are a number of people Porch is prep... packing groceries and sorting through who help with food preparation, food and monetary donation, and also coming out to help serve. The more people that help, the more successful

the program is. The help that we get is greatly appreciated. The meal program in Ephrata continues to grow. A weekly Thursday evening meal is served at one of three Ephrata Churches. Watch the weekly bulletin for opportunities to contribute food or to help with meals. If you have any questions, please call Sue Watts at 738-

# First Monday of Each Month

Luther Acres from 2:00 to 3:00 P.M.

Bingo!- Cancelled until further notice.

If you would like to brighten the afternoon for some of the wheelchair bound residents, please give Darryll or Kathy Kuhns a call: 610-937-0850. Transportation is available. We arrive around 1:45 and volunteers who Ephrata Area Social Service is in need of the are able to do so assist residents in their wheel chairs to the Activity room. Our main task is to help the residents find their lucky numbers on the card. Some residents even win while dozing off! After Bingo, we help the residents back to their rooms. We are finished around 3:15 PM.

> Volunteers needed to deliver the altar flowers to sick/shut-in/hospitalized members following the 2<sup>nd</sup> liturgy. All deliveries will be local. If interested contact the Pastor or the church office.



SERVICES

#### **Ephrata Area Social Services:**

following items: beverage products (cool aid, juicy juice, coffee, tea, etc.) cake mixes, canned fruits, canned meats (spaghetti, spam, tuna, ravioli, etc.) canned vegetables, canned soups, cereal,

hamburger helper, premixed Jell-O snacks, pancake mix and syrup, instant potatoes, laundry detergent, toiletries, cleansing products. Items may be dropped off at the church and placed in the wishing well In the hall to right of the glass doors. If everyone donates – "many hands make light work". If you have any questions, please call Rob Gilbert (721-3822). This year more than ever our community needs our help. Thank you for your continued support

#### Redner's Save-A-Tape Program Redner's Tapes ONLY...please!

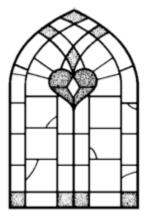
Redner's Market offers a program for members who shop at Redner's Markets to help their congregations support a designated community program. You MUST apply for a Redner's Save-a-Tape card and show it each time you make a pur-

chase. Your receipt MUST say Save-a-Tape at the bottom, or it will not be eligible for this program. Place your receipts in the designated box in the Assembly Area. Redner's will contribute 1% of every \$5000 worth of purchases. Our designated program will be the community meals. The total raised through this program has beenover: \$.2575 Not bad for items that would have just been thrown away!!

Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity 167 East Main Street Ephrata, Pennsylvania 17522-2720

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"A Window is but a transparent wall, through which one can see out and in."

## THE WINDOW

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# **MAY 2021**

### **Holy Trinity's Staff:**

The Ministers	The Members
The Pastor	Rev. Mark Luscombe
Church Musician/Educator	Donna Nace
Administrative Assistant	Suzan Johns
The Sexton	Colleen Shaub
Sr. Choir Director	Deb Olson