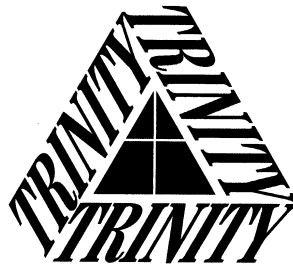


YOU'RE WELCOME...



Sunday Holy Communion - 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Sunday Church School - 9:15 AM

Advent Evening Prayer: Wednesdays in Dec. at 7:30 PM

Thursday Worship - 7:00 PM

*"Come, Lord Jesus! Come, Lord Jesus!
Come, Lord Jesus! Come, and be born in our hearts".*



Advent

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 PM: Holy Communion with carols and candle lighting

7:00 PM: Holy Communion with carols and candle lighting

10:00 PM: Holy Communion with carols and candle lighting



DECEMBER 27: FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS—

One liturgy at 9AM; NO Sunday Church School

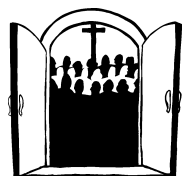
JANUARY 3: SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS—

Liturgies at 8:00 and 10:30AM

JANUARY 6: Epiphany— 7:30 PM, Evening Prayer



JANUARY 10: Baptism of Our Lord



Congregational
MEETING

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & Pot Pie Luncheon (noon)
December 6, 2015

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

The **FEBRUARY 2016** issue will be mailed on **January 28**
 Deadline for articles for the **FEBRUARY 2016** issue: **January 21.**

ATTENDANCE IN OCTOBER

Date	Worship
October 4, 2015	208
October 11, 2015	153
October 18, 2015	151
October 25, 2015	208

Attention Men: Fellowship/Prayer Breakfast
 Fellowship/devotional opportunity for men, sons, grandsons, friends. Date: Saturday, January 2 at 9:00 AM. Place: Udder Choice. Sign-up in Gathering Area. Come and join us and bring a friend.



December 13: THE SINGLE'S GROUP will be going to Evergreen Diner after the 10:30 liturgy. We'll meet in the Assembly Area at 12:10. All are welcome. For reservations, please call Cheryl Plummer by December 12 at 625-3187. Plan to join us!



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, Mary Louise Hornberger, Louise Krick, Shirley Miller, 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

OUR SERVANTHOOD TO THE COMMUNITY

DAILY ON WEEKDAYS:
 MEALS-ON-WHEELS S. JUNE SMITH CENTER
1ST TUESDAY EACH MONTH:
 EPHRATA COMMUNITY AUXILIARY

DECEMBER/JANUARY

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

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



December

- 1 Joanne Bigony
- 15 Violet McCauley
- 15 Ned Moran
- 16 Elsie Minnich
- 21 Harold Sweigart
- 28 Elsie Bowman
- 31 Jean Kreider
- 31 Mary Scheaffer

January

- 1 Josephine Rutt
- 5 Edna Waid
- 7 John Fuehrer
- 11 Elizabeth Charles
- 11 Grace Rohrer
- 14 Louise Krick
- 15 Mary Brossman
- 18 Marlin Kreider
- 28 Kay Osborn
- 30 Carl Tobias

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

SEND THEM A BIRTHDAY CARD OR CALL



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.



DO WE HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS?

Continuing with the this issue of the newsletter, we have emailed it to all members whose email addresses we currently have. This will save considerable paper, printing and postage costs.

Since you are receiving a “hard copy”, it means that we do not have your email address. If you have an email address, please submit it to the church office so we can add you to the list of those receiving the newsletter by email. If you have access to the internet, you can also read the newsletter on Holy Trinity’s website.

Women’s Prayer Group

The Women’s Prayer group meets every Monday morning at 10AM in the Library.



Music At Jerusalem 2015-2016. 36 Church St. Rothsville, PA

Sunday, February 14 at 3PM. Rose Wind Duo: Dr. Clifford Leaman, saxophone & Dr. Scott Herring, marimba have performed around the world. For more info on this event, see the flyer on the bulletin board in the Assembly Area.

Holy Trinity will be serving the Community Meals here at Trinity on December 3 & 17. Please sign-up to bring food and to help serve the meal.



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 to the same secure website.



Ephrata Performing Arts Center presents: *Shrek the Musical* on December 15 at 7PM. Benefits the Historical Society of the Cocalico Valley Museum and Research Library. For tickets and more information, please see the flyer on the bulletin board, or see Deb Martin, she also has tickets.

Finishing the Task Serving Today and Tomorrow

The new three-year campaign began in January 2015, and the new logo and theme identify the campaign’s primary focus – Finishing the Task (Mortgage) while also illustrating the varied “faces” of Holy Trinity and the surrounding community we serve.



To date, we have received 40 pledges totaling \$153,452 and the number of individuals who stated they will give as able has increased to 57. Thank you! As of Sunday, November 15, a total of \$66,598.06 (\$40,403.00 – Pledged and \$26,195.06 – Give as Able) has been received. Thank you!

In January 2012, the mortgage amount stood at \$412,000 and due to the congregation’s concerted effort, that amount has been reduced to the present figure of \$127,095. What a difference your regular commitment to Holy Trinity’s Capital Campaign has made. Thank you!

We have now paid off more than 69% of the original 10-year mortgage, and we estimate there will be a savings of \$30,000 in interest charges if the remaining mortgage is paid off by the end of 2017, the last year of this campaign. We can reach this goal! What a joy it will be when we reach that goal, and funds can be directed toward other needed programs and ministries.

YEAR ROUND STEWARDSHIP

We begin a new church year challenging you to consider Christian Stewardship from an entirely new perspective. Rather than seeing stewardship as purely a “fund-raising” effort conducted each Fall, we hope to reframe and redefine stewardship as embracing how you live every day with God as your center.

What does it mean to have God at the very center of your life for all the choices and decisions you make? What does it say about how you manage both your health as well as about how you share your offerings? What does it say about your diet, about how you vote, about how you help your neighbors, about the chemicals you put on the lawn, and the choice of car you purchase?

Stewardship embraces all the choices we make and all the values we embrace in life, as stewards of God’s creation. Over the course of the coming year, we will challenge you to consider your life in various ways from a faith perspective. Our hope is to expand the voice that faith has in your living.

The Stewardship Committee

Dear Church family,

Thank you for your thoughts , prayers, cards and for the altar flowers as well. Your keeping me and my family in prayer has meant a great deal to me. My father is healing well, as am I. Thanks also to Pastor for his visit the day of my surgery. I deeply appreciate it.

Fondly, Lori Spitzer

Dear Members of Holy Trinity,

Thank you for all your prayers, cards, calls, altar flowers and meals I received after my operation. I also want to thank Pastor Herbener for taking time to stop by and give me communion. It is so nice to have a caring congregation like ours.

Thanks again, Dave Bowers

Dear members of Holy Trinity,

LutherCare is committed to serve, and we are deeply grateful you have joined us in this important work, with your gift of \$506.88 to support LutherCare's Benevolent Care Fund. The fund is the heart of our mission-its existence means LutherCare will be able to continue providing quality care to residents in our retirement communities who, through not fault of their own, have limited financial resources and for our income-qualified families in our LutherCare for Kids Early Learning programs who need assistance.

In service, William C. Snyder, VP, Philanthropy

I would like to thank Pastor Herbener and Donna Nace for the visits when I was in the hospital. Also the altar flowers were beautiful and brighten up my home. I'm slowly getting back to normal.

God Bless, Brenda Moyer

Trinity Lutheran Church Family,

Please accept our sincere thanks for your participation in the HSCV Church Tour on October 3, 2015. Although the number of attendees (and the weather) did not meet our expectations, we received very positive feedback from everyone. We view the tour as an outreach and educational experience for the church and historical society. Again, thank you for your

willingness to open the church doors and share its rich history with our community.

Sincerely, Elaine Bowman, Tour Chairperson

Dear Friends,

Have you ever been prayed for by name? A powerful experience, is it not? Well, that just happened and I wanted you to know it. You blessed us-our students, faculty and staff- with you recent gift and, as I signed this acknowledgement letter, I prayed for you by name, thanking God for you and your faithfulness to us, demonstrated by your support. Our students thank you and our faculty and staff thank you.

We are up to the challenges educationally and financially, because we enjoy your support and the support of so many partners with us in the venture. Thank you and God bless you for blessing us so faithfully and richly.

In Joyful Son you name is sung,
The Rev. Glenn E. Ludwig
VP of Seminary Advancement



Trinity Lutheran Church,

We can't thank you enough for your continued support this past year. We look forward to serving you for many years to come. Wishing you and your families a sage and happy holiday season!

From Your Friends at
Royer's Flowers and Gifts

If you would like to have a thank you printed in an upcoming issue of *The Window*, please bring or send it to the church office or put it in the offering plate. Please clearly mark that you would like it to be printed in *The Window*. Thank you.

Trini Mini

ALL ARE WELCOME: The Trini Mini Afterschool program to provide homework help and related activities for children in grades one through six has grown to an attendance of 20-24 on a regular basis. The sessions are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 5:30 PM. Help is needed between 4:00 pm – 5 pm for reading and math support. Other activities include educational games, crafts, snacks and fun! Volunteers for the above may make their own schedules for attending. Liberal vacation, holidays and happiness provided. Must enjoy elementary age behaviors! The kids are really well mannered, enthusiastic and appreciative.

Stewardship Special Giving for December
ELCA MALARIA CAMPAIGN

For many years, the ELCA has been supporting clinics and programs in Africa that provide health care. Now, through the ELCA Malaria Campaign, we are focusing on malaria with new intensity. By joining hands with Lutheran partners in 13 African countries, we are becoming part of the global movement to make malaria history.



How we work

The ELCA Malaria Campaign funds programs of companion churches and Lutheran partners in education, prevention and treatment of malaria by:

- providing life-saving health care, including medicine to treat malaria
- training pastors, church volunteers and health care providers to diagnose and treat malaria
- teaching people how to protect themselves from the mosquitoes that spread malaria, recognize symptoms and seek treatment
- distributing insecticide-treated mosquito nets and providing training on proper use
- providing preventative medication to protect pregnant women and their babies
- encouraging governments to provide adequate health care and engage in malaria prevention activities
- supporting community projects to control the environments where mosquitoes breed
- promoting sustainable livelihoods through participation in village savings and loans groups so that community members can afford mosquito nets, transport and health care
- gathering people together to discuss the importance of malaria prevention and control

- See more at: <http://www.elca.org/en/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/ELCA-Malaria-Campaign/Our-Approach#sthash.iDnptZcV.dpuf>

Christmas will soon be here and this year we will be collecting gifts for the Neighborhood Santa Program which supports area children through EASS. Please take a child's name from the poster located in the Gathering Area. Place your wrapped gift with a nametag (**To: child's name From: Santa**) in the Gathering Area by December 6th. The item to be purchased will be identified on the ornament on the poster. Please **do not** attach this ornament to the wrapped gift. If you have any questions, please call Rob Gilbert at 721-3822.



CHRISTMAS
POINSETTIAS & TREES

POINSETTIAS CAN BE ORDERED BY CALLING THE CHURCH OFFICE OR AFTER SERVICES ON NOV. 15, 22, 29 & DEC. 6

DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS
DECEMBER 7.

NAME _____

PHONE _____

_____ Poinsettias (\$6.25 each) 6 ½ in. Pot

IN MEMORY/HONOR OF:

_____ **Hanging Poinsettias (\$18.00 each)**

IN MEMORY/HONOR OF:

PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO CHECK ON AVAILABILITY OF HANGING POINSETTIAS.
 OR

I WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF CHRISTMAS TREES.

\$5.00 _____ \$10.00 _____ \$15.00 _____ \$20.00 _____

IN MEMORY/HONOR OF:

CHOIRS, BELL CHOIRS, AND MAZON:

Sr. Choir 6:45PM

Tuesdays: Mazon for children in Kindergarten-Grade 3. 4:30-5:30PM.

Adult Bell Choir: 7-8PM

Wednesdays: Mazon for children in Grades 4-12. 5-6PM.

Youth Handbell Choir– 6:00-6:30 PM in the church.



FROM THE PASTOR

All of you probably know the details of the birth of Jesus as presented by the gospels: The angelic announcement of a pregnancy, the Roman census, the trip to Bethlehem for Joseph and his pregnant intended, the shortage of housing available for the young couple in Bethlehem as Mary's time for delivery arrived, the animal and shepherd witnesses, and the angelic choirs. We can recite them as though they were a fairy tale fantasy treasured by one and all, but they were not just the details of a fictional story. Over the generations, countless millions of children have been born in less than stellar settings because the world had no place for them. Moreover, the flight of Mary, Jesus, and Joseph into Egypt to flee the crazed Herod depicts the life reality for far too many people across time. Jesus and his parents spent his early childhood years as refugees in Egypt, hiding from a very threatening life in their homeland.

Jesus' plight as a refugee in his infancy is the real life experience of far too many people, children and adults, in our world today. United Nation officials estimate that as many as twelve million people have fled the Syrian civil war, entering the world as refugees seeking safe asylum in foreign lands. Over four million of them have officially been registered as refugees according to international sources, and more than one half of them are women and children.

Sadly, the self-serving rhetoric of some have turned these refugees into threats to the safety of this country. Their words have let loose a flood of bigotries that lie slightly below the surface of American culture. I am repeatedly saddened by

how easily our sense of Christian responsibility for those in need can be side-tracked by the ill-founded rants of others. The U.S. vetting process for all refugees desiring to enter the U.S. is extensive. If someone wishes to do us harm, there are far less risky ways to enter this country than as refugees

To simply deny admission to the U.S. for Syrian refugees, many of who are women and children, is patently wrong. Our Judeo-Christian heritage calls the faithful of this generation to care for the alien and the stranger among us. In a day of such hardship for the refugees, we can not shirk our Christian calling.

Christmas is not just a birthday celebration. It is the celebration of God among us and God can just as easily come among us as a refugee in need of our care. It was the first existence he knew! He calls us not to abandon those in need today. At the very least, remember the refugees in your prayers.

In Christ,
Pastor Herbener

I join with Donna, Sue, Candy, and Deb to extend our best wishes for a blessed Advent, a joyous Christmas, and a safe and happy New Year. May the Risen Christ bless you now and in 2016

Pastor Herbener

Ephrata Area Homes of Hope Stewardship Special Giving for January 2016

We have homeless families in Ephrata. It's easy for us to look around in our community during our daily lives and say we don't have homelessness in Ephrata. We don't see anyone sleeping on the sidewalk or on a bench.

So, where are they? – doubled up with family members, doubled up with friends, motel rooms, shelters, sleeping in their car or camping out.

We are fortunate in Ephrata to have a Homes of Hope program that covers the entire Ephrata Area School District. The program here in started with the first family in 2004 and thirteen churches in our community. Our program has three apartments in Ephrata to house families who are in transition from homelessness to getting back on their feet. We are also fortunate to have the support of churches like our congregation.

Local, Ephrata families are referred by churches or the local school social workers and then interviewed and screened by Love INC. Family's are in the program for 30 days as emergency housing and three months in the transitional housing phase. During this time we have people who work with them, as mentors and budget coaches, so they are ready to move to permanent housing by the end of the time.

Your donations to Ephrata Area Homes of Hope in part help pay for our case worker, who covers all Homes of Hope programs in Lancaster County. Other expenses include the cost of utilities (fuel oil, electricity, water/sewer, trash, etc) and minor repairs. Winter is the heaviest season for expenses, especially fuel oil. The homes we use are owned by local Churches but we take care of all utilities and some repairs. All contributions are tax deductible.

Ephrata Area Homes of Hope is Holy Trinity's Stewardship focus for January 2016. More information is on the display table in the gathering area. Please use your "special giving" envelope to help support this program that is all about families right here in our community.

God bless you for your support of this program.

December 2015 Assisting Ministers 8:00 AM

The Ministers	December 6, 2015 Advent 2	December 13, 2015 Advent 3	December 20, 2015 Advent 4	December 27, 2015 Christmas 1
Council Team	Ron Price Tony Brusk	Connie Buck Bonnie Frey	Patti Fassnacht Mary Stophel	Patti Fassnacht Mary Stophel
Assisting Minister	Todd Peters	John Fuehrer	Connie Buck	Ron Price
Communion Asst.	John Fuehrer	Mary Stophel	Todd Peters	Cindy Sutton
Lector	Todd Peters	John Fuehrer	Connie Buck	Ron Price
Acolyte	CH: Steve Homan	CH: Nick Morgan	CH: Sydney Morgan	CH: Eliza /Theresa Mull
Ushers	#17 Deb Grube	#1 John Keller	#13 Steve Sweigart	#3 Phyllis Doughty
AV	Bob Eberly	Dave Bowers	Nick Morgan	Dave Bowers
Altar Guild	Sue Watts Barb & Steve Sweigart	Sharon & Mark Snyder	Carol & Tim Sweigart	Judy Zimmerman Mary Stophel
Launder Linens	Kim Hink	Kim Hink	Kim Hink	Kim Hink
Bread Baker	Barb Sweigart	Connie Buck	Alice Hummer	Patrice Mull

December 2015 Assisting Ministers 10:30 AM

The Ministers	December 6, 2015 Advent 2	December 13, 2015 Advent 3	December 20, 2015 Advent 4	December 27, 2015 Christmas 1
Council Team	Deb Moyer Bill Spitzer	Tom Smith Adam Doughty	Peggy Croft Denise Shirker	Adam Doughty Tom Smith
Assisting Minister	Dianne Mathias	Curtis Boos	Dianne Mathias	Curtis Boos
Communion Asst.	Curtis Boos	Christy Boos	Deb Hornberger	Bill Young
Lector	Paul Hink	Dan Doremus	Doris Randall	Don Strauss
Acolyte	CH: Tanner Good	CH: Clarice Doughty Sara Garman	CH: Brooke Moyer	CH: Nate Young CR: Evie Cable
Ushers	#16 John Weiss	#18 Curtis Boos	#6 Jim Brodt	#2 Norm Wangman
AV	Norm Wangman	Tom Leaman	Evie Cable	Tom Leaman
Altar Guild	Karen Rick Jo Marie Hurst	Brenda Wangman Amy Good	Judy Wechter Kelly & John Homan	Kristen & Tom Leaman Cheryl Plummer
Deliver Flowers	Heather Zimmerman	T & K Leaman	Dan Doremus	Heather Zimmerman
Nursery	Scott & Missy Garman	Amanda Hinkle	Lyn Weiss	Michelle & Evie Cable

December 24, 2015 Assisting Ministers CHRISTMAS EVE

The Ministers	4:00 PM	7:00 PM	10:00 PM
Council Team	Tony Brusk Ron Price	Bonnie Frey Connie Buck	Adam Doughty Deb Moyer
Assisting Minister	Mary Stophel	Martha Sheaffer	Curtis Boos
Communion Asst.	Todd Peters	Deb Hornberger	Dianne Mathias
Lector	Mary Stophel	Connie Buck	Curtis Boos
Acolyte	CH: Tanner Good CR: Steve Homan	CH: Nate Young CR: Clarice Doughty T: T & E Mull	CH: Brooke Moyer CR: Hannah Wierbiki
Ushers	#10 Bruce Shirker	#14 Bill Young	#19 John Fuehrer
AV	Kevin Gingrich	Bob Eberly	Norm Wangman
Altar Guild	Lillian Herbener, Kim Hink Kathy Sheaffer	Wendy & Bill Young	Denise Shirker Amy Wiegand
Bread Baker- 3 loaves	Barb Sweigart		

December 2015: Life Together at Holy Trinity

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Bible Study 10AM Trini Mini 3:30 Mazon 4:30 Bell Choir 7PM	2 Mazon 5PM Youth Handbell Choir 6PM Sr. Choir 6:30 Evening Prayer 7:30	3 Trini Mini 3:30 Worship 7PM Property 7PM Community Meal 6PM	4	5 Walking group 7AM
6 Advent 2 Eucharist 8 & 10:30 SCS 9:15 CONGREGATION MEETING/pot pie lunch Youth Caroling 4:30	7 Women's Prayer Group 10AM Yoga 6:15	8 Bible Study 10AM Trini Mini 3:30 Finance 7PM Commundtns 7PM Executive 8PM	9 Mazon 5PM Youth Handbell Choir 6PM Sr. Choir 6:30 Evening Prayer 7:30	10 Trini Mini 3:30 Worship 7PM Community Meal 6PM Church Council 7:30PM	11	12 Walking group 7AM
13 Advent 3 Eucharist 8 & 10:30 SCS 9:15 Baptism: 10:30 Youth Choir 11:45 Single's Dinner	14 Women's Prayer Group 10AM Yoga 6:15 Fellowship 7PM Evangelism Decorate Sanctuary	15 Bible Study 10AM Mazon 4:30 Bell Choir 7PM	16 Mazon 5PM Youth Handbell Choir 6PM Sr. Choir 6:30 Evening Prayer 7:30	17 Community Meal 6PM Worship 7PM	18	19 Walking group 7AM
20 Advent 4 Eucharist 8 & 10:30 SCS 9:15 Youth Choir 11:45 Community Caroling 5PM + Cookie Exchange	21 Women's Prayer Group 10AM Yoga 6:15 Stewardship 7PM Christmas Eve Liturgy Practice 6PM	22 Bible Study 10AM Bell Choir 7PM	23 Youth Handbell Choir 6PM Sr. Choir 6:30 Evening Prayer 7:30	24  Christmas Eve Services 4, 7, 10PM Christmas Eve: Church office closes at noon	25  Christmas Day: Church office closed	26 Walking group 7AM
27 Christmas 1 Eucharist 9AM No Sunday Church School	28 Church office closed	29	30	31 New Year's Eve: Church office closes at noon		

January 2016: Life Together at Holy Trinity

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 NEW YEAR'S DAY: CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	2 Walking Group 7AM Men's Prayer Breakfast 9AM
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Finance Committee Report

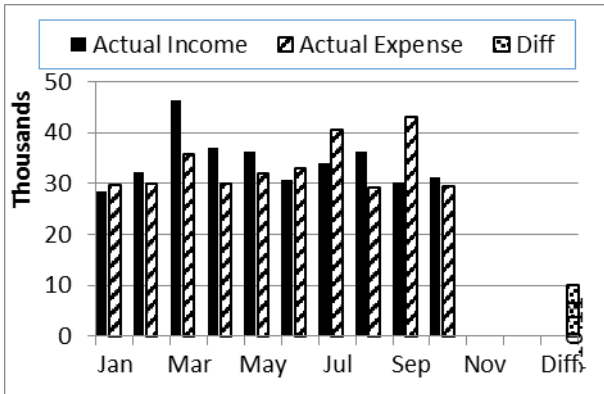
Church Finances

Oct Income: \$31,161.50 Expenses: \$29,562.38
 YTD Income: \$341.113 Expenses: \$332,800.01

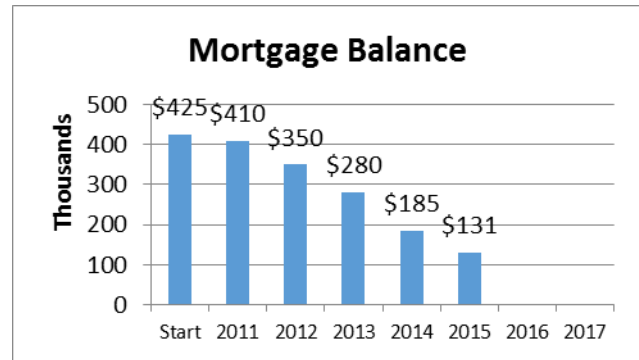
2014 Capital Campaign

\$68,085 in our MIF account
 Balance owed: \$131,419.38

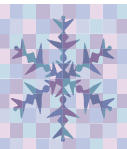
UNIFIED BUDGET:



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:



Snow or inclement weather
 Notice of worship/meeting cancellations
 can be found on:




TV Channel CBS 21 (BR Cable 19)
 or their webpage at: www.whptv.com

TV Channel UPN 15 (BR Cable 9) or
 their webpage at: www.upn15.com

WGAL 8 webpage: www.WGAL.com
 Radio stations: WLAN FM 97 or their
 webpage at: www.fm97.com
 KISS FM 99.3, WRVV 97.3 FM,
 BOB 94.9 FM, WHP580 Talk Radio
These links can also be viewed on Trinity's website.

Turkey Hill Moo Money Program
Thanks to everyone who has been supporting this and bringing in their lids. If you haven't started to save your lids, please consider doing so!!




Save your Turkey Hill milk lids with the Moo Money sticker on and put them in the container in the Assembly Area. The following Turkey Hill milk items contain these stickers: Whole, 2%, 1% & Fat Free milk; Chocolate milk; Strawberry milk & Orange Cream milk.

Turkey Hill will donate \$50 for every 500 lids collected.
NOTE: PLEASE LEAVE THE STICKERS ON THE LIDS; THE LID WITH THE STICKER MUST BE TURNED IN FOR CREDIT.

Beginning again in January (No December lunch):
 Put the winter blahs behind you and come join the Luther Lunch Ladies! We meet the 4th Wednesday of the month and have lunch at various Lancaster County restaurants. If you like fun, laughs, fellowship, and great food, we are the group to be with. If interested, call Lois Beck at 733 7737 or speak to the pastor.

Issac's Fundraiser for Homes of Hope, Ephrata:
Saturday, December 5: 10AM-10PM at Cloister Shopping Center, Ephrata location. 25% of the cost of your meal will be donated to Homes of Hope. You must pick up a flyer on the table in the Assembly Area to get credit for this event.



Redner's Save-A-Tape Program
 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 purchase. 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 these 2 programs has been: \$2,506.94 Not bad for items that would have just been thrown away!!**

IN THE COMMUNITY:

Assistance
Needed!

BINGO AT LUTHER CARE, LITITZ PA

COMMUNITY MEAL

UP-DATE



The community meal program in Ephrata, continues to be an important part of the ministry here at Holy Trinity. There are a number of people 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 738-2327

Ephrata Area Social Services:

MAY I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!! Ephrata Area Social Service is in need of food items this summer and we



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need to start stocking their shelves now. With school being out, families will have to provide additional meals typically provided at school. This is getting harder and harder for some of our local families. Items needed –beverage products (cool aid, juicy juice, coffee, tea, etc.) cake mixes, canned fruits, canned meats (spaghetti, spam, tuna, ravioli, etc.) canned peas, cereal, hamburger helper, premixed Jell-O snacks, pancake mix and syrup. Note: They do not need canned corn, canned green bean or canned soups.

The Social Ministry Committee thanks you for your continued support!

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 8:30am till 10:30am. Join us for a free breakfast, free clothing and free groceries/toiletries for families and singles. Would you be willing to volunteer at this community outreach? The two Wednesdays before Peter's Porch is prep... packing groceries and sorting through donations. Clothing donations may be dropped off at Zion Monday – Friday 9am-2pm. Questions can be directed to Tracy in Zion's Church office: (717)859-2100 zionluth@dejazzd.com

Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels needs volunteer packers, every Thursday and the 2nd and 3rd Fridays of each month, from 8:30– 10:30. Please call 733-4846 between 8:30 & 11:00. Thank you!



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Ephrata has provided Bingo on the first Monday of each month for many years for the skilled care unit at Luther Care in Lititz.

A dedicated group of volunteers helps wheel the residents into the activity room. During the hour of Bingo play, volunteers help residents look for numbers. At Bingo, everyone who participates gets a quarter. Subsequent rounds are played until approximately 3-4 places and quarters are won. The "prize", can be used at a vending machine.

Attendance is anywhere between 20 to 28 folks. Any questions, call Darryll or Kathy Kuhns, 610-410-5410. The residents are very appreciative for activities such as bingo, to brighten their days.

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

Additional Nursery volunteers are needed to assist with child care on Sunday mornings. If interested, speak to Pastor Herbener.

Do you like to knit and/or crochet? A new ministry has begun here at Trinity-the making of prayer shawls. If you are interested in joining this group please call Marti Nissley (859-2847) or Kathy Kuhns (610-410-5410). They will send you patterns and dimensions. Soft yarn is suggested. Lap blankets may also be made. When a shawl or lap blanket is completed prayers for its recipient are said and it is presented to someone as a physical symbol of our care and prayers. Those who receive our prayer shawls are literally wrapped in our prayers and feel God's presence and the community of His people in a most special way.

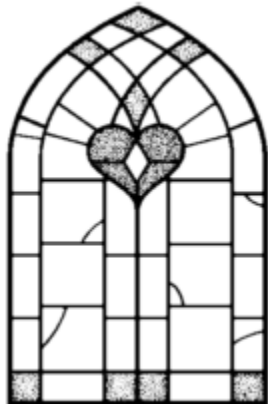


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through which one can see out and in."*

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