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Trinity Messenger

November 2023 Issue 2

Alleluia. They are before the throne of God, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them Alleluia. Rev. 7:15

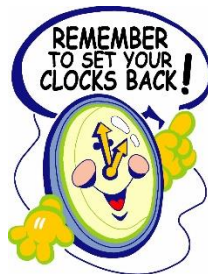
Stewardship Special Giving for November: VETERANS

The Veteran Center located in the Greenfield Industrial Park in Lancaster began its programs for Veterans in 1979. The primary mission of the center is to provide quality readjustment service for veterans and their families to civilian life.

Since the month of November includes Veteran's Day, the Stewardship Committee decided to honor Veterans this month.

The center serves all veterans, those who have completed their service but also active-duty veterans. The team that staffs this center has a goal of providing whatever a veteran may need in their lives, including connecting them with services either with the VA or in our community. The help provided is geared to help the veteran readjust to their current situation. Some of the situations can be Post Traumatic Stress, Sexual Trauma, Bereavement, Drug and Alcohol, referral for VA benefits, referral for homeless veterans, or any other barrier to the veteran getting care. Some of these cannot be completed with government funds so donations are very welcome.

Christopher Burchett, Veteran Outreach Program Specialist will present a Temple Talk on November 5th.



SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK SATURDAY NIGHT BEFORE YOU GO TO BED!

Reformation Video and Discussion

During the Adult Forums on October 29 and November 5 we will be viewing and discussing Rick Steves' video *Luther and the Reformation*. Please join us as we explore our Lutheran roots and discuss the impact the Protestant Reformation and Martin Luther and others had on not only Christianity but the broader society and its institutions.



Thanksgiving Baskets

Thanksgiving Day Baskets

Thanksgiving is around the corner and once again the Social Ministry Committee will be collecting food items to make Thanksgiving Day Baskets. We were given the names of 20 area families in need from Ephrata Area Social Services. We need your help! Using your donations, we will provide these families with a Thanksgiving Dinner. Please bring in food items according to your last name.

A-D: canned peas or corn

E-H: canned sweet potatoes

I-L: seasoned stuffing

M-P: instant potatoes

Q-S: jello snack packs (premade jello in containers) or package cookies or applesauce

T-Z: apple juice or orange drink

We are also accepting donations of 10-14 lb turkeys. Contact the church office or Rob Gilbert if you can donate a turkey no later than **November 5th**. Monetary donations to purchase items will be greatly appreciated. Donations can be dropped off at the church and placed in the basket in the Gathering Area.

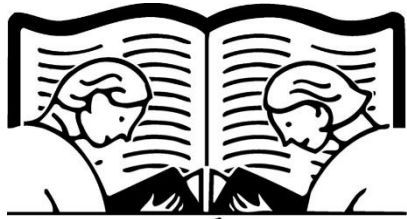
We have done this with Ephrata Area Social Services for several years and they need our help more than ever. Please let us not disappoint those in need. If you have any questions, please call Rob Gilbert at 721-3822.

Two Important Congregational Meetings

There will be an informational forum about the proposed 2024 Ministry Spending Plan (Budget) and our deficit financial situation Sunday, **November 19**, in the social hall following the worship service. Not only will current and projected financial information be shared at the meeting, but questions will be answered and ideas solicited.

The annual congregational meeting will be held Sunday, **December 3**, in the sanctuary following the worship service. At this meeting the 2024 Ministry Spending Plan will be presented for adoption.

Members are strongly encouraged to attend both meetings because of the financial implications.



Revelation Bible Study

Bible Study: *The Revelation to John*

You are invited to join Pastor Mark on Tuesday mornings, from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM, beginning November 7 for a study of the book of *Revelation (The Revelation to John)*. The group will meet in the conference room next to the office. The class will run for six consecutive weeks. **The class will not be meeting on November 21.** You are invited to bring your own Bible to take notes if you wish (yes, writing in your Bible is okay); however, Bibles will be available. You are also invited to bring lunch with you in case you want to hang out afterward for more discussion on any topic or to enjoy fellowship time.



Notes of THANKS

Dear Pastor Luscombe, On behalf of the Borough of Ephrata and its citizens, I would like to thank you and your congregation for the assistance provided in the aftermath of the apartment building fire on August 8th. Your willingness to open up your building in the middle of the night for the evacuees to congregate and meet with representatives of the Red Cross and provide snacks was extremely helpful. Your assistance in providing financial support for housing for those who had no place else to go, greatly assisted the residents involved. You and your congregation demonstrated how Ephrata is a caring community willing to help in times of emergency. Sincerely, Randall S. Gockley, Coordinator, Ephrata Borough EMA



Pickleball News

Holy Trinity now has Pickleball equipment, and a court set up in the multi-purpose room. Anyone who is interested in learning how to play pickleball or who already is a pickleball player may use the court. There are two signup sheets on the table in the gathering area. One for beginners and one for those who already know how to play and want to sign up for times and dates. We need to know this info so we can coordinate the use of the area with other events that might be happening. See Ron Kerschner if you have any questions.



THE ADULT (all adults are welcome) LUNCH BUNCH Will be going to Oregon Dairy after the liturgy on November 12. We'll meet downstairs after the liturgy. All are welcome. For reservations, please call Cheryl Plummer by November 11 at 625- 3187. Plan to join us!



Senior Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:45 PM! All are welcome!!!

BELL CHOIR Rehearsals are Tuesdays at 7:00 pm.

Luther Acres Holiday Bazaar and Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, November 18th at Luther Acres Towne Center 250 St. Luke Drive, Lititz
Holiday Bazaar 8AM- 2PM Pancake Breakfast 8-10AM
If you are interested in more info, pick up a flyer on the table in Gathering Area.

November 5-11 Calendar SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK SATURDAY NIGHT!!

Sunday, November 5	
9:00am	Worship
10:00am	Coffee Hour After Worship
10:15am	SCS
Monday, November 6	
10:00am	Women's Prayer Group
6:30pm	Yoga
7:00pm	Evangelism
Tuesday, November 7	
11:00am	Bible Study
3:30pm	Trini Mini
7:00pm	Bell Choir
7:00pm	Fellowship Committee Meeting
7:00pm	Finance Committee
8:00pm	Executive Council
Wednesday, November 8	
6:45pm	Senior Choir
Thursday, November 9	
3:30pm	Trini Mini
7:00pm	Yoga
7:00pm	Thursday Worship
7:30pm	Council Meeting
Saturday, November 11	
7:30am	Walking Group

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November 5th Servers

Council: Barry Kreider, Ed Quirke
Assisting Minister: John Weiss
Lector: John Weiss
Acolyte: CH: Clarice Doughty
CR: Joey McGinty
T Anya Gilbert, Natalie Mull
Ushers: Dave Bowers, Bob & Ann Snader
Altar Guild: Denise Shirker, Kelly Homan,
Ann & Bob Snader
Linen: Brenda Wangman
Deliver Flower: Winnie Gerlach



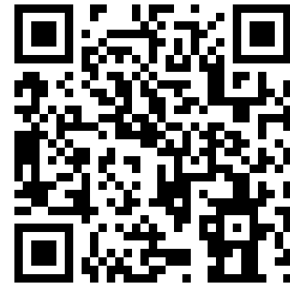
Office Hours: November 6-10

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 Donna's Cell: 717-669-7831

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- 4:00 PM	9:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Friday	8:00AM -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!

