



# HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



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## Trinity Messenger November 2024 Issue 3

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*Alleluia. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to stand before the Son of Man. Alleluia.*

Luke 23:36

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### Annual Congregational Meeting

The annual congregational meeting will be held **Sunday, December 1**, following the 9:00 a.m. worship service. The meeting will be held in the sanctuary.

The agenda will include adoption a 2025 Ministry Support Plan (Budget) and the election of council members. Also, there will be 2 proposals presented for approval: (1) sale of Trinity House (the former Homes of Hope house) to Ephrata Area Social Services, and (2) change the by-laws of the Mission Endowment Fund to allow accrued interest to be used, if needed, to offset Unified Budget deficits.

### Congregational Meeting Forum

To prepare for the Annual Congregational Meeting, a forum will be held **Sunday, November 24**, following the worship service in the social hall. The proposed Ministry Support Plan along with a review of our present financial situation will be presented for discussion. Also, additional information will be given about the two proposals being presented for approval.

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THANKSGIVING  
Community  
MEAL

### Cocalico-Ephrata Giving Thanks Community Dinner

FREE Meal on Thanksgiving Day. 11:00am - 3:00pm. All are welcome to come and enjoy a sit-down meal. **Take-out is not available.** Ephrata Business Center: 400 W Main St. Ephrata, PA

A few volunteers are still needed to help on Thanksgiving Day.

Food items needed are the following: Desserts & Large cans of corn

Donations may be taken to Ephrata Christian Fellowship from 10 to 8 the Tuesday and Wednesday before Thanksgiving. You may volunteer on those days for two hours to help set up.

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**From Luther Acres: Please join us for our  
HOLIDAY BAZAAR & PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Saturday, November 23 at  
Luther Acres Towne Center 250 St. Luke Dr, Lititz, PA  
Holiday Bazaar 8AM- 2PM.  
Pancake Breakfast 8-10AM.  
See flyers in Gathering Area for more details.

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**Stewardship Special Giving for November:**

**Lancaster VETERAN'S center**

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 3rd.

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**Last call for our pot luck dinner on Friday the 15th  
in the fellowship hall 6-7:30.**

**If you haven't signed up no problem**

**Please bring something to share for 6 people or just come and join us for good food and conversation.**

**Thanks be to God Fellowship committee 😊**

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**Christmas Day Baskets**-There has been a change in our direction with our Thanksgiving Day Baskets. I reached out to EASS and they said they have received a lot of turkey donations and with several Thanksgiving Day community meals being served many are choosing to go there instead of preparing their own meals. EASS requested us to change to Christmas Day Baskets instead.

We will continue to collect food items until December 8<sup>th</sup>. In addition to requesting donations for turkeys, we will also seek donations for hams.

I have modified my original announcement:

Christmas will soon be upon us. This year, the Social Ministry Committee will be collecting food items to make Christmas 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 Christmas Dinner. Please bring in food items according to your last name.

A-D: apple juice or orange drink

E-H: canned peas or corn

I-L: canned sweet potatoes

M-P: seasoned stuffing

Q-S: instant potatoes, scallop potatoes

T-Z: jello snack packs (premade jello in containers) or package cookies or applesauce

We are also accepting donations of 10-14 lb turkeys and 3 to 6 lb boneless hams . Contact the church office or Rob Gilbert if you can donate a turkey or ham no later than **December 8<sup>th</sup>**. Monetary donations to purchase items will be greatly appreciated. Donations can be dropped off at the church and placed in the box in the Gathering Area.



*Notes of* **THANKS**

Dear Holy Trinity Family,

Thank-you for your caring cards, notes, church flowers and phone calls following my total hip replacement. Visits and phone calls with Donna Nace and Pastor Mark were enjoyable and restorative. I continue to heal and do physical therapy. My church family's care is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Alice Hummer

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### **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:

November 3 & 17

December 1 & 15

January 5 & 19

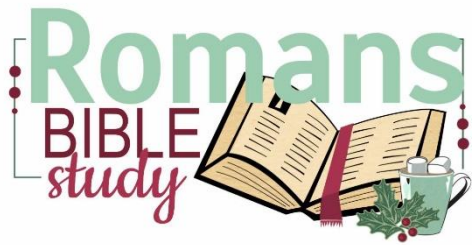
Classes begin at 10:20 AM.

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### **Organist Search Committee Formed**

A search committee has been assembled to begin identifying and interviewing candidates for the position of church organist to serve at Holy Trinity following Donna's retirement. Those faithfully serving in this capacity are Deb Olson, Donna Dinger, Judy Williams, and Barry Kreider. Pastor Mark will serve as a de facto committee member, offering leadership and guidance throughout this process. Please keep these persons, each other, and the process in your prayers.

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### **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!

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### **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](mailto:theresakmull@gmail.com)), our Facebook page administrator, and Adam Doughty ([adamc.doughty@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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## **Advent Day Apart**

at The Wittel Farm



All are invited to a day of prayer and meditation in preparation of the birth of the Christ child.

### **Saturday, December 7, 2024 9am – 2pm**

We don't like to wait for anything, especially Christmas. With all its secular attraction, this holiday is often a focus on over-indulgence, and too often neglected is the best gift of all... one worth our waiting. You are invited to The Wittel Farm for a day apart from the busyness of life for prayer and contemplation as we journey toward the celebration of Christmas.

Casual, comfortable clothing will be appropriate. A \$15 registration fee covers program and luncheon costs. To register by November 29<sup>th</sup> for this event, visit [www.LutheranCamping.org](http://www.LutheranCamping.org) or call the Camping Office at 717-677-8211.

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### **Kirchenwald Winter Youth Retreat January 3-5, 2025**

For youth in grades 3 through 9

Enjoy Kirchenwald in the Winter! Play broom hockey and other games on the frozen pond. Have fun sledding, playing snow soccer and other winter games dependent on weather. Creative Bible studies and worship experiences led by our summer camp counselors are an important part of this retreat. Other indoor and outdoor activities

may be included, as the weather dictates. Cost for the retreat is \$170.

***A great Christmas gift for that grandchild who has everything and doubles as a gift for their parents, too!***

Register information is on-line at [www.LutheranCamping.org](http://www.LutheranCamping.org) or get a form from Lisa Garrett. Please register by **December 15<sup>th</sup>**.

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### **All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast Buffet**

**Saturday, November 16, 2024 7:00-10:00 AM**

BREAKFAST INCLUDES: EGGS, HOME FRIES, CREAMED CHIPPED BEEF, PANCAKES, FRENCH TOAST, BACON, SAUSAGE, HAM, COFFEE, TEA, JUICES, VARIOUS PASTRIES AND FRUIT.

ADMISSION BY DONATION PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: NORTH LANCASTER CONFERENCE DEAN'S FUND

Proceeds benefit Lower Susquehanna Synod Lutheran Disaster Response Ministry in 2025.

SWAMP LUTHERAN CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL 275 SWAMP CHURCH ROAD, REINHOLDS PHONE 717-336-2849

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### **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>

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### **Celebration Choir Schedule**

Wednesday, November 13 – 7:00 PM – Rehearsal

Sunday, November 17 – “Jesus Loves Me/Oh, How He Loves You and Me”

Wednesday, November 27 – Thanksgiving Eve Service – 7:00 PM

Sing “We Gather Together”

Wednesday, December 11 – 6:30 PM – Rehearsal

Sunday, December 15 – “First Song of Isaiah”

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

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**Pickleball Update-Tuesday AM pickleball has officially moved to Tuesday nights. Open to any skill level. Court time is from 6pm to 8pm**





THE ADULT (all adults are welcome) LUNCH BUNCH will be going to The Cloister Diner after the liturgy on December 10. We'll meet downstairs immediately after the liturgy. All are welcome. Plan to join us! Please call Cheryl Plummer at 625-3187 to reserve your place!

**Help Wanted: Bergstrasse Community Clothing Closet**

Bergstrasse Community Clothing Closet is open the first full weekend of every month for persons in need of clothing and other household goods. Entrance is accessible via the door off the lower parking lot. Hours are Saturday noon – 2pm and Sunday 11am – 1pm.



**Fall/Winter Schedule:**

**Dec 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Donations:** Currently there is a desperate need for men’s pants, shorts and shoes. There is always a need for children’s clothing. All clothing in good shape is accepted as are household items like sheets, towels, etc. Donations may be dropped off directly at Bergstrasse when the Community Clothing Closet is open or in the box at the back of the narthex in Holy Trinity.

**Volunteers:** sort clothing, hang it and tag it by color to keep track of what is moving and what is not, and greet shoppers at the courtesy desk. Shoppers check in and specify how many people they are shopping for and what items are of particular interest. Volunteers meet at 6-7:30pm on the Friday before the Closet is open to sort donations and get them ready for the next day. When the Closet is open, volunteers are needed from 11:30 – 2:30 on Saturdays and 10:30 – 1:30 on Sundays

**Christmas Poinsettias & Christmon Tree & Decorations**

POINSETTIAS CAN BE ORDERED BY RETURNING THIS FORM VIA MAIL, EMAIL, OR DROP OFF TO THE CHURCH OFFICE. **ORDERS WILL NOT BE TAKEN IN CHURCH THIS YEAR. DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS MONDAY, DECEMBER 2.**



NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Poinsettias (\$8.00 each) 6 ½ in. Pot

IN MEMORY/HONOR OF:

\_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

**I WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF THE CHRISTMON TREE and Christmas tree decorations.**

\$5.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY/HONOR OF:

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17	NOV, SUN	● All day	Celebration Choir sings
		● 9 – 10am	Worship
		● 10 – 10:30am	Coffee Hour After Worship
		● 10:20 – 11:20am	SCS
18	NOV, MON	● 10 – 11am	Women's Prayer Group
		● 6:30 – 7:30pm	Yoga
19	NOV, TUE	● 11am – 12pm	Bible Study
		● 3:30 – 5:30pm	Trini Mini
		● 6 – 8pm	Pickleball
		● 6:15 – 7:15pm	Handbell Ensemble
		● 7 – 8pm	Bell Choir
20	NOV, WED	● 12 – 1pm	Luther Lunch Ladies
21	NOV, THU	● 3:30 – 5:30pm	Trini Mini
		● 7 – 7:30pm	Thursday Worship
23	NOV, SAT	● 7:30 – 8:30am	Walking Group

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

**November 17th Servers:**

**Council Team:** Ed Quirke, John Fuehrer

**Assisting Minister:** John Weiss

**Lector:** Lisa Garrett

**Acolytes:** CH: Anya Gilbert

**Ushers:** Ron & Carlene Kerschner,  
David Kerschner, Rob Gilbert

**Altar Guild:** Denise Shirker, Kelly Homan,  
Ann & Bob Snader

**Linens:** Patricia Fassnacht

**Flowers:** Jo Hurst



## Office Hours November 18-22, 2024

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

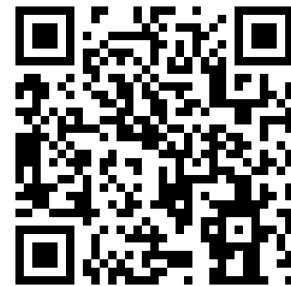
**Office Phone: 717-733-4134 Pastor's Cell: 315-317-8517 Donna's Cell: 717-669-7831**

**Office email: [officeholytrinity@ephralutheran.org](mailto:officeholytrinity@ephralutheran.org)**

Day	Sue	Pastor
Monday	8:00 AM- 4:00 PM	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Tuesday	OFF	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM- 4:00 PM	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Thursday	OFF	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Friday	OFF	OFF

### Make Your Regular Offering Electronically

On the Holy Trinity website ([www.holytrinityephrata.org](http://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.



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*Thanks for reading! Have a great week ahead!*

