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| |  | | --- | | **September Stewardship Focus: Lancaster Food Hub**  Founded in 1947 as the Lancaster County Council of Churches, the Lancaster County Food Hub has been serving neighbors in need for nearly 80 years. What began as a grassroots, faith-based effort to provide food, clothing, and shelter has grown into a trusted community anchor, rooted in compassion, dignity, and hope.  Today, the Food Hub continues this important mission by meeting basic human needs through free food, clothing, and homeless outreach services. Their team works to foster respectful relationships, connect neighbors with supportive resources, and create a welcoming space for all who come through their doors.  Guided by a vision of a Lancaster County where every individual is supported and empowered to live with dignity and stability, the Food Hub provides not only immediate relief but also pathways to long-term resilience and self-sufficiency. Through direct services, strong partnerships, and compassionate care, they uplift individuals and families while strengthening our whole community.  **\*On September 7, Erin Conahan, Director of Advancement, Lancaster Food Hub, will give a Temple Talk.﻿** | |

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| |  | | --- | | **Elevator Renovation Contract Signed**  Holy Trinity has signed a contract with the Otis Elevator Company to renovate the elevator. The contract is in the amount of $179,500. In addition, Holy Trinity will do preparation work that is estimated to cost at least $20,500. The total cost for the upgrade will be at least **$200,000.**Otis will place the order for the parts needed. The Company anticipates 2-3 months before all the necessary parts are secured. The Company also estimates the installation work will take 7 weeks. This installation work by Otis may be divided into two parts.  Given the length of time needed by the company for this work and the congregation’s desire to have an operational elevator for Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter, the project may not be completed until sometime in 2026.  More information will soon be available about the special appeal for funds for this project. There is now an option available on our online giving portals to make contributions there designated for the elevator renovation.  Updates on the renovation work will be given as the work schedules become available. Information on when the elevator is **not** available for use will be publicized, including when worship services will be held in the social hall. Also, regular updates on contributions for the project and total costs will be published. | |

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| |  | | --- | | **HISTORICAL CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY**  The Churchwide Assembly of the ELCA, held in Phoenix, Arizona, at the beginning of August was doubly historical. The assembly members elected a new presiding bishop, who is The Reverend Yehiel Curry. Most recently, Bishop Curry served as the bishop of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod and is the first African American to serve as the Presiding Bishop of the ELCA. If that was not historical enough, the assembly members also elected The Reverend Lucille Mills so serve as the first African American to serve as the Secretary of the ELCA. Her most recent call was as an assistant to the bishop in the North Carolina Synod. Let us keep these newly elected leaders and all churchwide staff in our prayers as they guide and support the greater church as we faithfully embrace the challenges and opportunities of making the love of Christ known in our communities and beyond.    **CELEBRATE RECOVERY**  The local branch of the Christ-centered support group, *Celebrate Recovery*, has begun meeting in the church social hall on Monday evenings from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM. The group was meeting at City Gate but outgrew their space and reach out to Holy Trinity to see about finding room in our facility. *Celebrate Recovery* is a world-wide ministry that offers support to persons seeking “freedom from their hurts, hang-ups, and habits” and is not limited to those recovering from addiction. It seeks to serve as well those persons struggling with various types of dependency and the pain and trauma associated with these. If you are interested in finding out more about this group and/or how it might be helpful to you, please check out their website at **celebraterecovery.com**. All are welcome! | |

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| |  | | --- | | **Friday Night Dinners**  It’s that time of year again!! Friday Night Dinners will resume Friday, September 5th, 2025!!!!! Please sign the sheet in the gathering area, all are welcome to join this wonderful fellowship of fun, good conversation and good food! | |

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| |  | | --- | | Weekly Faith Conversations  Please join in weekly faith conversations on Tuesday mornings at 11:00 AM at Holy Trinity. Those gathered in the Conference Room will use Pastor Karen Minnich-Sadler’s book, *Spiritual Reflections for the Human Journey*, as a guide for reflection and conversation around areas of our faith lives that we share as we accompany one another on our journey of faithful discipleship. | |

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| |  | | --- | | **Office Hours September 8-12, 2025**  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**  **Office email: officeholytrinity@ephratalutheran.org** | |

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