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Alleluia. Jesus preached the good news of the kingdom and cured every sickness among the people. Alleluia. Matt. 4:23



Stewardship Special Giving for January:

Mountaineers' Table

The **Ephrata Mountaineer's Table** is enrolling new families for the school year. The **Mountaineer's Table** is designed to help families stretch their grocery money, prepare low-cost meals for their families over the weekend, and have their children well-fed and ready to learn.

Every Thursday, participating families receive a recipe and the ingredients to make the meal. Additional items including cereal, peanut butter, soups, and fresh fruits and vegetables are distributed. Helpful information is also included in the weekly packs, including "Smart Shopping Tips," "Clever Ways to Use Leftovers," and "Food to Always Have On Hand." There is no cost to participate, but there are expectations: **Program participants will be expected to pick up their food every Thursday evening at the Ephrata Church of the Brethren located at 201 Crescent Avenue in Ephrata. Failure to do so will result in being removed from the program.**

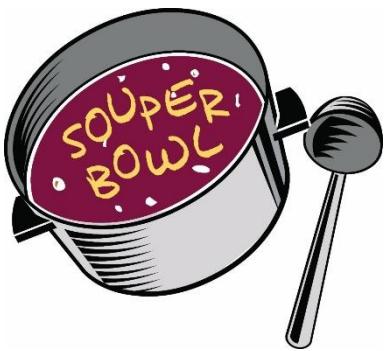
Treasurer

Holy Trinity is seeking someone to serve as treasurer beginning in 2027.

Larry Hummer completed two 3-year terms as treasurer in December 2025, the maximum allowed by our constitution. The Congregation Council decided to suspend the treasurer term limit and elected Larry to serve as treasurer until the end of 2026. This decision gives the Finance Committee and Council time to decide how to redefine the position.

We are searching now so that the new treasurer can be tutored by our present treasurer later this year. More importantly, we want the person to be part of the discussion with the Finance Committee as we decide how to handle the position and congregational finances going forward.

If interested, contact Larry Hummer or Ed Quirke for more information by **February 8**. We would like to have the treasurer candidate(s) attend the March 10 Finance Committee meeting.



Holy Trinity Souper Bowl Challenge

It's that time of year for the Super Bowl! Evangelism Committee is once again having a "SOUPER BOWL CHALLENGE"! Please bring canned food or other non-perishable items from now until February 15 and put them in the box of the team you hope will win the Super Bowl. We will count the items and announce the winner.

All items collected will be donated to EASS. Thank you for supporting our community!

ELEVATOR RESTORATION PROJECT UPDATE

In keeping with the promise made previously, as chairman of the Stewardship Committee, I am pleased to inform you as to the contributions received to date.

In October 2025, the donations totaled \$11,063.94. The Treasurer's Report for November 2025 indicated a total of \$6,717.00. Therefore, the total to date amounts to \$17,735.94

We have started with a very positive indication of what can be done to meet the challenge. Let us continue on the same path for the future. Thank you for your support.

I will provide another report in the February 2026 Trinity Messenger.

Norman A. Wangman



YOGA

Due to the instructor retiring....Yoga will no longer have sessions here at Holy Trinity

Hello to the Trinity family

The Fellowship committee would like to announce our **first Pot Luck dinner** of the New Year. It will be held on the third Friday of the month , February 20 from 6:30 to 8:00 in the fellowship hall. Please save the date . A sign up sheet will be placed in the gathering area in the near future. Hope you can join us... bring family ,friends and a good appetite!

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Welcome to Holy Trinity Sunday School on the Move!

Please join us for Sunday School the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month, the next one being February 1. Children will proceed downstairs after the Children's Sermon. For those not attending church, please meet us at 9:20 in the Cafe area. All are welcome for our Journey with Jesus!! ❤️.

Love and Peace,
Holy Trinity Christian Ed

NOTICE: Holy Trinity's website is sometimes up, sometimes not. A new website is being pursued and will be up and running as soon as possible. If you are looking for the livestream connection it is here: Holy Trinity's services are now online at Sermons.net. Just copy and paste the link below into your browser. <https://holytrinitylutheranchurcpheratapa.sermon.net/main>



Celebration Choir Schedule

Wednesday, February 11 – 7:15 PM – Rehearsal

Sunday, February 15 (Transfiguration) – sing “Shine, Jesus, Shine” arr. Tom Fettke

Wednesday, March 4 – 6:45 PM – Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 11 – 6:45 PM – Rehearsal

Sunday, March 15 – sing “Be Thou My Vision” arr. Alice Parker

Wednesday, March 25 – 6:45 PM – Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 1 – 6:45 PM – Rehearsal

Thursday, April 2 (Maundy Thursday) – sing “A New Commandment”

Sunday, April 5 (Easter) – sing “Christ Is Alive” arr. Hal H. Hopson

Wednesday, May 13 – 7:15 PM – Rehearsal

Sunday, May 17 – sing “God We Gather as Your People” by David Lohman

Handbell Choir

Handbell Choir Schedule:

Handbell Rehearsal is Wednesdays at 6:30PM

Upcoming Performances:

Sunday, January 25: *As with Gladness*

Sunday, February 15: *Beautiful Savior*

Sunday, March 8: *Balm in Gilead*

Easter Sunday, April 5: *Thine is the Glory*

Sunday, May 24: *Holy Is the Lord*



For Questions contact Debbie: 717-681-5985 Elegantkeys88@gmail.com

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!

Weekly Bible Study: Tuesdays at 11AM

NEW BIBLE STUDY

A New Bible study focusing on the Acts of the Apostles will begin on Tuesday, January 6. The class will meet in the church conference room at 11:00 AM. There is a participant’s book for the class that can be ordered through Amazon. The book is entitled *Acts: Catching Up With The Spirit*, authored by Matthew L. Skinner. If you have any questions please direct them to Pastor Mark. We look forward to having you as part of the study and learning more about the early activities of the Jesus’ followers.

Bergstrasse Community Clothing Closet is open the first and third 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 and Sunday noon – 2pm.



Donations: Currently there is a need for men’s pants, shorts and shoes. There is always a need for children’s clothing. All clothing in good shape is accepted. Due to space constraints, household items are no longer accepted. 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 are needed from 11:30 – 2:30 on Saturdays and Sundays. You do not need to be there the entire time to volunteer – whatever time you have available within those timeframes is fine.

If you have further questions, you may either stop by the next time the Closet is open and have a look around or call Pattie Martin at 717-344-1347.

Thank you so much for all the donations you have been giving!

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>

25 JAN, SUN

- Epiphany 3
- 9am Worship
- 10am Coffee Hour After Worship
- 10:15am Adult Forum

26 JAN, MON

- 10am Women's prayer group
- 6pm Celebrate recov.

27 JAN, TUE

- 9am Coffee Klatch
- 11am Bible Study
- 3:30pm Trini Mini
- 6pm Pickleball

28 JAN, WED

- 6:30pm Handbell Choir
- 7pm Historical Society

29 JAN, THU

- 3:30pm Trini Mini
- 7pm Thursday Worship

31 JAN, SAT

- 7:30am Walking Group

January 25th Servers:**Council Team:** Lisa Garrett, Ed Quirke**Assisting Minister:** John Fuehrer**Lector:** Norm Wangman**Acolytes:** Norm Wangman**Ushers:** Ron & Carlene Kerschner,

David Kerschner, Rob Gilbert

Altar Guild: Barb & Steve Sweigart, Andy Sweigart**Linens:** Patricia Fassnacht**Flowers:** Judy Wechter**AV:** Bob Eberly**Office Hours January 26-30, 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**

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