



Trinity Messenger

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Alleluia. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. Alleluia. Col.3:15,16

United Lutheran Seminary—July Stewardship Focus

Andrea Oslikova, Senior Director of Major Gifts and Engagement & Co-Director of Worship Life, will be our guest at our worship service on Sunday, July 20 to offer a temple talk and answer questions about United Lutheran Seminary (ULS) and its important ministry. Our ELCA seminaries faithfully provide quality theological education that prepares those feeling called to serve God's church as ordained rostered leaders. As the church, we are called to offer our generous support to ULS and the seminaries of the ELCA, while prayerfully identifying potential candidates who feel called to serve the church in its varied expressions of ministry. Please consider giving generously, as the Spirit moves you, in support of our partnership with the seminary and its critical mission.

Sue will be on vacation from July 10-20, back in the office Monday July 21. If you have anything for the newsletter for during that time, please send it no later than Monday, July 7, so it can be added to the newsletter for the 2nd and 3rd July issues which will be scheduled to be sent at the normal time.... before she leaves.

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.

Concert to benefit Ephrata Area Social Services: July 27, 2025 at 4PM at Mellinger's Lutheran Church, 80 Gockley Rd. Stevens, PA. Admission is free. The concert is by AHAVA. Please bring a non-perishable food or toiletry item for the EASS pantry. Social Ministry will provide a picnic-style supper following the concert. A free-will offering will be collected for EASS and to support the picnic-style supper.

Elevator Upgrade

For several months the Congregation Council has reported major upgrades are needed for our elevator. The Property Committee is seeking proposals and bids for the elevator upgrades. The plan is to have a special congregational meeting later this summer to discuss the recommendations received for the

needed work. Council would not be surprised if the lowest bid is at least \$100,000. While some congregation reserve funds are available for this project, almost certainly a special appeal campaign will be needed. As soon as more information becomes available, it will be published and then explained at the special congregational meeting.



MAY I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE! Ephrata Area Social Service is in need of food items this summer and we need to start stocking their shelves now. With financial hardship and rising food prices it is getting harder and harder for some of our local families to provide meals for themselves.

Items needed – Beverage products (Kool-Aid, Crystal Light-Drink mixes,

etc.)

Canned fruits - sugar-free, Canned hearty soups, Canned meats and pastas (spaghetti, spam, tuna, ravioli, etc.), Canned vegetables, Condiments, Dish soap, Hamburger helper, Individual snack packs (chips, pretzels, crackers), Instant potatoes, Jelly, Peanut Butter Laundry detergent, Oatmeal, Pancake mix and syrup, Paper towels, Pasta - gluten free Premixed Jell-O snacks, Spices

Gift cards to Giant, Redner's, or Weis to support fresh produce, meat, and dairy items

This year our goal is to provide **50 full** boxes of food items this summer and we need your help! Please bring one or two items each week to help reach our goal. If everyone donates – “*many hands make light work*”. Let's help those in need in our community. The Social Ministry Committee thanks you for your continued support!

Happy Birthday

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

July

6 - Gloria Hall
6 - Whip Zimmerman
9 - Pamela Critchfield
15 - Alice Hummer
26 - Michael Williams



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



Pickleball News-Tuesday Night Pickleball at 6PM.



Members of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church are invited to the summer concerts by the Ephrata Concert Band. These will be held at 7 o'clock p.m. on Sundays - June 29, July 13 and 27. The concerts will be held in the Tom Grater Park, and it is advised to bring lawn chairs. Several members of Holy Trinity will be

participating in the concert!



THE ADULT (all adults are welcome) LUNCH BUNCH will be going to Knight & Day Diner after the liturgy on July 13. 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!

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>

July 6-12 Calendar

6 JUL, SUN

● Pastor Mark Vacation (Day 6/7)

● PENTECOST 4

● 9am Worship

● 10am Coffee Hour After Worship

7 JUL, MON

● Pastor Mark Vacation (Day 7/7)

● 10am Women's prayer group

● 6:30pm Yoga

8 JUL, TUE

● 11am Faith Conversations

● 6pm Pickleball

● 7pm Finance Committee

● 8pm Executive Council

10 JUL, THU

● 7pm Thursday Worship

● 7:30pm Council Meeting

12 JUL, SAT

● 7:30am Walking Group

July 6th Servers:**Council Team:** Ed Quirke, Bill Spitzer**Assisting Minister:** Kathy Kuhns**Lector:** John Weiss**Acolytes:** Patrice Mull**Ushers:** Ron & Carlene Kerschner,
David Kerschner, Rob Gilbert**Altar Guild:** Brenda Wangman, Heather
Zimmerman, Lisa Garrett, Charlann Brubaker**Linens:** Lori Spitzer**Flowers:** Heather Zimmerman**Office Hours July 7-11, 2025**

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

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Day	Sue	Pastor
Monday	8:00 AM- 12:00 Noon	OFF
Tuesday	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM- 12:00 Noon	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), 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!