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**Trinity Messenger**  
June 2025 Issue 2

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*Alleluia.* Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,  
and kindle in us the fire of your love. *Alleluia.*

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**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!

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**Stewardship Special Giving for JUNE: ELCA World Hunger**

Nearly 1-in-10 people – 733 million – in our world are hungry. As members of the ELCA, we are called to respond. We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work. Working with and through our congregations in the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands Lutheran churches overseas and other partners, ELCA World Hunger is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty. Through this comprehensive approach, we work to address hunger from all angles — both domestically and globally.

*For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me. – Matthew 25:35*



### **Excentia Preschool Forced to Refocus Its Mission**

For over thirty years, beginning with the S. June Smith Preschool, which later became Excentia, the cheerful sounds of children's voices have been a joyful part of daily life at Holy Trinity. This has been a cherished aspect of our community, reminding us of the importance of supporting one another by sharing the space that God has provided to improve the lives

of families in meaningful, life-changing ways.

Unfortunately, ongoing government cuts to funding for vital educational programs, such as the one here at Holy Trinity, which provides essential one-on-one assistance to children with special needs in a supportive classroom setting, have compelled the preschool to reevaluate its operations. Beginning in the fall of this year, the preschool will shift its focus to offer educational services specifically for children with autism. This transition is already underway at Excentia's Lancaster location, underscoring the need for additional space for these vital services. The school will continue to operate five days a week from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. We will see a change in the educational staff, with those presently teaching at Holy Trinity being offered positions elsewhere as part of other Excentia programs.

During this time of transition and unexpected change, please keep all staff members and those guiding this change in your thoughts and prayers.



**Pickleball News-No Tuesday Night Pickleball in the month of June. We will begin again in July.**

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**Friday night dinner will be held June 6th, 6:30 at Loxley's.** The sign up sheet is in the gathering area. Please sign up by June 1st so I can let them know the count. This will be our last dinner for the season, we will resume again Friday, September 5th, 2025. Many thanks to all whom support this "hearty" fellowship, fun and good food! Happy summer!!!

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**Acolytes Needed!** As you may have noticed, we see the same few familiar faces as acolytes in the chancel each Sunday morning, and those individuals do a fine job. What you may not know is that three of those servers will graduate from high school this spring, and will probably no longer be available as they head off to future pursuits. We need more folks to step up and take on this ministry. The tasks are not difficult - light the altar candles, receive the offering from the usher and hand it to Pastor Mark, hold the wine flagon during communion and refill the assisting minister's chalice as necessary, and extinguish the altar candles. You will receive training on these tasks. During certain seasons of the church year, when the processional and recessional are part of the liturgy, the acolyte also carries either a torch or the cross. Please consider volunteering as an acolyte. You may find that you gain a new perspective on the worship service, being more fully engaged when you are "up front." Feel free to speak with Norm Wangman, Patrice Mull, or myself about how we have been enriched by our service as acolytes. Again, please consider volunteering. Trust me, if I can do it, you can, too! Judy Williams



## MOYER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The John H. Moyer and Erma R. Moyer Scholarship Trust of The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity has been established through a gift by their son, John R. Moyer, to honor his parents and perpetuate the family's belief in the importance of higher education.

The Trust provides for a one-year scholarship of \$1,000.00 to be awarded annually to an active member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. As the investment grows, the Finance Committee can recommend to the Congregational Council increasing the amount. The Finance Committee will notify the Congregation Council in June each year of the amount available to be awarded so the Council can determine the number of scholarships that can be offered.

Applications and detailed Scholarship selection information can be obtained from the Church office. Completed applications and transcripts must be returned to the Church office no later than July 15. Congregation Council will approve all applicable scholarship applications. Scholarship checks will be produced and presented to each approved applicant in September.

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## It's church picnic time! JUNE 15

Our picnic will be at 12:00 noon at the Ephrata Township Park pavilion.  
426 East Fulton St.

Our church service will be at 9:00 in our own Holy Trinity sanctuary!  
Please sign up in the gathering area. We would appreciate knowing how many people will be attending. A sign up for donations of items will also be available. Please join us for food, fun, and of course, good fellowship!



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church fully supports our children attending church camp and believes every child who would like to attend should be given an opportunity. To offset any financial concerns that families may face, Trinity has created a campers' fund to which congregation members may contribute to provide financial assistance to address any barriers to camp attendance. If you have a child or children who would like to attend church camp this summer, please see Lisa Garrett, Trinity's camp

person, to see what financial assistance may be available through the church's campers' fund.

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THE ADULT (all adults are welcome) LUNCH BUNCH will be going to after the liturgy on June ?. 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!

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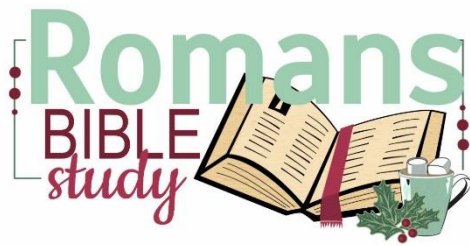


## Celebration Choir Schedule

Wednesday, June 4 – 7:00 PM – Rehearsal

Sunday, June 8 (Pentecost) – sing "As The Wind Song"

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



### **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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### **Strawberry Festival**

**Saturday, June 7 11AM- 1PM at Luther Acres, 600 E Main St. Lititz**

**Rain or shine! \$7.00- Strawberry Shortcake with Ice Cream.**

**\$5.00- Hot Dog, Chips, drink. See flyer on table in Gathering Area.**



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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. Theresa Mull (theresakmull@gmail.com), our Facebook page administrator, and Adam Doughty (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. Sue (church office) also needs to know so she can get events on the calendar in a timely manner.

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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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### **June 8-14 Calendar**

8 JUN, SUN

- Celebration Choir
- PENTECOST
- 9am Worship
- 10am Coffee Hour After Worship
- 11am Lunch Bunch

9 JUN, MON

- 10am Women's prayer group
- 6:30pm Evangelism ZOOM
- 6:30pm Yoga

10 JUN, TUE

- 11am Bible Study
- 7pm Finance Committee
- 8pm Executive Council

12 JUN, THU

- 7pm Thursday Worship
- 7:30pm Council Meeting

14 JUN, SAT

- 7:30am Walking Group

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

**June 8th Servers:**

**Council Team:** Norm Wangman & John Fuehrer

**Assisting Minister:** Kathy Kuhns

**Lector:** John Weiss

**Acolytes:** Norm Wangman, Anya Gilbert,  
Patrice Mull

**Ushers:** Dave Bowers, Bob & Ann Snader,  
Tom & Kitty Dickersheid

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

**Linens:** Patricia Fassnacht

**Flowers:** Heather Zimmerman



**Office Hours June 9-13, 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](mailto:officeholytrinity@ephratalutheran.org)**

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

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**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!***