



HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Trinity Messenger

November 2025 Issue 2

*Alleluia. Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; to him be glory
and dominion forever and ever. Alleluia. Rev. 1:5, 6*

November Stewardship Focus: 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 16th.

Fellowship has started up the Pot Luck dinners once again!

Our Oct 17 th evening was attended by 28 hungry folks who enjoyed great food, fun conversation (a little trivia) and wonderful fellowship. Please save the date Nov 21 for our next Pot Luck.

Fellowship Committee 🍁





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 November 2nd. 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



Notes of THANKS

I want to thank everyone who gave or sent me get well cards since my eye surgery and before. It will be a long healing process but with your kind prayers and caring words it will seem a lot faster. Also, thank you Pastor Mark for your prayers, calls and constant concern. It really means a lot to me.

Terry Gehman



FREE Meal on Thanksgiving Day

Ephrata Business Center
400 W Main Street, Ephrata

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

All are welcome to come enjoy a
sit-down meal



1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Takeout is available on first-come,
first-serve basis

Registration for meal delivery will open on
Monday, October 20, and close on Friday, November 14.
To register, call EASS at 717-733-0345.

**For volunteer
opportunities
scan QR code**



Elevator Restoration Project

In previous Trinity Messenger articles, there has been information about the cost for this project. The total cost will be at least \$200,000. The cost for this project is covered up front by the reserves the church has on hand. What we need to do is replace these reserves. We are not financing this project through any bank or other financial organization.



Currently, we have 113 giving units according to our most recent church directory. If 60 of these giving units would commit to making a donation of \$1.00 a day for the next nine years, the obligation would be met. Each member of our congregation needs to pray and consider their commitment to this financial obligation.

If you mail your donation to the church office, please indicate the amount you are contributing to the elevator restoration project. There will be additional information included in future issues of The Messenger.

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://holyltrinitylutheranchurchephrtapa.sermon.net/main>

THE ADULT (all adults are welcome) LUNCH BUNCH will be going to The Park Place Diner after the liturgy on November 9. 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!



Celebration Choir Schedule

Wednesday, November 19 – 7:15 PM – Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 26 – 7:00 PM – Thanksgiving Eve Service

Sing "We Gather Together"

Wednesday, December 3 – 6:45 PM – Rehearsal

Sunday, December 7 – sing "We Are Waiting for Jesus"

Wednesday, December 10 – 6:45 PM – Rehearsal

Wednesday, December 17 – 6:45 PM – Rehearsal

Wednesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve Service – 7:00PM

Sing "Were You There On That Christmas Night?"

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

Special Music for Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve is right around the corner, and your musical talents are needed to add that extra special feeling of the season to our Christmas Eve worship services. If you are interested in sharing your God-given talents, please speak with either Debbie Fortna or Deb Olson.

Handbell Choir

Weekly rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:30PM. Please arrive early to set up bells so we can start promptly at 6:30. For Questions contact Debbie: 717-681-5985 Elegantkeys88@gmail.com



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!

Weekly Bible Study: Tuesdays at 11AM

Bible Study Book

The Bible study group will soon begin a new study on the Acts of the Apostles once our study of Romans is completed. To help facilitate this upcoming study, we will be reading and discussing Matthew Skinner’s book *Acts: Catching Up With The Spirit*. The book is available on Amazon and at Barnes & Noble. If you would like to participate in the study or need assistance in ordering the book, please speak with Pastor Mark.

Limping With God

A few Sundays ago, Pastor Mark referenced a book he was reading that centered on the biblical story of Jacob’s wrestling with God and how Jacob’s story can teach us a great deal about our discipleship and our wrestling matches with loving God. The book is entitled *Limping with God: Jacob & The Old Testament Guide to Messy Discipleship* and is authored by Chad Bird. It is available at Amazon or 1517.org/shop.



Help Wanted: Bergstrasse Community Clothing Closet

Bergstrasse Community Clothing Closet is open for all people in need of clothing and other household goods. Entrance is accessible via the door off the lower parking lot. Hours are 12 – 2pm.

Donations: Currently there is a continuing need for men's pants, shorts and shoes. There is always a need for children's clothing. All clothing in good shape is 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. Thank you so much for sharing what God has given you! Your generosity is helping those in need in our community!

Please note new donation policy: due to limited space household items can no longer be accepted, only clothing and shoes.

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 Sundays. You do not need to be there the entire time to volunteer – whatever time you have available within those times 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/text Pattie Martin at 717-344-1347.

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>

November 9-13 Calendar

9 NOV, SUN

● PENTECOST 22

- 9am Worship
- 10am Coffee Hour After Worship
- 10:15am Adult Forum
- 11am Lunch Bunch

10 NOV, MON

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

11 NOV, TUE

- 11am Bible Study
- 3:30pm Trini Mini
- 6pm Pickleball
- 7pm Finance Committee
- 8pm Executive Council

12 NOV, WED

- 6:30pm Handbell Choir

13 NOV, THU

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

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

November 9th Servers:

Council Team: John Fuehrer, Bill Spitzer

Assisting Minister: John Weiss

Lector: Norm Wangman

Acolytes: Norm Wangman

Ushers: Curtis & Christy Boos, Bill & Lori Spitzer

Altar Guild: Brenda Wangman, Heather Zimmerman, Lisa Garrett, Charlann Brubaker

Linens: Patrice Mull

Flowers: Jo Hurst

AV: Rob Gilbert



Office Hours November 10-14, 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	OFF	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Wednesday	OFF	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Thursday	OFF	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Friday	9AM - 12 NOON	OFF

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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 Elevator Improvement fund donation by using your Smart Phone and following the QR code.



Thanks for reading! Have a great week ahead!