



Trinity Messenger
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Alleluia. If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. Alleluia. John 8:31-32

Treasurer's Report - October, 2025

September Financial Report

Unified Budget Income	\$23,582.48
Unified Budget Expense	\$23,686.22

Year To Date:

Income	\$272,948.57
Expenses	\$260,803.20
Surplus	\$ 12,145.37

Through September (3/4 of the year), even though we have a Unified Budget surplus, our income is slightly below budgeted levels and expenses are slightly above budgeted levels. During October, fuel oil for the coming heating season will be purchased (at an approximate total cost of \$21,000). So, for these final 3 months of the year, we need continued regular giving (or additional giving) to meet our 2025 expenses.



All Saints Sunday is November 2, 2025. Members who have died in the last year will automatically be listed. If you have loved ones who you would like to be listed on the All Saints list, please send them to Sue: officeholyltrinity@ephratalutheran.org by October 28.

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 🍁



October Stewardship Focus: Milagro House

Our Mission: Milagro House provides education, housing and support services for women and their children who would otherwise be experiencing homelessness. Our vision is to prepare the women and children who come through our doors with the skills they need to break the cycle of homelessness and poverty and move from dependence to self-sufficiency. What sets Milagro House apart in our industry is the educational component to the program. Education is the underpinning of everything we do at Milagro House and is the catalyst for women moving from dependence to independence through meaningful employment at a self-sustaining wage.

Services Provided:

Educational Services

Women accepted into our program must be committed to pursuing educational advancement. The staff at Milagro House customizes each woman's program to meet her specific needs and interests. Milagro House offers two educational options for women in our program GED Program: Provides GED classes conducted by a certified teacher and volunteer tutors. Post-Secondary Programs: Works with staff to develop a post-secondary education plan and attend college and certification programs of their choice.

Residential and Support Services

Provides support through – Housing for women and children customized case management, individual and group counseling, parenting programs, life skills training, children's programs.

After Milagro House

After education, gaining employment and housing, case management staff continue to work with the families for their first year to help ensure their continued success. For additional information check their website at www.Milagrohouse.org

To help Milagro House you can use your Special Giving envelope or give online during the month of October. Thanks in advance for your support of this program.



Welcome to Holy Trinity Sunday School on the Move!

Please join us as we begin our Action Packed Journey with Jesus ❤️ Sunday October 19, 2025 at 9:20 following the Children's Sermon For those not attending church, Please meet us on the lower level in the Cafe!!!

**Love & Peace,
Holy Trinity Christian Ed**



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 net 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://holylutheranchurchephrata.pa.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, October 29 – 7:15 PM – Rehearsal

Sunday, November 2 – sing “Gospel Medley”

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

Contact Deb Olson at (717)314-5243 or dtolson613@gmail.com with

questions!

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

Weekly Bible Study will be held on Tuesdays at 11AM in the Conference Room.

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>

October 26-November 1 Calendar

26 OCT, SUN

● REFORMATION SUNDAY

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

27 OCT, MON

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

28 OCT, TUE

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

29 OCT, WED

- 6:30pm Handbell Choir
- 7:15pm Celebration Choir

30 OCT, THU

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

1 NOV, SAT

- 7:30am Walking Group

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

October 26th Servers:

Council Team: John Weiss, Lisa Garrett

Assisting Minister: John Fuehrer

Lector: Ed Quirke

Acolytes: Lillian Doughty, Dylan Lynn, Patrice Mull,
Judy Williams

Ushers: Ron & Carlene Kerschner,
David Kerschner, Rob Gilbert

Altar Guild: Denise Shirker, Ann & Bob Snader

Linens: Lori Spitzer

Flowers: Judy Wechter

AV: Bob Eberly



Office Hours October 27-31, 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	8AM - 12 NOON	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Thursday	8AM - 12 NOON	9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Friday	9AM - 12 NOON	OFF

PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A NEW QR CODE...DO NOT TRY TO USE THE OLD ONE.

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.

