



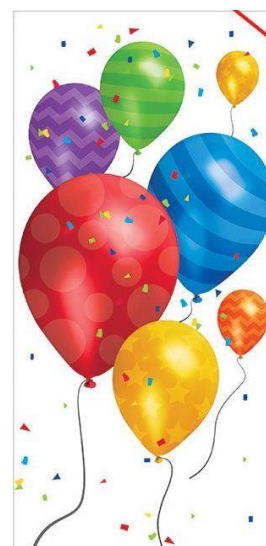
Trinity Messenger
September 2025 Issue 4

Alleluia. You know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. Alleluia. 2 Cor. 8:9

Congratulations and Best Wishes

To the members of Holy Trinity who are 70 years and older and celebrating a birthday in **October**:

2 Vicky Rettew
5 Judy Williams
12 Donna Nace
17 John Weiss
22 Newell Embley
27 Randy Maurer
31 Henrietta Mull
31 Deb Martin



Send them a birthday card or call them with a greeting. We pray God grants them many more years in their pilgrimage.



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

LESSONS FROM DIETRICH BONHOEFFER

Beginning Sunday, September 28, the Sunday Adult Forum will be engaging in a multi-week study entitled *Lessons from Dietrich Bonhoeffer in a House Divided and a World on Fire*. The study was created by Dr. Lori Brandt Hale, a professor at Augsburg University and President of The International Bonhoeffer Society—English Language Section in concert with the Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania (LAMPa). The overarching theme of the study will be “Who is Christ for us today,” a question Dietrich Bonhoeffer asked himself and others in the midst of the authoritarianism of the Nazi regime under which he and his fellow Germans lived and through which he and they experienced the persecution of

their vulnerable neighbors and friends. The curriculum will encourage us to honestly ask that question for ourselves in this particular time and place we find ourselves.

“Who is Christ for us? How are we to best love our neighbors? What is the ethic of love and discipleship that will help us to be most faithful? What are the tools at our disposal to live this out?” If we are faithful to our baptismal calling and Jesus’ unwavering command to love our neighbor and our enemy, these are but a handful of the things we need to be considering in the times we find ourselves when violence has been normalized and those in power are seeking to turn us against each other through propaganda, vitriolic language, and the inciting of baseless distrust and fear of the “other.”

As Christians we are called to follow Jesus, and Jesus alone, and be hope-filled agents of change and support for all God’s beloved children armed not with hearts of hate but rather hearts overflowing with living water and God’s ever-present, life-giving love and grace. Please make time in your lives to attend this study and faithfully engage with your fellow siblings in Christ as we seek to perpetuate the relationship healing kingdom of God in our relationships, our community, and beyond.

The weekly Adult Forum starts at 10:20 AM each Sunday morning following worship. We look forward to learning and growing together with you in our faithful pursuit of loving and standing with all our neighbors in these divisive times.

NOTICE: Holy Trinity's website is on and off. 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://holytrinitylutheranchurchephratapa.sermon.net/main>

Lutheran World Relief Ingathering Appeal

Lutheran World Relief Ingathering appeal is Sunday October 5th. This year the Social Ministry Committee is looking for monetary donations to purchase items for personal kits. Each kit is \$5.00. See the poster in the Gathering Area. Volunteers will be needed to help assemble the kits. The time and date will be announced later. If you have any questions, please contact Rob Gilbert at 717-721-3822.

September Stewardship Focus: Lancaster Food Hub

Founded in 1947 as the Lancaster County Council of Churches, the Lancaster County Food Hub has been serving neighbors in need for nearly 80 years. What began as a grassroots, faith-based effort to provide food, clothing, and shelter has grown into a trusted community anchor, rooted in compassion, dignity, and hope.

Today, the Food Hub continues this important mission by meeting basic human needs through free food, clothing, and homeless outreach services. Their team works to foster respectful relationships, connect neighbors with supportive resources, and create a welcoming space for all who come through their doors.

Guided by a vision of a Lancaster County where every individual is supported and empowered to live with dignity and stability, the Food Hub provides not only immediate relief but also pathways to long-term resilience and self-sufficiency. Through direct services, strong partnerships, and compassionate care, they uplift individuals and families while strengthening our whole community.

Sue will be on vacation from October 3-October 17. This Weekly Messenger will be scheduled to go out those weeks before she leaves. So...if you want anything in the Messenger those weeks, please have the articles/announcements to her by Monday, September 29.



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.



Celebration Choir Schedule

Wednesday, October 15 – 7:15 PM – Rehearsal
Sunday, October 19 – sing “Give Me Jesus”

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

*****PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO handbell rehearsal this Wednesday, September 24 due to the fair going on.*****

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!

THE ADULT (all adults are welcome) LUNCH BUNCH will be going to The Ark House Diner in Leola after the liturgy on October 12. 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!



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.



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>

September 28-October 4 Calendar

28	SEP, SUN	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PENTECOST 169am Worship10am Coffee Hour After Worship10:15am Adult Forum
29	SEP, MON	<ul style="list-style-type: none">10am Women's prayer group6pm Celebrate recov.6:30pm Yoga
30	SEP, TUE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">9am Coffee Klatch11am Faith Conversations3:30pm Trini Mini6pm Pickleball
1	OCT, WED	<ul style="list-style-type: none">6:30pm Handbell Choir
2	OCT, THU	<ul style="list-style-type: none">3:30pm Trini Mini7pm Property Committee7pm Thursday Worship
3	OCT, FRI	<ul style="list-style-type: none">6:30pm Friday Night Dinners
4	OCT, SAT	

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

September 28th Servers:

Council Team: Norm Wangman, Ed Quirke

Assisting Minister: Kathy Kuhns

Lector: Kathy Kuhns

Acolytes: Judy Williams

Ushers: Norm Wangman, Phyllis Doughty,
Winnie Gerlach, Clay Brubaker

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

Linens: Lori Spitzer

Flowers: Judy Wechter

AV: John Fuehrer



Office Hours September 29-October 3, 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: officeholyltrinity@ephratalutheran.org

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



Thanks for reading! Have a great week ahead!