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Trinity Messenger
April 2025 Issue 3

Alleluia. Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.
1 Corinthians 5, 7-8

Stewardship Special Giving for APRIL:

North Lancaster Conference Disaster Response Team

As you may know, several of our Holy Trinity family members have served on work teams for Luther Disaster Response (LDR) in the mainland United States and Puerto Rico. During April, we will be collecting donations for our stewardship focus to help fund the life-giving activities of this local group as they prepare to travel to Florida to assist in restoring people's lives by restoring homes that families lost during recent storms. A representative will give a Temple Talk on April 6. Please be present that day to hear from them; please consider giving generously to their efforts and those of the team of volunteers they represent.



The Sacred Triduum:

Maundy Thursday

April 17, 2025- Service at 7:00 PM

Individual Absolution, Foot Washing

Holy Communion, Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday

Traditional Liturgy

April 18, 2025

Service at 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday

April 19, 2025

Easter Vigil Liturgy at 7:00 PM

Holy Communion

Easter Sunday April 20, 2025

Festival Liturgy with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM

Congregational Meeting

The Spring Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, May 4, immediately following the worship service.



Treasurer's Report: April, 2025

March Financial Report

Unified Budget Income	\$30,224.41
Unified Budget Expense	\$24,961.74

Year To Date:

Income	\$95,805.69
Expenses	\$85,485.19
Surplus	\$10,320.50

We ended the first quarter of 2025 with a positive balance for the Unified Budget. Thank you for your contributions which enable a solid financial situation as we begin this year.

Fellowship pot luck for April will be on the 25th. Please sign up in Gathering area. Don't forget to mark your birthdate since we will celebrate Everyone's birthday....no desserts needed we will provide them!



Three Score and Ten Banquet-

This year's Three Score and Ten Banquet will be on Sunday April 27th at noon. Invitations have been mailed. A signup sheet for servers, delivers, and cleanup crews is in the Gathering Area. A response is required no later than Friday April 18th. If you have any questions, please contact Rob Gilbert.



For the past several years, the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church congregation has sent several children to Camp Kirchenwald by paying the cost associated with camp. The church established a camp fund to which congregation members can contribute to provide sufficient funds for children to attend camp. The balance in that fund currently stands at \$990. With the average cost for a week at Kirchenwald standing at around \$700, we have sufficient funds to send one child. This message is to remind members that contributions can be made to this fund to provide additional

funds for the opportunity for more than one child from Trinity to attend camp. To contribute to the camper fund, you can write a check payable to the church and write "Camper Fund" in the memo space. Checks may be put in the offering plate, dropped off at the church office, or mailed to the church.



**Sunday, April 27, 2025 • 2-6pm
Kirchenwald**

Enjoy an afternoon of environmental activities, games, and crafts at one of your favorites places within God's creation: **CAMP! An evening meal is included in the \$15 fee.
All ages welcome.**

**RSVP to 717-677-8211 or
LutheranCamping.org by April 18**



The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania
Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and The Wittel Farm
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The Lutheran Camping Corporation presents...

WORK DAYS AT CAMP



SATURDAY, APRIL 26 - NAWAKWA, 9:00 AM

SATURDAY, MAY 3 - KIRCHENWALD, 8:30-4

For information or to RSVP for Kirchenwald's Work Day, contact Mark Russell at mrussell@lutherancamping.org

FOR NAWAKWA: Volunteers needed to do general housekeeping, gardening, painting, carpentry, and other tasks.

A noon meal will be provided.

So that enough food can be prepared, please RSVP by April 18 at LutheranCamping.org or 717-677-8211



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A concert of choral music
drawing inspiration from the
landscapes that shape us, both
physically and spiritually.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
167 E Main Street, Ephrata, PA 17522
Saturday, May 3, 2025 | 3PM

St. Edward's Episcopal Church
2455 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601
Sunday, May 4, 2025 | 3PM



Advance Tickets: \$10 | At the Door: \$15 | Children 18 & Under: Free
scan the QR code or purchase tickets online at www.lancasterchambersingers.org



THE ADULT (all adults are welcome) LUNCH BUNCH will be going to Country Kitchen in Manheim after the liturgy on May 4. 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!

Indoor Giveaway

Free Yard sale is still happening. Items for your taking are downstairs in hallway and Sunday School room. Still sorting through the closet. New items weekly. Please check it out and help to recycle and repurpose these items. All items will be recycled somewhere. Your help is appreciated.

HANDBELLS

Calling all those with an interest in ringing handbells for Easter. A reminder of our upcoming handbell rehearsals for the season...

Wednesday 4/16, 6:15 - 6:45 p.m.

No Rehearsal 4/22

Tuesday 4/29, 7 p.m.

Tuesday 5/6, 7p.m.

Tuesday 5/13, 7p.m., and Wednesday, 4/16 6:15 – 6:45 PM.

Contact Debbie with any questions.



Celebration Choir Schedule

Sunday, April 13 (Palm Sunday) – sing “The King of Glory”

Wednesday, April 16 – 6:30 PM – Rehearsal

Thursday, April 17 (Maundy Thursday) – sing “A New Commandment”

Sunday, April 20 (Easter) – sing “We Know that Christ Is Raised”

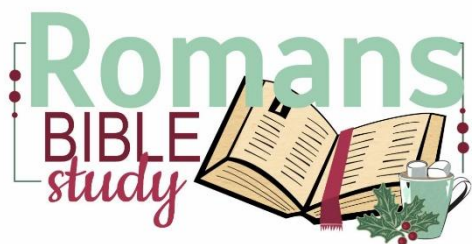
Please consider joining us and sharing your musical talents! All are welcome!!



Sunday Church School for God's Children on the Move!

Sunday school on the move will have its last Sunday on the 18 of May.

We will not meet on May 4 due to the congregational meeting.



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!

Bergstrasse Community Closet – What's New?

What's new? Continuation of helping out Landis Homes personal care unit with items needed. New volunteers added to our hard-working crew. New bathrooms in closet wing of church for our use. Thanks Bergstrasse Lutheran Church! We are averaging at least 5 to 10 new families each time we are open. Boxes of clothing donated to Career Link, to help people with outfits for job interviews. Boxes of clothing and items given to Community Action Five to Thrive, and Refugee Connect.



Thank you to all of our donors, and the many of you who support us in so many ways!

2025 Hours, Saturdays and Sundays listed from 12PM to 2PM:

April 19&20

May 3&4, 17&18

Donations for the clothing closet may be left in the box in the narthex of Holy Trinity church. Please contact the Clothing Closet on Facebook if you are interested in volunteering.

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.

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>

April 20-26 Calendar

20	APR, SUN	● Celebration Choir sings
		● EASTER SUNDAY
		● NO Adult Forum
	9am	Worship
21	APR, MON	● Church Office closed
	10am	Women's prayer group
	6:30pm	Yoga
22	APR, TUE	● 11am Bible Study
	3:30pm	Trini Mini
	6pm	Pickleball
23	APR, WED	● 7pm Historical Society
24	APR, THU	● 3:30pm Trini Mini
	7pm	Thursday Worship
25	APR, FRI	● 6pm POT LUCK
26	APR, SAT	● 7:30am Walking Group

Maudy Thursday, April 17:

Council Team: Heather Zimmerman, Christy Boos

Assisting Minister: Ed Quirke

Lector: Ed Quirke

Acolytes: Judy Williams

Ushers: Norm Wangman, Phyllis Doughty,
Winnie Gerlach

Altar Guild: Barb & Steve Sweigart, Andy Sweigart

Linens: Patrice Mull



Good Friday, April 18:

Council Team: Kathrin Baltz, Bill Spitzer

Assisting Minister: John Fuehrer

Lector: Lori Spitzer

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

Altar Guild: Denise Shirker, Ann & Bob Snader

Linens: Lori Spitzer

Easter Vigil, April 19:

Council Team: John Weiss, Lisa Garrett

Assisting Minister: Ed Quirke

Lector: Ed Quirke

Acolytes: Anya Gilbert, Clarice Doughty,
Natalie Mull, Patrice Mull

Ushers: Allen Nace, John Weiss, Adam Doughty,
Ed Quirke

Altar Guild: Brenda Wangman,
Heather Zimmerman, Lisa Garrett

Linens: Patricia Fassnacht

April 20th Servers:

Council Team: Christy Boos, Norm Wangman

Assisting Minister: Kathy Kuhns

Communion Asst: Lori Spitzer

Lector: Lisa Garrett

Acolytes: Anya Gilbert, Ava Morgan,
Natalie Mull, Patrice Mull

Ushers: Steve Sweigart, Sue Watts,
Carl Rentschler, Andy Sweigart

Altar Guild: Barb & Steve Sweigart, Andy Sweigart

Linens: Brenda Wangman

Flowers: Winnie Gerlach

Office Hours April 21-25, 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	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	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

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!

