



Trinity Messenger

April 2026 Issue 1

*Christ humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death--even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name.*

Phil 2:8-9



Palm/Passion Sunday

March 29, 2026

Holy Communion

The Sacred Triduum:

Maundy Thursday

April 2, 2026- Service at 7:00 PM

Individual Absolution, Foot Washing

Holy Communion, Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday Service at 7:00 PM

A Service of Tenebrae for Good Friday

For our Good Friday worship this year we will be participating in a traditional Tenebrae service. Tenebrae is a Latin word meaning 'darkness' or 'shadow'. It is a meaningful service of meditation and reflection, and scripture interspersed with music that sets the atmosphere for one's serious reflection on what Christ did for us on the cross. Please plan to take part in this powerful experience.

Holy Saturday

April 4, 2026

Easter Vigil Liturgy at 7:00 PM

Holy Communion

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

Festival Liturgy with Holy Communion - 9:00 AM



Holy Trinity Sunday School Egg Hunt

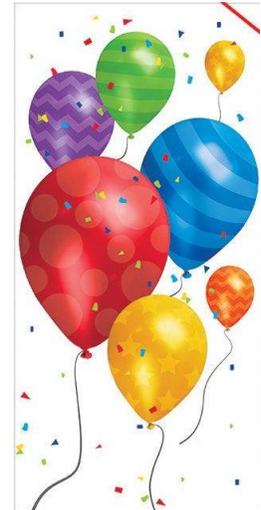
On Easter Sunday there will be a children's sermon immediately following the Gospel. However, there will be no Sunday school class during the service. Instead we will meet with the children in the gathering area immediately following the service for refreshments and take them upstairs to The Place for an Egg Hunt. All children and younger siblings welcome!

Happy Birthday

To the members of Holy Trinity who are 70 years and older and celebrating a birthday this month.

April Birthdays

1 - Craig Forney
4 - Jean Cammauf
14 - John Leonhard
14 - Penny Stick
17 - Deb Moyer
19 - Robert Eberly
24 - Deb Grube



SEND THEM A BIRTHDAY CARD OR CALL THEM WITH YOUR GREETING. WE PRAY GOD GRANTS THEM MANY MORE YEARS IN THEIR PILGRIMAGE.

ELEVATOR RESTORATION PROJECT UPDATE

Worship During Elevator Renovation

The welcome renovation of the church elevator will begin on Monday, April 6, and will continue for seven to eight weeks. During this time, we will gather for worship in the Social Hall. We will follow the same liturgical pattern during this time, with adjustments to fit the worship space and its limits. To avoid extra wear on the hymnals and limited storage space, we will worship only with the larger-sized bulletins that include the hymns and worship music for the service. This practice will be limited to this time period only. The lower-level hallway, which runs past the elevator and machine room, will be closed for safety reasons, so we will need to enter the Social Hall through the Café. Though many love our worship space, we know that God abides with us wherever we gather, so let us bring to this time of worship our faithful desire to praise the God who has generously blessed our congregation with abundant resources.





FREE GARDEN PLOTS! Behind Hope UMC,
3474 Rothsville Rd. Ephrata. NO COST!
20' X 20', 10'X 20', or 10' X10'.
Call 717-733-3073 if interested.

Phillies game

It's that time of year again, WooHoo!!! If anyone is interested in going down for a game, I will have a sheet in the gathering area with dates for games. Most votes win!! Please check it out ASAP, the sooner I secure tickets the better. 😊

Thank you,
Your devoted Philadelphia Phillies Phan!!!! (Kathrin)



There will be no Friday Night dinner for April. The first Friday falls on 4/3 which is Good Friday. If anyone would be interested in going the following Friday, 4/10 please let me know. Kathrin

THE ADULT (all adults are welcome) LUNCH BUNCH will be going to Applebee's after the liturgy on April 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!



Dear Trinity family, 🍀 🌸

The Fellowship committee invites you to a change in our potluck schedule..... March 28 is a Saturday! We will still meet in the Fellowship hall. 5-7:00 for great food, fun, and fellowship... hope to see you there. Sign up in the gathering area.

Also, 🍌 save the date for our church picnic on June 21st. at the Ephrata township park. We will need helpers for set up and clean up!

Blessings to all.
Fellowship committee

Congregational Meeting April 26



Think Lutheran Camping!

It is that time of year to start thinking about summer plans. If you were in church on Sunday and attended Zach's program during Sunday School, you probably have a good idea that Camps Kirchenwald and Nawakwa can be part of your summer plans. The theme for camp this year is Wear Love, based on Colossians 3:12-14. As campers reflect on love as the all-purpose garment of faith, they will explore how God's love – woven into our lives through kindness, humility, patience, steadfastness, and forgiveness – shapes who we are and how we live.



There are different levels of camping for kids in grades K-2 (day camp and half-week camp) and grades 3-11 (overnight camp). There is family camp for God's children of all ages and there is elder camp for those 55 and up.

More information can be found in the camp brochures in the narthex of the church on the display table. Camp makes a great gift for children and grandchildren. Full payment discount camp registration must be received at camp by **April 4, 2026**. Info

at: <https://www.lutherancamping.org/> **Holy Trinity is committed to finding funds for EVERY child who wants to attend church camp. Lack of funds should NOT be the reason for a child not attending camp.** Resources are available so please talk to Pastor Mark or call the church office. Contact Lisa Garrett if you have any questions: lrgacd@yahoo.com or 717-490-1927.

Watch this fun video! <https://www.lutherancamping.org/summer-camp/summer-camp-quick-video/>

Lutheran Camping isn't just for campers!

Lutheran Camping Corporation doesn't just provide camping opportunities. There is something for everyone and things happening year round. Keep an eye out for announcements on the church bulletin boards and in the Messenger.

The Wittel Farm Growing Project:

This ministry partnership between the Lutheran Camping Corporation, the Lower Susquehanna Synod, and Hunger-Free Lancaster County, the Growing Project grows crops on a portion of the Wittel Farm. The crops harvested are donated to assist individuals and families in need. Individuals, groups, and families can volunteer to help with these gardens. Learn more at www.WittelFarm.org or contact project director, Pastor Matt Lenahan at wfgp@wittelfarm.org.

Diaconos program at Kirchenwald:

The Diaconos program at Kirchenwald is designed for youth groups to custom-plan a week filled with a combination of service opportunities and adventure outings. With Diaconos staff,

you can schedule a week that perfectly fits the needs and abilities of your group. Service sites in the community engage with your group in physically expressing the ministry of Christ. This program also offers the chance to interact with the people you serve and with one another, sharing the good news and growing in spirit to the glory of God. We also recognize the importance of social and spiritual development through group dynamics, and encourage groups to make recreation programs part of their Diaconos experience. These adventure opportunities will change the group to work together and overcome obstacles, while enjoying some of the exciting outdoor activities available. Contact Zach Weiss at 717-964-3121 for more information.

Still thinking about attending camp? Watch this informative video and check out the information in the narthex.

All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast Buffet



**Saturday, April 11, 2026
7:00-10:00 AM**

BREAKFAST INCLUDES: EGGS, HOME FRIES, CREAMED CHIPPED BEEF, FRENCH TOAST, BACON, SAUSAGE, HAM, COFFEE, TEA, JUICES, VARIOUS PASTRIES AND FRUIT.

ADMISSION BY DONATION

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE
TO: NORTH LANCASTER
CONFERENCE DEAN'S FUND**

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DISASTER RESPONSE MINISTRY IN 2026*

**SWAMP LUTHERAN CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL
275 SWAMP CHURCH ROAD,
REINHOLDS
PHONE 717-336-2849**



GOD'S WORK...OUR HANDS.



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 April 19 (none on April 5-just Easter egg hunt). 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

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://holyltrinitylutheranchurcheprhatapa.sermon.net/main>



Celebration Choir Schedule

Wednesday, April 1 – 6:45 PM – Rehearsal
Thursday, April 2 (Maundy Thursday) – sing “A New Commandment”
Sunday, April 5 (Easter) – sing “Christ Is Alive” arr. Hal H. Hopson

Wednesday, May 13 – 7:15 PM – Rehearsal
Sunday, May 17 – sing “God We Gather as Your People” by David Lohman

Handbell Choir

Upcoming Performances:

Easter Sunday, April 5: *Thine is the Glory*
Sunday, May 24: *Holy Is the Lord*



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

NEW BIBLE STUDY

A New Bible study focusing on the Acts of the Apostles began on Tuesday, January 6. The class will meet in the church conference room at 11:00 AM. There is a participant's book for the class that can be ordered through Amazon. The book is entitled *Acts: Catching Up With The Spirit*, authored by Matthew L. Skinner. If you have any questions please direct them to Pastor Mark. We look forward to having you as part of the study and learning more about the early activities of the Jesus' followers.

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>

March 29-April 4 Calendar

29 MAR, SUN

- Palm Sunday
 - 9am Worship
 - 10am Coffee Hour After Worship
 - 10:15am Adult Forum
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30 MAR, MON

- 10am Women's prayer group
 - 6pm Celebrate recov.
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31 MAR, TUE

- 9am Coffee Klatch
 - 3:30pm Trini Mini
 - 6pm Pickleball
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1 APR, WED

- 6pm Handbell Choir
 - 6:45pm Celebration Choir
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2 APR, THU

- Celebration Choir sings
 - Maundy Thursday 7PM
 - 3:30pm Trini Mini
 - 7pm Property Committee
 - 7pm Thursday Worship
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3 APR, FRI

- Good Friday 7PM
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4 APR, SAT

- Easter Vigil 7PM
- 7:30am Walking Group

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

March 29th Servers:

Council Team: Heather Zimmerman, Ed Quirke

Assisting Minister: John Weiss

Lector: Judy Williams

Acolytes: Lillian Doughty, Dylan Lynn

Patrice Mull, Judy Williams

Ushers: Steve Sweigart, Sue Watts,

Carl Rentschler, Andy Sweigart

Altar Guild: Denise Shirker

Linens: Patrice Mull

Flowers: Winnie Gerlach

AV: Matt Shirker



Office Hours March 30-April 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@ephralutheran.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 - 3:00 PM | 9:00 AM-12:30 PM |
| Thursday | OFF | 9:00 AM-12:30 PM |
| Friday | OFF | 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!