



## Trinity Messenger

February 2026 Issue 3

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*Alleluia. This is my Son, my Chosen, listen to him! Alleluia.* Luke 9:35

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### **Stewardship Special Giving for February: Camping Campaign**

The Church, in a place and time apart...Where God's presence is experienced, Faith is renewed, Christ's love is felt, and the Church is strengthened for the service and proclamation of the Gospel! Our mission is to be a gracious expression of God's love for all people.

The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania operates three facilities: Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and the Wittel Farm; with a variety of outdoor experiences in a uniquely Lutheran tradition.

Each summer, hundreds of young people, adults, and families come to camp to grow in faith through adventure, nature, and creative arts experiences.

Retreat programs are offered for all ages throughout the year. Plus, all facilities are available for rent by retreat groups, church groups, and families.

The Growing Project at the Wittel Farm is a volunteer-supported working farm that grows fresh fruits and vegetables, which are donated to address food insecurity in Lancaster County.

As a Reconciling in Christ organization, all people are invited and welcome to enjoy the goodness of God's creation through the community at camp.

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### **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: [Irgacd@yahoo.com](mailto:Irgacd@yahoo.com) or 717-490-1927.

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

### Think Elder Camp July 5-10!

It is that time of year to start thinking about summer plans. Camp Kirchenwald 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.

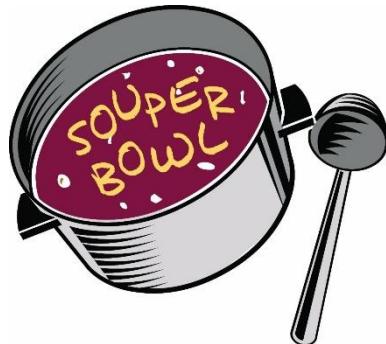
Elder Camp is specially designed for adults 55 and older. It runs alongside, and sometimes runs circles around, our youth camp, from Sunday-Friday. Elder Campers live in single or double occupancy rooms in comfortable Zinn-Tozer Lodge. Top bunks are optional! You will have your very own counselors and chaplain who base daily Bible study and worship on the summer camp curriculum used by the rest of the camp.

With opportunities to participate in crafts, Skit Night, and meals in the dining hall, the Elders have plenty of opportunities just like the other kids... of course, the other kids don't have access to the lodge's kitchen and coffeemakers, spontaneous field trips, and the freedom to set their own time for Lights Out. Whether you're looking for a week of relaxation and reflection, fun with other feisty seniors, or the chance to spend a week at summer camp with (or without) your grandchildren, Elder Camp is a great opportunity for anyone who loved camp or missed out on camp as a kid.

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### Holy Trinity Souper Bowl Challenge

It's that time of year for the Super Bowl! Evangelism Committee is once again having a "SOUPER BOWL CHALLENGE"! Please bring canned food or other non-perishable items from now until February 15 and put them in the box of the team you hope will win the Super Bowl. We will count the items and announce the winner.

All items collected will be donated to EASS. Thank you for supporting our community!

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## 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 February 15. 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

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**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://holytrinitylutheranchurcophratapa.sermon.net/main>

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### Celebration Choir Schedule

Wednesday, February 11 – 7:15 PM – Rehearsal

Sunday, February 15 (Transfiguration) – sing “Shine, Jesus, Shine” arr. Tom Fettke

Wednesday, March 4 – 6:45 PM – Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 11 – 6:45 PM – Rehearsal

Sunday, March 15 – sing “Be Thou My Vision” arr. Alice Parker

Wednesday, March 25 – 6:45 PM – Rehearsal

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

#### Handbell Choir Schedule:

Handbell Rehearsal is Wednesdays at 6:30PM



#### Upcoming Performances:

Sunday, February 15: *Beautiful Savior*

Sunday, March 8: *Balm in Gilead*

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](mailto:Elegantkeys88@gmail.com)

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### 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](http://celebraterecovery.com). All are welcome!

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### **Weekly Bible Study: Tuesdays at 11AM**

#### **NEW BIBLE STUDY**

A New Bible study focusing on the Acts of the Apostles will begin 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.

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Salem Lutheran Church, Ephrata, is planning a bus trip for May 12, 2026. “Chesapeake City Dine Around,” includes soup and salad at Shaefer’s Canal House, main course at the Chesapeake Inn. Then enjoy a narrated historical cruise along the C&D Canal, and a short stroll away to the Canal Creamery for a treat of homemade ice cream. Finally, a 45-minute driving tour highlighting several points of interest and beautiful scenery of the Chesapeake Bay area. Cost is \$161.00 per person, registration and payment by April 14, however we have been filling the bus for these trips in 2-3 weeks. For more info, call or text Laurel Kluck, 717-701-0266

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**Bergstrasse Community Clothing Closet** is open the first and third full weekend of every month for persons in need of clothing and other household goods.

Entrance is accessible via the door off the lower parking lot. Hours are Saturday and Sunday noon – 2pm.



**Donations:** Currently there is a need for men’s pants, shorts and shoes. There is always a need for children’s clothing. All clothing in good shape is accepted. Due to space constraints, household items are no longer 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.

**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 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 timeframes 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 Pattie Martin at 717-344-1347.

Thank you so much for all the donations you have been giving!

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### **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>

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## February 15-20 Calendar

15 FEB, SUN

- Celebration Choir sings
- Transfiguration of Our Lord
- 9am Worship
- 10am Coffee Hour After Worship
- 10:15am Adult Forum

16 FEB, MON

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

17 FEB, TUE

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

18 FEB, WED

- Ash Wednesday
- 12pm Luther Lunch Ladies
- 6:30pm Handbell Choir
- 7pm Ash Wednesday Worship

19 FEB, THU

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

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

### February 15th Servers:

**Council Team:** Heather Zimmerman,  
Norm Wangman

**Assisting Minister:** Kathy Kuhns

**Lector:** Lisa Garrett

**Acolytes:** Judy Williams, Lillian Doughty,  
Dylan Lynn

**Ushers:** Curtis & Christy Boos, Bill & Lori Spitzer

**Altar Guild:** Brenda Wangman, Lisa Garrett,  
Charlann Brubaker

**Linens:** Brenda Wangman

**Flowers:** Heather Zimmerman

**AV:** John Fuehrer



### ASH WEDNESDAY Servers:

**Council Team:** Lisa Garrett, Heather Zimmerman,

**Assisting Minister:** John Fuehrer

**Acolytes:** Judy Williams

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

**Altar Guild:** Denise Shirker, Ann & Bob Snader

**AV:** Bob Eberly

**Office Hours February 16-20, 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@ephralalutheran.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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**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.holytrinityephrrata.org](http://www.holytrinityephrrata.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.



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***Thanks for reading! Have a great week ahead!***