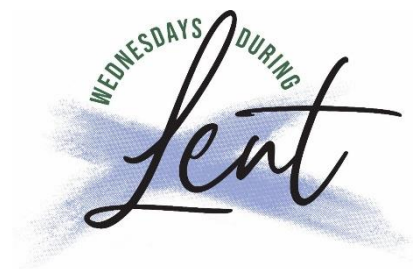




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*Alleluia. The Son of Man must be lifted up, that whoever believes
in him may have eternal life. Alleluia. John 3:14-15*

Wednesday Evening Prayer during Lent 7:30PM




**Stewardship Special Giving for MARCH:
Konde Diocese- Our Partner in Ministry**

Konde Diocese, one of the dioceses (synods) of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT), is our stewardship focus for March. The Konde Diocese is our companion in ministry and at present boasts a membership of over 125,000 members in seven church districts. Within these seven districts, more than 100 congregations are served by a growing number of pastors and evangelists serving God's people and spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. They have been faithfully doing so since 1977. Each of our synods/dioceses and the congregations that make up these bodies are called to serve our neighbor and share the life-giving gospel of Jesus Christ. Doing so, whether one is part of a congregation in Ephrata, Pennsylvania, or a congregation in a village in the Konde Diocese, we offer encouragement for each other's challenges and celebrate the joys each is experiencing. Through this relationship, the work we have been called to do becomes easier and more meaningful because we know there are siblings in Christ halfway around the world offering mutual support. Such a relationship also provides the opportunity to learn from each other and share ideas. This is especially relevant as we in this nation struggle with shrinking congregations and a waning interest in organized religion while Christian churches in Africa and other developing parts of the world are experiencing a boom in persons embracing the Gospel and its grace-filled message.

It was a joy to welcome Pastor Cliff Eschbach to Holy Trinity this past Sunday and hear more about our relationship with the diocese and the ongoing project of building a third hospital to address the medical needs of our sisters and brothers in Tanzania. The hospital building is almost completed, thanks to the faithful generosity of our synod and the congregations that define its generous character. We can now help make this hospital a place with state-of-the-art medical care. Though the building is nearly complete, there remains a need for plumbing, electricity, beds, and medical equipment to treat patients. You can assist in making this hospital a reality by giving as the Spirit moves you through the link or QR code in the information below. Please consider making this important life-saving medical ministry a part

of your stewardship giving this year, as well as giving toward the Konde Diocese stewardship focus for March.




LOWER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD'S 2024 GENEROSITY APPEAL

CONTRIBUTE NOW!

Support the 2024-2025 Generosity Appeal to help build a new Lutheran hospital in Mbeya, Tanzania, as part of our commitment to the Konde Diocese and global Lutheran community. In many parts of the world, the question is not about insurance or prescriptions—it is simply, "Where can we go when we are ill?" Our companions in the Konde Diocese are working hard to answer that question by expanding healthcare access in their region. Your gift to this appeal will help complete and furnish this vital new hospital, filling crucial gaps in healthcare. Together, let's make a life-changing impact and bring hope to those in need.

Learn More & Donate At
bit.ly/kondediocese



EASTER FLOWERS 2025

It is time once again to think about Easter flowers as we prepare to celebrate the Lord’s resurrection, April 20, 2025. Flowers may be presented to the glory of God and “In memory of...”, or “In honor of...”.

Orders may be brought into or mailed to the church office. All mail orders must be received no later than Monday, March 17, and must be accompanied by payment. Make Checks payable to Holy Trinity.

The cost of each plant is as follows:

- Tulip - \$6.25 -6.5”pot
 - Daffodils - \$10.80- 8” pot
 - Lilies - \$8.75 - 5-6 blooms
 - Mums - \$7 - 6" pot
 - Hyacinths – \$6.40 -3 bulbs 6.5” pot
- (Sorry, no color choice)

Persons ordering flowers are responsible for picking them up following the Easter Day Liturgy.



NAME _____

PHONE _____

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| How many _____ | Lily \$8.75 |
| How many _____ | Daffodils \$10.80 |
| How many _____ | Tulips \$6.25 |
| How many _____ | Mums \$7.00 |
| How many _____ | Hyacinths \$6.40 |

To the glory of God and:
IN MEMORY OF or IN HONOR OF

AMOUNT PAID \$ _____

Notice of worship/meeting cancellations can be found on our website, Facebook & Instagram page as well as ABC27 snowwatch@abc27.com and WGAL8 www.WGAL.com



My thanks go out to everyone who gave me support in my journey with my husband Jim in the recent months of healthcare and passing. Your constant Prayers, Cards, Kind Loving Words of support and celebrating his life with me will ever be written upon my heart. Thank you again and may we all grow stronger in God's love and Grace as we journey thru hard times.
Love, Joyce Hooper

Phillies Phans, I have secured tickets for June 14, 2025@4:05@ Citizens Bank Park Section 139. \$88.00 per ticket. Please see me for more information and to submit your payment.

I have secured a few extra tickets so let me know if you have someone who would like to join us!

Thanks so much!! Kathrin Baltz



Hymn boards

Recently there has been some discussion about the hymn boards. Please allow me to explain why they may not always be in use. As with any organization when there is a staff reduction there is a need to prioritize tasks. Our priorities must lie with those things that are vital for the future of our congregation and with those things that are an essential part of our worship. Sunday school and a Worship Committee were top priorities. A heartfelt and grateful thank you to all of those individuals who have volunteered to serve in this capacity! Debbie Fortna, our new organist, will be a vital part of the worship committee, determining things like the hymns, liturgical setting, etc. Pastor, council, usher teams and altar guild have all picked up extra tasks. So, in evaluating what were necessities and what perhaps were not, it was decided that the hymn boards were redundant to the bulletins. All of the hymn numbers are already listed in the bulletins and for the 60% of the congregation using the large format bulletins, the full hymns are in there as well. Can we do without the hymn boards? Certainly. Is it different than what we are used to? Absolutely! Can something be done to keep them in use? Yes, new volunteers to step forward and take on the responsibility. Keep in mind it is not always just a once weekly change. During Advent and Lent there is Wednesday worship, Eve services, and daily changes during Holy Week. We would love to have some new volunteers as well for altar guild – we are one person short of being able to start a new team. Currently we have only three teams. Ideally, we would have four. There are numerous opportunities to help by serving on the various committees within our church. There is still one open council position. Likely there will be other small changes in the coming year as we adjust to a new organist and new ways of doing things with our reduced staff and new opportunities to serve. Thank you for your patience and grace during this time of

change and I hope you will look forward to the exciting new opportunities this year may bring. Peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ, Lisa Garrett, council president.



POTLUCK DINNER

Let's all spring ahead for another pot luck 🌸

Our next pot luck dinner will be held on March 21st in the Fellowship Hall, 6-7:30.

Join us for fellowship and food(Oh the food!) 😊

Overall, a very pleasant evening. Sign up in the gathering area 🌸

Fellowship Committee

Celebration Choir Schedule

Wednesday, March 12 – 6:30 PM – Rehearsal

Sunday, March 16 – sing “Teach Me Thy Way”

Wednesday, April 2 – 6:30 PM – Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 9 – 6:30 PM – Rehearsal

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!!

Why Camp? A place for families

“My family absolutely LOVES Family Camp at Nawakwa. We love it so much that we start a countdown for the next year as soon as our week at camp is over. Seriously, we are that excited!”

~ Amy Koch

“Every year, the first dates we put on our new calendar are Family Camp at Kirchenwald. We’ve been going since our first child was a baby, and our children have never known a summer where we weren’t at Family Camp.”

~ Pastor Alex Martini

People often talk about Family Camp as though it’s just another vacation option, like going to the beach or Walt Disney World or the Grand Canyon, but Family Camp is so much more than that. Pastor Martini says, “We have made new friends we see year after year. Our faith is strengthened in worship, Bible study, and conversations with the staff and other campers. Our children have learned to love camp and God’s creation in new and profound ways.”

Koch says her favorite thing about Family Camp is the people. “Our first year, we met a family from another congregation, and we have grown extremely close. We get together throughout the year, and I love that our friendship has a foundation built on faith.”

Maybe it’s time to rethink the value of Family Camp. It might be just what your family needs to reconnect with each other and with God’s family.



Register Now for Summer Camp at LutheranCamping.org

The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania
Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, & The Wittel Farm LutheranCamping.org

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

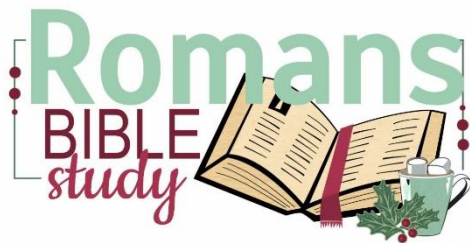
The dates for Sunday School are: March 2 & 16, April 6 (Easter is April 20) and May 4 & 18.

The location for Sunday School is the gymnasium. Parents and children are encouraged to stop in the Café just outside of the gymnasium after church for snacks until 10:30AM. Sunday School will be from 10:30 until 11:00 AM. Parents need to stay close by and may attend Adult Forum, sit in the gym or remain in the Café, during Sunday School.

Activities chosen for the children will be determined by safety factors including considering number and ages of the children. On occasion, after initial physical warmup activities, younger children may move to a class room near by. They will be returned to the gym by 11:00 AM

We look forward to seeing you!

Winnie Gerlach, Mike and Elaine Sernoffsky, Kathleen and Darryll Kuhns



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:

March: 15 & 16

April 5 & 6, 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. If you have anything that will be occurring between now and Christmas and needs sharing, please contact 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.

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 16-22 Calendar

16	MAR, SUN	● Celebration Choir sings
		● LENT 2
	9am	Worship
	10am	Coffee Hour After Worship
	10:20am	SCS
17	MAR, MON	● 10am Women's prayer group
	6:30pm	Yoga
18	MAR, TUE	● 11am Bible Study
	3:30pm	Trini Mini
	6pm	Pickleball
19	MAR, WED	● 12pm Luther Lunch Ladies
	7:30pm	Evening Prayer
20	MAR, THU	● 3:30pm Trini Mini
	6pm	Community Meal
	7pm	Thursday Worship
21	MAR, FRI	● 6pm Potluck

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

MARCH 16th Servers:**Council Team:** Norm Wangman, Barry Kreider**Assisting Minister:** Ed Quirke**Lector:** Ed Quirke**Acolytes:** CH: Ava Morgan**Ushers:** Allen Nace, Ed Quirke, John Weiss,
Adam Doughty**Altar Guild:** Denise Shirker, Ann & Bob Snader**Linens:** Patrice Mull**Flowers:** Heather Zimmerman**Office Hours MARCH 17-21, 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	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!

