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Harrisburg Area Confirmation Camp

Come As You Are

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Harrisburg Area Confirmation Camp is a cooperative effort consisting of more than 25 congregations coming together to plan a week-long learning experience for youth who have completed grades 6-12. Pastors, lay leaders, and youth from each congregation participate in the planning process. A typical day at camp includes small group learning experiences, daily Eucharist, sports events, meals, evening campfires and other programs that integrate the six tracts into one community of Christ.

Learning is offered in six different curricula:

6th Graders - **Heroes** with a focus on Learning about the Ten Commandments

7th Graders - **Pathfinders** with a focus on learning about the Apostle's Creed.

8th Graders - **Saints** with a focus on learning about what it means to live as a baptized child of God.

9th Graders - **God's Gifted People** with an area of focus on learning about Spiritual Gifts-given to us in baptism.

10th Graders - **Maturing in the Body of Christ** with a focus on learning about deepening our faith and discerning God's call.

11th Graders - **Leadership Training** with a focus on service in the church and world by offering each person's unique gifts and talents

The following Holy Trinity members will attend camp this year (June 18-24)

I currently serve as Camp Director and as a leader in God's Gifted People.

Elizabeth Gross will serve as a leader in Maturing in the Body of Christ.

Elaine Gross will serve as a leader in Saints.

Else Nielsen will participate in the Heroes track.

Adam Gardner and Jordan Paul will participate in the Pathfinders track.

Harrisburg Area Confirmation Camp continues to provide our youth with a wonderful experience as they are given the opportunity to reflect upon their faith and witness a wonderful example of the Body of Christ in action through worship and small group experiences. I thank you for your continued support of this important ministry. Please remember Holy Trinity's participants and all those who will gather for camp this year in your prayers.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Cindy

RIC Congregation Vote Update:
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Mondays thru Thursdays
9:00 AM—2:00 PM
Fridays Staff work Remotely

Congregation Council Information

Highlights of Council actions. Refer to the copies of complete Council and Committee minutes posted on the bulletin board in the narthex under "Share" ministries or in the binder in the church library for further information or contact a council member.

HIGHLIGHTS--CONGREGATION COUNCIL MINUTES

April 18, 2023

Attendance:

Council Members: Pastor Brommer, Ethan Ellenberger, Beth Dunham, Deb Brooks, Susan Bianchi, Rodney Gross, Jim Huebner, Kurt Nielsen, Kendra Ruhl, Bob Sibert, JoEllen Myers,

Treasurer: Stephanie Gross **Secretary:** Chip Haak **Financial Secretary:** Denny Schwenk

The Congregation Council Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by President JoEllen Myers

I. Reports:

- a. **Treasurer's Report:** Reports for March were reviewed by Stephanie Gross. Giving for month was down. Property Taxes for Rentals impacted routine expenses. Net Loss for the month -\$3,593 but year to date is still positive at \$2,708. It was also noted that credit card giving has steadily declined from \$2,200 in 2022 to \$1,195 in March 2023.
 - i. Quarterly Reports were presented for Special Accounts and the Youth Investment Fund.
 - ii. Quarterly BMT Endowment report: Increase of \$22,000 for deposit of redeemed ELCA Mission Investment Funds, and \$39,000 realized gain; Current balance:\$785,692.[Beginning Balance was \$725,625]
 - iii. Bryn Mawr Trust Capital Projects increased by realized gain of \$7,400 to bring current total to \$257,400.[Beginning Balance was \$250,021]
 - iv. Chip also noted that we received \$36,242 in March toward the Capital Campaign which is currently in the Special Accounts.
 - v. ELCA Mission Investment: after redeeming two CDs the balance is \$33,202.
- b. **Financial Secretary's Report:** The March report was presented.
- c. **Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the March 21, 2023, Council meeting were presented.
- d. **Pastor's Report:** Report for March 22, -April 19, was emailed to members prior to meeting.
 - i. Full schedule of responsibilities with Lent and Easter services.
- e. **Ministry Teams:**
 - i. Faith Formation/Youth Committee met on March 30th.
 - ii. The Health & Wellness Committee is going to be reconvened/reorganized in May.
 - iii. Faith In Action: Rodney Gross reported that the Lenten Food drive continues.
 1. April 23rd will be day for packing followed by lunch for volunteers.
 - iv. Welcoming Task Force: Ethan Ellenberger reported announcements regarding the Congregation vote on becoming a Reconciling in Christ congregation have been in the bulletin and newsletter.

A motion was made by Beth Dunham, second by Kendra Ruhl to call a Congregation Meeting on May 7th, 2023, following the 10:00 Service. Approved by Council
 - v. Property Committee: Minutes from their meetings on March 21, and April 11, were presented.
 1. Chip Haak provided update on the Capital Projects Phases 1 & 2. The hope is to begin work on bathroom renovations and A/C replacement after Memorial Day.
 2. While Phases 1 & 2 were approved by the Congregation, the actual contract is with Arthur Funk and Sons, Inc to do the work and they also do sub-contracting for some aspects of the projects. Therefore, the Executive Committee felt that the Council should confirm them as our General Contractor.
 - a. *A motion* to confirm Arthur Funk and Sons, Inc as General Contractor and for them to outsource/contract with other companies as needed was made by Rodney Gross, second Bob Sibert. Council approved.

II. Unfinished Business:

- a. Synod Assembly Delegates-A motion to appoint John Brommer as delegate to LSS Assembly was made by Rodney Gross, second Bob Sibert. Council Approved. (Pastor Brommer recused herself from voting)

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Special Congregation Meeting—RIC Membership



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Special Congregation Meeting—For Vote on Reconciling In Christ Membership
May 7, 2023 11:00AM

- I. **Call to Order:** Rodney Gross, Council and Welcoming Task Force member called the meeting to order at 10:58am.
- II. **Establishment of a quorum:** Parliamentarian, Mark Mariano, confirmed that quorum was present (43 members)
- III. **Opening Prayer:** Pastor Brommer provided prayer.
- IV. **New Business:**
 - a. Overview of what membership in Reconciling In Christ (RIC) organization means for Holy Trinity.
 - i. Members of Welcoming Task Force: Ethan Ellenberger, Rodney Gross, Kendra Ruhl, Derek Dunham, and Kurt Nielsen individually spoke on the following points:
 - ii. There are approximately 8 other Lutheran Churches in this area which have a RIC designation. As does the Lower Susquehanna and the Lutheran Camping Corporation. These and the Reconciling in Christ organization can provide resources and experiences to help us.
 - iii. A “welcoming environment” already exists at Holy Trinity as experienced by two of the Task Force members. We want to build on that to become even a better caring and loving church to all people.
 - iv. There are many churches who advertise that they “welcome everyone” but there is a silent “if.... you’re like us.”
 1. How can Holy Trinity change that “if” to mean “if” you’re looking for a place where you will be accepted and embraced, then the place for you is Holy Trinity.
 - b. **Motion:** Do you support the Council’s recommendation to pursue RIC membership for Holy Trinity Lutheran Church-Hershey, Pa.
 - i. Questions:
 1. What resources does the RIC organization provide which would be helpful?
 - a. Ans: Training and educational publications
 2. What is the cost of annual membership in RIC?

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Pastoral Acts—May 2023

Memorial Service—Bonnie Casebeer
May 4—Hoover Funeral Home
Jane Hoover—May 9 at Holy Trinity



Lower Susquehanna Synod Photo Of The Week
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**Lower Susquehanna Synod Rostered Leaders
Renewal of Ordination Vows with Bishop Dunlop
Christ Lutheran—April 5, 2023**



CREATED FOR COMMUNITY

This is Christ's Church. There is a Place for You Here.

The 2023 Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly

The 2023 Synod Assembly of the Lower Susquehanna Synod, ELCA, is being held at Trinity Lutheran, Camp Hill on June 2-3. Pastor Brommer, John Brommer and Susan Bianchi are attending from Holy Trinity.

Worship

2023 Bulletin & Flower Sponsorships

If you would like to sponsor the altar flowers or bulletins in honor/memory of someone or a special event there are several Sundays open. Cost for flowers is \$45 for the arrangement. Please contact the church office to schedule a date(s).

For bulletins, please write the information in the book or contact the church office. The cost is \$12.50 for ½ of the bulletin and \$25.00 for the whole bulletin. If you would like to sponsor the bulletin, please call the office at 717-533-2467 and leave a message or email the office at htluth@comcast.net.

EVER HAVE PROBLEMS GETTING ONTO OUR LIVESTREAM? EMPTYING YOUR COMPUTER'S CACHE & COOKIES WILL HELP.

Just like we keep ourselves healthy, its important to maintain good maintenance practices with our computers to keep things running more efficiently. When we don't do this, it can slow our systems down and can even prevent you from accessing content. This is especially true when we view video (such as our livestream). Failure to clean up on a regular basis can result in slow processing, unwanted data applications, etc.

Here's a quick "how to" that will help!

Using Internet Explorer, Edge, Google Chrome, or Mozilla Firefox, you can quickly clear your cache with a keyboard shortcut.

While using your browser, **press Ctrl+Shift+Delete simultaneously on the keyboard to open the appropriate window.**

Remember to close the browser and restart it after clearing the cache and cookies.

If you need help, please contact Anita Housman by Email: aahousman2@gmail.com or 717.756.7467.



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church welcomes and affirms everyone seeking God's love and grace, regardless of faith background, age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, ability, size, class, immigration, or relationship status. We explicitly stand against hate and discrimination, as our Church community strives to continually grow and learn within the Body of Christ according to Christ's teachings. We are committed to creating and maintaining a welcoming and safe environment for all people.

Worship Schedule Update

We will continue our worship schedule with worship services every Sunday morning at 10:00 AM. Services will be in-person and livestreamed.



Website: www.htluth.org & click on Facebook link.



Holy Communion "at home"

Communion elements are available for those of you who are not able to attend in-person worship. By having these elements at home, you can share communion with us as we celebrate in the church. You can pick them up or we will bring them to your home. If you would like to receive communion elements, please contact Pastor Cindy at 717-512-4645 or the church office at htluth@comcast.net or 717- 533-2467.

READERS, GREETERS & FLOWER DELIVERERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to greet people as they come into church and deliver flowers after the service on Sunday. Readers are needed to read the 1st and 2nd reading and the Psalm. The lists are available on the bulletin board. Please sign up today or contact the church office if you would like to volunteer.

Grow

SUMMERTIME BREAK

**Sunday School
(Adult Discussion & Youth)
Bible Art Journaling
Bible Study with Pastor**

These groups will not meet in the Summer & will resume in September.
Please watch your bulletins & announcements for updates.



Have a SAFE & enjoyable Summer!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DATE: July 18th

Please watch the bulletin & online updates for registration & activities.

Save the Date!



FAMILY FELLOWSHIP SUNDAYS

We will be pausing the Family Fellowship events over the summer. Our final gathering will be an end of year picnic on **June 11, 2023 at Gelder Park, 2250 Gelder Park Road, Hummelstown.**

Youth Group will continue in June, July and August.

Youth Group Events- What: Fun outing for our middle and high school youth. **When:** The first Sunday of the month, **Sunday, June 4,th @ 1 PM.**

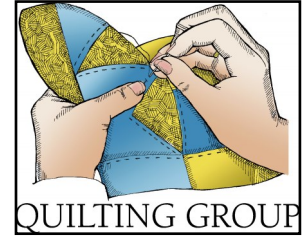
What: The kids will receive a light lunch and will spend an afternoon swimming! **Where:** Meet in the Fellowship Hall following the 10am service. Please email Danielle Mariano at Willtess2@icloud.com if your youth is interested and if you are willing to chaperone. Thank you!!



QUILTING NEWS

Will continue to meet over the summer on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays each month @ 9 AM downstairs in the youth room.

If you don't know how to quilt, we will teach you! If you cannot make the workshops, have a sewing machine at home & are willing to sew quilt tops together, we will gladly supply patches for you to sew! Many thanks to all who have helped with this amazing ministry!



Stewardship

June Special Offering Envelopes

The special offering envelope for June included in all envelope packets is for **United Lutheran Seminary**. As a premier graduate professional school, United Lutheran Seminary offers theological education and leadership formation. Students engage in the study of scripture and biblical languages, church history, theology and philosophy as well as practical disciplines such as preaching and pastoral care. Graduates are equipped to move in many directions as leaders in church and society, including parish ministry, chaplaincies, and as leaders in areas of human service and justice, or after additional study, as scholars and professors.

GIANT Help Support Our Youth A quick & easy way to help support our Youth is to purchase Giant Gift Cards! You get to match dollar for dollar of your gift card purchase toward the cost of your already expended expenses for groceries & gas too! All proceeds go to support the Youth programs.

How it works: You buy a card at face value (\$25, \$50, or \$100). The Youth then will make 5% on that sale from Giant. You can then use that gift card anytime you shop at Giant stores (including gas purchases).

If interested, see Nathan in the Narthex after service on Sunday.



Financial Information April 2023*

*All figures are subject to audit pending necessary adjustments

GIVING	2023	
	April	YTD
General Offering	29,840	110,224
Rental Income	2,450	9,600
Total General Offering *	32,290	119,824
Special Offerings	755	2,313
EXPENSES		
Actual*	30,311	115,137
Budgeted	30,439	121,766



Online Giving

To give your offering through Holy Trinity's website, snap a picture of this code with your phone and it will take you to our giving page.

Congregational Minutes (Con't)

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III. **New Business:** None

IV. **Next Council Meeting:** **DATE CHANGE to Wednesday, MAY 17th at 7:00pm**

V. **Adjournment:**

A *motion* to adjourn by Jim Huebner and second by Beth Dunham approved by Council. The meeting concluded at 7:56pm with Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted by *Chip Haak*, Secretary

The best remedy for those who are afraid, lonely or unhappy is to go outside, somewhere where they can be quite alone with the heavens, nature and God. Because only then does one feel that all is as it should be and that God wishes to see people happy, amidst the simple beauty of nature. As long as this exists, and it certainly always will, I know that then there will always be comfort for every sorrow, whatever the circumstances may be. And I firmly believe that nature brings solace in all troubles.



LOST & FOUND Did you know the Church has a lost and found center located at the top of the staircase outside of the Sunday School wing. If you are missing something such as glasses, water bottles, please check the Lost and Found Center.

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- a. Ans: It can be any amount that we feel comfortable giving, for example \$250, \$500, \$1,000.
3. What would be the financial source for this?
 - a. Ans: Could either be part of the annual Spending Plan (operating budget) or requested from the money allocated each year from the Endowment and can be requested from the Extended Ministries Committee, followed by Council approval.
 - b. Member suggestion: have special appeal or fund to which members could designate their financial support.
 - ii. Call for Vote: Taken using paper ballots which provide either "yes" or "no".
 - iii. Motion passed: 40 yes, 2 no.
- c. Pastor Brommer thanked the Welcoming Task Force for their dedication and faithful pursuit to accomplish this designation for Holy Trinity.

V. **Lord's Prayer:** Recited by members.

VI. **Adjournment:** Motion by Bonnie Rice, second by Beth Dunham. All approved. The meeting concluded at 11:28am.

Respectively submitted,
Chip Haak, Council Secretary

Camp News



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

**June 25, July 30 & August 27—
Dinner Church (Wittel Farm)
Sept. 24 & Oct. 29—Campfire Wor-
ship (Wittel Farm)**



Summer Camp Registration Now Open!

It might just be the best week you've ever had! Don't wait, sign up today for a summer camp program at Kirchenwald or Nawakwa. Youth Camp, Family Camp, Elder Camp, Adult Camp...something for everybody!!

Register Today!

<https://www.lutherancamping.org/summer-camp>



ELDER CAMP July 9-15, 2023 Camp...it's for all the kids at heart!

More information at <https://www.lutherancamping.org/summer-camp/elder-camp/>

This week is specially designed for adults 55 and older. It runs alongside, and sometimes runs circles around, our youth camp, from Sunday – Saturday. Elder Campers live in single or double occupancy rooms in comfortable Zinn-Tozer Lodge (you only have to sleep in the top bunk if you want to). The EC's have their 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 to be just like the other kids... of course, the other kids don't have access to Zinn-Tozer's kitchen and coffee-makers, spontaneous field trips, and the freedom to set their own time for Lights Out.

Going on Vacation this Summer?

We know many of our members travel during the summer or have other commitments. Your consistent support is vital to our church and mission, especially during the summer months. If you think you'll miss church services this summer, consider setting up recurring giving.

It takes just a few moments to get started, and your regular donations will help sustain us throughout the year. Visit htluth.org and click on the **"Give Now"** button to set up a secure, recurring contribution from your bank account, credit card or debit card.

We sincerely thank you for your generosity to our various ministries!



Online Giving

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Share

**July
Newsletter
Deadline
June 15**

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY —June 18th

To the special people who are or have served in our lives as fatherly role models, we remember you today. Thank you for being such positive role models to so many. *Enjoy your day!*



Graduate Recognition June 11th—During Worship

Graduate Information Needed We want to recognize our high school and college graduates. Please email the church office (htluth@comcast.net) or call 717-533-2467 to give us information for anyone who graduated last December or is graduating this spring. This includes grad school graduates. Please tell us where you are graduating from, what your degree is in if you graduated from college, and any future plans. Please try to get the information to us ASAP.

Dear Friends from Holy Trinity...

Thank you for continuing to share your love with our neighbors around the world. We hope you will display this certificate proudly!. In Gratitude, Emily Wagner, Lutheran World Relief

What a wonderful visit from the Phillippys to bring me flowers from the church family. They were beautiful. Thank you for thinking of me.—Shirley Espenshade

...We would like to sincerely thank you and the person who left them on our door stoop, for the lovely white altar flowers. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.—Joyce Schroeder & Jim IV.

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| 1 | Brittany Tomaso | 12 | Caleb Norman | 24 | A.J. Griess |
| 3 | Shelby Myers | | Tom Rieger | | Anna Keeler |
| | Amy Zeigler | 13 | Mary Krueger | | Sydney Keeler |
| 4 | Stephanie Gross | | Naomi Powell | 25 | Colleen Nielsen |
| | Andrew Herster | 15 | Evadne Kopp | 27 | Dale Plummer |
| 5 | Jacques Rizzo | 16 | Ethan Ellenberger | 28 | James Huebner |
| 8 | Peg Huebner | 17 | Eleanor Dieffenbach | | John Luderitz |
| | Tookie Peterson | 18 | Benjamin Wolverton | | |
| | Joyce Schroeder | 19 | Ruth Knol | | |
| | Dennis Schwenk | 20 | Elizabeth Dunham | | |
| | Sherry Welty | 21 | Chip Murray | | |
| 10 | Noah Shuey | 22 | Alec Merry | | |
| 11 | George Sibert | | Bryanna Straw | | |
| | Suzanne Rieger | | Stephanie Wimer | | |
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:00am Choir Practice 10:00am Worship (In person and Livestream)	29 Memorial Day- Office Closed 6:00pm Boy Scouts	30 6:00pm Cub Scouts	31	1	2	3
4 9:00am Choir Practice 10:00am Worship (In person and Livestream) 11:00am Youth Group	5 6:00pm Boy Scouts	6 2:00pm Property Committee	7	8	9	10
11 10:00am Worship (In person and Livestream) 11:00am Family Fellowship	12 5:00pm Susquehanna Chorale Adult Auditions 6:00pm Boy Scouts	13 7:00pm Executive Committee	14 9:00am Quilter's Workshop	15	16	17
18 10:00am Worship (In person and Livestream)	19 5:00pm Susquehanna Chorale Adult Auditions 6:00pm BojUNy Scouts	20	21	22	23	24
June 18-24, 2023—HARRISBURG AREA CONFIRMATION CAMP—CAMP NAWAKWA						
25 10:00am Worship (In person and Livestream)	26 6:00pm Boy Scouts	27 7:00pm Congregation Council Zoom meeting	28 9:00am Quilter's Workshop	29	30	1



A timeless timeline

Explore your history while compiling this family timeline.



What you need:

- Paper
- Clear tape
- Ruler
- Pencil

What you do:

1. Tape together at least 3 sheets of paper horizontally.
2. Draw a straight line across the center of the long paper. Label dates at regular intervals to keep the information organized. For example, each page you add could represent 10 years.
3. Gather information for the timeline. Start with your birth year and memorable events in your life. Interview family members to learn what year they were born and when key things in their life happened. Include notes and photos.
4. Add pages as needed. Carefully roll up the timeline to keep for generations to come.

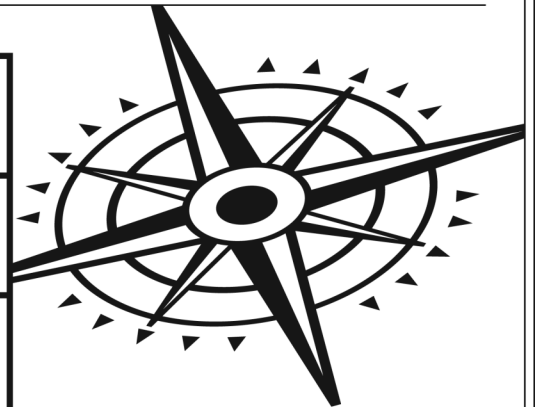


SEPARATION FROM SIN

David praises God for his love and compassion.
What does God do for people who fear him?

Directions: Using each grid pattern marked below, find the word that appears in all three of those squares. Write the words in the spaces below to complete Psalm 103:12, NIV.

FROM as is can	NORTH from far	at the EAST FROM
is South AS	as do far EAST	the THIS up as
WEST THAT is East	far down WEST	THE be AS West

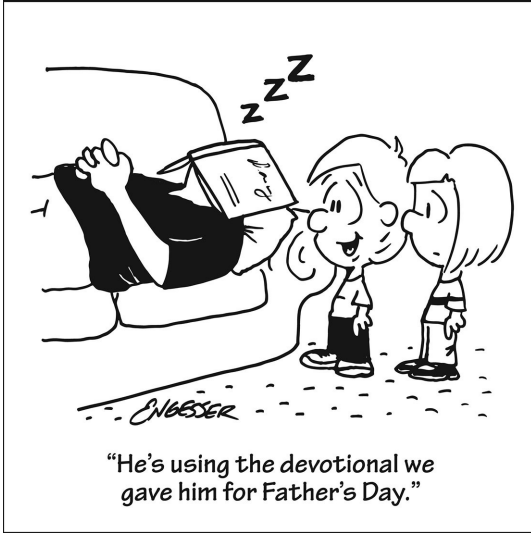


... so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

PSALM 103:12, NIV

ANSWER: AS FAR AS THE EAST IS FROM THE WEST

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 Altar Guild - Betsy Phillippy
 and Mary Ann Kelly

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 Youth & Faith Formation—
 Danielle Mariano
 Men in Mission - Dennis Phillippy
 WELCA -
 Mutual Ministry—
 Camp—Rodney Gross

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**July Newsletter
 deadline June 15**

**Deadline for weekly
 publication of the
 Bulletin:
 Tuesday by noon.**

