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Trinity Topics

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Our mission is to Worship, Grow, Witness and Share through Christ's love in Service to God and Neighbor.

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TIME TO MAKE SCHOOL KITS!



In August and September, we are collecting for School Kits. We can't control when disasters strike and we can't end poverty overnight, but there are things we can do to help people around the world reach their full potential. School kits are a great way to help! The church will supply the backpacks. We need you to provide the supplies to go inside the backpacks. Several stores in the area will have school supplies on sale or you can order supplies online. Please bring your items to the collection site in the Narthex (coming in August) or put the following items into a plastic bag and drop them off in the bin on the back porch of the office (it's there now!).

If you are not comfortable shopping, you can make a monetary donation. Make your check payable to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and write "school kits" on the memo line. Checks can be mailed to the office, put in the offering or put through the mail slot by the front door of the office. Thank you for your generosity!

Items needed for each School Kit:

- ◆ Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper
- ◆ One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- ◆ One pencil sharpener
- ◆ One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- ◆ Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- ◆ Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- ◆ One box of 16 or 24 crayons (Crayola brand is preferred because they don't melt as easily)
- ◆ One eraser approximately 2 1/2" long

For more information about how to pack the kits or how the kits are used, go to <https://lwr.org/quilts-and-kits>.

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

Check out the renovation photos inside on Page 8!

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 June 27, 2023

Attendance:

Council Members: Pastor Brommer, Ethan Ellenberger, Deb Brooks, Rodney Gross, Jim Huebner, Kurt Nielsen, Kendra Ruhl, Charis Mincavage

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

The Congregation Council Meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by Vice-President Charis Mincavage

I.Reports:

- a. **Treasurer's Report:** Report for May was reviewed by Stephanie Gross. Giving for month was a little less than average. Net Income for the month of \$993, and year to date Net Income is \$5,368.
- b. **Financial Secretary's Report:** The May report was presented. Denny also reported that giving in June so far has been extremely low.
- c. **Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the May 17, 2023, Council meeting were presented.
- d. **Pastor's Report:** Report for May 18,-June 27, was emailed to members prior to meeting.
 - i. Pastor also reported on her recent week at Confirmation Camp, and that she is now retiring as Director of Camp. She will still attend with our youth.
- e. **Correspondence: Thank you** for financial donations
 - i. Hershey Food Bank-\$677.75, and \$53.04 from Lenten Luncheon.
- f. **Ministry Teams:**
 - i. Worship & Music: Pastor Cindy asked if it was OK to offer two broken pews to members of the congregation to take. Council agreed.
 - ii. Faith Formation/Youth: Planning for VBS is underway. Dates: 07/17-7/21/2023
 - iii. Health & Wellness Committee: Only members for meeting were Pastor Cindy and JoEllen so meeting (5/18) did not occur.
 - iv. Hospitality/Special Events: Need to recruit volunteers.
 - v. Faith In Action: Rodney Gross reported on the June 26th feeding of homeless. Rodney, Stephanie, Pastor Cindy, John, Alan and Julia Hair helped to serve meals to approximately 66 people and there were no subs leftover.
 1. Next possible project will be to support "Stork's Landing."
 - vi. Property Committee: Minutes from their meeting on June 6th were presented.
 1. Chip Haak reported that the construction for the bathroom renovations and replacement of A/C is underway.
 2. The current solid panel door on the new nursery has been modified to install two windowpanes. **Thanks to Jeff Budgeon for using his woodworking talents to modify the door.**
 - vii. Extended Ministries: Committee recommended for Council approval a \$250 donation to Reconciling In Christ organization as part of our affiliation. Motion by Jim Huebner, second by Kendra Ruhl, Council approved.

II. New Business:

- a. **Upcoming Council meetings:** No meeting in July, next meeting August 22nd.

III. Informational:

IV. Next Council Meeting: DATE CHANGE to Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at 7pm

V. Adjournment:

A *motion* to adjourn by Deb Brooks and second by Jim Huebner approved by Council. The meeting concluded at 7:50pm with Lord’s Prayer

Respectfully Submitted by *Chip Haak*, Secretary

Faith in Action—Special Project



Throughout the rest of the summer (end of September), the Faith in Action team is sponsoring a project for the Stork’s Landing on 3rd and Wiconisco Streets in Harrisburg, PA.

The Stork’s Landing is a UPMC sponsored, free baby supplies depot for the use and support of economically disadvantaged mothers in North Harrisburg. It is located next to a prenatal clinic and is used to encourage expectant mothers to keep prenatal care appointments and to ensure that they have access to disposable diapers (sizes newborn, 1 and 2), baby wipes, baby wash, and diaper cream for the first 6 months of the baby’s life.

The Faith In Action Team will be making a monetary donation. Charitable donations of cash or these items are greatly appreciated.

A collection box will be made available in the church entrance. If you have any questions, please contact Rodney Gross.



PASTORAL ACTS

Memorial/Funeral Service:

Our prayers and comfort of the Christian faith are with the family of **S. Walter Foulkrod, III “Wally”**, who passed away on July 9th. Service was held at Holy Trinity on July 27th.

Memorial contributions may be made to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church at <https://htluth.org> or to The William S. Bowman Trust for the Horticultural Beautification of Hershey at:

<https://bowmantrust.org>.

PRAYER SHAWLS ARE AVAILABLE

Our knitters have made quite a few prayer shawls with love and prayers. If you or someone you know would like a prayer shawl as a reminder that people are praying for them and to help them feel loved, please take one from the quilt rack in the narthex.



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.

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.



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.

WELLNESS

AUGUST IS NATIONAL WELLNESS MONTH

All during August, National Wellness Month focuses on self-care, managing stress and promoting healthy routines. Create wholesome habits in your lifestyle all month long and see how much better you feel!

Research has shown self-care helps manage stress and promotes happiness. Whether you challenge yourself to a new yoga pose or try a different spa treatment, make a small change and impact your health in positive ways.

There are numerous ways to make those small changes, too.

- Increase your water intake.
- Add more fruits and veggies to your meals.
- Monitor your sleep and make adjustments for better sleep habits
- Join a yoga, walking, or aerobics class.
- Learn to meditate.

These small steps can lead to many more healthy habits in your lifestyle.

Visit www.wellnessmonth.com for a calendar of daily challenges for small ways you can choose to be well each day. Because we believe that small, daily acts of self-care lead to a lifetime of wellness.



LET'S STAY IN CHECK!

Blood Pressure Screenings following Worship are back!

Holy Trinity will offer blood pressure screenings **the first Sunday of every month** in the front of the sanctuary following the worship service.



Next Screening Opportunity

August 6, 2023

GOD'S GOT YOU

In Roman 4 Paul writes: "If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ... For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace" (v. 14, 16, NRSV). Here and elsewhere, Paul firmly explains that we are saved through God's grace, or unconditional love, made known most profoundly in Jesus Christ. But this passage raises a question: If belief (trust, faith) reckons us as righteous before God, what if we don't trust, can't believe, have lost all faith?

Pastor Martin Luther (1483-1546) assures us that even this is a gift of God: "I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him, but instead *the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, made me holy and kept me in the true faith*" (*The Small Catechism*; emphasis added). Later in Romans, Paul declares that when we feel so lost (unbelieving, lacking in faith) that we don't even know how to pray, the "Spirit himself intercedes for us" (8:26, NIV). Rest assured, dear one: God's got you.

—Heidi Hyland Mann

OUTREACH MINISTRIES



Love INC Sneaker Drive is underway

Sneaker collection for the Annual Lace Up with Love INC Sneaker Drive began June 5th with distribution August 4-6th. This drive benefits school aged children in need in the Derry Township and Lower Dauphin School Districts.

Needs: 300+ pairs of NEW athletic sneakers for boys and girls and/or monetary donations. Brand-name high-top and low-top sneakers are preferred for quality and durability. Please avoid discount ('mart) brands. No lace options (Velcro/slip-on) are helpful for smaller children's sizes. Generally, youth size 11 through adult size 17 are needed.

Where: Donations will be accepted at Holy Trinity and the Love INC office, 245 E. Derry Road, Hershey.

Volunteers are needed to help organize sneakers, schedule appointments, make reminder phone calls, and the list goes on in preparation for the distribution.

Distribution of sneakers to qualifying school-aged students in Derry Township & Lower Dauphin school districts will be August 3-5 by appointment only. Call (717)835-0101 to register or volunteer

Love INC is in need of volunteers to provide service in their LoveINC houses. Many members of Holy Trinity have lent a hand in the past as House ELF's and your help is needed again. Being an ELF requires two or more hours a month. If you're interested, please contact Bonnie Rice at 717-579-4710 or bonnie4homes@aol.com.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 17-21

It was a busy and HOT week for VBS! We were so busy...we only have a few pictures. We will provide more at a future time.

For all the volunteers & donations, we THANK YOU! The kids had a wonderful time learning about the Compassion & Love that God has for each of us!

SUMMER 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!



QUILTING GROUP UPDATE



The quilters have decided to take a well-earned break in August. They have worked diligently all year to create beautiful, warm quilts for those in need through Lutheran World Relief.

They will begin quilting again the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays in September. It will be time to complete as many quilts as possible for Ingathering in October.

Stewardship

August Special Offering Envelopes

The special offering envelope for August included in all envelope packets is for **Holy Trinity Good Samaritan Fund**. This fund is used by Pastor Brommer to assist members or those in the local community in need. It can range from the distribution of gift cards for Giant for food or help with rent or bills. This fund is a crucial part of our ability to help those with emergency needs. Thank you in advance for your help with emergency needs & sharing of God's love.

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.

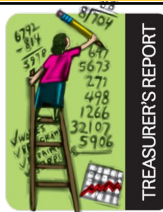
How it works: You buy a card at face value (\$25, \$50, or \$100). The Youth then will make 5% on that sale from Giant. You can then use that gift card anytime you shop at Giant stores (including gas purchases).

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



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.



Financial Information June 2023*

*All figures are subject to audit pending necessary adjustments

GIVING	2023	
	June	YTD
General Offering	17,582	153,237
Rental Income	2,450	14,500
Total General Offering *	20,032	167,737
Special Offerings	480	3,223
EXPENSES		
Actual*	28,713	169,880
Budgeted	30,439	182,634

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!

RENOVATION UPDATES



New doorway for nursery

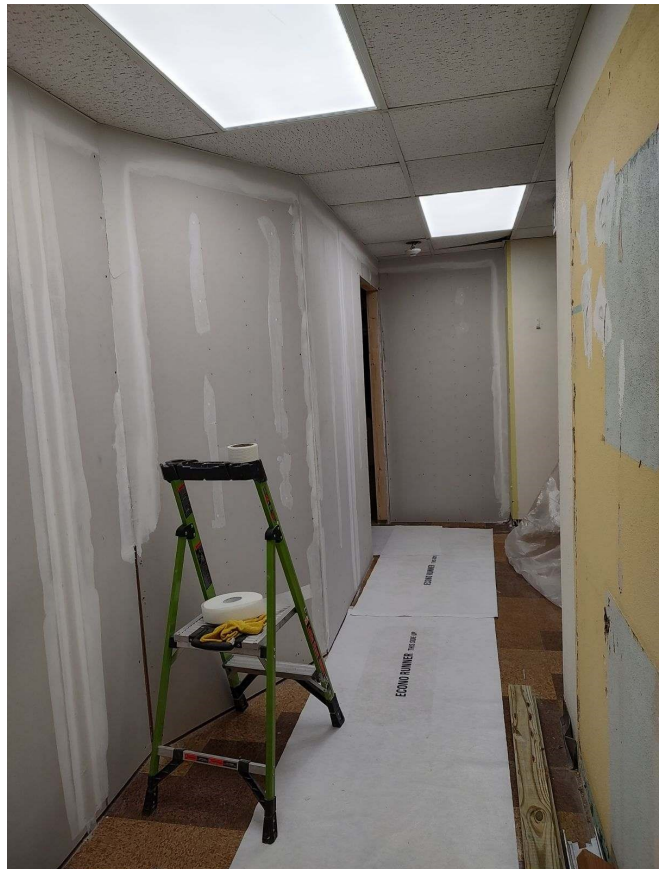


Demolition of bathrooms

Renovations of the Church continue this Summer, even around VBS and other ministry activities. The Property Committee continues to work with the contractor to make sure everything is on schedule & is built to plans!



Choir room conversion to storage and hallway.



Share

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!

We have two members celebrating 90+ birthdays in August.

Lorna Rudisill will celebrate her 98th birthday on August 9th and Ed Peterson will celebrate his 91th birthday on August 16th.

If you would like to help them celebrate, please send cards to

Lorna Rudisill

451 Sand Hill Road, Room 253, Hershey, PA 17033

Ed Peterson

1749 Grove Street, Hummelstown, PA 17036.

COLLEGE ADDRESSES NEEDED



Attention all college students or parents of college students—please contact the church office (717-533- 2467 or htluth@comcast.net) to give us your college address and your email address so that we can be sure to get We Care packages to the correct address. Please have all address information to us by September 15th. Thank you!



1	Katelyn VanBrakle	14	Christina Knapp	21	Rebecca Libertore
3	William Hoffer	15	James Carbaugh		Kendra Ruhl
4	William Fosnacht	15	Kathleen Mawk		David Smith
5	Alex Ball		Ashley Rizzo	23	Bentley Knapp
	Sarah Misceovich	16	Barbara Ehrhart		Rita Smith
6	Kadee Crandall		Ema Kipp	24	Kimberly Durgey
9	Lorna Rudisill*		Edward Peterson*		Anderson Rossetti
10	Nancy Plummer	18	Beverly Birmingham	25	Roy Lingle
	Keith Rickmers		Mila Crandall		Nathan Paul
11	Tyler Lewis	19	Ethan Flowers	29	Everett Birkholtz
12	Barbara Casini		Karen Hunt	30	Nicole Fisher
	Tommy Rieger		Benjamin Royle		Vicki Sponaugle
	Emily Royle	20	Erika Brown	31	Rachel Fake
13	Kim Campbell				Alexander Knapp
					Carmen Libertore

August Birthdays

* celebrating 90+ birthday!

**September
Newsletter
Deadline
August 15**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 10:00am Worship (In person and Livestream) 6:00pm Boy Scout Membership summit	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 10:00am Worship (In person and Livestream)	14	15 7:00pm Executive Committee	16	17	18	19
20 10:00am Worship (In person and Livestream)	21	22 7:00pm Congregation Council Zoom meeting	23	24	25	26
27 10:00am Worship (In person and Livestream)	28	29	30	31	1	2





Use simple ingredients and your imagination to bake these fluffy, cloud-like treats.

What you need:

- 3 egg whites
- ½ tsp. vanilla extract
- Mixer
- 2 Tbsp. powdered sugar
- 1 Tbsp. cornstarch
- Parchment paper

What you do:

1. Preheat oven to 300°. In a mixing bowl, combine egg whites and vanilla. Whisk eggs with mixer at medium speed until frothy.
2. While whisking, gradually add sugar and cornstarch. Keep whisking at high speed until stiff peaks form.
3. Spoon mixture onto a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Create fun shapes.
4. Bake 20 minutes. Cool and enjoy!

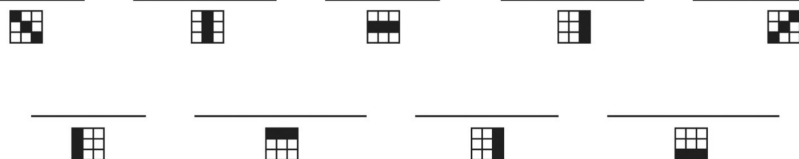
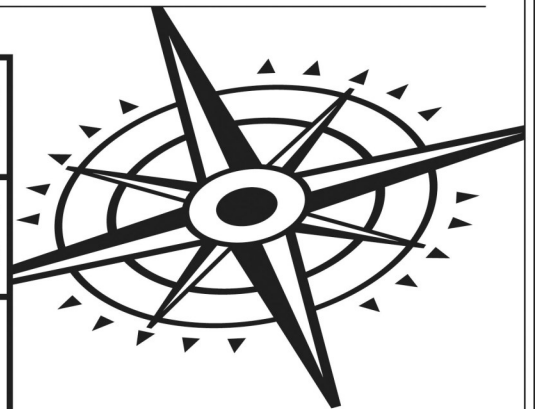
PUZZLE

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	do far EAST	the THIS up as
WEST THAT is East	far down WEST	THE be AS West

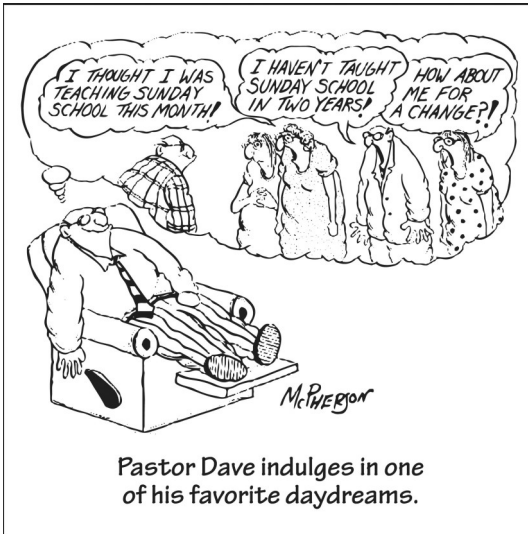


... so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

PSALM 103:12, NIV

ANSWER: AS FAR AS THE EAST IS FROM THE WEST

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Worship

All Saints—Linda Lubold
 Altar Guild - Betsy Phillippy
 and Mary Ann Kelly

Grow

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

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 Administrative Assistant - Mrs. Elizabeth Stuart
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Witness

Faith in Action—Rodney Gross
 Health & Wellness—
 Hospitality—Elizabeth Stuart

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Extended Ministries—JoEllen Myers
 Finance—Nathan Paul
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 Council President-JoEllen Myers

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