

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



Sunday, March 24 - Palm Sunday

10:00 AM Worship

Procession with Palms and Holy Communion

Wednesday, March 27—Evening Prayer

7:00 PM

Thursday, March 28—Maundy Thursday

7:00 PM Worship with Holy Communion

Friday, March 29—Good Friday

7:00 PM Worship Reading of the Passion according to
St. Matthew and Veneration of the Cross

Sunday, March 31—Easter Day

8:00 AM Festival Communion

(2 services this week only)

9:15 AM Easter Fellowship Gathering

10:00 AM Festival Communion

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PASTORAL ACTS—FEBRUARY 2024

February 7 -Funeral for Ed Peterson @ Hoover's Funeral Home

February 20—Graveside service for Audrey Mann @ Indiantown Gap National Cemetery

February 21—Funeral service for Scott Tousley @ Holy Trinity.

Our prayers of comfort of the Christian faith are extended to each of their families.

REMINDER—PLEASE BE ALERT!

It happens more than we'd like, but it's common in today's world of internet & digital traffic for someone to attempt to impersonate Church leaders. If you should receive a text or email from Pastor Cindy, please know she will NEVER ask for assistance in this manner. Please do not click on any links, respond to any texts or email. When in doubt, if something has come from her or anyone else from the Church in leadership, feel free to call the Church office for verification.

February 20th marked the 20th year of ordination for Pastor Cindy. That morning, she was presented with a card and flowers (not shown) in the office.

Continuing this recognition, the Congregation surprised her with a card shower & notes of appreciation at the Annual Meeting.

We thank Pastor Cindy for her commitment and unending compassion and we are pleased to be able to walk with her as part of her journey in ministry.

Congratulations on this blessed milestone!



Thank you for remembering the 20th Anniversary of my ordination. Thank you for the delicious cup cakes, beautiful quilt, gifts cards and other gifts. The cards from many of you were so lovely. It is an honor and a privilege to be your pastor!

With Christian love,
Pastor Cindy



Congregation Council News

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 January 16, 2024

Attendance:

Council Members: Pastor Brommer, Deb Brooks, Beth Dunham, Ethan Ellenberger, Rodney Gross, Jim Huebner, Jennifer Keeler, Charis Mincavage, JoEllen Myers, Kendra Ruhl.

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

The Congregation Council Meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by President JoEllen Myers

I. Reports:

- a. **Treasurer's Report:** Report for December was reviewed by Stephanie Gross. There were five Sundays in December (and Christmas) which resulted in giving for the month of \$44,338 Net Income for December was \$12,281. We finished the year with Net Income of \$3,379 which will be transferred to the Capital Repair Fund.
 - i. **Special Accounts Report:** Included in the Council packet; Stephanie has no additional comments.
 - ii. **Youth Investment Fund Report:** The account had a gain of \$6,148 which recaptured the 2022 loss of \$2,974. The ending balance for 2023 is \$39,330.
 - iii. **ELCA Mission Investment account;** The ending balance is \$33,623.
- b. **Financial Secretary's Report:** The December report was included in the packet.
- c. **Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the December 14, 2023, Council meeting was presented.
- d. **Pastor's Report:** Report for December 15, 2023- January 16, 2024, was emailed to members prior to meeting.
 - i. Christmas Eve Services were very well attended.

Service	In-Person	Facebook
Advent/Christmas Eve 10am	53	109
Christmas Eve-Family 5pm	192	117
Traditional Christmas Eve 10pm	53	128

- ii. Pastor also reported the Hershey Ministerium is scaling down the number of Lenten community lunches to three. Holy Trinity will not be hosting any.
- iii. Wednesday Soup Suppers: Holy Trinity will suspend having them this year.
- e. **Correspondence:** Thank you from Storks Landing for \$500 donated from Faith In Action fund.
- f. **Ministry Teams:** Property Committee minutes-January 9, 2024, meeting.
 - i. Chip Haak also reviewed the current status of Phase 1 & Phase 2.
- g. **Extended Ministries:** Requests for funding from 2023 Endowment Allocation
 - i. Hope Within Health Ministries-\$500
 - ii. Christ Lutheran Church Health Ministries-\$500
 - iii. Christian Churches United for Unhoused Individuals Ministry-\$1,000
 - iv. Holy Trinity-\$4,000 for Capital Repair Projects

A motion to approve the recommendations was made by Jen Keeler, second by Beth Dunham. Approved by Council.

II. New Business:

- a. **Audit Committee:** Internal audit scheduled for February 10th
 - i. Appointments: Sue Tezak, Derek Dunham, Nathan Paul
A motion to approve by Jim Huebner, second by Ethan Ellenberger. Motion approved.
- b. **Congregational meeting:** Scheduled for February 25th
- c. **Committee Appointments:**
 - i. Extended Ministries: Jane Ebersole, Derek Dunham, Steve Shuey
A motion to approve by JoEllen Myers, second by Rodney Gross. Motion approved.
 - ii. Mutual Ministry: Andrew Herster
A motion to approve by Charis Mincavage, second by Kendra Ruhl. Motion approved.
- d. **Bequests:** The church has received financial gifts from two members who have passed away. \$60,000 was put into the Bequested Funds and \$2,043 was placed in the Capital Repair Fund.

III. Next Council Meeting: February 20, 2024, via Zoom @7pm

IV. Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn by Beth Dunham and second by Jen Keeler, approved by Council. The meeting concluded at 8:07pm with Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted by *Chip Haak*, Secretary

Worship

EVENING PRAYER DURING LENT

Please join us for Evening Prayer during Lent each@ 7 PM Wednesdays **through March 27**. The theme for this time together is **"Our Faith Journey"**. We are looking for volunteers to share a 5-minute reflection how their faith and baptism has influenced their journey through life.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Pastor Cindy or Alan Hair.

Please consider joining us for this time of worship and we "journey" together through the days of Lent.

Easter Fellowship & Celebration—March 31

Please join us on Easter Sunday at 9:00 a.m. for refreshments and celebration. We are not holding an Easter Egg hunt this year, but we will have **special treats** for all the young people. We hope to see you on Easter morning as we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord together.

2024 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.



WEDNESDAY, MAR 6
DERRY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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GOOD FRIDAY, MAR 29
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Lenten worship services
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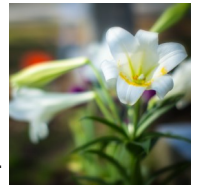
Hershey Ministerium

• ALL SERVICES BEGIN AT 12 PM •
Lunch follows: suggested \$5 donation

Pastor Brommer will be serving as Liturgist as part of the Hershey Ministerium Worship Series on Wednesday, March 6th at Derry Presbyterian

EASTER FLOWERS Envelopes due by March 24

The deadline to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one on Easter is Sunday, March 24th. Please use the special envelope found in your packet of church envelopes. If you wish to contribute, please send your envelope to the church office or place it in the offering plate by **Sunday, March 24**. Please be sure to mark the envelope if you are making the donation in honor or in memory of someone. Please, write neatly. All checks should be made payable to "Holy Trinity Lutheran Church". Thank you for your cooperation!



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.

CHURCH DECORATING

The Altar Guild will be decorating the Church on Saturday, March 30th @ 9 AM.

We thank them for their continued service.



Worship

Help needed to Deliver Easter Flowers

Volunteers are needed to deliver flowers to those who are ill or unable to attend church. Sign up on the table in the narthex starting March 24 and remember to take the address card for the person to whom you are delivering flowers. Thank you for caring about others and being willing to share your time! Flowers can be picked up after the 10:00 service on Easter.

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.

Worship Schedule

Please join us for worship on Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM. Services will be in-person and livestreamed.



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

A wakeup call

God — let me be aware.
Let me not stumble blindly down the ways,
Just getting somehow safely through the days,
Not even groping for another hand,
Not even wondering why it all was planned,
Eyes to the ground unseeking for the light,
Soul never aching for a wild-winged flight,
Please, keep me eager just to do my share.
God — let me be aware.

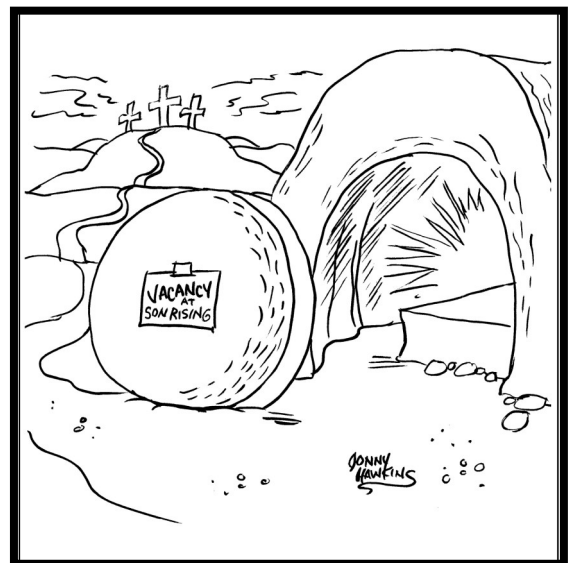
God — let me be aware.
Stab my soul fiercely with others' pain,
Let me walk seeing horror and stain.
Let my hands, groping, find other hands.
Give me the heart that divines, understands.
Give me the courage, wounded, to fight.
Flood me with knowledge, drench me in light.
Please — keep me eager just to do my share.
God — let me be aware.

—Miriam Teichner

LET'S STAY IN CHECK!

Blood Pressure Screenings First Sunday of every month (In the front of the sanctuary following the worship service).

**Next Scheduled Screening:
Sun. March 3**



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.

YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS



Holy Trinity Youth (HTY) is for everyone in grades 6 – 12

All are welcome. Bring snacks and friends. Both are always welcomed and encouraged. For more information on youth & family events, please contact Peter Fox @ youthyg@yahoo.com.

SAVE THE DATES!

April 5-6– HTY Sleepover from 8pm – 9am. Be there for an over-night at the church.

April 21– Family Fellowship Faith Hike at Wildwood Park | 1:30 – 4pm.

May 5 – HTY Meeting from 5 – 7pm in the Youth Group Room

May 19 – HTY Mini-Golf at City Island Water Golf | 5 – 7pm.

Calling all youth in grades 6 - 12!! Come out to HTY Movie Night on Sunday, March 10th from 5 – 7pm in the Youth Group Room.



Be here for a great retro movie, pizza, snacks, and fellowship. All are welcome. Bring snacks and friends

HOLY TRINITY YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS!



Greetings, Peter Fox here. So far 2024 has been quite busy, which is great. Still fresh to Holy Trinity this time around, I am still very much figuring out the landscape, but things are really starting to fall into place. HTY is slowly growing and developing an identity. And the family events are getting stronger and word is getting out. It helps to have an active and busy calendar for both.

Since we last talked a month ago, we have had another successful HTY Meeting and a Family Fellowship Bowling event. At our monthly HTY Night (in which weather was factor) we had 6 youth and 3 adults. This was our fourth HTY Night and the youth are really starting to get into it. The theme on this night was prayer and talked about all of the ways that we can pray and why prayer is such an important thing to have in your life. HTY is all about faith, fun, and fellowship, and although smaller, this night was no different. On this night, we actually had our best candle prayer to date. This makes me stoked for the future. At every HTY, it's about getting to know one another better, relationship build, and establish youth group traditions. I am striving to make HTY a place that our youth want to bring their friends too, and that is how we will grow. We have already seen 4 new faces at HTY, and this will surely continue.

We are off to a solid start and the youth seem to be responding well to a re-energized youth program. My plan for HTY is to build a strong, solid, and thriving Youth Group. One that relies on each other, lifts one another up, and grows in faith through fellowship with one another.

Our Family Fellowship Bowling event at Palmyra Bowling was awesome! About 35 youth and families came out to this afternoon of pure fun and fellowship. We maxed out six lanes, threw a handful of strikes and lots of gutter balls. The bumpers even made several appearances to help out. For me, I got to meet several church families, and get to know some new faces, which is always helpful.

The good times will continue in 2024. Our families can look forward to more Family Fellowship luncheons, as well as several Family Fellowship events that are away from the church. I think that these will definitely be well received. After two hours of bowling and ravishing the snack bar we called it a day. This was a successful outing for the families and speaks my plan for the future. Besides the in-house luncheons, I want to do more events off campus, and this was a good start. There is lots more coming in 2024, so get ready!

Yours in Christ,
Peter Fox

Grow

March lessons—Sunday School



TIME AFTER EPIPHANY & LENT	
Date	Lesson/Scripture
3/3	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL (Lent 3) (Family Retreat)
3/10	The Faces of Easter III (Lent 4)
3/17	The Faces of Easter IV (Lent 5)
3/24	The Faces of Easter V (Palm Sunday)
3/31	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL (Congregational Gathering for Easter)

ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP

The Adult Discussion group **meets on Sundays in Room 16 at 9:00-9:45am**. Please consider joining this time of learning and faith sharing. For more info, contact Kurt Nielsen who leads the weekly discussions of faith & learning.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL—MARCH 3

Sunday School will not meet on March 3rd since most will be retreating. Studies for all ages will resume Sunday, March 10th.

Outreach Ministries



BIBLE ART JOURNALING Sunday, March 10, 6-7:30 PM

Meets in the Fellowship Hall (Alley entrance). Please sign up in the Narthex.

You're welcome to bring your own art supplies, or not. We have plenty to share. Please contact Colleen Nielsen (nielsencc@mhs-pa.org) for more information.

Mediating on the Word of God ♦ Take time to create with a variety of materials ♦ Enjoy fellowship in a creative setting.

QUILTING NEWS

The Quilters meet on the **2nd & 4th Wednesdays each month @ 9 AM in rooms 15 and 16**. If you don't know how to quilt, we will teach you! If you cannot make the workshops, but 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! **March workshops are :**



March 13th & 27th @ 9 AM—Rooms 15 and 16

SOUPER BOWL PROJECT

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the Souper Bowl collection. We received a total of \$ 411.25 that was sent to the Hershey Food Bank.

THANK YOU!



ALTAR GUILD is looking for volunteers to deliver flowers. Flowers can be delivered on Sunday or Monday at your convenience. Check with the altar guild person after church or check the flower sign-up sheet to see if the flower recipient is someone living near you or if you'd be willing to deliver to them.



Delivering the altar flowers is a great way to brighten someone's day! Thanks for your help!

Share



1	James Schroeder	15	Amber Howe
2	Richard Plummer Beth Straw	20	Robert Gehman Teagan Haak Gerald Myers
3	Colleen Merry	22	Keeley Beatty Carter Reinbold Chris Smith
4	Emersyn Bankes Mark Mariano	24	Nicolette Rieger
5	Deborah Wisman	26	John Brommer Aaron Ellenberger Susan Tezak
6	Phillip Kieffer Carol Longenecker Danielle Mariano Elise Martin	27	Campbell Dunham
7	Coleman Dieffenbach	28	Sandra Frantz Patrick Lewis Jan Sassaman
8	Richard Hoffman Riggs Melody	29	John Gniady
9	Ty Eby	30	James Birkholz Madison Fake
11	Beverly Bell	31	Robert Carbaugh Matthew Kulbacki
13	Mason Crandall		
14	Dorian Miller		



FINANCIAL MINISTRIES



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.

THANK YOU!

A special thank you to everyone who came out for the Annual Meeting in February. Your contribution to the business matters of the Church were very much appreciated.



Help Support Our Youth

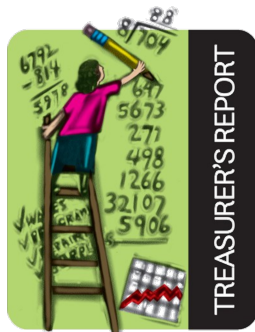
A quick & easy way to help support our Youth is to purchase Giant Gift Cards! You get

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.

Capital Repair Fund The Capital Repair Fund is used when we have major repairs to the church building. As you tithe, we encourage you to designate funding toward the Fund so that we don't need to make urgent appeals for things such as roofs or heating systems.



Financial Information January 2024*

*All figures are subject to audit pending necessary adjustments

GIVING	2024	
	January	YTD
General Offering	35,163	
Rental Income	2,450	
Total General Offering *	37,613	
Special Offerings	540	
EXPENSES		
Actual*	32,582	
Budgeted	31,356	



IT COMMUNICATION REQUEST PLEASE HELP KEEP OUR COMMUNICATIONS UP TO DATE

Thank you for submitting your bulletin, newsletter & calendar updates to the Church office in a timely manner. We have recently been getting articles after the deadline causing last minute changes needing to be made to accommodate late submissions. Whenever articles are submitted, we ask that you please include Anita Housman (aahousman2@gmail.com) so that your submission can be included in both the weekly updates/communications through social channels & newsletters. **Bulletin deadline is Tuesdays (by noon); Newsletter deadline is the 15th of each month. Thank you in advance for your help!**

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**CHURCH
OFFICE HOURS**

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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Family Fellowship Retreat	2 Family Fellowship Retreat
3 Family Fellowship Retreat 9:00am Choir Practice 10:00am Worship (In person and Livestream)	4 6:00pm Scouts- Troop 65 6:30pm Susquehanna Chorale	5 6:00pm Scouting Pack 65- Webelos Den 7:00pm Executive Committee	6 7:00pm Evening Prayer (In-person and Livestream)	7 6:00pm Scouting- Wolf and Tiger Den	8	9
10 9:00am Choir Practice 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship (In person and Livestream) 5:00pm HTY (Holy Trinity Youth) Movie Night 6:00pm Bible Art Journaling	11 6:00pm Scouts- Troop 65 6:30pm Susquehanna Chorale	12 1:00pm Property Com- mittee 6:00pm Scouting Pack 65- Lion Den	13 9:00am Quilter's Work- shop 7:00pm Evening Prayer (In-person and Livestream)	14	15	16
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31 8:00am Easter Worship (In person and Livestream) 9:00am Fellowship 10:00am Easter Worship Service (In Person and Livestream)						
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> EASTER OFFICE HOURS The office will be CLOSED Good Friday & Easter Monday </div>						



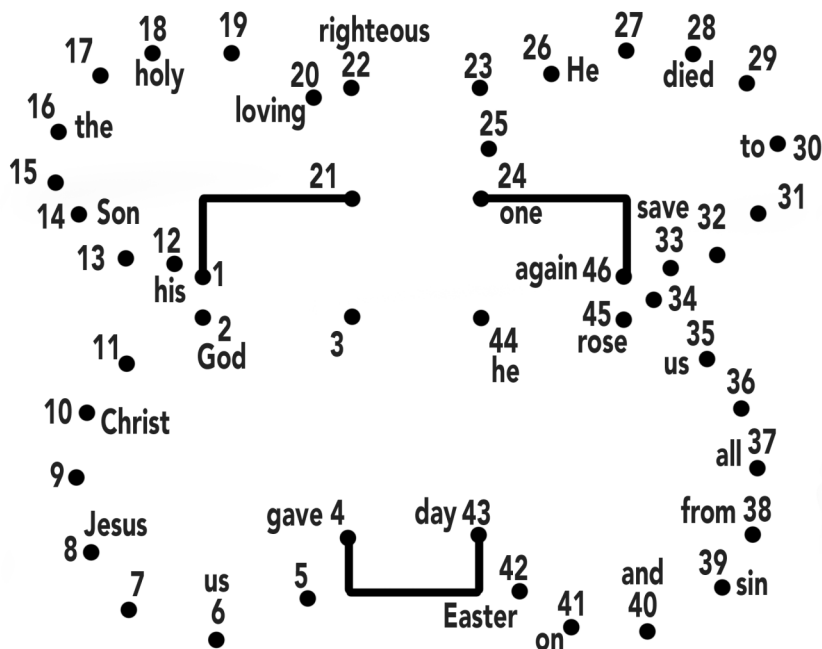
In Case of Weather Emergencies

Church services will be held if at all possible even when winter weather causes concern. Please know that we understand that our many volunteers may not be able to make it to church on those days. We will fill in for you if necessary but will miss your presence with us. Above all, be safe and use your good judgment to decide if you can get to church or not.

If driving is impassible or the sidewalks and streets around the church cannot be cleared, we will cancel services. In that case, watch for cancellations on the Church website or by calling the office for a recorded message.

Puzzle!

Connect the dots to find two symbols of Easter. Then write the words in the correct blanks to complete an Easter poem.



2	4	6	8	10	12	14
16	18	20	22	24		
26	28	30	33	35	37	38
40	41	42	43	44	45	46

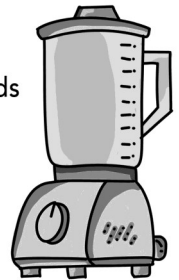
Answer: God gave us Jesus Christ, his Son, the holy, loving, righteous one. He died to save us all from sin, and on Easter day he rose again.

SOMETHING OLD, Something New

Use scrap paper to fuel new growth and make a gift that keeps on giving.

What you need:

- Scrap paper
- Water
- Herb or flower seeds
- Blender
- Strainer
- Cookie sheet
- Towel
- Adult help



What you do:

1. Tear the scrap paper into strips and place in a bowl. Cover the paper with water and let it soak overnight.
2. Pour the mixture into a blender and blend about 10 seconds.
3. Strain and squeeze the paper pulp to remove excess water. Place in a bowl.
4. Sprinkle seeds over the pulp and mix to incorporate them into the pulp.
5. Shape the pulp into a flat layer on the cookie sheet. Use a towel to soak up excess water. Allow the paper to dry completely.
6. Tear paper into shapes or fold into a card. You can plant the paper directly into soil. Water it and then watch your plants grow!





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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

Mutual Ministry—

Camp—Rodney Gross

Staff:

Senior Pastor - The Rev. Cindy A. Brommer
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Director of Youth & Family Ministry - Mr. Peter Fox
Director of Faith Formation—Mrs. Colleen Nielsen
Treasurer—Mrs. Stephanie Gross
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Membership Secretary—Mrs. Elizabeth Stuart
Property Manager - Mrs. Karen Kline
Administrative Assistant - Mrs. Elizabeth Stuart
IT/Communication Specialist—Mrs. Anita Housman

Witness

Faith in Action—Rodney Gross
Hospitality—



Share

Extended Ministries—JoEllen Myers
Finance—Nathan Paul
Property—

APRIL
Newsletter deadline
March 15
Deadline for weekly
publication of the
Bulletin
Tuesday by noon.