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INTERGENERATIONAL FAMILY RETREAT 2024—Camp Nawakwa



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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 February 20, 2024

Attendance:

Council Members: Pastor Brommer, Susan Bianchi, Deb Brooks, Ethan Ellenberger, Rodney Gross, Jim Huebner, Jennifer Keeler, Mark Mariano, Charis Mincavage, JoEllen Myers, Kurt Nielsen, Kendra Ruhl.

Treasurer: Stephanie Gross Secretary: Chip Haak Financial Secretary:

The Congregation Council Meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by President JoEllen Myers

I.Reports:

- **a.** Treasurer's Report: Report for January was reviewed by Stephanie Gross. Giving for the month was \$35,163, and Net Income was \$5,031. Stephanie noted that some members give for the entire year in January, and this is possibly why the giving was so high. Also included in the packet:
 - i. Bryn Mawr Trust Endowment report as of 12/31/23-\$842,304.
 - ii.Bryn Mawr Trust Capital Projects and Stained Glass report as of 12/31/23-\$93,351.
- b. Financial Secretary's Report: The January report was included in the packet.
- **c. Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the January 16, 2024, Council meeting were presented.
- **d. Pastor's Report**: Report for January 17, 2024, February 20, 2024, was emailed to members prior to meeting. Additional information was provided that the Pastor will be at the Family Retreat on March 3, so Pastor Hummer will supply. She will be on vacation from March 12-17, and Pastor Hummer will supply. However, she will be here for the Wednesday evening service on March 13th.
- e. Correspondence: Thank you for financial support:
 - i. Lutheran Camping Corporation [Wittel Farm] \$500 from the Faith In Action fund.
 - ii.Hershey Food Bank \$1,670 from member donations
 - iii. Lutheran World Relief \$600 from member donations

f. Ministry Teams:

- i. Finance Committee: A recommendation from the Finance Committee was presented by JoEllen Myers that Endowment allotment for 2024 to be used by Extended Ministries is 3% rounded to \$25,000. Chip Haak noted that some Finance Committee members expressed that a portion of the allotment be used to pay for the completion of the current capital projects, if needed.
 - *A motion* to approve the recommendation was made by Rodney Gross, second by Mark Mariano. Approved by Council.
- ii.Faith In Action: Rodney Gross reported that in addition to the donation to Wittel Farm, a donation was made to Christian Churches United for their support of unhoused individuals.
- iii. Property Committee minutes-January 30, 2024, meeting.
- 1. Chip Haak also reviewed the status of Phase 1 & Phase 2.

II. New Business:

- a. Audit Committee: Completed on February 10th; went well and report will be provided shortly.
- **b.** Easter Service times: Services will be at 8:00am and 10:00am with a light fellowship time in between.
- c. Congregational meeting: Scheduled for February 25th
- **d.** Synod assembly delegates: Edification Day May 18th via Zoom, Assembly: May 31st by Zoom and June 1st in person at St. Matthew's in York.
 - i. Susan Bianchi volunteered, and John Brommer is willing to serve if needed.
- III. Next Council Meeting: March 19, 2024, via Zoom @7pm
- IV. Adjournment:

A *motion* to adjourn by Deb Brooks and second by Mark Mariano, approved by Council. The meeting concluded at 7:38pm with Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted by Chip Haak, Secretary

Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes February 24, 2024

Milestone celebration: Prior to start of meeting, President JoEllen Myers recognized Pastor Brommer on her 20th anniversary of ordination. JoEllen expressed appreciation and offered a prayer of thanksgiving for Pastor Cindy's service to our congregation.

I. Call to Order: A quorum was established by Parliamentarian, Mark Mariano, and the meeting was called to order at 11:11am by Council President JoEllen Myers. Official attendance was 48.

II. Approval of Minutes:

a. November 19, 2023: JoEllen asked if there were any questions, comments, corrections, and hearing none asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Motion by Kendra Ruhl, second by Denny Schwenk. Motion approved.

III. Approval of Annual Reports:

a. JoEllen asked for comments, questions, corrections, and hearing none asked for motion to approve Annual Reports. **Motion** by Bonnie Rice, second by Mark Mariano. Motion approved.

IV. Unfinished Business:

- a. Update on Capital Projects: (also see page 35 of Annual Report)
 - i. Chip Haak provided current status on Phases 1 & 2
 - 1. Phase 1-Renovations, expansion of main floor restrooms-Complete
 - 2. Phase 2-HVAC replacement, upgrade, and expansion-Waiting for one more piece of equipment which should be installed by Easter.
 - a. Landscaping will be done around the outside compressor unit to serve as screening since this unit is much larger than the previous one.
 - 3. Financial-Projected cost is \$451,000 although we expect it will come in lower since very little of the 5% contingency money was used. When we approved these projects last year, we had a shortfall in funding of \$91,000 however due to giving received throughout this year to the Capital Repair Fund that shortfall is down to a few thousand dollars, Chip feels we will have sufficient funds to pay the final bill in April. Both projects will be completely paid for without incurring any debt.
 - ii. With these two phases complete, we will turn our attention to the next phase which is the Sanctuary renewal. This includes interior painting, flooring replacement and most importantly replacement of the lighting system which now has several workarounds keeping the lights on. We'll gather the estimates, come up with a funding plan, and return to the Congregation for approval.
 - iii. Chip thanked the Congregation for their financial support, noting that in the last few years we have replaced the roof on the church, replaced the elevator, and completed these two recent phases without incurring any debt.
- V. Adjournment: Council President JoEllen Myers requested a motion to adjourn which was provided by Kirk Sponaugle, second by Beth Dunham. Motion approved.
- VI. Closing Prayer: Meeting concluded at 11:33am with singing of hymn followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Respectively submitted, *Chip Haak*, Council Secretary

Worship

Worship Schedule

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

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.

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 or the church office at htluth@comcast.net, 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.



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



Sing and Rejoice Choir! Calling all youth from HTL. All youth are welcome even if you were not at previous practices. As previously noted, our initial goal for this choir is modest - to sing a welcoming song before communion during the Sunday services scheduled in April. If all goes well, we hope to build on this experience to develop more singing and instrumental opportunities for our young people in the future.



Altar flowers are a beautiful way to support our weekly worship service. We currently are seeking a sponsor for flowers on April 7 th. If you are interested, please contact the Church office.

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.

PASTORAL ACTS MARCH 2024

March 22—Celebration of Life Services—Anita Lodes



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 & FAMILY NEWS!

Greetings,

Peter Fox here. Greetings to everyone out there. 2024 continues to be quite busy. Things are happening, which is a good thing. HTY is getting more solid each time that we circle up. And the family events are getting better and better as well. An active and reliable calendar certainly helps out both. Since we last talked a month ago, we have been all about family fellowship, with a Family Fellowship Luncheon and a Family Fellowship Retreat.

First off, the Family Fellowship Luncheon was another good one. I think that we had out most people ever at luncheon with me. Around 35 people came out for pizza, crafts, fun, and fellowship with one another. These family events provide a great time for families to get together, break bread, and share common group with each other. They also help me get to know everyone a lot a better, and give others a chance to get to know me. So, they are a win-win. As a bonus, most all the HTY youth are in attendance at all Family Fellowship events, so the bonds between them, the youth advisors, and I are being strengthened as well.

Second, the Family Fellowship was awesome! For the weekend, we stayed at Camp Nawakwa in Zinn-Tozer Lodge. We maxed the Lodge with around 40 people. This was a super turnout. The theme that I came up with for the weekend surrounded two words:

Retreat & Fellowship. We highlighted the importance of these words, defined them w/biblical examples, and tried to live them out throughout the weekend. We had lots of large group time, small group prayer partners, large group games, a labyrinth walk, a camp fire, and much, much more, Naturally, there was a bunch of free time built into this weekend. This was extremely helpful with fully embracing the theme. Through activity and downtime, we really got closer as a group. Since it's a whole weekend, you really get to know one another better than you would at say, a luncheon, which helped me (and I'm sure others) tremendously. The weather provided the ultimate backdrop to a great retreat, since it was the first weekend of spring-like weather. All and all, it was a fabulous first Family Fellowship retreat.

There's much more coming in 2024, check out the April's Calendar!

Yours in Christ, Peter Fox

APRIL 2024 EVENTS

April 5th & 6th – Friday through Saturday – HTY Sleepover from 8pm – 9am. Be there for an overnight at the church. This night will be all about fun and fellowship with one another. Expect lots of wacky youth group games, movies, late night pizza, and even a little sleep. Bring a friend or two. Bring a snack to share as well.

April 21—Sunday – Family Fellowship Faith Hike at Wildwood Park Nature Trail from 1:30 – 4pm. Enjoy an afternoon walk of faith and fellowship with you church brothers and sisters. We will do a hike around Wildwood Lake, interjected with inspiration prayer stops along the way.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

Here is a reminder to ALL HTY about friends. If you have friends who return to HTY (which is hopefully the case), or you bring friends to HTY, please try to have them fill "Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Youth Information and Medical Form". As they become fixtures in HTY, I will need a form from everyone.

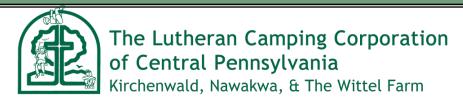
Holy Trinity Youth (HTY) is for youth grades 6 – 12

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.



Camp News





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







For more information, please see our Camp Representative Rodney Gross (717) 649-6224 or rkgross@te.com

SUMMER CAMP OPEN HOUSE

Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, & The Wittel Farm Growing Project

April 14 - 2:00-4:30 pm

You're invited to visit Kirchenwald or Nawakwa on Sunday, April 16. Take a tour of camp with members of our summer staff and see what camp is all about. As a bonus, we will give a \$10 gift certificate for the camp store to every brand new camper!

The Wittel Farm Growing Project staff will also be available at the farm for those interested in learning more about the Wittel Farm Growing Project.

If you have already registered for camp, why not bring a friend or neighbor with you? Show them the camp and get the Invite-a-Friend
Discount for you and your friend.

Visit: https://www.lutherancamping.org/upcoming-events/ for more information.

Grow

April Lessons

	TIME AFTER EPIPHANY & LENT
Date	Lesson/Scripture
4/7	The Faces of Easter VI
4/14	The Faces of Easter VII
4/21	The Crosses
4/28	The Legend of the Easter Eggs





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.

Outreach Ministries

BIBLE ART JOURNALING

Sunday, April 14, 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 Niel-

sen (nielsenc@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!

April workshops are : April 10 & 24 @ 9 AM—Rooms15 & 16



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!

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. April 7



Share

- Michael McDonough
 William Zewe
- 2 Hannah Fisher
- 3 Kyle Cameron
- Aniston FlowersKaren KlineKelsey Kodak
- 6 Glenn Hoffa
- 8 Shane Miscevich
 Macey Myers
- 9 Sepp LinkCallie McDonoughNathaniel Straw
- Andrew RossettiRudolph Sharpe
- 13 Koen Myers
- 14 Madeleine Gniady

- Scott CampbellDelaney Miller
- **16** Susan Gehman
- 17 Cara GrayKarina Krueger
- Natalie LarbaouiVivian Merry
- 20 Kacie McDonough Lee Ann Miller
- 21 Chip Haak
- 23 David Ehrhart Linda Lubold
- 26 Linda Ott
- 27 Adam GardnerBetsy Phillippy
- 30 Steve Cameron
 Audrey Smith
 Kirk Sponaugle
 Nila Wiley*



*Celebrating 90+ birthday!!

A special Happy Birthday to Nila Wiley to celebrates her 90th birthday on April 30!

Cards & well wishes can be sent to Nila at:

Nila Wiley 100 Cottage Drive, Apt. 114 Palmyra, PA 17078 nila114@comcast.net

Our prayers of comfort of the Christian faith are extended to the friends & family of Anita Lodes. A Celebration of Life service was held at Holy Trinity on March 22nd. Please remember Anita's family in your thoughts and prayers.





Meet Bonnie...the Parish Staff dog! Watch for more of Bonnie's adventures in the coming months!



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. 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!

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.



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 February 2024*

*All figures are subject to audi pending necessary adjustments

GIVING	2024	
	February	YTD
General Offering	26,951	62,113
Rental Income	2,450	4,900
Total General Offering *	29,401	67,013
Special Offerings	646	1,541
EXPENSES		
Actual*	31,194	63,776
Budgeted	31,356	62,711

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.

April Special Offering Envelopes

The special offering envelopes for April included in all envelope packets are for **ELCA World Hunger** and the **Capital Repair Fund.** Please make checks out to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

Working with and through congregations, in the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands Lutheran churches overseas and other partners, **ELCA World Hunger** is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty. This is especially important this year as they try to feed the refugees from Ukraine.

By providing immediate relief to those who are hungry, we meet basic needs and recognize the universal human right to food. But ending hunger is about more than food. By connecting people with the resources they need to produce food and gain access to clean water, education, health care and sources of income, long-term, sustainable change can be accomplished.

The Capital Repair Fund is the fund that we use when we have major repairs. We are trying to build up the fund so that we don't need to make urgent appeals when things happen.



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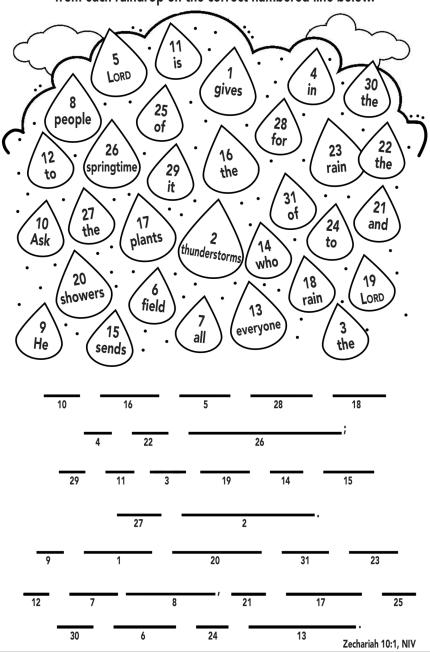
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Office Closed 6:00pm Scouts- Troop 65 6:30pm Susquehanna Chorale	2 6: 10p // Scouting Pack 65 Webelos Den 7:00pm Executive Committee	3	4 6:00pm Scouting- Wolf and Tiger Den	5 8:00pm Holy Trinity Youth Group Sleep Over	6 Holy Trinity Youth Group Sleep Over
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Kid's Corner

Puzzle!

Complete a Bible verse about spring by writing the word from each raindrop on the correct numbered line below.



Answer: Ask the Lorp for rain in the springtime; it is the Lorp who sends the thunderstorms. He gives showers of rain to all people, and plants of the field to everyone. Zechariah 10.1, NIV



Make this craft to capture the beauty of God's creation in springtime.

What you need:

- White glue that dries clear
- White watercolor paper
- Black fine-point permanent marker
- Watercolors
- Paint brush
- Water bowl
- Paper towels

What you do:

- 1. With glue, draw a picture on watercolor paper of flowers and other things in God's creation we see in spring. Keep lines fairly big and simple, without many small details.
- 2. After the glue dries, use a fine-point permanent marker to trace the glue lines.
- 3. Paint your picture with watercolors for a stained-glass effect.





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Youth & Faith Formation—
Danielle Mariano

Witness

Faith in Action—Rodney Gross Hospitality—

Share

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Mutual Ministry— Camp—Rodney Gross

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April 15
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