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Trinity Topics

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Easter Greetings!

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I am so thankful that spring is finally here! I imagine you feel the same. It makes me feel good inside when the sun is shining so brightly as I see so many lovely trees and flowers blooming. Easter is a season of the church when we *celebrate* new life and new birth. The buds of spring invigorate my faith every time I see their lovely colors grace the landscape.

I share a poem for your reflection on the marvelous gifts of spring that can remind us of God's loving grace given to each of us. The poem entitled *A Spring Blessing* can remind us of the eternal promises of spring that we receive as God's beloved children.

A Spring Blessing

by Joyce Rupp & Macrina Wiederkehr

Blessed are you, spring,
bright season of life awakening.
You gladden our hearts
with opening buds and returning leaves
as you put on your robes of splendor.

Blessed are you, spring.
In you is a life no death can destroy.
As you exchange places with winter
you harbor no unforgiving spirit
for broken tree limbs and frozen buds.

Blessed are you, spring.
You open the closed buds of our despair
as you journey with us
to the flowering places.
Blessed are you, spring.
You invite us to sing songs
to the frozen regions within
and to bless the lessons of winter
as we become your partner in a new dance.



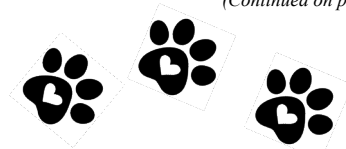
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OFFICES CLOSED
May 27th

**We remember those who
have paid the ultimate
sacrifice for our freedoms
we have today.**

WHAT'S BONNIE UP TO???



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.

The Congregation Council did not meet in March. Minutes for April will be published upon approval at the May meeting.

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Blessed are you, spring,
Like Jesus, standing before the tomb of Lazarus,
you call to us: "Remove winter's stone, come out,
there is life here you have not yet tasted."

Blessed are you, spring,
free gift of the earth.
Without cost we gaze upon your glory.
You are a gospel of good news
for the poor and rich alike.

Blessed are you, spring.
Your renewing rain showers and cathartic storms
nurture the potential that sleeps in Earth's heart
and in our earthen hearts.

Blessed are you, spring,
season of resurrection, sacrament of promise.
Like Jesus you rise up out of the darkness,
leaving around you a wake of new life.

Blessed are you, spring,
miracle child of the four seasons.
With your wand of many colors
you work your magic in the corners of our darkness.

Blessed are you, spring,
season of hope and renewal.
Wordless poem about all within us
that can never die.
Each year you amaze us
with the miracle of returning life.

*Peace be with you...
Pastor Brommer*

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.



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!*

Holy Communion “at home”

Consecrated 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 consecrated 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.



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!

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.



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.



EASTER FELLOWSHIP 2024



Outreach Ministries

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!



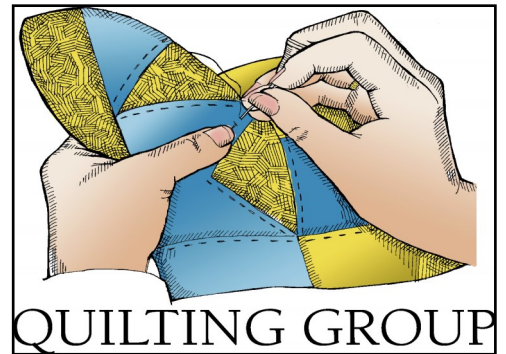
**ADOPT A HIGHWAY
April 6th**

The Adopt-a-Highway crew did a great job cleaning up God's creation!
Thank you volunteers for another job well done!

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!

**May workshops: May 8 &
May 22nd @ 9 AM
Rooms 15 & 16**



YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

HOLY TRINITY YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS!

Greetings,

Peter Fox here. Greetings to everyone. Spring is totally here and it finally feels like it. We're starting to get lots of warm days now. With the advent of May upon us, things are finally starting to slow down a little. There are still several things happening to close down the HTY and Family Fellowship season. HTY has continued to grow stronger and more consistent through these last months. And the numbers are slowly growing as youth are encouraged to bring out friends to get involved. Likewise, the family events are getting better and better too. Since we last talked a month ago, there have been several HTY events to keep youth connected.

First off, we had HTY Movie Night which was a night of pure fun and fellowship. 3 advisors and 10 HTY youth came out on this evening. The throwback movie we featured this time around was the classic 80's film, "Goonies". We ate pizza, had snacks, watched a great movie, and shared time together. It was a good night.

Second, we had an HTY Night. 3 advisors and 8 HTY youth came out for this night of faith, fun, and fellowship. The theme for the evening was our #1 HTY youth group rule, "Respect". We looked at all aspects of the word, and why we hold it in such high regard in our youth group programming. Through Bible verses and activities, we learned much more than just the definition. It was a solid night in every way, shape, and form. Not to mention, we closed down the night with our best Candle Prayer to date.

Third, the very next Friday we had our first ever HTY Sleepover. 3 advisors and 12 HTY youth came out for this event. This night was all about fun and fellowship. We played lots of crazy youth group games, ate late night pizza, and played more crazy youth group games. Eventually we separated and actually caught a couple Z's. This event served as good one to really get to know one another better, so lots of youth group bonding occurred which is always awesome. All and all, this event was a blast!

As we wind down the season, there are still several cool things on May's Calendar to check out!

Yours in Christ,
Peter Fox



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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

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.

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

**Next Scheduled Screening:
Sun. May 5**



Grow



May Lessons

TIME AFTER EPIPHANY & LENT	
Date	Lesson/Scripture
5/5	Holy Communion I
5/12	Holy Communion II
5/19	Last Day Party!
5/26	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL



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.

The last session before the Summer break will be **May 5th**.

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

Just like we keep ourselves healthy, it's important to develop healthy 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: aa-housman2@gmail.com or 717.756.7467.



BIBLE ART JOURNALING

Sunday, May 5, 2024—6 PM

Our **LAST** meeting before the Summer will be Sunday May 5, 6:00pm – 7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall (Alley entrance). Signups are in the Narthex. Feel free to bring your own art supplies, but not necessary. We have plenty to share. See you there!

—Colleen Nielsen

Please contact Colleen Nielsen (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.

Camp News



The Lutheran Camping Corporation
of Central Pennsylvania
Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, & The 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>



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.

ELDER CAMP
July 2-12, 2024
**Camp...it's for all the
kids at heart!**

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 coffeemakers, spontaneous field trips, and the freedom to set their own time for Lights Out.

Whether you're looking for a week of relaxation and reflection, fun with other feisty seniors, or the chance to spend a week at summer camp with (or without) your grandchildren, Elder Camp is a great opportunity for anyone who loved camp or missed out on camp as a kid.



Lutheran Camping Night at the Harrisburg Senators—May 17th at 7:00 PM

The Lutheran Camping Corporation and the Harrisburg Senators Baseball Team invite your church family to a night of fun and games at FNB Field for our annual Lutheran Camping Night!

A portion of each Advance Sale Ticket will benefit the Lutheran Camping Corporation's Campership Fund. Tickets may be purchased online at : <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Lutherancamping24>

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

Share

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 by **May 19th**.



***Celebrating 90+ birthday!!**

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|----|--------------------|----|-------------------------|
| 2 | Ian McDonald | 18 | Weston Armen |
| 5 | Jeffrey Budgeon | | David Crandall |
| 7 | John Biggio | 20 | Brian Link |
| | Cindy Zearfoss | 22 | Bradley Gehman |
| 8 | Rebecca Deitmen | | Laura King |
| | Janet Weir | 23 | Howie Smith |
| 9 | Lauren Lechleitner | 24 | R.J. Sellard |
| 10 | Maryann Curtin | 26 | Kimberly Killick |
| | Madison Tiberie | 28 | Dorothy Kieffer* |
| 13 | Audrey Royle | | Kenlynn Libertore |
| | Lena Royle | | JoEllen Myers |
| 15 | Joan Bishop | | Maripat Smith |
| 16 | Tyler Myers | 31 | Kenneth Deitmen |

A special Happy Birthday to Dorothy Kieffer who will celebrate her 90th birthday on May 28th! Cards & well wishes can be sent to Dorothy at:

Dorothy Kieffer
66 Learden Road
Hershey, PA 17033

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

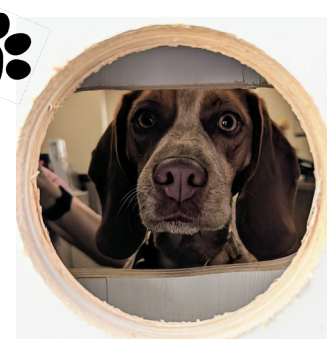
Dear Members of Holy Trinity,

The altar flowers were unusual and very beautiful. The residents here enjoyed them also.

Thank you so much for remembering me.
—Carole Bowman

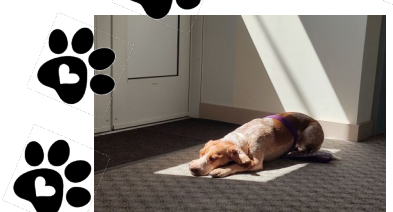


ADVENTURES OF BONNIE...the office pooch!
Bonnie practices a life of always being eco-friendly & being on top of unnecessary expenditures!



SECURITY SYSTEM IN REST MODE...

Bonnie works hard all day keeping the office safe. Her eco-charging system works but must be supplemented with a few treats.

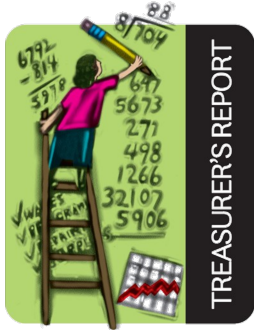


BUILDING INSPECTOR & MONITOR
of the Property Committee's work making sure the zoning compliance is in check! (Mom & Jim did a great job!)

RECHARGING OUR SOLAR POWERED SECURITY SYSTEM

FINANCIAL MINISTRIES

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 March 2024*

*All figures are subject to audit pending necessary adjustments

GIVING	2024	
	March	YTD
General Offering	30,795	92,908
Rental Income	2,450	7,450
Total General Offering*	33,245	100,358
Special Offerings	735	2,276
EXPENSES		
Actual*	33,144	96,919
Budgeted	31,356	94,067

May Special Offering Envelopes

The special offering envelope for May included in all envelope packets is for **Lutheran Camping Corporation**.

“The Church, in a place and time apart...Where God's presence is experienced, Faith is renewed, Christ's love is felt, and the Church is strengthened for the service and proclamation of the Gospel!” This is the mission statement for **Lutheran Camping Corporation**. The Lutheran Camping Corporation carries out its mission as a gracious expression of God's love. The heart of that mission is to:

- ⇒ Strengthen the faith of children, youth, adults, and families;
- ⇒ Offer opportunities for children and youth to grow in Christian leadership;
- ⇒ Provide outdoor ministry experiences to all, regardless of their financial capacity;
- ⇒ Nurture God's children of all ages as good stewards of all God's good gifts.

The Lutheran Camping Corporation provides a creative, Christ-centered ministry for people in all stages of life for the service and proclamation of the Gospel.



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.



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**CHURCH
OFFICE HOURS**

**Mondays thru Thursdays
9:00 AM—2:00 PM
Fridays Staff work Re-
motely**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 7:00pm Executive Committee	3	4
5 9:00am Choir Practice 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship (In person and Livestream) 5:00pm Holy Trinity Youth Group 6:00pm Bible Art Journaling	6 6:00pm Scouts- Troop 65	7	8 9:00am Quilter's Workshop	9	10	11 2:00pm Godspell Reunion
12 9:00am Choir Practice 9:00am Youth Sunday School 10:00am Worship (In person and Livestream)	13 6:00pm Scouts- Troop 65	14 1:00pm Property Committee	15	16	17	18
19 9:00am Choir Practice 9:00am Youth Sunday School 10:00am Worship (In person and Livestream) Rite of Confirmation 5:00pm Holy Trinity Youth Group Mini Golf	20 6:30pm Susquehanna Chorale Annual Meeting	21 9:00am Harrisburg Rostered Leaders 6:30pm Susquehanna Chorale Youth Auditions Rms. 15 and 16 7:00pm Congregation Council Zoom meeting	22 9:00am Quilter's Workshop 6:00pm Scouts- Troop 65	23	24	25
26 10:00am Worship (In person and Livestream)	27 Office Closed 6:00pm Scouts- Troop 65	28	29	30	31	



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! —May 12th

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

**June
Newsletter
Deadline
May 15**



FOLLOWING OUR FATHER'S WILL

Jesus always did his Father's will. What does our heavenly Father desire of us?

Directions: Using the coordinates, circle the corresponding words. Then add those to the blanks below to complete John 6:40, NIV.

Coordinates

T3, R1, F6, E2, T1, H5, A6, R4, F5, T5, H3, F2, A4, E6

	F	A	T	H	E	R
1	Father	them	the	believe	that	who
2	have	will	if	heart	to	live
3	perish	whoever	everyone	shall	shall	give
4	God	eternal	send	into	Him	believes
5	in	come	him	Son	rest	with
6	looks	and	forever	Where	life	hope

"For my Father's will is that _____

and I will raise them up at the last day." *John 6:40, NIV*

Answer: everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life

FAMILY FEAST



Serve protein-packed waffles for a family breakfast on **FATHER'S DAY** or any special occasion.

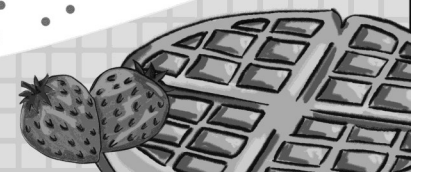
What you need:

- Adult help
- Waffle maker
- Blender
- 1 cup old-fashioned oats
- 1 cup cottage cheese
- 6 eggs
- Cooking spray
- Diced strawberries
- Powdered sugar



What you do:

1. With adult help, preheat the waffle maker.
2. In the blender, add oats and cottage cheese. Crack eggs in a separate bowl, then add to the blender. Pulse to combine the mixture. Then blend on medium speed for 10 seconds.
3. Coat the waffle maker with cooking spray. Spoon about 1/3 cup batter onto the iron and close.
4. Carefully remove the waffle when it's golden brown. Repeat with remaining batter.
5. Top with strawberries and powdered sugar. Makes about 6 waffles.





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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

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May 15
Deadline for weekly
publication of the
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Tuesday by noon