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

Christmas Eve Worship Schedule

Advent & Christmas Eve Special Worship Service Schedule

Holden Prayer Services

Wednesday, December 4, 2024 at 7 PM
Wednesday December 11, 2024 at 7 PM

Longest Night Service

Wednesday, December 18, 2024
7 PM Worship Service with Holy Communion

Christmas Eve Services

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

3 PM Christmas Eve Service with Holy Communion
2:45 PM Musical Prelude
5 PM Family Service with Holy Communion and candle lighting
4:45 PM Musical Prelude
9 PM Festival Service of Holy Communion and candle lighting
8:45 PM Musical Prelude



HOLDEN PRAYER SERVICE
December 4 & 11
(In person & live streamed)



LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE
December 18 @ 7 PM
(In person & livestreamed)

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COOKIE WALK!!
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*We wish you & yours
a joyous holiday
season that's filled
with hope, peace, joy
& love
— Merry Christmas!*

Congregation Council News

HIGHLIGHTS--CONGREGATION COUNCIL MINUTES October 15, 2024

Attendance:

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

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

The Congregation Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President JoEllen Myers

I. Reports:

- a. **Treasurer's Report:** Report for September was reviewed by Stephanie Gross. For the month, the Net Loss was (\$-9,292). Contributing factors were a quarterly bill for flowers, \$1,170, including those for Easter. Property Insurance charges \$2,530. On the Income side, the giving was OK, but we have a loss of rental income of \$1,200. In the operating account, year to date we have a Net Loss: (\$-36,947).
 - i. Executive Committee will prepare a letter to members thanking them for their financial support of our ongoing ministries and the Capital Repairs Fund, and request that they consider an increase to their current giving amount.
 - ii. Summary of ELCA Mission Investment Funds was included in packet: \$ 34,263.
 - iii. Quarterly reports for Special Accounts, Youth Investment Account and Escrow Account were included in the packet.
- b. **Financial Secretary's Report:** The September report was included in the packet.
- c. **Secretary's Report:** Minutes from September 10, 2024, Council meeting were presented.
- d. **Pastor's Report:** Report September 11th to October 15th, was emailed to members prior to meeting.
 - i. Pastor will be at Nawakwa Quilt Retreat 11/06-11/11. Pastor Hummer to supply.
- e. **Correspondence: Thank you letters for financial support**
 - i. United Lutheran Seminary: \$ 235
- f. **Ministry Teams:**
 - i. **Worship:** Altar Guild Minutes-09/22 included in packet
 - ii. **Witness:** Faith In Action will do Adopt a Highway on October 26th; also planning Food Bank drive for Advent season.
 - iii. **Share:**
 1. **Property Committee:** Minutes from 09/10 & 10/08 included in packet.
 - a. Jim Huebner stated that the renovations and upgrades are almost complete and the 216 property should be available for rent at the beginning of November.
 2. **Extended Ministries:** A recommendation to use \$3,000 from this year's Endowment Allocation to be sent to Lutheran Disaster Relief for Hurricane Assistance was sent to Extended Ministries Committee on 10/04. Their approval was emailed to Council members and was approved by them on 10/07.
 - a. The contributions which have been made by members will be added to this.

II. Unfinished Business:

- a. **Ministry Spending Plan-2025:** Draft has been circulated to Finance and Executive Committee for review and comments.
 - i. **Special Council Meeting** to approve the plan will be held on October 29, 2024, at 7:00pm via Zoom
 - ii. **Congregation Meeting** will be held November 24, 2024, at 11:00am for discussion and approval.
- b. **Risk and Vulnerability Assessment:** Chip Haak stated that the report from the State Police was received recently, and he will review the recommendations.
- c. **Visitor Follow-up:** Procedure is in progress. Pastor Brommer also noted that we have several new individuals and families interested in joining.
- d. **Synod Delegates for 2025 Assembly:** JoEllen Myers and Rodney Gross are willing to serve.
A motion to approve them as delegates was made by Jim Huebner, second by Jen Keeler. Approved by Council.

III. Next Council Meeting: November 19, 2024, via Zoom at 7:00pm

December Council Meeting will have to be rescheduled due to Council members' conflicts with school events.

IV. Adjournment: A *motion* to adjourn by Beth Dunham and second by Jen Keeler, approved by Council. The meeting concluded at 7:58pm with Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted by *Chip Haak*, Secretary



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

Worship



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

Worship Schedule

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

2025 Bulletin & Flower Sponsorships

If you would like to sponsor the altar flowers or bulletins in honor/memory of someone or a special event please sign up in 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 1/2 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.

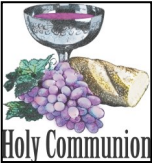
In Case of Weather Emergencies

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.

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



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.

December Special Offering Envelopes

The special offering envelope for December included in all envelope packets is for the Hershey Food Bank and Community Outreach.



The purpose of the Hershey Food Bank and Community Outreach is to serve the Derry Township community by providing food and assistance with the temporary needs of families and individuals in financial distress. The Food Bank distributes food twice monthly and also prepares food baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas to families identified and referred from churches, schools and others as being in need. In addition, general gift cards and gift certificates for children's clothing are included with the Christmas food baskets. For established clients they may also provide financial assistance for utility bills and rent payments on an emergency basis. Most cases are referred to Social Service agencies for further assistance. Budget counseling is available and provided free of charge.

Besides the monetary donations, the Food Bank relies upon donations of non-perishable food items such as canned vegetables fruits, soups, etc. as well as paper goods. Food donations can be dropped off in the narthex at Holy Trinity or taken to the drop off bins at the Food Bank, 120 E. Derry Road, Hershey.

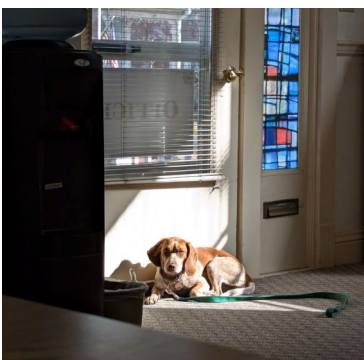
Check out their website at hersheyfoodbank.com.



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 if you'd be willing to deliver or sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

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

Waiting for UPS driver is so hard!....
(but the wait & the treats are so worth it!!!)



ADVENTURES OF BONNIE THE OFFICE POOCH



Advent



**ADVENT BEGINS
On December 1st**

**Holden Evening
Prayer—7 PM
December 4 & 11**

Please consider joining us on Wednesday December 4 and 11 for Holden Evening Prayer, offered in person and “livestream” at 7:00 p.m

Advent carries two simultaneous visions of our expectations: we await yet again the birth of the babe in the manger, and we also await Christ’s coming again to fulfill all things. Advent, the first season of the church year, reminds us to return to our sense of longing for and expectation of God’s coming into the world



Longest Night Service December 18—7 PM

The Longest Night Service is held near the shortest day of the year as we mark the official start of winter. We will gather

in the darkness of December and anticipate the coming of the Light of the world, Jesus Christ, who gives us hope. The service will provide a time of reflection as the season of Advent draws to a close.

Preparing for the Christmas holidays can be a time filled with excitement & joy but it can also be a somber time for those of us who are missing lost loved ones or experiencing life-altering circumstances. Grief, illness, aging, depression, loneliness, unemployment and loss can be magnified in the midst of all the holiday joy and cheer.

If you would like to take some time for reflection in the midst of your holiday craziness or need a little uplifting this Advent, you are invited to a time of worship on **December 18 at 7 PM**. We will listen to scripture, pray, sing hymns, light candles and celebrate Holy Communion.

Devotionals Available: Devotionals can be found in the Narthex. The Word in Season is scattered around the Narthex. Christ in Our Home is a large print devotional located on the hospitality desk inside the front door. Spark Family for kids is on the Little Lutheran table. Please help yourselves.



Time to Order Christmas Flowers

Would you like to donate money for flowers at Christmas in honor/memory of a loved one or for the beauty of the service? Please fill out the flower envelope from your offering envelopes, include a donation of any amount and mail it to church office or put in the offering plate. You can pick up a Christmas Flower envelope on the small table by the elevator. Please be sure your name is on the envelope and mark if the money is in honor or in memory of someone and who that person is. Please print neatly! **All contributions must be in by Friday, December 12th.** Thank you for your cooperation.

Time to Decorate! December 22

(Following worship)

You are invited to join in preparing our church for the Christmas season. Everything will be prepared. We just need helping hands to complete the work. Please contact Betsy Phillippy (717-533-7151) or the church office (717-533-2467) and let us know if you plan to help. We hope you can join us in this time of fellowship and celebration.



It’s almost time to start collecting greens again. The Decorating

Committee is planning beautiful decorations for the sanctuary for the Christmas season and we need some fresh greens to adorn the narthex, sanctuary and chancel areas. Please consider clipping a trash bag or two of greens (**no holly or yews, please!**) from your yard and delivering them to the back porch of the church office in plastic bags by **Tuesday, December 17th.**

Grow



Sunday School 2024-2025
All classes meet 9:00–9:45 AM



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS	
Date	Lesson/Scripture
12/1	Advent (1 st Sunday of Advent)
12/8	Advent II (Advent 2)
12/15	Advent III (Advent 3)
12/22	Advent IV (Advent 4)
12/29	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL (1 st Sunday of Christmas)

- Children's Sunday School meets in the Sunday School Room
- Confirmation Sunday School for Grades 6-8 meets in the Youth Room.
- Sunday School for grades 9-12 meets downstairs next to Youth Room.
- Adult Discussion meets in Room #16



Preschool – 5th grade We will be using the Godly Play method to help your child learn about God in a welcoming, engaging, and creative environment. They will learn the stories of the Bible, the language of the Church, and how to love themselves and others through story and play. Register online (link in email/Facebook group) or by paper form (in Church Narthex)

2024 CONTRIBUTIONS

If you would like a reminder of your current year-to-date giving for 2024, please contact Peg Huebner, 717-838-0686 (leave a message) or peghuebner@comcast.net.



Contributions for 2024 must be received in 2024 or be post-marked by December 31, 2024 in order to be included in your End of Year Statement. All contributions after that time will be noted for 2025. End of Year Statements for 2024 will be available for pick up before and after the church service on January 12, 2025. All statements not picked up will be mailed after that date. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Financial Information October 2024*

*All figures are subject to audit pending necessary adjustments



GIVING	2024	
	October	YTD
General Offering	29,673	260,443
Rental Income	1,350	20,500
Total General Offering *	31,023	280,943
Special Offerings	2,315	7,846
EXPENSES		
Actual*	27,746	314,613
Budgeted	31,356	313,558

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.

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. When articles are submitted, please include Anita Housman so that your submission can be included in both the weekly updates/communications through social channels & newsletters (aahousman2@gmail.com). **Bulletin deadline is Tuesdays (by noon); Newsletter deadline is the 15th of each month. Thank you in advance for your help!**

Many thanks to all who have contributed & faithfully commit their tithes each & every week. Your gifts to the Church throughout the year & this Christmas season are very much appreciated. These contributions help benefit the ongoing ministries & operating needs of the Church & Community. .

If you would like information on VANCO electronic or automatic giving, please contact the Church office or Peg Huebner.

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.



Outreach Ministries

Faith in Action Food Drive

Faith in Action will be collecting food during this Advent season. Items will be donated to The Hershey Food Bank.

The Hershey Food Bank is in need of non-perishable food and paper supplies. There is a drop box next to the entrance of the Food Bank for all donations. The Food Bank is located at 120 East Derry Road in Hershey. The following items are examples of things that are needed:



Food Pantry Needs

- Canned vegetables: beets, mixed vegetables, corn, beans
- Progresso Chunky soups
- Applesauce (jars, not single-serve)
- Canned Pears
- Hamburger Helper meals
- Instant potatoes (Betty Crocker, Idahoan, etc...)
- Cake mixes

Thank you to everyone who has supported this very important & well needed ministry in the Community.

UPCOMING EVENTS—SAVE THE DATE!

January 20, 2025—National Day of Service Feeding the Unhoused. Please watch your bulletins for more details.

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

Next Scheduled Screening
December 1



Bible Art Journaling

Will not meet for December.

Next gathering will be
January 12, 2025
6:00--7:30 PM.

Colleen Nielsen



LOVE INC
Love In The Name of Christ

PERSONAL CARE CLOSET NEEDS — LOVE INC

The following items are in need at Love INC.

- Body Wash
- Mouthwash
- Ladies Razors
- Ladies Deodorant
- Adult toothbrushes
- Dishwashing liquid

Donate Hygiene Items



Items can be brought into the Church and placed in the box provided or given to Lynn Budgeon for transport to Love INC.

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!

December Gathering: December 11



QUILTING GROUP

THE GIVING TREE PROJECT

Benefitting local families served by Hershey Food Bank & Community Outreach. Holy Trinity is collecting \$25 gift cards to support children & youth. If you would like to participate, please bring gift cards to the church and put them in the Giving Tree box by **Sunday, December 15, 2024.**

Another way to help is by making a monetary contribution. Checks should be made out to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and put in the same box. There are envelopes available for your use.

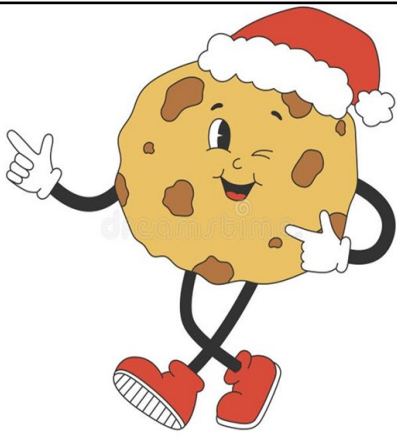
All gift cards are welcomed, but VISA & cards to Target & Walmart which offer a variety of merchandise & food are especially helpful. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



THE GIVING TREE

A quick & easy way to help support our Youth with a little extra this month is to purchase a Giant Gift Card! 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 will make 5% on that sale from Giant. You can then use that gift card anytime you shop at Giant stores or give to someone in need (including gas purchases). If interested, see Nathan in the Narthex after service on Sunday. **Giant cards make GREAT gifts too!**





Join us for a Cookie Walk!

**Saturday, December 14,
2024
9 AM— 12 Noon
in the Fellowship Hall**

Join us on December 14th from 9 AM—noon (or until sold out!) for a chance to pick out some delicious cookies for your holiday entertaining or just to enjoy yourself! If you've bought cookies in the past, you know that the cookies are extremely tasty and the variety is amazing! Containers for taking the cookies home and plastic gloves will be provided. Fill a box for only \$12.00!

Bakers are needed. We ask that you bring at least 4 dozen cookies (no store-bought cookies, please). Dig out your favorite recipes or be adventurous and try something new. There is a sign up sheet for bakers in the narthex. **Cookies should be brought to the Parish Hall on Friday, December 13th between 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM.**

Thanks for your support!



MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!

The house at 216 Cocoa has received a much-needed makeover. This past spring we determined that major upgrades were necessary to continue to rent the property, and upon the most recent tenant's departure in July we were faced with the daunting task of bringing a 100+ year old house into the 21st century.



The property committee, with funds approved by the congregation, set out to engage contractors for the larger portions of the task – windows, HVAC system, drywall, countertops, electric and floors, in addition to new appliances for the kitchen. It has taken three months, but all the upgrades have been completed and the house looks better than ever.

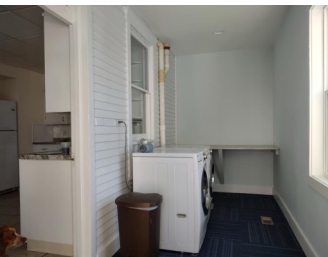
In addition, members of the congregation stepped up in a big way to clean and paint the entire house from top to bottom. The incredible amount of hours dedicated to this task is greatly appreciated and they are deserving of our thanks:



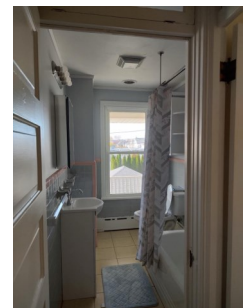
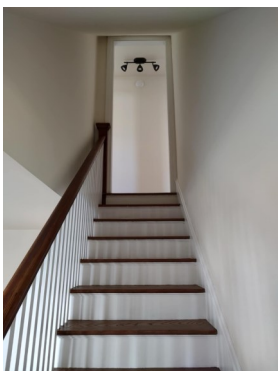
Thank you volunteers; Alan and Julia Hair, Doug Weaver, John Brommer, Jeff Budgeon, Bob Homisak, Donna Artley, Mark Mariano, Elizabeth Stuart, Bill Ze-we, Ty Eby, The Paul Family, Brian Link and of course, Jim Huebner.



Our realtor was most impressed, and he feels we should have the property rented very shortly. **Exhausted, and grateful it's over . . .**
Karen Kline



**THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!
216 COCOA AVENUE RENOVATIONS
ARE COMPLETE!**



YOUTH & FAMILY CORNER



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

All are welcome. Bring some friends for part of our crazy fun time together!

For more information on

UPCOMING EVENTS:

December

13—HTY Winter Retreat

22nd—Family Fellowship

Greetings, We're finally enjoying some fall weather, aside from all the leaf raking. Blah! Youth and Family Ministry has been going strong so far this season. Things are finally starting to wind down for the upcoming holidays. That said, the 2025 calendar will be upon us that contains lots of events for HTY and Family Fellowship to get involved.

HTY has been going strong. We have had three successful HTY Nights this season, and each has been better than the previous one.. Youth Advisors,



Liam Bishop, Samantha Smeal, and Jonice Storer and I are loving it. Our seasonal theme of RULES & TRADITIONS is just what the doctor ordered. We have already established two new rules for a total of ten HTY Rules. We have created a new candle prayer tradition using tea lights. The important thing is our youth have been the creators, so they are putting their stamp on the future of HTY as we move forward. At our most recent HTY Night, we took a break from our theme and just had a total night of fun and fellowship. We played lots of wacky youth group games, ate pizza, and closed the night with a candle prayer highlighting the use

of our new tradition. Our big event on the horizon, is in a few weeks. We will have our first Youth Group retreat in about a decade. It should be awesome! I will give full details in next month's Youth Corner.

On the Family Fellowship front, so far we have had two events. Our first event was a Family Fellowship Luncheon. About 25 people were in attendance at this cool event. Family Fellowship Luncheons are open to all members of Holy Trinity. At the luncheon, it's all



about fellowship with one another. We open up with prayer, enjoy a meal and conversation together, youth play table games, kids do crafts, and we close down in prayer. It's always a good time and great way to get know one another better. Our most recent event was our Family Fellowship Bowling outing at Palmyra Bowling Center. Around 30 parents and youth came out for this event of pure fun & fellowship. About 21 people bowled and the rest hung out and talked with one another. It was blast from start to finish. It's really nice to have events away from the church also to really get to know one another better. So far, both Family Fellowship events have been a success.



There you have it, things have been moving along. Like I always say, the time is always right to get out to HTY and Family Fellowship. We are always looking to grow, and we always want you involved. Just take a chance and I'm sure you will love it. Nuff Said...

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, A form is needed for everyone.

IRON HILL
BREWERY & RESTAURANT

GIVE 20%

LOCAL BREWERY. LARGE IMPACT.

Holy Trinity will hold a dine-in fundraiser at the Iron Hill Brewery in Hershey on **Monday, December 2nd between 5 PM-9:00pm.** Iron Hill Brewery will donate 20% of your food and non-alcoholic beverages bill to benefit the Holy Trinity Youth Group. Flyers will be available in the narthex.

101 W. CHOCOLATE AVE. HERSHEY, PA 17033
WWW.IRONHILLBREWERY.COM

GIANT Help Support Our Youth!
Giant Gift Cards Make Great Gifts—See page 6

Share

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| 1 Elizabeth Stuart | 19 Izanne Leonard-Haak | 28 Ada Martin |
| 3 Declan Killick | 20 Ryan Duh | 29 Lori Kuhn |
| 4 Jennifer Kipp | John Knol | Russell Lingle |
| Kurt Nielsen | 22 Tess Mariano | Rick Mann |
| | Darryl Tiberie | |
| 7 Jack Bishop | 23 Susan Bianchi | 31 Steven Libertore |
| 8 Linda Crandall | 24 Susanne Wiest* - 104 years! | |
| 9 Sarah Haak | | |
| 11 Jacqueline Walters* | 25 Max Griffiths | |
| 12 Joan Rizzo | 27 Mary Martin | |
| 16 Mary Ann Kelly | Kurt Smith | |
| 17 James Henry | | |
| 18 Audrey Knapp | | |
| Jane Saylor | | |



* celebrating 90+ birthday!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

We celebrate our members who have reached 90+ birthdays in December:

Dec. 11

Jaci Walters (92)

459 Sand Hill Rd., Apt. 642,
Hershey, PA 17033

Dec. 24

Susanne Wiest (104)

12 Conestoga Drive, Apt. 238
Lititz, PA 17543-7542



Thank you, Holy Trinity Congregation for honoring me and celebrating with me on Reformation Sunday the occasion of my 40th milestone year of my music career! It has been a true pleasure to serve as your Organist and Director of Music Ministries these past 40 years. Thank you for hiring me and supporting Lutheran music ministry here in Hershey. I am incredibly grateful that you sing so many different liturgies and hymns; you accept any challenge of text or tune! I am a lucky musician to serve this congregation!—Alan Hair, Director of Music Ministries

Dear Friends at Holy Trinity, Thank you so much for the lovely flowers that Doug & Darlene Weaver delivered to my apartment. It was so kind of you.—Joyce Schroeder

Thank you for the beautiful flowers and for the pleasant visit from Linda Boudman. The Church family is always in my prayers.—Shirley Espenshade

People of Holy Trinity,

Thank you for your recent gift for our neighbors in the south rebuilding after the hurricanes came through last month. The devastation that our LWR team sees on the ground is heartbreaking. It is going to take months — if not years — for our neighbors to rebuild in North Carolina and throughout the Southeast.

Our LWR team spent a day a few weeks ago at a local hotel hosting 168 homeless veterans. Prior to Hurricane Helene, these men were living in transitional housing and rebuilding their lives. **When Hurricane Helene ripped through Asheville, these veterans lost nearly all their possessions and the stability they were working so hard to rebuild.** Earlier this week, a local hotel was secured to become their new home for the next 6+ months. **Thanks to the love of Lutherans, each of the men received an LWR Quilt and Personal Care Kit.** To say these men were grateful would be an understatement. In fact, one man returned after putting the new quilt on his bed and said, “Ma’am, I put that new quilt on my bed and the room just shone with those beautiful colors. Thank you for all the love in that quilt.”

Thank you for your partnership in this important work, loving and serving our neighbors both here in the US and around the world. We are so grateful for you.

Blessings,
Emma Wagner, Sr, Advisor



THANK YOU!

PUZZLE



CLUES ABOUT CHRISTMAS

The Old Testament contains many details about Jesus' birth.
Can you uncover what Isaiah prophesied?

Directions: Use the code to write the letters and complete Isaiah 9:6-7, NIV.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
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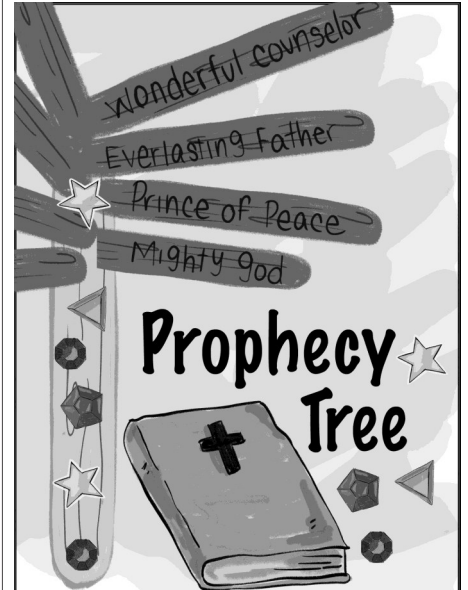
greatness of his government and & 5 1 3 5 there will be no 5 % 4.

He will reign on David's - 8 (^ % 5 and over his @ 9 % 7 4 ^ \$,

establishing and upholding it with ! ?) - 9 3 5 and righteousness

from that time on and 6 ^ (5 > 5 (. *Isaiah 9:6-7, NIV*

Answers: child, born, son, given, Counselor, Mighty, peace, end, throne, kingdom, justice, forever



Make this Christmas craft to display special names for Jesus.

What you need:

- Large wooden craft stick
- Small green wooden craft sticks
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Bible
- Permanent marker
- Craft glue
- Optional: star stickers or craft jewels

What you do:

1. Place the large stick on a table vertically, like a tree trunk.
2. Cut the green sticks into pieces that measure 4", 3½", 3" and 2½".
3. On each green stick, write a name for Jesus from Isaiah 9:6 — Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Write small or ask an adult for help.)
4. Use a dot of glue to attach each green stick to the large stick, like tree branches.
5. Decorate your Christmas tree with stickers or jewels.

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in Service to God and Neighbor.**

**CHURCH
OFFICE HOURS**
Mondays thru Thursdays
9 AM—3 PM

 **December 2024**

**January
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Deadline
December 15**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9am Choir practice 9am Sunday School 10am Worship (In person and Livestream)	2 5pm Iron Hill Fundraiser 6:30pm Scouts Troop 65 B 6:30pm Susquehanna Chorale Rehearsal	3	4 7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer	5 5:30pm Troop 65 Lions	6 5pm Harrisburg Singers Concert	7
8 9am Choir practice 9am Sunday School 10am Worship (In person and Livestream)	9 6:30pm Scouts Troop 65 B 6:30pm Susquehanna Chorale Rehearsal	10	11 9 AM Quilter's Workshop 7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer	12	13 HTY Winter Retreat	14 HTY Winter Retreat 9am Cookie Walk
15 HTY Winter Retreat 9 AM Choir practice 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship (In person and Livestream)	16 6:30pm Scouts Troop 65 B	17	18 7:00pm Longest Night Worship	19 7:00pm Congregation Council Zoom meeting	20	21
22 9am Choir practice 9am Sunday School 10am Worship (In person and Livestream) 11:30am Family Fellowship	23 6:30pm Scouts Troop 65 B	24 OFFICE CLOSED 3pm Worship Service 5pm Family Worship Service 9pm Festival Worship Service	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26	27	28
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HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS
The Church office will be **CLOSED** for Christmas & New Year on the following days:
Christmas: December 24 & 25
New Year's:
December 31 & January 1
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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.





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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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