TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Chambersburg, PA

COMING UP:

April 7 2nd Sunday of Easter

April 14 3rd Sunday of Easter

April 21 3rd Sunday of Easter

April 28 4th Sunday of Easter



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The Visitor

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From the Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Knowing life was soon to become sad and complicated, before His last supper, Jesus spoke these words of strength and comfort to His disciples.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. (John 14:27)

It feels weird writing this letter as we begin our journey with Jesus through Holy Week and the cross. You'll be receiving the Visitor just in time for Easter. It's so tempting to forgo all the pain and suffering of the Passion and jump right to Easter. He is risen!

Life doesn't work that way, though, does it? Sometimes, in the challenges, pain, and suffering in our lives, it's hard to conceive of peace and an untroubled heart. Many of us are grieving loved ones; there's an empty chair at the table for Easter dinner this year. We've received bad news from the doctor, lost jobs, or important relationships. Life is HARD!!!

Yet, Jesus promises peace – not as the world gives – but peace that God provides. The peace Jesus talks about isn't that sense of contentment that settles in when life is comfortable. No, this peace is calm in the middle of chaos swirling around us.

God's peace doesn't ignore fear and anxiety. Instead, peace names the fear and allows us to feel it fully. Then, we lean into God's love and the fear loses its power to control us. We're free to respond to tough situations in new and creative ways.

Holy Week we'll walk with Jesus to the cross. In His suffering and death, Jesus shows His complete solidarity with our suffering. Jesus understands betrayal, pain, and death. He completely trusts God as He walks that path to Calvary. He opens His arms and gives Himself totally. And the world weeps thinking it's all over.

It isn't. God loves you! Jesus' victory over death and evil comes three days later. He is raised from the dead and that promise is yours as well. This new life is something we experience NOW, TODAY, not just at the end of life when we transition to the arms of God. God is active TODAY in your life bringing new possibility and resurrection from the ashes of defeat.

The gift is we are not alone in this thing we call life. God walks with us through every circumstance in our lives. It is that promise that brings peace in the midst of chaos.

Blessings on your journey,

Pastor Barb

KEEPING UP WITH TRINITY

FEBRUARY ATTENDANCE

DATE	IN-PERSON	STREAMED	
2/4	110	52	
2/11	117	72	
2/14 Ash Wed (Noon)	35	N/A	
2/14 Ash Wed (7:00PM)	63	34	
2/18	87	86	
2/25	119	92	

FEBRUARY INFORMATION

FEB	Income	\$36,044.20
FEB	Expenses	\$36,382.89
YTD	Budget Underspent (Overspent)	\$(338.69)





We are in the process of updating our church database. If you have moved recently (within the past 3 years), changed or updated your email address or phone, added a cell phone, or if your children have moved out and have different addresses please notify the church office by email - <u>office@trinitychbg.org</u> or call

717-263-8156



RECYCLE PAPER DAY

SEWING GROUP April 24, 2024 @ 11 AM @ Jean D's home. For more info call/email the church office.

EVERY LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

We take: *newspaper, *magazines, *paperback books, *paper bags, *shredded paper, and *junk mail.

In our household we receive over six pounds of junk mail per month! Ideal containers are paper bags. Please do not tape or tie anything closed.

The paper is sold to Applegate Insulation where its ground and manufactured into insulation that helps people stay warm. The funds from paper sale will be directed to the Capital Needs account.

Every family has paper that just ends up in the land fill. How about setting that waste paper aside and bringing it to the paper drive: a small bit to save the environment and build our Capital Needs Account. Thanks so much for your participation!

COMING UP @ TRINITY









Trinity Scholarship Applications

Applications will be accepted until *April 15, 2024*

Applicants must be a member of Trinity

To apply for a scholarship: Stop by the church office for an application Call / email the church office for an electronic copy.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

CORRESPONDENCE:

A thank you letter was received from Spiritrust for a \$691 donation

STAFF REPORTS:

- Pastor Barry: Has been approached by several individuals regarding a Saturday Evening Service. It has been suggested that an ad-hoc committee be put in place to discuss all the requirements needed to be successful. IE: Pastor, Organist, Admin work, etc. This is not something you want to start and then it fails shortly afterwards
- Is requesting a 1-week vacation from 5/21-5/28. A supply Pastor will be needed for 5/26 (Kathy working on this now)
- Ken and Sherry Saylor will be representing Trinity at Synod Assembly in June THANK-YOU Ken and Sherry!
- Council is encouraged to attend the services during Holy Week to truly get the meaning of the Journey to the Cross and the glory of the resurrection.

Pastor Ruth reported the following:

- -- member phone call visits (including family, nursing home) 51
- -- member visits (home, nursing, retirement home, hospital) 28
- -- office, pastor, committee phone calls, texts, emails, meetings 17
- -- Saturday worship 0

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

LEARNING:

- Transportation costs to and from the Gathering have been paid
- Registered for Camp Hope for the Accompaniment Day on July 15th.
- Soup Sale has generated \$643.00 (Big Hit)

SERVICE:

- A request was made for Endowment for \$691.00 for the Franklin County Prison Ministry
- Debbie Hile has volunteered to coordinate the Funeral Receptions
- LARC Soup supper on 2/21 served ~75 people with 14c different soups and a variety of breads/sweets
- A representative from Trinity is needed for the SpiriTrust membership drive
- Homeless connection is in need of Dishes, pots, pans, silverware and other household items
- Daffodils for Meals on Wheels will be delivered to First Lutheran Church on Monday, March 22
- The UCCA meeting will be held on March 21st at Trinity in the Social Hall. There will be at least 3 Easter Sunrise Services in the community

WORSHIP:

- Palms for Palm Sunday will be provided by Klenzings Garden Center
- One more Usher needed for Easter Sunday
- 2 services will be held for Maundy Thursday; Noon and 7pm-The Alter will be stripped at the end of this service
- Good Friday Service will be held at 7pm, Easter Sunday service will be held at 10am

PROPERTY:

- New AC installed in the office
- Alter Rail estimates are pending
- Masonry repairs to be completed shortly
- A back up air compressor has been purchased
- Lead water test-passed
- A community Breakfast for the first day of trout season will be held in the social hall on Saturday, 4/6 (Donation only) We are following compliance with Safe Service, except maybe the temperature of the hot water (Needs to be 140 degrees to do dishes

STEWARDSHIP:

- Phil reported the challenge gift is now \$8,000
- A Synod Rep will be contacted to explain the benefits ofr contributions to Synod
- Suggest to Support and Council to raise the benevolence to 5%
- Debbie Sanders is in charge of the 4/28 luncheon
- Pastor Letter for Stewardship has been approved and will be sent to all confirmed members 3/26

SUPPORT:

All Committee request must be received by 3/15

OLD BUSINESS:

- Emergency Plan Committee will tentatively be meeting in July.
- Endowment Fund Committee new member is Jean Druckenbrod
- Ken and Sherry Saylor will represent Trinity at Synod Assembly this year
- Point of Order-Dave Wenerd recommended that Council use the following format for presenters at a Council meeting:
- Visitor presentations/concerns shall be asked to speak with the Council President prior to presenting at a meeting. Time shall be limited to 15 minutes-Council will deliberate on any issues at the next Council meeting and invite the presenter back if needed
- Please note that any Congregational Member is welcome to sit in on a Council Meeting at any time as a bystander.
- Council Nominating Committee is asking for anyone who feels called to be on Council to please contact any Council member to let them know of their interest. We will need to know by May at the latest.
- \$4,000 will be divided amongst the scholarship applicants this year
- The Website Ad-hoc committee is doing a Fabulous job. Please keep you eyes and ears ready for announcements etc...

NEW BUSINESS:

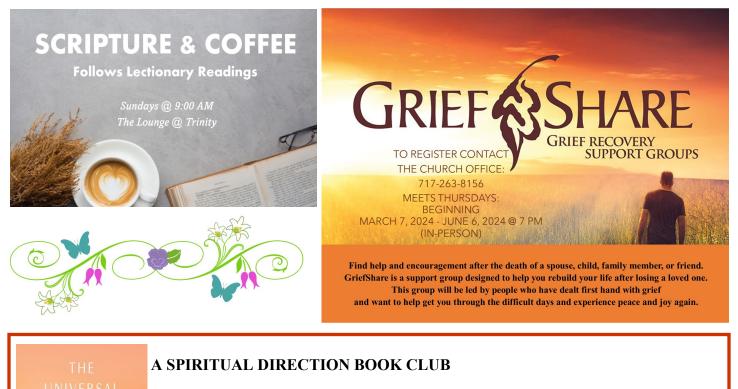
- Investment Committee met on 2/23-See Council Packet in the Church hallway for details
- Witness Committee and Monica (Communications Secretary have teamed up to help spread the word about Trinity.
- There will be an Easter Advertisement placed in the Franklin Shopper this year-Check it out!
- Also, you may see Trinity on a billboard starting July-Stay tuned!

Thank you and God Bless,

Evan Sutton, Council President



ADULT GROUPS



The next Book we will offer will be <u>*The Universal Christ, by Richard Rohr.</u>* The class will begin on April 17 at 4:00PM. We ask participants to obtain their own copies of the books we review. Please join us for this very popular Roman Catholic writer.</u>

For more information contact Jim Druckenbrod or Wallace Whitworth.

A Confirmation 101 Refresher Class is continuing to meet on Sunday's at 9:00AM in the Lounge The class will run for another couple of weeks during the Sunday School hour. Pastor Barb will cover a variety of topics in the Small Catechism. Come join us in deepening your understanding of the basics of faith and encounter Christ in exciting new ways.

RICHARD ROHR





BIBLE AND BREW

Are you wondering what *Bible and Brew* is all about? We are a group of ladies that meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday evenings each month. Fellowship, study/discussion, and dinner are our purpose.

Currently we are discussing the book <u>What is the Bible?</u> by Rob Bell. No need to buy the book before giving us a try. All are invited!

Right now we get together at Perkins Restaurant at 6:00PM. If you have questions, you may call Judy Tinberg at 717-369-5947.

SEWING GROUP

The Sewing Group meets once a month usually on the last Wednesday of the month at different members' homes. We mainly work on our own projects but also have worked on Trinity projects.

Every year we make the stoles for those finishing Confirmation.

We gather at 11:00 . Around noon, we join together for lunch. Each of us brings our own sandwiches for lunch while the hostess of the group that day provides sides and a dessert. We leave around 2:00 or later.

Most of the time we sew, but sometimes we just chat! Our group is always open for people to join for one time or more!! You don't even need to sew!



LAMPa Advocacy Day in the Capitol 2024

• Who: Lutheran advocates, leaders, and partners from around Pennsylvania

• When: Thursday, May 9

Where: Trinity Lutheran Church Camp Hill and the PA State Capitol in Harrisburg

Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in PeWhy; Education, inspiration, and advocacy on issues that matter

Please contact Pastor Barb if you are interested in joining her on May 9.



STEWARDSHIP

Soon you will be receiving 2024 Stewardship Packet. It includes:

- A letter of invitation to participate from Pastor Barry;
- Estimate of Giving for Trinity's fiscal year, July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025
- Time and Talent in what ways may I serve God and Trinity.
- RSVP for luncheon on April 28, following worship, a

celebration of stewardship and life at Trinity during the past year.

Estimates of Giving are a valuable resource for Support Committee, so that they can create a meaningful budget. It is also a great resource for the giving unit. The EOV provide the giving unit a goal of giving and helps the member(s) prepare their personal budget of income and expenses for the coming year, and to set aside a proportion for the Lord. Trinity encourages proportional giving (a percentage of God's gifts to you) of your income and if possible to increase that proportion annually.

We give, not out of obligation, but cheerfully. God loves a cheerful giver.

Each giving unit – husband and wife or single confirmed member – has received a packet. Trinity has 289 giving units. Two couples in the congregation are challenging each of you to return your completed Estimate of Giving. They will make a gift of \$8,000.00 if 100 Estimates of Giving are received by April 21. You are invited on April 14 or 21 to present your offering, Estimate of Giving, and Time and Talent to the Lord during the offertory. If unable to attend worship on April 14 or 21, please return your Estimate of Giving, and Time and Talent to the church office prior to April 21.

If you have not received a Stewardship Packet, please call the church office, 717 263-8156.

You Gotta Have Heart

Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Matthew 6:21



The four-week soup sale was an amazing success! The youth added \$1,291.00 toward Gathering expenses. My first thank you goes to Trinity members for your enthusiastic support of this fundraiser.

My second thank you goes to Nina Wilson for the cornbread muffins she donated to the sale. And a huge shout out goes to Clark Diehl and his family; first for the idea, and then for all the time and energy that you put into making the soup each week. Thank you!! Trinity is blessed in so many ways. - Mary Jo Frey





THANK YOU



The LARC committee wishes to thank Trinity Lutheran Church for hosting the Lenten service on 2/21. We fed approximately 70 brothers and sisters in Christ thanks to soup preparation by Laura Pearce, Debbie Sanders, Rachel Fisher, Louisa Etter, Travis Diehl, Brenda Runshaw, Mark Scanzello, Sherry Saylor, Barb Montgomery, Denise Barrows, Carol Hutsler, Jean Druckenbrod and Helen Wlazlowski We had a huge turnout of specialty breads made by Bonnie Cockley, Travis Diel, Libby Felix, Bert Kolva, Rachel Fischer, Barb Montgomery, Helen Wlaslowski, Peggy Bundy, and others whom I know I missed. We wish to thank also to thank all who participated in the preparation of the building, and the clean up,

including Louisa Etter, Debbie Hile, Debbie Sanders, Jean Druckenbrod, Carol Hutsler, Brenda Runshaw, Ken and Sherry Saylor, Wallace Whitworth, Ed Wlaslowski, Shirlene Engle and Rachel Fisher. Special thanks to Ken Saylor for painting the hallways downstairs and putting back up the posters in the hallway, and the flaking paint in the kitchen and Mark Scanzello for setting up tables, and obtaining electrical cords for all the crockpots.



Trinity Family,

Many thanks for all the cards, phone calls and food. Can't express enough how greatly everything was appreciated. Barry and I were married 44 years. The loneliness at times is very painful, as some of you know. But getting back to church is what I need. The pain will slowly go away, but the memories I have will last my lifetime!



Thanks again for your condolences. Thank you, Pastor Barb, for your calls and a shoulder to cry on!

The Hile Family



To My Trinity Family,

There are not enough words to express how thankful I am to all of you for the prayers, cards, calls and hugs you gave us during Tammy's illness and her passing. I have found comfort in your love, caring and thoughtfulness and I know Joe has too.

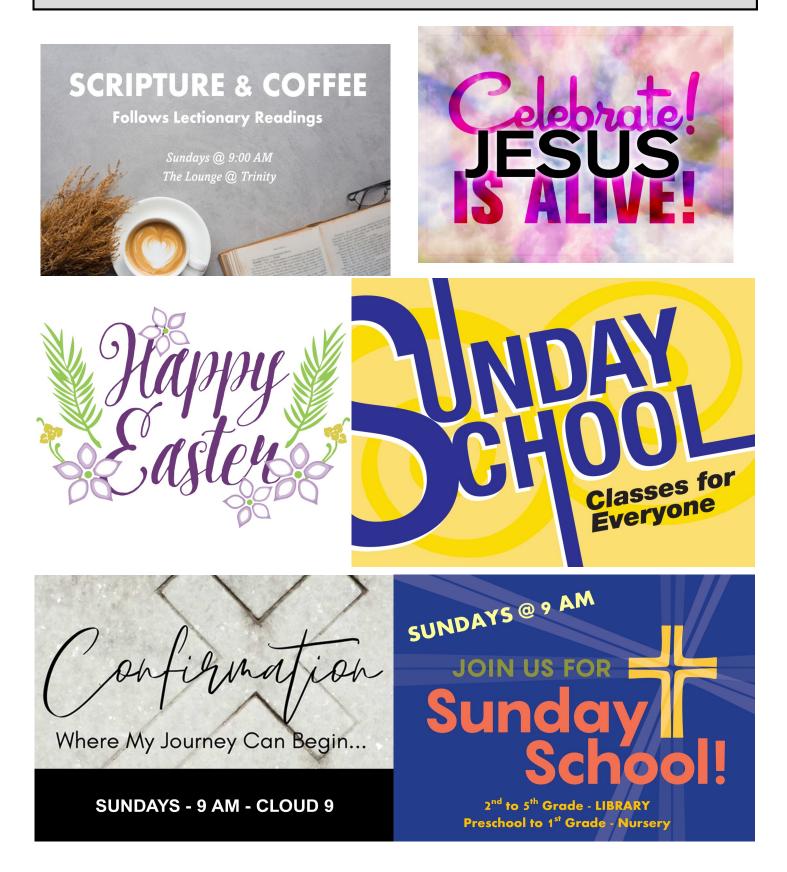
God's peace and blessings to each and every one of you as you continue your journey through life. You truly are stewards of the heart. We love you. Joyce & Joe McDonald



KID'S CORNER

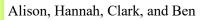


SUNDAY SCHOOL TIMES



YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

As you all know, the youth of our congregation are going to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in the summer of 2024. We would like to thank you all for the contributions you have made so far! If you would still like to donate, please take an envelope from the bulletin board in the hallway by the chapel and place your contribution in the offering plate. Thanks again!









Youth in Action! Whether it was selling soup for their trip to the National Youth Gathering or acting out the story of Moses in the river, the youth of Trinity had a busy Lenten Season!

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS



	Louisa Etter	
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- Courtney Graham
- Nina Wilson
- 2 Dr. Anne Bender
- 3 Pamela Hopple Tammy Huntsberry
- 4 James Mitchell
- 5 Linda Hins Robert Shannon
- 6 Rickey Heckman
- 8 Harry Short

- 9 Donna Brindle
 - Devin Furness
- 11 Deana Nelson12 Kathy Hamilton
- RJ Caldwell
- 13 Sherry Saylor
- 14 Scott Stanish David Hoffman Jeff Barrows
- 17 Alexis Martin
- **18** Marilyn Small
- 20 Jenna Vogal
- 21 Mike Smith

- 23 Eileen Heckman Hallie Donnelly
- 28 Garrett Parham Dennis Alleman Libby Felix
- **30** Brooklynn Barkman John Diehl Audrey Kough



READ THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

APRIL BIBLE READINGS						
Apr 1	<i>Rev 20-22</i>	Apr 12	Gen 32-34	Apr 23	Ex 13-15	
Apr 2	Gen 1-3	Apr 13	Gen 35-37	Apr 24	Ex 16-18	
Apr 3	Gen 4-7	Apr 14	Gen 38-40	Apr 25	Ex 19-21	
Apr 4	Gen 8-11	Apr 15	Gen 41-42	Apr 26	Ex 22-24	
Apr 5	Gen 12-15	Apr 16	Gen 43-45	Apr 27	<i>Ex 25-27</i>	
Apr 6	Gen 16-18	Apr 17	Gen 46-47	Apr 28	Ex 28-29	
Apr 7	Gen 19-21	Apr 18	Gen 48-50	Apr 29	Ex 30-32	
Apr 8	Gen 22-24	Apr 19	Ex 1-3	Apr 30	Ex 33-35	
Apr 9	Gen 25-26	Apr 20	Ex 4-6			
Apr 10	Gen 27-29	Apr 21	Ex 7-9			
Apr 11	Gen 30-31	Apr 22	Ex 10-12			



HELPING HANDS



Thank You, Peggy Bundy for Partnering with Me to provide lunch for the House of Grace on March 13th. Thirteen were served. This ministry is blessed by your kindness and generosity.

Please contact Carol Hutsler at (717) 496-8941 for more information about this ministry.





WORSHIP

Give in-person

each Saturday or Sunday

and place your tithe

in the offering plate.



WAYS to give At TRINH

TEXT

Text STEWARD and the amount to 73256.

Click the link you receive in the text message response.

Follow the prompts to give.

Text giving saves your payment info so you can quickly give again. \geq

MAIL

Mail it directly to the church: Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church 431 Philadelphia Ave. Chambersburg, PA 17201 MOBILE AUTOMATIC TRANSFER
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and sign in. Tap the Giving icon

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Automatic contribution from a checking or savings account. Contact the Financial Secretary for more information.

Find the amount, fund, frequency, & email. Click Continue and enter your payment information to complete the transaction.

> If you have a Realm login, you can login when prompted to use your saved payment info.

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burg.org/give/

HELPING HANDS





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Sunday Worship 10 AM - Traditional (in-person & streamed)

DATED MATERIAL - PLEASE DO NOT DELAY

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