

TIDINGS

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Everlasting

“Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
even from everlasting to everlasting, you are God.” Psalm 90:2

I love Niagara Falls- the beauty and power mesmerize me and I could stand and watch the water pour over it for hours. I have a picture standing on the Canadian side in a stroller with my grandparents with bus loads of people speaking a multitude of languages gathered to see its splendor. I imagine those who have gone before me and those who will come after who will be able to experience this joy.

Except that the first humans may not have been able to see the falls. The falls formed about 12,500 years ago with the receding of the last big ice age. The Appalachian Mountains are thought to be 480 million years old, the Grand Canyon 5-6 million years old, and there is even a colony of aspen trees that began before the Niagara Falls formed. Although we imagine the falls being a permanent part of our world, they are just temporary. At the slowed rate of erosion, in 50,000 years they will have reached Lake Erie and be no more.

Like the Niagara Falls, everything on earth is temporary- the aspen trees, the Grand Canyon, the Appalachian Mountains- everything. God was before forming the earth, mountains, trees and waterways. God will be after they have eroded, died or have been destroyed. God is everlasting. God's love is everlasting. God is the permanence in whom to lean and on whom to put our trust.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Sarah

COMING EVENTS

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- June 2 Young Adult and Pub Theology Meeting 7pm
- June 9 Graduate Recognition Sunday at both services
- June 17 Community Meal, doors open at 5, dinner at 6pm
- June 21 Women's Group 5:30, Winery visit
- June 26 Pub Theology 7pm
- June 30 Healing Services
- July 4-5 Office Closed
- July 15-20 Youth Mission Trip
- July 28 Christian Education Day at Round Hill Park
- Sept. 8 Church Picnic

³²And we bring you the good
Tidings that what God
promised to our ancestors ³³he
has fulfilled for us, their children,
by raising Jesus;
Acts 13:32-33a

Have some good stuff you don't need any longer?

Donate it to:

CHOIR RUMMAGE SALE!

We will start collecting items from June 1 through 16th.
Please, No electronics, clothing, food, or books.

The sale is on June 22nd. All funds will support our music ministry program.

In the upcoming years, Holy Trinity will need to make some building updates. If you know a commercial architect or general contractor, please send that information to Danielle in the office. (office@htlc.church) Thank you!

Church Finances

CONGREGATIONAL AVERAGE OFFERING APRIL 2024

<u>2024 BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET NEEDS WEEKLY</u>	<u>AVERAGE WEEKLY OFFERING</u>
\$391,718	\$7,533.00	\$4,875.97
<u>2023 IMPROVEMENT FUND</u>	<u>WEEKLY GOAL</u>	<u>AVERAGE WEEKLY OFFERING</u>
\$24,000.00	\$461.00	\$80.25
<u>2023 NEW CHURCH ROOF FUND</u>	<u>WEEKLY GOAL</u>	<u>AVERAGE WEEKLY OFFERING</u>
\$40,000.00	\$770.00	\$1,827.75

Online TithingThe church has set up online giving through **Tithe.ly**. (the church incurs approximately a 3% fee or you may add the fee into your donation to cover that 3%). To donate through online giving please visit: <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1399928>

Trinity Lutheran Care Fund (TLC) is a ministry of the church that offers assistance to members of the congregation experiencing financial need, due to extreme, unusual and/or medical circumstances. If you'd like to request help, please contact Pastor Sarah, Julie Kuhn, or Jodi Waugaman.

THRIVENT Investors:

It's time to **remember HTLC with your Thrivent Choice Dollars**. Please either go online or contact your Thrivent agent and **select Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Irwin to receive your Choice Dollars.**

Food Pantry

2024 Dates: June 15, August 10, October 12, December 14

Items always needed:

Mac & cheese/pasta	Applesauce	Baked beans	Cake/muffin/brownie mix
Canned fruit	Canned tuna	Cereal	Granola bars
Pasta Sauce	Oatmeal	Paper towels	Toilet paper
Peanut butter & Jelly	Potato/rice mix	Pudding Cups	

Special Requests for June distribution:

Drink mix/lemonade	Cereal bars	Popcorn	Laundry detergent
Toilet paper	Oatmeal packets		

Many thanks for the generous donations to date! If you would like to donate, please mark "food pantry" in the subject line on your check or you may use one of the pew envelopes if you would like to donate cash. Food pantry contact: Jodi Waugaman at 724-516-9680 or waugawoman86@comast.net

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN OUR PRAYERS IN MAY:

DYLAN KUNKEL	MICHAEL TOMASELLO	NANCY BOYD	MICHAEL SHOTTS	RACHEL FAULKNER
MARIE HOWELL	JOANNE CAMPBELL	RUTH PORTER	PAT GRANNY	LETTIE BLASIOLI
CHRIS RITENOUR	CAROL JACOBS	JOHN AND LISA JANIRO	DEBBIE HUNT	DANNON JOHNSON
FRANK GUMMO	LINDA AND JOE HECKERT	BOB HANKO	DANNY AND JANE HELLMANN	JACKIE BRICKNER
DIANE HARKER	CHUCK AND MARY JANE HENAGHAN		ELEANOR JOHNSON	JOHN HOWELL
BONNIE HILLIER	JIM AND JUDY HOGUE	JEFF HORVATH	MIKE AND JOYCE HOLLICK	MARIE HOWELL
MIKE AND ANGELA HENAGHAN				

WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER THE FOLLOWING MILITARY PERSONNEL:

TYLER HUFFER SHANNON DAWSON ZACHARY ZEHNER BROOKE NEWELL

A Tribute to my Dad and Fathers Everywhere

In June, we celebrate Father's Day and I would like to tell you about my own Dad.

Paul Hellmann was born in February 1900 in North Irwin. He was one of 10 children. He was baptized and later confirmed at Holy Trinity. The Church was his life. He served 20 years as treasurer and on Church Council. When he retired in 1965 he became the church custodian. He ushered, help serve communion, and spent hours at the church.

When he passed away suddenly of a heart attack, it was the week of Father's Day. He was only 71 years old. People called him Mr. Lutheran. He was so loving, kind, and generous, and lived a Christian life. He could tell many stories about God answering prayers.

So please appreciate your earthly fathers until we meet our Heavenly Father. ~Ruth Porter



A sincere thank you to ALL who helped make the service special on May 19th and to all who helped with the celebration at the luncheon!

We are so blessed here at Holy Trinity for all our volunteers who donate their time and talent!

Thank you to the members who have beautifully landscaped the front of the church. Please take notice of the rock sculpture to the right of the main steps. AND, for the third year in a row, we thank Norwin Landscape for donating the mulch!



Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Penny Morgan. She passed to life triumphant on May 25, 2024.

COUNCIL BRIEFS MAY 7 MEETING

Audit Committee

- Audit is planned for June.

Fellowship Committee

- It was noted that June 9th is the graduate recognition.

Finance Committee

- Roof replacement is planned for June (expected to take 1.5 weeks).

Property Committee

- Getting quotes and pursuing renovation of the porch. Property and Finance will discuss funding options once quotes are received.

Safety Committee

- It was noted that a CPR class will be available soon (\$10).

Worship and Music Committee

- Issues with the organ were noted with the need for repair/tuning or replacement in the near future.

Long Range Planning

- Ryan Ebner from the synod visited to talk to Long Range Planning about Planned Giving. He will be meeting with Finance committee in September. Pastor encouraged others to pursue individual sessions.

New Business

- Implementation of New Constitution
 - Our constitution was approved by the Synod.
 - Motion made and passed unanimously; to add the following continuing resolution:
CR12.01.1. To accommodate the reduction of the number of Congregation Council members from 15 to 12, all members elected to a three year term will fulfill their three year terms and beginning at the next Annual Meeting, four members will be elected to the Congregation Council each year. The total number of members will decrease each year until the Council consists of twelve members. *Should a vacancy or vacancies occur during this reduction, the Congregation Council may suspend the election of any successor (C.12.03.) until the number of Congregation Council members is reduced to 12.* When the number of council members is reduced to twelve, this Continuing Resolution is nullified.
- HTLC Parking
 - It was noted that some members got parking tickets during a funeral. Pastor John spoke with the mayor and he agreed to “avoid” the HTLC area 30 minutes before thru 30 minutes after church funerals and weekday services. Pastor John will make phone calls to the mayor’s office when these events are planned.

Next Meeting will be: June 12, 2024 at 7:00 PM. .

Pastor Sarah noted that the August meeting will be cancelled.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Four of our youth will be attending the **ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans July 15-20**. Over 15,000 will be attending with speakers, worship, service, accompaniment and fellowship. Our region 8 is **collecting personal wipes** to bring to the gathering to help make care packets for disaster relief. If you would like to contribute, please bring them to Pastor Sarah by July 8.

Round Hill Christian Education Afternoon July 28

All children and youth are invited to an afternoon of fun at Round Hill park. We will be at the Water Lily Pavilion July 28 from 2-4pm. Bring a swimsuit and towel for the water playground, and join us for games and snacks!

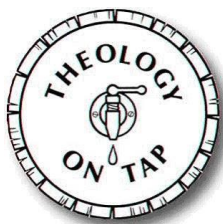
SUMMER STUDY OF PROVERBS:

Please join us starting Sunday, June 2nd at 9:30 in the Miller Parlor for a study of the book of Proverbs. Proverbs is a collection of essays, poems, and sayings expressing the wisdom of ancient Israel. It focuses on the quirks of human nature, the basic behaviors of a righteous person, and on man's proper relationship to God. We look forward to hearing Pastor Sarah's insights on this book as well!

HOLY TRINITY'S Age 25-45 and THEOLOGY ON TAP GROUPS

On Sunday, June 2, the Theology and Tap group and Holy Trinity's Adults Ages 25-45 will meet at 6:00 PM. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall for this event which includes dinner. We will also review the upcoming schedule for these two groups.

Holy Trinity's ages 25-45 will meet Sunday, June 23, starting at 9:15 AM in Candy's Restaurant to discuss our June 2 meeting and look at future plans for this group.



Our Theology on Tap group will be meet on Wednesday, June 26, at 7:00 PM. at the home of Josh and Angela Brittingham, 875 Lockport Drive, North Huntingdon.

If you have not signed up for June 2 or contacted Pastor John, please email him at outreach@htlc.church.

For the other gatherings, please sign up on the list under the clock in the Narthex at the rear of the church.

HOLY TRINITY MEN TO MEET ON SATURDAY, JUNE 1



The men of Holy Trinity will meet on Saturday, June 1, at 8:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall of the church along with men from other Lutheran churches in the Irwin and North Huntingdon area.

Please sign the list in the narthex at the back of the church or contact the Church Office at 724-863-7350. This will be the final breakfast until September.

COMMUNITY MEAL



Our next Community Meal will be offered on **Monday, June 17**. Doors open at 5:00 PM. Meal is served at 6:00 PM.

We saw a growth in number from the first to the second meal. Please pray for this ministry that we remain faithful and patient as it grows and those who receive these meals will be blessed.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Pastor John at outreach@htlc.church.

HOLY TRINITY'S COMMUNITY MEALS MINISTRY RECEIVES GRANT



We are pleased to announce that our Community Meals Program at Holy Trinity received a \$1,500 grant from our SWPA Synod.

We thank the synod for this grant as we remain in the beginning stages of this ministry.

BIBLE STUDYS CONTINUE.....JOIN at ANY TIME



BIBLE STUDY on THURSDAYS at Noon in the Miller Parlor.

All are welcome!

BIBLE STUDY on MONDAY Evenings at 7:00PM in the Miller Parlor. **Please join us!**

All are invited Mondays at 6:00pm for PRAYER

WESTMORELAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PRESENT PROCLAMATION TO HOLY TRINITY

On Thursday, May 16, the County Commissioners of Westmoreland County presented Holy Trinity with a proclamation on the occasion of the church's 150th anniversary.

We were appreciative of the commissions to recognize the church on this event. You can read the proclamation in its entirety (see next page) or on the bulletin board. May God be with our commissioners and with our church in its celebration.

County of Westmoreland



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

150th Anniversary

WHEREAS, The Evangelical Church of the Holy Trinity in Irwin celebrates 150 years of ministry by Reflecting on the past, Celebrating the present, and Envisioning the future; and

WHEREAS, Holy Trinity reflects on its beginning when Irwin residents wanted a Lutheran church in town. A meeting was held on May 30, 1874 to approve the first constitution of Holy Trinity, Irwin. Before the current building was constructed in the summer of 1876, worshippers gathered in a school hall, at the Baptist Church and in the basement of the United Presbyterian Church. The first charter was recorded at the Greensburg Court House on December 30, 1886; and

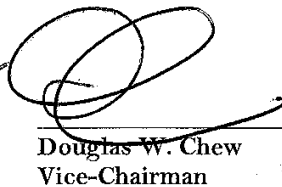
WHEREAS, Holy Trinity celebrates the many ways of serving God: From the corner of Fifth and Main Streets in Irwin, Holy Trinity reaches out to its members through Word and Sacrament, education, music, service and compassion. The church has been served faithfully by 14 pastors including our current Pastor, Reverend Sarah Lee-Faulkner. Seven Holy Trinity members have entered the ordained ministry; and

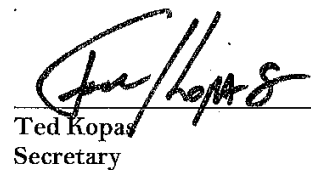
WHEREAS, the congregation reaches out to the community in opening its doors to children, schools and scouts; offering Community Meals, providing a food bank, participating in community events, and offering support to families in need. The church also reaches out to the world through World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Relief. As a congregation, they are committed to care for each other, sister congregations, the community and the world.

THEREFORE, the Commissioners of Westmoreland County, Sean Kertes, Douglas W. Chew and Ted Kopas, do hereby congratulate Holy Trinity Lutheran Church for celebrating 150 years of ministry.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the County to be affixed this 16th day of May, 2024.


Sean Kertes
Chairman


Douglas W. Chew
Vice-Chairman


Ted Kopas
Secretary

Presented by the Commissioners of Westmoreland County

<u>DUTIES for June</u>		Assisting Minister	Communion Assistants	Acolyte	Lector	Altar Flowers
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Sunday, June 2	8:15AM	Chris Karpinsky	Jodi and Dave Smith	Landon Hillier	Lori Pheil	
	10:45PM	Jennifer Fitzgerald	Zack and Samantha Tinsley	Ty Cessna	Bob Cessna	
Sunday, June 9	8:15AM	Joe Thomas	Connie Berg Lois Brown	John Sheleheda	Pat Koos	Pat Walt
	10:45PM	Colleen Cochenour	Natalie Amantea Hannah Amantea	open	Adrienne Amantea	
Sunday, June 16	8:15AM	Heather Newell	Debbie Gilkey Jaden Brittingham	Delany Hillier	Heather Newell	
	10:45PM	Jodi Waugaman	Kira Zyvith EricWalt	open	Karly Kunkle	

Sunday, June 23	8:15AM	Jerry Kuhn	Julie Kuhn Connie Berg	John Sheleheda	Heather Newell	
	10:45AM	Jennifer Fitzgerald	Susan Siems open	Grant Darby	Debbie Kunkle	
Sunday, June 30	8:15AM	Chris Karpinsky	Glenda Wendling Lois Brown	Landon Hillier	Rick Bavolek	
	10:45AM	John Howell	Mary Smaligo Kira Zyvith	Will Little	Nancy Woodring	

Altar Guild

June 1 Set Up Lois Brown and Vickie Geary
 June 2 8:15 Lois Brown and Vickie Geary
 10:45 Lori Thomas
 June 8 Set Up Nina Saccamano and Debbie Curtis
 June 9 8:15 Debbie Reed
 10:45 Nina Saccamano and Debbie Curtis
 June 15 Set Up Lori Thomas
 June 16 8:15 Lois Brown and Vickie Geary
 10:45 Lori Thomas
 June 22 Set Up Nina Saccamano and Debbie Curtis
 June 23 8:15 Debbie Reed
 10:45 Nina Saccamano and Debbie Curtis
 June 29 Set Up Lori Thomas
 June 30 8:15 Lois Brown and Vickie Geary
 10:45 Lori Thomas

[10:45 Greeters:
 June 2 Jeffrey Horvath and Pat Baird
 June 9 Brian and Andrea Smith
 June 16 Pastor Bob and Carol Schlotter
 June 23 Darbys
 June 30 Doug Woodring and Mike Stark
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JUNE 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8AM Men's Group at Holy Trinity
2 Pentecost 2 8:15 Worship 9:30am Adult Sunday School 10:45am Worship 6:00PM Theology on Tap and Young Adults in the Fellow.Hall	3 NO Bible Study <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">Youth Gathering Lock In</div>	4 Property Committee Meeting 7:00pm	5 <small>Boy Scouts Fellow. Hall 6:30-9</small>	6 Bible Study- Noon	7 Office Hours today - 1:00-3:00pm	8 <small>Sanctuary Rsvd. 2:00-5:00</small>
9 Pentecost 3 <i>Graduate Recognition</i> 8:15am Worship 9:30am Adult Sunday School 10:45am Worship	10 Prayer Meeting 6:00PM Bible Study 7:00PM	11 Men's Group 7:00PM	12 COUNCIL 7:00PM <small>Boy Scouts Fellow. Hall 6:30-9</small>	13 Bible Study- Noon	14 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">Synod Assembly</div>	15 Food Pantry 9am
16 Pentecost 4 8:15am Worship 9:30am Adult Sunday School 10:45am Worship	17 <i>Community Meal at Holy Trinity dinner at 6:00PM</i> Prayer Meeting 6:00PM Bible Study 7:00PM	18	19 <small>Boy Scouts Fellow. Hall 6:30-9</small>	20 Bible Study- Noon	21 Women's Faith and Friendship 5:30PM	22
23 Pentecost 5 8:15am Worship 9:30am Adult Sunday School 10:45am Worship	24 Prayer Meeting 6:00PM Bible Study 7:00PM	25 Men's Group 7:00PM	26 Pub Theology 7:00PM <small>Boy Scouts Fellow. Hall 6:30-9</small>	27 Bible Study- Noon	28	29
31 Pentecost 6 Healing Service at each service 8:15am Worship 9:30am Adult Sunday School 10:45am Worship						



Order Your
Holy Trinity 150th Commemorative Gear
Today!

Items Available for Pre-Order:

Men's Moisture Wicking Polo (Silver)
Women's Moisture Wicking V-Neck Polo (Silver)
Soft-style T-Shirt (Heather Maroon)
20oz Travel Tumbler (White)

And Available Immediately:

Commemorative Pewter Ornament

See our "Commemorative Gear Table" in the Narthex

Complete your order form, include payment
(payable HTLC)
in a sealed envelope and drop it in the order box!

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