

TIDINGS

May 2024

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“I love to tell the story, 'Twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.”

On May 19th we will be celebrating our 150th anniversary.

A lot has changed in 150 years. During the celebratory luncheon we will be seeing these changes in music. Throughout the afternoon, we will be singing songs throughout the decades. We will be able to experience how music has changed over the years. We will be connected to those who have been members before us as we sing hymns of praise that they once sang.

I Love to Tell the Story

This hymn was written in 1874- the same year that Holy Trinity was founded. It's a hymn that people have loved for 150 years. It's a hymn we still sing today. The founder of Holy Trinity wanted to form a church to tell the story.

I Love to Tell the Story

We are here to tell the story of Jesus and his love. We gather together as a church to worship God and to proclaim Christ crucified. We reach out to the world with God's love. We teach God's story to people of all ages. As the body of Christ, we are called like Jesus' disciples to go and share the good news. This good news is not just that Jesus died and rose again for our sins, but that he is also at work in our own lives today and in our community.

I love to Tell the Story

It is my prayer that as we celebrate 150 years, we remember why we are here- to tell the story. I pray that each of us tells the story in some way in the next month- whether by sharing it with someone else or posting it on social media. I also pray that you don't just tell the story but that you LOVE to tell it- that you truly want others to know about Jesus' love. Who knows how God will use you to help others through you sharing the story.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Sarah

COMING EVENTS

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- May 4 Men's Group at Paintertown at 8AM
- May 8 Council Meeting at 7PM
- May 9 **Ascension Service at Noon**
- May 15 Women's Faith and Friendship at 7:00PM
- May 19 **150th Celebration, ONE SERVICE AT 10:00AM
Banquet at Manchester Room in Trafford**
- May 20 Community Meal at HTLC:
 doors open at 5:00PM, dinner at 6:00PM
- June 9 Graduate Recognition Sunday

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

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 MARCH 2024

<u>2024 BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET NEEDS WEEKLY</u>	<u>AVERAGE WEEKLY OFFERING</u>
\$391,718	\$7,533.00	\$9,431.36
<u>2023 IMPROVEMENT FUND</u>	<u>WEEKLY GOAL</u>	<u>AVERAGE WEEKLY OFFERING</u>
\$24,000.00	\$461.00	\$98.60
<u>2023 NEW CHURCH ROOF FUND</u>	<u>WEEKLY GOAL</u>	<u>AVERAGE WEEKLY OFFERING</u>
\$40,000.00	\$770.00	\$1,117.40

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 1, 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 APRIL:

DYLAN KUNKEL	MICHAEL TOMASELLO	NANCY BOYD	MICHAEL SHOTTS	RACHEL FAULKNER
MARIE HOWELL	JOANNE CAMPBELL	RUTH PORTER	PAT GRANNY	LETTIE BLASIOLI
CHRIS RITENOUR	DEBORAH CURTIS	HEIDI AND SEAN DARBY	JUDY CRESCENZO	ANN DRURY
SHERRY BAVOLEK	JANIS FISHER	DENNIS AND TAMMY FIX	TOM AND LOUANNE DAWSON	JACKIE BRICKNER
MELISSA FOX	BILL AND DENISE FLEMING	VICKIE GEARY	MARK AND HALLE COPEMAN	
LILLIAN GORAS	PAT GRANNY	DEBBIE AND JERRY GILKEY	DAVID AND LENORA EMANUELSON	
SONNIE FREED	VICKIE GEARY	BARBARA GREGAR	SOMER AND JOEL GREEN	
RON HANKO	CAROL JACOBS	CHARLES AND ARLENE DENNING		
CATON AND MARINA GOODMAN		MICHELLE GRICKS	NEAL AND NORMA GRABIAK	

WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER THE FOLLOWING MILITARY PERSONNEL:

TYLER HUFFER SHANNON DAWSON ZACHARY ZEHNER



HAPPY 96TH BIRTHDAY TO PAT LOUTSENHIZER ! (APRIL 22ND)



Our thoughts and prayers are with Cindy McCune. Her mother, Lorraine passed to life triumphant on April 7, 2024.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Russ McCullough. He passed to life triumphant on April 14, 2024.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Bob Jackson. He passed to life triumphant on April 17, 2024.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the friends and family of Luyviana Petersen. She passed to life triumphant on April 21, 2024. Luyviana was a long time member of Lutheran Church of Our Savior. She was 100 years old.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Aileen Little and her family. Her mother, Lillian Shea passed to life triumphant on April 28, 2024.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Julie Kuhn and her family. Her step father, Bob Igoe passed to life triumphant on April 25, 2024.



God Bless our First Communion Class of 2024

March 28, 2024

Addison Rutkowski

Kennedy Copeman

Andrew Sheleheda

April 14, 2024

Jack Morrow and Aaron Morrow

COUNCIL BRIEFS APRIL 9 MEETING

Report of the Director of Outreach Ministries

Pastor John provided, for review, an HTLC brochure that the Evangelism Committee created.

Reports of Congregational and Standing Committees

Christian Education

Summer activities being decided; will advertise once known.

Beginning to plan 2025 Detroit mission trip for grades 7-12.

Youth Ministry

Pastor Sarah is taking individual youth members on day trips to their interests.

Fellowship Committee

Pastor noted her gratitude for all that the Fellowship committee has done for the church in recent months.

Safety Committee

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

Worship and Music Committee

Motion made and seconded to retain second service at 10:45am (vs 10:00am) during the summer. It was noted that last month we discussed the idea. The vote tied. Therefore, the decision was to retain current service times and not implement any changes. Summer worship times will be 8:15am and 10:45am.

Reports of Special Committees

Long Range Planning

Guest speaker from the synod coming to talk to Long Range Planning.

Old/Unfinished Business

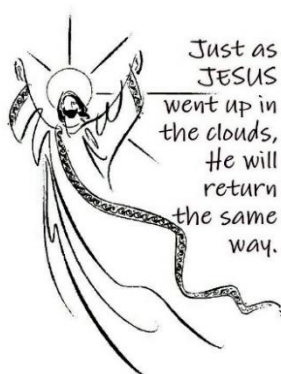
Synod Assembly will be June 14 (9:30am) – June 15 (12:30) at Cal U.

New Business

May 9 is Lutheran Day in Harrisburg.

Next Meeting will be: May 08, 2024, 7:00 PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!



Just as
JESUS
went up in
the clouds,
He will
return
the same
way.

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Join us on Thursday, May 9, at 12:00 noon as in worship we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord. On this day which is considered the second most important day of the church year, our Lord returns to heaven forty days after his resurrection.

COMMUNITY MEALS AT HOLY TRINITY ON MONDAY, MAY 20

Our Community Meal will be held on Monday, May 20, in Holy Trinity's Fellowship Hall. These meals are for anyone in need of fellowship, community, and a good meal. Those attending can arrive anytime between 5:00 and 6:00 PM. We will all join together in the meal at 6:00 PM.

Please note: The following is a list of those who will be staffing the meal on May 20:

Set up and serving - Brittingham family

Cooking and kitchen - Michelle Gricks, Pat Koos, Marion McFeely, Sandy Tomko

Clean-up - We discovered all workers did this at the April 15 dinner.

We ask that those working at the meal arrive at 4:00 PM.

Any member of Holy Trinity is invited to join community residents in this meal.

HOLY TRINITY INVITED TO JOIN IN MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE – SUNDAY, MAY 26

On Sunday, May 26, Holy Trinity is invited to partner with the residents of Irwin Manor (High rise behind the Irwin Post Office at 1:00 PM) for a Memorial Day observance as we remember those who lost their lives in defense of our country. Pastor John will lead this brief service which will be held at the flag poles at the high rise. In case of rain, we will hold this event in the gathering fellowship area. The service will include a soloist as well as taps which will be played on trumpet. Following the service, refreshments will be served.

PLEASE NOTE: Any Holy Trinity members who would be able to make and serve refreshments are asked to contact Pastor John Smaligo (724-610-1441 or email outreach@htlc.church). Your help would mean a lot to those who live in the high rise.

CHURCH CAMPS ARE THE BEST!!

Check out the upcoming events at our two Lutheran camps – Lutherlyn and Sequanota. See what you think!

CAMP BLAST AT CAMP LUTHERLYN



ATTENTION PARENTS WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING CAMP LUTHERLYN THIS SUMMER OR WOULD SIMPLY ENJOY A SATURDAY AT THE CAMP!!! Join in a day known as Camp Blast at Camp Lutherlyn on Saturday, May 11, anytime between 11:00 AM and 4:30 PM. There are many awesome indoor and outdoor activities which you will enjoy – campfire, crafts, gaga ball, archery, pony rides, zipline, Boulder room, hikes. Hay rides, games, sports, archaeology, disc golf, great food, worship and MORE! And everything is FREE!

Pastor John will be present the entire time and staffing several of the events throughout the day. He would love to see all of you there! Regardless of age, come and join the fun! Questions? Please see Pastor John with any questions.

MOTHER'S DAY BANQUET AT CAMP SEQUANOTA



Bring your mom and entire family to Camp Sequanota for lunch on Mother's Day, May 12. Knowing lines can be long at restaurants, join us for lunch at the camp at either 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM (You will see Pastor John and his family at the 1:30 PM sitting and they would love to see you there!). They can handle big and small families. Afterwards, you enjoy a hike or sit under a shade tree on the grounds.

Make reservations by calling the church camp office at (814-629-6627).

YOUNG ADULTS AND THEOLOGY ON TAP GROUPS

Neither of these 2 groups will meet in the month of May. We will definitely be resuming in June. Please watch for upcoming bulletins, newsletter, and church Facebook for information concerning the meetings of these 2 groups.

IS IT IMPORTANT TO CHECK THE CHURCH FACEBOOK PAGE AND WEBSITE REGULARLY?

The answer is a resounding "YES!" Both of these sites will show updates on worship, learning and other events that take place in the vibrant parish. Worship and Tuesday Bible Studies (both current and past) are also on Facebook.



HOLY TRINITY'S FACEBOOK WELCOMES YOUR CHURCH NEWS!

All groups, committees, organizations, and ministries of Holy Trinity are invited to submit information to be placed on the church Facebook page. Please send announcements, news and pictures of upcoming or recent events to Pastor John at outreach@htlc.church.

REMEMBER – HOLY TRINITY RECYCLES

For the last several months, Holy Trinity has been recycling. Many times, the bins have been filled with the following items used at church: Cardboard, magazines, paper, bulletins after worship, plastic bottles, glass bottles, aluminum cans.

Recycling bins are in the narthex, Church Office, outside the Youth Room and in the Fellowship Hall. The items in these bins are then taken to the containers at Irwin Fire Hall.

Thank you to Holy Trinity for recycling the items they have been using in ministry.

MEN'S SATURDAY BREAKFAST MEETINGS

Holy Trinity men will continue to meet the first Saturday of the month. This group consists of men from Holy Trinity, Brush Creek Lutheran, Paintertown Lutheran, Zion's Lutheran, Immanuel Lutheran, Our Savior's Lutheran, along with men from the community. On May 4, we will meet at Paintertown Lutheran Church.

Watch upcoming bulletins and the Facebook page for location of the June 1 meeting. As for now, mark June 1 at 8:00 AM on your calendar and plan to be present! We will see you there!



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

<u>DUTIES for May</u>		Assisting Minister	Communion Assistants	Acolyte	Lector	Altar Flowers
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Sunday, May 5	8:15AM	John Howell	Jodi and Dave Smith	Landon Hillier	John Howell	
	10:45PM	John Howell	Mary Smaligo Joe Thomas	Grace Darby	Karl Kunkle	
Sunday, May 12	8:15AM	Tracy McNelly	Chris Karpinsky Lois Brown	Hannah Glenn	Fran Sivonek	
	10:45PM	Dannon Johnson	Natalie Amantea Susan Siems	Joy Snyder	Jocelyn Sndyer	

Sunday, May 19						
	10:00AM	John Smaligo	Susan Siems Jaden Brittingham	Ty Cessna	Bob Schlotter	Choirs
Sunday, May 25	8:15AM	Maria Clark	Glenda Wendling Debbie Gilkey	Hannah Glenn	Jim Morrow	Brian and Andrea Smith
	10:45AM	Jodi Waugaman	Mary Smaligo Kira Zyvith	open	open	

Altar Guild

May 4 Set Up Rochelle Belak and Vicki Rutkowski
 May 5 8:15 Rochelle Belak and Vicki Rutkowski
 10:45 Nancy and Doug Woodring
 May 9 Noon Set Up Nancy and Doug Woodring
 Clean up Rochelle Belak
 May 11 Set Up Andrea and Brian Smith
 May 12 8:15 Rochelle Belak and Vicki Rutkowski
 10:45 Nancy and Doug Woodring
 May 18 Set Up Nancy and Doug Woodring
 May 19 10:00 Andrea and Brian Smith
 May 25 Set Up Andrea and Brian Smith
 May 26 8:15 Rochelle Belak and Vicki Rutkowski
 10:45 Andrea and Brian Smith

10:45 Greeters:

May 5 Clyde and Carrie Ellen Stewart
 May 12 Luella Tomasello and Sandy Tomko
 May 19 Georgia Stewart
 May 26 Chris Richardson and Susan Richardson

MAY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Boy Scouts Fellow. Hall 6:30-9	2 Bible Study- Noon Choir Rehearsal 7:00PM Girl Scouts Fellow. Hall 6-7:30	3	4 8AM Men's Group at Paintertown Lutheran
5 Easter 6 8:15 Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship	6 Prayer Meeting 6:00PM Bible Study 7:00PM	7 Worship and Music Meeting 6:00pm	8 COUNCIL 7:00PM Boy Scouts Fellow. Hall 6:30-9	9 Ascension - Service at Noon Seton Hill Fellow. Hall 5-7:30	10 Girl Scouts Fellow. Hall 6-7:30	11 Camp Blast at Lutherlyn
12 Easter 7 8:15am Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship <i>Happy Mother's Day!</i>	13 Prayer Meeting 6:00PM Bible Study 7:00PM	14 Note day change: Property Meeting 7pm Men's Group 7:00PM Girl Scouts Fellow. Hall 5:45-9	15 Women's Faith and Friendship 7:00PM Boy Scouts Fellow. Hall 6:30-9	16 Bible Study- Noon Choir Rehearsal 7:00PM Girl Scouts Fellow. Hall 6-7:30	17	18
19 Pentecost 10:00am Worship for the 150 th 150 th Anniversary Luncheon	20 <i>Community Meal at Holy Trinity dinner at 6:00PM</i> Prayer Meeting 6:00PM Bible Study 7:00PM	21	22 Boy Scouts Fellow. Hall 6:30-9	23 Bible Study- Noon	24 Girl Scouts Fellow. Hall 6-7:30	25
26 Holy Trinity 8:15 Worship 10:45am Worship 1:00 Memorial Day Service at Irwin high rise – see page 6	27 Happy Memorial Day! Office Closed	28 Men's Group 7:00PM Girl Scouts Fellow. Hall 5:45-9	29 Boy Scouts Fellow. Hall 6:30-9	30	31	



Join us in celebrating the
150th Anniversary
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday, May 19, 2024
Following the Celebration Worship Service
(approx. 12:30pm)

The Manchester Room
414 Brinton Ave, Trafford, PA 15085

If needed, transportation may be provided.

Complete this portion and return at the time of ticket purchase.

Name: _____

___ # Adult Tickets	X \$20.00 = \$	___
___ # Youth Tickets (4-14 yrs)	X \$10.00 = \$	___
___ # Children Tickets (↓4 yrs)	Free	
	Total \$	___

Table # _____ (office use only)

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UPCOMING:

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