

TIDINGS

May 2023

Homepage: htlc.church

724.863.7350

E-Mail Address: office@htlc.church

“May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, *Selah* that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.” Psalm 67:1-2

SELAH is found 71 times in the Psalms, but no one truly knows what it means. The most frequent educated guesses revolve around signifying a break- either a break in music or a time to pause and reflect. Some also believe it could be akin to amen (even though it is in the middle of some Psalms like Psalm 67).

SELAH- And so we break. I was running at north park with a friend when she abruptly stopped talking and running to grab my arm. She was looking up and in a nearby tree was a bald eagle. We stopped running to pause and soak in the majesty of the bird (who, in return, seemed to watch our every move).

A pause, a break for our normal five mile route, a moment away from catching up. Selah. It would have been easy to miss this sight and I probably would not have seen it on my own. God gives us these gifts: time to pause and soak in the moment, to reflect. Like the very word selah, these times can be hard or impossible to define, yet they are present in abundance. More than 71 times a day.

Take those breaks as a gift. Notice what God is doing in the world around you. What moments have you been gifted with today? SELAH

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Sarah

Coming Events 2023

Articles:	Pg:
Pastor's Letter	1
Coming Events	2
Finances/ Food Pantry	3
Our Church Family/Prayers	4
Announcements	5-7
Duties	8
Calendar	9

- May 7 Pastor Schlotter supplying
- May 10 Home Communion Meeting 6:00PM
Council 7:00PM
- May 14 Happy Mother's Day
- May 17 Women's Faith and Friendship in the Miller Parlor 7:00PM
- May 18 Day of Ascension – Service at Noon
- May 21 Assisting Minister and Communion Assistant Training and Refresher at Noon
- May 28 Pentecost
- May 29 Happy Memorial Day!
- June 4 Graduate Recognition

³²And we bring you the good
Tidings that what God
promised to our ancestors³³ he
has fulfilled for us, their
children, by raising Jesus;
Acts 13:32-33a



Please join us for a Service on *Ascension*
—
Thursday, May 18th at Noon.

Church Finances

CONGREGATIONAL AVERAGE OFFERING MARCH 2023

<u>2023 BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET NEEDS WEEKLY</u>	<u>AVERAGE WEEKLY OFFERING</u>
\$368,322.31	\$7,083.12	\$7,299.00

<u>2023 IMPROVEMENT FUND</u>	<u>WEEKLY GOAL</u>	<u>AVERAGE WEEKLY OFFERING</u>
\$24,000.00	\$461.00	\$145.50

<u>2023 NEW CHURCH ROOF FUND</u>	<u>WEEKLY GOAL</u>	<u>AVERAGE WEEKLY OFFERING</u>
\$20,000.00	\$385.00	\$219.50

Online TithingThe church has set up online giving through **Tithley**. (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>

Food Pantry

2023 Distribution Dates: June 10th, August 12th, Oct. 14th, Dec. 9th

Items needed for the June distribution:

Drink mix/lemonade	Antibacterial Liquid soap	Cereal bars/granola bars
Popcorn	Laundry detergent	Toilet paper

Items always needed:

Antibacterial hand soap	Applesauce	Baked beans	Cake/muffin/brownie mix	Canned fruit
Canned tuna	Cereal	Granola bars	Jelly	Kleenex
Oatmeal	Paper towels	Pasta sauce	Peanut butter	Potato/rice mix
Small toys for cats and dogs				

Monetary donations are also welcome ☺

If you have any questions or would be like to be added to the email helper list, please contact Jodi Waugaman at 724-516-9680 or waugawoman86@comast.net

Update on the Food Pantry:

Your help is desperately needed. **The food pantry ministry is in jeopardy due to lack of funds.** There is a nominal balance in the funding account which will only support one more distribution (scheduled for June 10). We are able to support 15 families (44 people) every other month, but one distribution requires approximately \$1,000 to purchase Aldi gift cards and necessary food items.

With your help over the years we've managed to keep the food pantry ministry alive and well. Please consider a monetary contribution to continue the ministry for years to come.

Thank you for your support to date - personally, monetarily, and prayerfully.

Your prayers for resolution are humbly requested. May God's will be done.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Fellowship/Social Ministry



Here at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, we have collection every week called "Change for Change". The purpose of this collection is to help certain organizations that mostly rely on donations from other organizations. Thank you in advance for your consideration in donating to these very worthy causes.

MAY will benefit: LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

IN OUR PRAYERS IN APRIL:

DYLAN KUNKEL	MICHAEL TOMASELLO	NANCY BOYD	JOHN MARTINCHECK
MICHAEL SHOTTS	RACHEL FAULKNER	MARIE HOWELL	JOANNE CAMPBELL
JEAN DIMARCO	TIM PAUL	CLYDE SIMMERS	RUTH PORTER
DOROTHY PETERMAN	SAMANTHA VANEK	TERRY DARBY	MIKE HOLLICK
ANN DRURY	NEAL AND NORMA GRABIAK	BOB HANKO	JOE AND LINDA HECKERT
DIANE HARKER	DANNY AND JANE HELLMAN	RUSS HEYZ	RON HANKO
JANIS FISHER	SOMER AND JOEL GREEN	GENEVIEVE FIX	LILIAN GORAS
SONNIE FREED	PAT GRANNY	VICKIE GEARY	MELISSA FOX
BARBARA GREGAR	JULIE KARAS		

WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER THE FOLLOWING MILITARY PERSONNEL:

TYLER HUFFER SHANNON DAWSON ZACHARY ZEHNER DOM BAVERSO
JASON GRIBSCHAW JEFF & HOLLY JADLOCKI



Wishing a very Happy 50th Anniversary to Bev and Jim Coulter, who were married here in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on May 5, 1973!



Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Bill Hadbavny. He passed to life triumphant on April 20, 2023.



Thank you to the Fellowship Committee for a wonderful and delicious Easter breakfast on Easter morning!

ANNOUNCEMENTS!



Brendan, Janna, and Killian Duffy

Drew, Becky, Addison and Asher Rutkowski

Brad, Kristina, Garrett and Elise Fennell

Connie Berg

Chuck and Mary Jane Henaghan

Worship Assistant Meeting

On Sunday, May 21, 2023 at 12:30PM Pastor Sarah will be having a meeting for **all Worship Assistants (Assisting Ministers and Communion Assistants)** following the second service. She will be reviewing duties and service protocol /changes and also discuss concerns/questions from the group. Anyone wanting to join this group of members in serving in any of these positions is welcome to attend the meeting. Current Worship Assistants will be glad to speak with you and answer questions and hands-on training will be given to anyone wishing to (or considering to) serve in any of these positions.

See you at the meeting!

Eric Walt, Worship Assistant Coordinator

All are invited Mondays at 6:00pm for PRAYER.



God Bless our First Communion Class on Maundy Thursday:

Garrett Fennell

Jericho Brittingham

Corrine Minerva

Isaac Thomas

Christian Education Corner We are excited to announce that we will once again be hosting an Intergenerational Event this summer. We are still in the planning stages but are targeting a cook-out type event July 16th. Keep watching the bulletin and newsletter for more details!

Altar Flowers... How do the live flower arrangements get on the altar?

The Answer: Anyone can arrange to put the flowers on the altar!

How? In the Narthex on the bulletin board is the ALTAR FLOWER CHART for the year. If you would like to put flowers on the altar, please fill in your name on any open date.

Then, the week before your Sunday, there are 2 things to do.

Call a florist (there are business cards attached to the Bulletin Board for suggestions. Belaks, Lea's, etc.) You choose the florist and call or visit them to choose your arrangements.

Call the church office with what you would like to appear in the bulletin for that Sunday. The Altar Flowers are always *Given to the Glory of God* and then you add

and *in loving memory of OR and in honor of.*

Any questions, please call Danielle in the office!

Join with us in our 2022-2023

“We Love to Read the Stories” adventure,

as we read our way through the Bible in one year. Our program is a 52 week program, it concludes on Saturday September 2nd, 2023. JOIN ANYTIME!

There will be weekly reading lists, “paths” on three levels:

The Challenge Path – digging deeply into the Bible’s riches.

The Survey Plan – shorter scriptural references.

The Sampler Plan – Bible’s message in memorable and quotable references.

Our 7:00 pm Monday Night Bible Studies will be a time of gathering, reflection and the sharing of any questions that you might have on our weekly readings. Each week will be a reading from Psalm and readings from one of the books of the Bible.

Join us as we dive into the Bible! You choose the depth of your dive. **Pick up the plan at church !**

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.

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.**

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!**

Women’s Faith and Friendship Upcoming Events:

- **Wednesday, May 17th at 7pm in the Miller Parlor...**We will return to our regular meeting night on the third Wednesday of the month for small group question sessions.



Join us for a *Pirates* game on Faith Night! Saturday, May 20th
\$30 tickets, lower level. 4:05pm game time start
RSVP By May 7th to the office -724.863.7350 / office@htlc.church

Information on summer camps at Lutherlyn is available in the Narthex.
*If your child plans to attend any Lutherlyn camp this summer,
please see Pastor Sarah or call the office.*

You Are Invited to CampBlast! Saturday, May 13th 2023, 11am-4:30pm Join us for a day of FUN that highlights all that Lutherlyn has to offer. Horseback riding, campfire, crafts, gaga ball, archery, zipline, bouldering room, hiking, nature activities, canoeing, hay rides, games, sports, kayaking, LEGO room, tours, great food, and MORE!

The best part.... EVERYTHING IS FREE!

www.lutherlyn.com/campblast \$100 off for FIRST-TIME campers!

This coupon entitles FIRST-TIME Lutherlyn campers to \$100 off of the registration fee for Summer 2023. This applies to Lutherlyn's residential week-long programs. Young Folks half-week programs get \$50 off for FIRSTTIME campers. Does not apply to Family Camp, Confirmation Camp, Day Camps, or Small Fry Days. Must be a FIRST TIME summer camper. No additional discounts may be combined with this offer. Enter coupon code: FIRST Register at **WWW.LUTHERLYN.COM**. (Please share this code with friends!)

Please let Pastor Sarah know if your child plans to attend Lutherlyn (there are funds available to help offset the cost).

<u>DUTIES for May</u>		Assisting Minister	Communion Assistants	Acolyte	Lector	Altar Flowers
Sunday, May 7	8:15AM	Chris Karpinsky	Rochelle Belak Lois Brown	Justin McNelly	Angela Brittingham	
	10:45AM	Jodi Waugaman	Kira Zyvith Jeff Horvath	Breanna Hogue	Michele Klingensmith	
Sunday, May 14	8:15AM	Joe Thomas	Dave and Jodi Smith	Delany Hillier	Jodi Smith	Russ Heyz
	10:45AM	Jennifer Fitzgerald	Eric Walt Susan Siems	OPEN	Lily Morrow	
Sunday, May 21	8:15AM	Maria Clark	Rochelle Belak Debbie Gilkey	John Sheleheda	Lori Pheil	Rochelle Belak
	10:45AM	Jodi Waugaman	Anne Coiner Kira Zyvith	Ty Cessna	Debbie Rominski	
Sunday, May 28	8:15AM	Jerry Kuhn	Lois Brown Julie Kuhn	Jaden Brittingham	Tracy McNelly	Roni Barry
	10:45PM	Dannon Johnson	Mike Stark Jeff Horvath	Hannah Amantea	Karl Kunkle	

Altar Guild

Saturday, May 6 Set UP – Rochelle Belak
Sunday, May 7 8:15- Rochelle Belak
 10:45- Doug and Nancy Woodring
Saturday, May 13 Set UP – Doug and Nancy Woodring
Sunday, May 14 8:15- Rochelle Belak
 10:45- Doug and Nancy Woodring
Saturday, May 20 Set UP – Andrea and Brian Smith
Sunday, May 21 8:15- Rochelle Belak
 10:45 - Lori Thomas and Nina Saccamano
Saturday, May 27 Set UP – Andrea and Brian Smith
Sunday, May 28 8:15- Andrea and Brian Smith
 10:45- Andrea and Brian Smith

10:45 Greeters:

5/7 Diane Kowalski and Sandy Tomko
5/14 Nancy and Doug Woodring
5/21 Samantha and Zack Tinsley
5/28 Brian and Andrea Smith
6/4 Heidi, Grace and Grant Darby

MAY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Prayer Meeting 6:00PM Bible Study at 7:00PM	2 Property Meeting 7:00PM Christian Education Meeting 7:00PM Girl Scouts Fellow. Hall 5:30-7:30	3 Technology Committee Meeting 7:00PM Boy Scouts Fellow. Hall 6:30-9	4 Bible Study- Noon Choir Rehearsal 7:00PM Girl Scouts Fellow. Hall 6-7:30	5	6
7 Easter 5 <i>Pastor Schlotter</i> 8:15 Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship	8 Prayer Meeting 6:00PM Bible Study at 7:00PM	9 Stewardship Meeting 7:00PM Men's Group 7:00PM Girl Scouts Fellow. Hall 5:30-7:30	10 Home Communion Meeting 6:00PM Council 7:00PM Boy Scouts Fellow. Hall 6:30-9	11 Bible Study- Noon Fellow. Hall Rsvd 5-7 Choir Rehearsal 7:00PM	12 Girl Scouts Fellow. Hall 6-7:30	13
14 Easter 6 8:15am Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship	15 Prayer Meeting 6:00PM Bible Study at 7:00PM	16 Mapping Tomorrow Meeting 7:00PM Girl Scouts Fellow. Hall 5:30-7:30	17 Women's Faith and Friendship at 7:00PM Boy Scouts Fellow. Hall 6:30-9	18 Ascension-Service at Noon Choir Rehearsal 7:00PM Girl Scouts Fellow. Hall 6-7:30	19	20 4:05: Pirates Faith Night – tickets ordered through the church office
21 Easter 7 8:15am Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship Noon- Assisting Minister and Communion Asst. Meeting/Training	22 Prayer Meeting 6:00PM Bible Study at 7:00PM	23 Men's Group 7:00PM Girl Scouts Fellow. Hall 5:30-7:30	24 Boy Scouts Fellow. Hall 6:30-9	25 Bible Study- Noon Choir Rehearsal 7:00PM	26 Girl Scouts Fellow. Hall 6-7:30	27
28 Pentecost 8:15am Worship 10:45am Worship	29 Happy Memorial Day!	30	31 Boy Scouts Fellow. Hall 6:30-9			

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
502 Main Street
Irwin, PA 15642

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
IRWIN, PA

PERMIT NO. 353

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



Holy Trinity has a new website: **htlc.church**

EVENTS:

- May 10 Home Communion Meeting 6:00PM
Council 7:00PM
- May 14 Happy Mother's Day
- May 17 Women's Faith and Friendship in the Miller Parlor 7:00PM
- May 18 Day of Ascension – Service at Noon
- May 20 Pirates Game – Faith Night 4:05 game time
- May 21 Assisting Minister and Communion Assistant Training and Refresher at Noon
- May 28 Pentecost
- May 29 Happy Memorial Day!