

TIDINGS

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“Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them.” Exodus 25:8

If you need a good story to put you to sleep, read Exodus 25-31. God gives instructions on how to build the Tabernacle. Very specific directions. Very, very elaborate and specific instructions.

Through the Old Testament, God tells people exactly how to construct important dwellings. From Noah and the ark to the Tabernacle in the wilderness, to Solomon’s temple in Jerusalem. All of these are important. The ark carried the promise of a new beginning. God dwelled in the inner sanctuaries of the tabernacle and then the temple.

Buildings are important. They bring us together as the people of God. Our building at Holy Trinity is important. For almost 150 years it has been a place of worshipping, learning, fellowship, celebrating, lamenting, and serving. It is a place where we gather and a place for the broader community.

God did not send specific directions for our building, but we are guided to use it for the glory of God and love of neighbor. The building committee spends hours each year keeping our building in good shape for its many uses, and I am grateful for all of their work.

We do know that we are in need of a new roof this year. We have put it off, but it is necessary to replace so we can continue to steward our building for God’s mission and ministry. We have signed a contract for \$88,000 but know that other expenses are possible, so the stewardship committee set a goal of \$100,000 to cover such expenses.

Thank you for your generosity! We are almost 75% to goal. If you have not joined the *Give it Up for the Roof Fund* during Lent, I encourage you to examine your life and find something to give up during the 50 days of Easter.

When we work together, God can use our building to build up the body of Christ for years to come.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Sarah

COMING EVENTS

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- April 6 Men's Group at Brush Creek at 8am
- April 9 Council Meeting at 7pm
- April 15 Community Meal, page 7
- April 17 Women's Faith and Friendship at 7pm
- April 24 Pub Theology, page 5 for details
- April 18-20 Pictorial Directory, please sign up! (page 9 has the details)
- May 9 Ascension Service at Noon
- May 19 150th Celebration, ONE SERVICE AT 10:00AM
Banquet at Manchester Room in Trafford
- June 2 Graduate Recognition Sunday

²And 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



Join us for Sunday School!

Our classes are divided into four groups: ages 3-1st grade, 2nd -3rd grade, 4th -6th grade, 7th - 8th grade (Confirmation class), and high school. All classes meet from 9:30 – 10:30 AM.

We also offer a Sunday School class for adults. All are welcome!!



We are looking for volunteers to run the livestream for both services, training will be provided, anyone interested should see David after the service.

Church Finances

CONGREGATIONAL AVERAGE OFFERING FEBRUARY 2024

<u>2024 BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET NEEDS WEEKLY</u>	<u>AVERAGE WEEKLY OFFERING</u>
\$391,718	\$7,533.00	\$7,268.59
<u>2023 IMPROVEMENT FUND</u>	<u>WEEKLY GOAL</u>	<u>AVERAGE WEEKLY OFFERING</u>
\$24,000.00	\$461.00	\$174.00
<u>2023 NEW CHURCH ROOF FUND</u>	<u>WEEKLY GOAL</u>	<u>AVERAGE WEEKLY OFFERING</u>
\$40,000.00	\$770.00	\$1,438.50

Online Tithing ...The 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>

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: April 13, 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 April distribution:

Oatmeal packets
Peanut butter & cheese crackers
Paper towels
Shampoo and conditioner
Antibacterial wipes/spray

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 FEBRUARY:

DYLAN KUNKEL	MICHAEL TOMASELLO	NANCY BOYD	RUSS MCCULLOUGH
MICHAEL SHOTTS	RACHEL FAULKNER	MARIE HOWELL	JOANNE CAMPBELL
CLYDE SIMMERS	RUTH PORTER	PAT GRANNY	LETTIE BLASIOLI
HERB WILLSON	CHRIS RITTENOUR	ERIC WALT	KIRA ZYVITH
PAT WALL	DEE WITHROW	ANNE COINER	KORRY AND MARIA CLARK
SANDY YONIKA	NANCY AND DOUG WOODRING	ANDREW ZIKELI	JAMES AND DONNA REYES
ADRIENNE AMANTEA	STAN AND DONNA YUSKO	SANDY TOMKO	TERRY AND PEGGY ZIMMERMAN
PAT BAIRD	RONI BARRY	CHUCK BALEGO	RICK AND SHERRY BAVOLEK
NANCY BALL	ROCHELLE BELAK	BEN AND ELLIE BRATTON	RON BRENTZEL
LINDA BONACCI	JACKIE BRICKNER	LOIS BROWN	RHONDA CHAPPELL
SALLY CARTER	WESLEY CARTER	COLLEEN COCHENOUR	BOB AND JAMIE CESSNA

WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER THE FOLLOWING MILITARY PERSONNEL:

TYLER HUFFER SHANNON DAWSON ZACHARY ZEHNER

THANK YOU

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

*thank
you*

We received the following Thank-You from one of the people in attendance at our Living Stations of the Cross:

Just a note of THANK YOU for all involved in the Stations of the Cross on March 20, 2024.

My mother and I are from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in North Huntingdon and we came to see your most beautiful church and see your production of the Stations of the Cross. It was so BEAUTIFUL. The cast each took their role so serious and we were filled with joy at the whole experience. A great big you THANK YOU to all involved. We appreciate the time and the talent and we were blessed to be part of this devotion, praise, prayer, and meditation.

Your Stations of the Cross is a profound love of God and community service. May you be blessed by him. We truly felt welcomed and the Spirit of God.

*Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Genevieve Fix,
She passed to life triumphant on March 6, 2024.*



*Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Dorothy Peterman.
She passed to life triumphant on March 8, 2024.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of John Martincheck,
He passed to life triumphant on March 26, 2024.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

ATTENTION MEN OF HOLY TRINITY

HERE'S SOME EXCITING INFORMATION ABOUT THIS MINISTRY



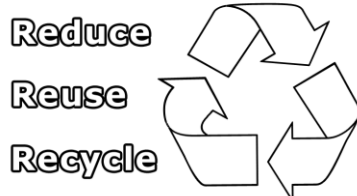
Our next monthly men's get together will be breakfast at Brush Creek Lutheran Church on Saturday, April 6, at 8:00 AM. During our time together, we will also hear from members of Penn Lutheran Church who will be sharing their perspective of the closing of Penn Lutheran Church and a presentation by the Pastor of Zion's Lutheran Church, Harrison City, Penn Lutheran and Brush Creek. We will then engage in a service project by lending a hand to those of Penn Lutheran Church as they transport some of their items to Brush Creek Lutheran Church. Our goal? We would like to see a minimum of 15 men present from Holy Trinity. Upcoming speakers include Matt Williams who will discuss the program Fight the Blight in Irwin. He will also share information concerning his support group for hoarders. We are in an exciting time of the growth of this group as we work towards unity where the men of Holy Trinity, Our Savior's Lutheran (Irwin), Immanuel Lutheran (Irwin), Paintertown Lutheran (Irwin) Penn Lutheran (Penn), Brush Creek (Irwin) and Zion's (Harrison City) unite to form one exciting, faithful, and service oriented group. We have also been having visitors from Good Shepherd Lutheran in Greensburg. Watch for continuing updates and please keep this ministry in your prayers.

THEOLOGY ON TAP RETURNS



We look forward to the return of Theology on Tap on Wednesday, April 24, at 7:00 PM. We will meet at the home of Josh and Angela Brittingham, 875 Lockport Drive, in North Huntingdon. As we enjoy the libations of what will be on tap, we will discuss what we can learn in this group and plans for the future. Please sign up in the church narthex (underneath the clock). Questions? Contact Pastor John at 724-610-1441.

RECYCLING AT HOLY TRINITY HAS BEGUN!



In March, we began recycling at the church. We recycle items we have been using at the church are taken from the church to the Irwin Fire hall. The items include paper, cardboard, plastic and glass bottles, and magazines, all which we use for ministries at the church. The white recycling cans are found in the Church Office, narthex, and Sunday School rooms.

Please sign up online or at church for your photo to be included in the new 2024 Pictorial Directory!!

Online Scheduling Available!

To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to www.ucdir.com, click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter pa1064 in the Church Code field and enter photos in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 6 or more in your family please use 2 consecutive time slots. The online scheduling option is available Monday through Friday. Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time.

CHURCH CAMP NEWS

ATTENTION PARENTS!! HAVE YOU REGISTERED YOUR CHILDREN FOR CAMP YET?

We are blessed by having two church camps that benefit our children during time at summer camp. Camp Sequanota is in Jennerstown and Lutherlyn is near Butler.

ATTENTION PARENTS! Have you registered your children for summer camp? For the youngest campers, they offer day camp or one overnight which introduces camping. There are also have various forms of camps that last a week at both of these camps.

If you have any questions, please see Pastor John. He will be spending a week helping at Camp Sequanota this summer.

Take note of these special opportunities for all ages in the upcoming months:

CAMP SEQUANOTA

5K and 1 MILES CAMPERSHIP FUNDRAISER - SATURDAY, APRIL 20

Choose one of two options (road or trail). Join us as we run, walk, bike, or hike at Sequanota. Proceeds will provide camp scholarships. The goal is to raise \$5,200.

NOTE: Pastor John will be in the 5K portion of this fundraiser. Come and join him or sponsor him so those in need of camperships can experience the joys of church camp.

Spring Work Day – May 11 – 9:00 AM

Grab your work glove and sturdy shoes and help prepare camp for the upcoming season. See Pastor John if you can give some time to help. Lunch provided

Mother's Day Banquet – May 12 - 11:30 AM or 1:30 PM

Bring your mom and whole family to camp to celebrate that special lady in our lives. There are 2 seatings – 11:30 AM and 1:30 PM. Call (814)629-6627. This has been a more than 15 year tradition for the camp (and has become a tradition for the Smaligo family, too!).

CAMP LUTHERLYN

Spring Work Day – April 27- 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Attention volunteers! Help get the camp ready for summer camp. Lunch provided. See Pastor John if you can give some time to help.

Camp Blast – May 11

A day of fun that highlights all Lutherlyn has to offer. Just show up with all your friends, family, neighbors, and anyone else looking for a fun free day. This is a GREAT way to see what church camp is all about. **Pastor John will be present for this day and would love to welcome and spend time with any Holy Trinity members who attend.**



**Community
MEALS**

HOLY TRINITY COMMUNITY MEALS BEGIN APRIL 15

Holy Trinity and First Methodist have scheduled dinners that serve the underfed, the lonely, and those who would benefit from these dinners. This gives two opportunities each month to meet the needs of our community. First Methodist continues the meals the last Friday of each month.

On Monday, April 15, Holy Trinity will begin serving these Community Meals the third Monday of each month. We will serve the underfed, lonely, elderly, and those in any need.

We look forward to being a part of this ministry. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact Pastor John at 724-610-1441 or jmsmaligo@gmail.com.

NEW YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS TO BEGIN IN APRIL



A new additional Adult Sunday School class will begin Sunday, April 7. We will meet in Candy's Restaurant (across the street from the church) starting at 9:15 AM and on the first Sunday of every month.

We look forward to seeing you there. If you plan to attend, please contact Pastor John at 724-610-1441.

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

Give It Up for the Roof Campaign

As we journey through the Easter Season, let us reflect upon the Bible verse, *Luke 9:23*:

²³ Then he (meaning Jesus) said to them all (the disciples): “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.”

What does it mean to deny ourselves?

It means to not allow ourselves to enjoy things or to have the things we want.

Why would we want to do this?

The things we enjoy and/or want can separate us from God. Denying ourselves is a way for us to practice sacrifice as Jesus sacrificed his life for us. Sacrifice is an intentional act we do which brings us closer to God.

What does take up your cross mean?

It means to lay our strengths aside and pick up those weaknesses that we so often try to run away from in life. In this verse, God asks us to carry our weaknesses daily, so we can come to terms with the vulnerable and weaker parts of ourselves.

The last part of the verse, Jesus says, *and follow me..*

If we carry our weaknesses and admit our vulnerability, our hearts change to desire to be more like Jesus and follow him.

Our Give It Up for the Roof campaign is two-fold. It is asking us to first deny ourselves of something we enjoy or want and then give the monetary amount of what we deny ourselves to the Roof Fund.

You can use the green envelopes in your envelope box or in the pews, and there are white envelopes in the Narthex.

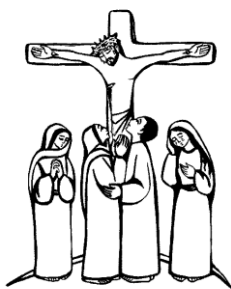
The stewardship committee wants to thank everyone who has given to the roof fund. We are blessed to have generous givers who are providing a need for our church to move forward into the future. If you have not given to the roof fund at this point, it is ok. You can start today by asking yourself what you enjoy or want? Then, intentionally deny yourself and give to the roof fund!

In Christ,

The Stewardship Committee

EASTER EGG HUNT HELPERS

Our appreciation is extended to all youth and adults who stuffed and placed eggs and worked with the children for the Holy Trinity Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 24, Thank you!



LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS PARTICIPANTS

We thank the following who participated in the Living Stations of the Cross on March 20:

Youth

Grant Darby Ryan Henaghan Will Little John Sheleheda

Adults

Susan Kramer Karly Kunkle Tim Smith

<u>DUTIES for April</u>		Assisting Minister	Communion Assistants	Acolyte	Lector	Altar Flowers
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Sunday, April 7	8:15AM	Rick Bavolek	Connie Berg Joe Thomas	John Sheleheda	Donna Yusko	
	10:45PM	Jodi Waugaman	Mike Stark Jeffrey Horvath		Lynn Smith	
Sunday, April 14	8:15AM	Jerry Kuhn	Chris Karpinsky Jaden Brittingham	Justin McNelly	Heather Newell	
	10:45PM	Jennifer Fitzgerald	Natalie Amantea Susan Siems	Joy Snyder	Mike Stark	

Sunday, April 21	8:15AM	Jerry Kuhn	Maria Clark Julie Kuhn	Justin McNelly	Tracy McNelly	
	10:45AM	Joe Thomas	Mary Smaligo Eric Walt	Ty Cessna	Karly Kunkle	
Sunday, April 28	8:15AM	Rick Bavolek	Connie Berg Debbie Gilkey	Delany Hillier	Pat Koos	Pat Walt
	10:45AM	Colleen Cochenour	Jeffrey Horvath Diane Kowalski		Michele Klingensmith	

Altar Guild

- April 6 Set Up Mimi Wielobob
- April 7 8:15 Glenda Wendling and Julie Kuhn
10:45 Mimi Wielobob
- April 13 Set Up Pat Baird and Lynn Smith
- April 14 8:15 Julie Kuhn and Cindy McCune
10:45 Pat Baird and Lynn Smith
- April 20 Set Up Julie Kuhn and Cindy McCune
- April 21 8:15 Julie Kuhn and Cindy McCune
10:45 Mimi Wielobob
- April 27 Set Up Glenda Wendling and Cindy McCune
- April 28 8:15 Glenda Wendling and Cindy McCune
10:45 Pat Baird and Lynn Smith

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| 10:45 Greeters: |
| April 7 Andrea Smith and Carol Jacobs |
| April 14 Samantha and Zack Tinsley |
| April 21 Jim Morrow |
| April 28 Sonnie Freed and Pat Simmers |

APRIL 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Prayer Meeting 6:00PM Bible Study 7:00PM	2 Safety Meeting 7pm Property Meeting 7pm	3 Christian Ed. Meeting 7pm Boy Scouts Fellow. Hall 6:30-9	4 Choir Rehearsal 7:00PM Girl Scouts Fellow. Hall 6-7:30	5	6 8AM Men's Group
7 Easter 2 8:15 Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship	8 Prayer Meeting 6:00PM Bible Study 7:00PM	9 COUNCIL Meeting 7:00PM Girl Scouts Fellow. Hall 5:45-9	10 Boy Scouts Fellow. Hall 6:30-9	11 Bible Study- Noon Seton Hill Fellow. Hall 5-7:30 Choir Rehearsal 7:00PM	12 Girl Scouts Fellow. Hall 6-7:30	13 Food Pantry Distribution 9:30am
14 Easter 3 8:15am Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship Noon- 150 th Comm. Meeting	15 Community Meal at Holy Trinity Prayer Meeting 6:00PM Bible Study 7:00PM	16 Long Range Planning Meeting 7pm	17 Women's Faith and Friendship 7:00PM Boy Scouts Fellow. Hall 6:30-9	18 Bible Study- Noon Choir Rehearsal 7:00PM Girl Scouts Fellow. Hall 6-7:30	19 High School Youth - Candle making	20
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21 Easter 4 8:15 Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship	22 Prayer Meeting 6:00PM Bible Study 7:00PM	23 Men's Group 7:00PM Girl Scouts Fellow. Hall 5:45-9	24 Pub Theology at 7:00PM 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 Easter 5 8:15 Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship	29 Prayer Meeting 6:00PM Bible Study 7:00PM	30				



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

Purchase your tickets following services throughout the month of April 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th.
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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