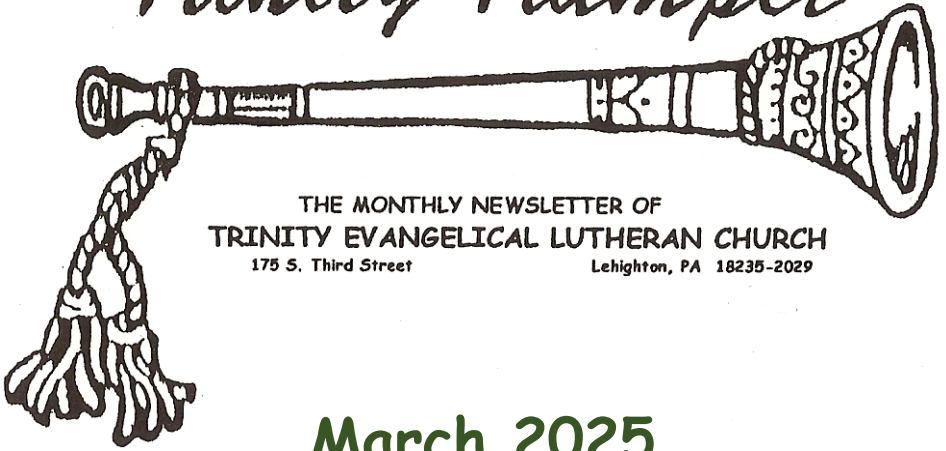


Trinity Trumpet



THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
175 S. Third Street Lehighton, PA 18235-2029

March 2025



Time to
Spring Ahead

Free Movie
Night



Spaghetti Dinner
and Basket Raffle

Lent

BEGINS

THE CHURCH STAFF

KATHY LONG, Licensed Lay Minister
ALEX HAGGERTY, Minister of Music
BEVERLY MILLS, Office Secretary
PETER BALOGACH, JR., Full-time Sexton
DAWN MULCAHY, Financial Secretary
KAY BECKER, Church Treasurer
SUE LOVEJOY, Council President
JANE HOWELLS, Preschool Director/Teacher
VICKY BALLIET, Preschool Aide



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TRINITY'S FACEBOOK PAGE

<https://www.facebook.com/TrinityLehighton>

OUR CHURCH CODE is **343**

Please give the code when you are admitted to **LEHIGH VALLEY or ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL**. If you don't have the code, please have someone contact the church office so someone can visit you!

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

February 13, 2025

Actions/discussion that took place:

- Approved the monthly financial reports of the treasurer and the financial secretary. January bills paid were \$23,094.41, income was \$8,389.50, pass-through was \$2,521.18, and the deficit was \$12,183.73. \$5,000 needed to be transferred from the Moyer account to pay the bills. The balance in the Escrow account is \$12,441.78. In the Evangelism/Hospitality account there were New Year's Day Dinner receipts of \$453.00 and expenses of \$222.05. The balance in the Memorial account is \$26,286.53. The only budget category that is over is snow removal, and Natural Gas for this month was \$1,925.89 and was budgeted at \$875. Transfers from the Moyer account are \$14,904 below the budgeted amount.
- Committee reports were received from Evangelism, Social Ministry, Jack and Jill Preschool, Worship and Music, and Finance.
- Social Ministry reported that the third-quarter payment from the state for the Shepherd House pantries has been received. Kay noted that it won't go far because the need of the nine county food pantries is increasing, so it is wonderful to have the Thrift Store to help cover the costs of Trinity's pantry.
- Jack and Jill Preschool reported there is a Dine and Donate fundraiser planned at Alfie's Pizza on First Street every Wed. in March. Dine in, pick up, or home delivery are included!

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- Kathy Long's installation, which was postponed because of bad weather, will be rescheduled when the weather improves and the schedules of Trinity and the Bishop get less cluttered.
- Mid-Week Lenten Soup Suppers will commence March 12 and will end April 9.
- Regretfully approved the transfer for Eileen Davall to Trinity Lutheran Church in Charleston, WV.
- Discussed Sue's survey (which we will continue) and the Youth survey (which had very favorable results!).
- Note that we still need one male member and one female member to attend the 38th Northeastern PA Synod Assembly on May 30 and 31.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Becker, Council Secretary



Ash Wednesday services will be held at Noon and 7:00 with Imposition of ashes and the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Mid-week Lenten Services will be held beginning on March 12th. Soup Suppers will be held prior to the service at 6:00.



Thank you all for the get well wishes and prayers! I appreciated it!

- Karen vonFrisch



Please join us at 6:00 p.m. in Luther Hall prior to the 7:00 p.m. worship service on March 12th, March 19th, March 26th, April 2nd, April 9th. Members are welcome to sign up to bring an item in the narthex if they wish. A committee and/or group will host each week. All are welcome! Bring a friend!

Committee Hosts:

- 03/12 - Congregation Council and Women of the ELCA
- 03/19 - Sanctuary & Bell Choirs and Property Committee
- 03/26 - Finance and Social Ministry Committees
- 04/02 - Youth Group, Worship & Music and Altar Guild
- 04/09 - Christian Education, Evangelism & Hospitality Committees

JESUS, THE MODEL OF SALT AND LIGHT

In Matthew 5:13-16 Jesus tells his followers, "You are the salt of the earth. ... You are the light of the world." Through his example, our Savior showed us what that means. "The remarkable thing is that Jesus brought it all into reality in his own person," writes Bible scholar N.T. Wright in *Matthew for Everyone*. "He was the salt of the earth. He was the light of the world: set up on a hilltop, crucified for all the world to see, becoming a beacon of hope and new life for everybody, drawing people to worship his [F]ather, embodying the way of self-giving love which is the deepest [fulfillment] of the law and the prophets."



March 2025 Sunday School Newsletter

Transfiguration Sunday – March 2nd

As we look toward the 2025 Lenten Season, we will once again say ***“Farewell to Alleluia”*** at the 9:30 worship service.

On this Sunday, the children will gather the Alleluia letters from throughout the sanctuary as we sing, “Praise Ye the Lord, *Alleluia.*” We will then place all the letters in a small trunk in front of the altar and the youngest child will close the trunk as we count 1-2-3! During the recessional hymn, “Alleluia, Song of Gladness,” the trunk will be carried out by two of our young people--not to be opened until Easter morning!

All families are strongly encouraged to attend!

St. Patrick’s Day party: The Youth Group will host a St. Patrick’s Day party during fellowship on March 16. All are welcome to join us in Luther Hall after worship! Sunday school will begin at 11 a.m. to allow students time to enjoy the party.

Egg Hunt candy donations: The Sunday School staff will be collecting bags of individually wrapped candy for an outdoor egg hunt on Palm Sunday, April 13. All candy should be small enough to fit inside a plastic egg. Donations may be dropped in the marked basket in the Narthex, or at the church office.

Please bring your donations by Sunday, April 5th.

March's classroom lessons from the "Whirl with Jesus" curriculum include:

March 2: Jesus is Transfigured; Luke 9:28-36

March 9: Jesus is Tempted; Luke 4:1-13

March 16: God's Covenant with Abraham; Genesis 15:1-2, 17-18

March 23: God Provides; Isaiah 55:1-9

March 30: The Prodigal Son; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

TRINITY PANTRY

The Trinity Pantry is open every Tuesday from 10-3 and on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 5:30-7:00 for Lehigh School District residents with a drive thru setting. If you do not have a car, walk ups will also be served. Families may come monthly and meet income guidelines. FMI call 610-377-4303 – ext. 16.

Food and monetary donations are always welcomed and appreciated. Please make sure items are not outdated or open and make your check payable to the Trinity Pantry.

PANTRY ITEM FOR MARCH: TUNA

Please place your donation in the basket by the church entrance or bring it to the church office. The basket is prominently displayed as a visual reminder of the importance of your gift!



A total of 88 boxes of pasta was collected for the month of January!

Thank you for your continued support in helping to feed the hungry in the Lehigh School District community through this ministry of Shepherd House, Inc!

"If your ship doesn't come in, swim out to it!"

—Jonathan Winters

WORLD HUNGER DONATIONS ...

The total donations received for the month of January was \$ 244.50. Please help us reach our goal of \$4,000 this year by making a monthly donation.

Any amount is appreciated!

An envelope is provided in your offering packet for your convenience.



Church Finance and Attendance Report

January Monthly Income	\$ 8,389.50
January Monthly Expenses	\$ 20,573.23
Attendance:	
Saturday, January 4, 2025 – 4pm	20
Sunday, January 5, 2025 – 9:30am	90
Sunday, January 12, 2025 – 9:30am	85
Sunday, January 19, 2025 – 9:30am	71
Sunday, January 26, 2025 – 9:30am	110

DO YOU SHOP AT GIANT?

Don't forget your gift cards!

Just a reminder that we still have gift cards available as an ongoing fundraiser for our youth group at

NO ADDITIONAL COST TO YOU!

They can be used for either gas or grocery purchase. The youth receives 5% of each card sold. They are available in increments of \$25, \$50 or \$100. You can purchase them at the church office or after worship on Sunday. Checks are made payable to TELC Youth Group.



!! FREE MOVIE NIGHT !!



Saturday, March 15, 2025

7:00pm - Luther Hall

(Use Iron Street entrance)

Popcorn, snacks, and drinks will be available for purchase to benefit projects of Trinity's Youth Group.

Bring a comfy chair to view the movie if you wish!

ALL ARE WELCOME!



March Excitement at Jack and Jill Preschool

As March roars in like a lion, we eagerly anticipate the arrival of spring at Jack and Jill Preschool. This month, we'll explore the wonders of the changing seasons, witnessing how the strength of the wind gradually gives way to warmer days. Our students will engage in fun activities that highlight these seasonal transitions.

In celebration of St. Patrick's Day, we'll reflect on how truly blessed we are. While the Bible doesn't specifically mention luck, it does speak to the abundant blessings we receive from God. We'll take this opportunity to appreciate the blessings in our lives.

Registration continues for the 2025-2026 preschool term, and children can be enrolled to learn and play at Jack and Jill. Beginning in February families started registering their preschool age child to attend one of the classes that will start in September. If you are a family, or know of a family with a young child, please let them know about Jack and Jill Preschool.

Families can contact the preschool to schedule a time to stop by and get a registration form, have one mailed to them or fill out the registration form online. Please, call the preschool at 610-377-6562, email:

jackandjillpreschool@yahoo.com or get information about registration and more information about Jack and Jill on our website: www.JackandJillLeighton.org.

On February 24, 2025 from 6-7:30pm snow date Monday March 3, 2025 come visit the preschool see what we are all about, meet the teachers, pick up a registration form, an ask any questions you may have, we will be happy to answer them for you.

Fundraisers:

Upcoming Fundraisers, dine and donate at Alfie's Pizza, Hanging and Potted flowers for Mother's Day.

Donation: If you'd like to make a general donation to the school, you can write a check to Jack and Jill Preschool and include "General Donation" in the memo line.

Amazon Wishlist: We have created a wish list on Amazon with many great items that the school could use for the classroom. All items will directly benefit the education of our students. Use the link below to purchase items.

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1WCQ1TZFKLA54?ref = wl share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1WCQ1TZFKLA54?ref=wl_share)

Thank you for supporting Jack and Jill Preschool!
Jane Howells, Director of Jack and Jill Preschool



To the world you may
be one person -
but to one person
you may be
the world ♥
- Dr Seuss

NURSING, REHABILITATION and ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS

The Summit at Blue Mountain Health Systems:

Madeline Dietz

Mrs. Bush's Personal Care Home

Jean Niehoff

Forest Hills Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center

Pauline Arner

Moravian Hall Square – Bethany House

Carol Hunsberger

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

No homebound members are celebrating a birthday this month.

AIR CONDITIONING FUND UPDATE ...

As of **2/02/25**, we have received a total of **\$36,026** toward our loan of \$97,000. Our monthly loan payment is \$1,130.73. If you can help with a weekly or monthly donation, it would be appreciated. Envelopes are available in the narthex.

Thank you to all for your support!



PRAYER REQUESTS ...

If you wish to put yourself, a friend or loved one on the church or private prayer list, please call the church office at 610-377-4303.

It is important that you provide an update every 30 days or the name will be removed. No exceptions.

Please note: You must get permission from the person placed on the list due to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

Women ^{of the} ELCA

February 9th Prayer Vigil for Peace in the Middle East.

The NEPA Synod WELCA invite you to the 2025 Justice Event at Christ United Lutheran Church, Ashland, PA. The date is March 29, 2025 from 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM. (Registration is 9:30 AM and light breakfast). The theme is "Protecting Our Children". Speakers are: Trooper Ethan Brownback, Community Resources, someone from Child Maltreatment Solutions Network and PA Family Support Alliance.

The Designated Offering will be cash or check for Lutheran Disaster Response.

The In-Kind Offering will be school supplies for students in the Ashland area. Suggestions: Crayons, markers, pencils, pens, erasers, colored pencils, glue sticks, spiral notebooks and snacks.

Registration is \$15.00 a person including a light breakfast and lunch. Bring a Friend and pay \$25 for two registrations! Deadline is March 15th.

For more information see Brenda Benner or Shirley Radler.



I would like to thank everyone for the lovely flowers and for the booklets. Thank you also for the Christmas cards and cookies from the Youth Group.

Best wishes to the new minister.

- Sara Flyzik

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES



Any baptized child or young adult in 5th grade and above are eligible to receive First Holy Communion instruction.

The classes will be held on Sunday, March 30th and April 6th from Noon to 2:00pm. Students **MUST** attend both classes.

The classes will be held in the Conference Room.

PLEASE NOTE: The pre-requisite for 1st Holy Communion is that your child has been previously baptized in a Christian church.

Upon their arrival to class, lunch will be provided. We will watch video clips, read scripture and, using a workbook, which they will keep, they will discuss the sacred connections to Holy Communion as a group. ***First Holy Communion is a pre-requisite to Confirmation, which is offered to 7th graders and older.***

If you wish to have your child/children enrolled in our 2025 First Holy Communion class, please call or email the church office for a registration form to complete and return to the church office by **MARCH 22nd** in order that we may have sufficient materials on hand for each child. Should there be a transportation problem, please notify the church office at 610-377-4303. ***Finally, please note that cell phones must be turned off in the classroom.***

The children completing both classes will receive their First Holy Communion on **Maundy Thursday, April 17th at 7:00pm**, during the worship service. A dinner will be held prior to the service for parents, grandparents, baptism sponsors and siblings. Please RSVP to the church office by April 10th.

We look forward to working with your child(ren), as we prepare them for receiving their 1st Holy Communion.

Sincerely in Christ,
Kathy Long, Licensed Lay Minister
Alex Haggerty, Minister of Music

SPAGHETTI DINNER & BASKET RAFFLE



Trinity Lutheran Church

175 S. Third Street - Lehighon PA 18235

Saturday, March 29, 2025

4-7pm

Adults: \$13

Children 6-12: \$8

Children 0-5: Free

ALL YOU CAN EAT!

Choice of sauce: **red**, **alfredo** or **garlic & butter**, choice of **salmon** or **meatballs**, bread, salad, assorted desserts and beverages

FOR DINNER TICKETS, STOP IN AT THE CHURCH OFFICE OR SEE A YOUTH GROUP MEMBER

If you can donate a basket or gift card for the raffle, please call the church office 610-377-4303

BULLETIN & CHANCEL FLOWER SPONSORSHIPS

BULLETINS - \$10.00 each – Three needed per week.

March 2 – Three Sponsorships Available

March 9 - Three Sponsorships Available

March 16 - Three Sponsorships Available

March 23 - Shirley Radler

Denise Niehoff

One Sponsorship Available

March 30 - Krieger Memorial Fund (all 3 sponsorships)

CHANCEL FLOWERS – *Florist of your choice!*

March 2 - The Buss Estate

March 9 - The Williams Family

March 16 - Linda Williams

March 23 - Sponsorship Available

March 30 - Sponsorship Available

**If you can help sponsor any of the available dates, please
contact the church office or sign up in the narthex.**

FASTING AND FEASTING

During Lent, consider this practical — and biblical — advice from Arthur Lichtenberger, a former presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church:

- Fast from criticism, and feast on praise.
- Fast from self-pity, and feast on joy.
- Fast from ill-temper, and feast on peace.
- Fast from resentment, and feast on contentment.
- Fast from jealousy, and feast on love.
- Fast from pride, and feast on humility.
- Fast from selfishness, and feast on service.
- Fast from fear, and feast on faith.

E-NEWSLETTER SIGN-UP ...

Help us save some postage and trees by signing up to receive the monthly newsletter electronically. You may send a request to telc1872@ptd.net or call the church office.



Christ Hamilton United Lutheran Church

419 Bossardsville Rd.; Stroudsburg, PA 18360-6888

Theme: **Connect the Dots**

Trinity is seeking one male and one female voting member in good standing to represent the congregation. Trinity pays for the registration fee and expenses. Visitors may also attend but pre-registration is required. If you are interested in attending, please call the church office. Thank you for your consideration.



COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is held every Sunday following worship

CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP is held on the last Sunday of the month. If you are able, please bring an item to share. If you would like to volunteer to host fellowship, please contact the church office.

Have you signed up yet?
NOAH BUS TRIP
to
SIGHT AND SOUND THEATRE
Thursday, July 31, 2025

COST PER PERSON

\$150 (Age 13+); \$100 (Age 3-12); \$35* (Age 2 and under)

*Child must sit on an adult's lap at Sight and Sound

Price includes transportation, meal and theater ticket

The bus departs from Trinity at 8am

Estimated return is 5:30pm

For reservations or more information, call 610-377-4303.

FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE BY MONDAY, JUNE 30th.

If paying by check, please make payable to TELC.



BEAR CREEK CAMP

Dear Friends of Trinity,

In this season of preparation, we eagerly await the summer filled with laughter, learning and camp fun! Your generous support provides opportunities for campers to grow in faith surrounded by nature and supported by a positive community. Thank you! Hope to see many of you here soon.

Collin Grooms
Executive Director of Bear Creek Camp

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✓ Case overwrap

✓ Bread bags



FROM YOUR FRONT DOOR



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✓ Dry cleaning bags

✓ Bubble wrap

✓ Plastic e-commerce mailers

Plastics must be clean, dry and free of food and organic residue



NexTrex

trex.com/recycling 1-800-Buy-Trex

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and Luther Hall entrance



FROM WORD TO WORLD

Words are important! God spoke and created all things.
 What does the psalmist declare about creation?

Directions: Using the word clues, unscramble the letters to complete Psalm 102:25, NIV.

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|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------|
| A preposition | NI | --- |
| An article | HTE | --- |
| Genesis means this | NINBGEIGN | ----- |
| A second-person pronoun | OUY | --- |
| Past tense of <i>to lay</i> | IDAL | --- |
| An article | HET | --- |
| A plural noun meaning <i>base</i> | SODTAINFONU | ----- |
| A preposition showing possession | FO | -- |
| An article | TEH | --- |
| A concrete noun meaning <i>world</i> | HRTEA | ----- |



Psalm 102:25, NIV

Answer: In the beginning you laid the foundations of the earth. (Psalm 102:25, NIV)

2025 EASTER TRIBUTES

DEADLINE – April 11th

(no extension of deadline)

\$10.00 each

money must accompany order!

The following list is available for your consideration as tributes in honor **or** in memory of Loved Ones.

Please fill out **ONE SHEET PER TRIBUTE!**

If paying by check, please make it payable to TELC

Additional forms can be obtained in the narthex, church office, on the church website: www.tlclehighon.com or send a request to telc1872@ptd.net.

CHECK ONE:

___ **LILY PLANT**

___ I will pick up my plant.

(we encourage all tribute sponsors to take their plant home after the 9:30 a.m. service on Easter Sunday April 20th)

___ I do not want my plant.

___ **PANTRY DONATION**

___ **WORLD HUNGER DONATION**

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Your Name _____

Your Phone # _____

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Worship Schedule:

1st Saturday at 4 p.m.

Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School at 10:45

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*“Living the excitement found in Christ
through service and love.”*

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