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THROUGH THE FIRE AND STORMS

"But now thus says the Lord, he who created

you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: DO NOT FEAR for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; YOU ARE MINE. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior." ~ Isaiah 43:1-3

FROM THE PASTOR



upcoming election. Fear and anxiety are everywhere whether we like or dislike possible candidates or whether we like or dislike their stances on significant issues.

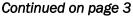
I have listened to people who are on all sides of the issues, those who are conflicted, or feeling somewhere in the middle about topics which concern all of us. I have observed that many people care about our country deeply. Many people have similar concerns and feelings and yet our country seems to be divided more and

I never liked fire unless it was a good campfire on a

crisp cool night. I believe I was a late teen before I even wanted to touch a match. In high school chemistry class, I made my best friend light our Bunsen burner during laboratory time.

Fire is not always a bad thing. Candles help us to see in the dark long before electricity was used in homes. Campfires keep us warm. Gas flames heat our food. Fire is how we light fireworks for patriotic celebrations like July 4th. God uses fire frequently throughout Biblical history to draw attention, speak to prophets, show His power, and to remind us God is watching over us all the time like in the passage above.

Several people have come to me in our congregation and in the public sphere mentioning mixed feelings about our





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more. As Lutherans, we are overwhelmed with the cruelty and false accusations. A lot of what is going around doesn't seem Christian to us.

Then, we also have other events around the world and in our own lives. We don't like to see war occurring with Israel and terrorist groups. We have anxiety about our health, our families, and even the weather. It is hard to see the devastation from hurricane Helene. Society expects us to be held to a higher standard as Christians who believe in a Higher Power, and yet it can be easy to get caught up in the stress of the times.

I love our country. Elections *are* very important. We know it is setting the tone for the years ahead in Pennsylvania and the USA. Other current events matter too. Israel's relationship with other countries matters for many reasons. We know the weather is not completely predictable and nature can rip apart what humans build in minutes or hours.

Fire has the power to devastate us when it kills or burns people, possessions, or entire forests. Storms can overturn boats on the ocean, cause flooding on land, scare children or our pets. —So many things and so much stress!

God knows that we emotionally and spiritually walk through all kinds of fire which is not beneficial or good. The disciples experienced storms on the waters of the Sea of Galilee. Christ suffered all kinds of pain and betrayal prior to his sacrifice on the cross. We cannot always travel around the fire, or get ourselves "out" of a storm, but with so much scripture about fire, we know that God is with us when we walk *THROUGH* it.

God is all around us in the present and God will be with us in the future NO MATTER WHAT the outcome of the election. God is bigger than our country. God is bigger than Israel. Christ fought temptation, defeated death, and overcame the world. Jesus said, worrying about things won't add a single day to our lives (Matthew 6). God wishes us peace amidst a country which seems so divided and yet carries similar anxieties. God is still omnipotent when nations are at war. God is in the healing of the families and in the rebuilding of the places which were destroyed by Helene. God is with us as we navigate life and as we lift one another up in ministry and serving our community.

Faith is about trusting in the unseen. We cannot know the future and many of us wouldn't want to. We leave it to God. We leave the judging to God too. In Isaiah, we are reminded that God is Lord of all and knows all. In the Gospels, we hear stories of Christ carrying the disciples through storms.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we are loved and we are called to find peace in our God who will never leave or forsake us. Jesus called Peter to take his hand on the water and have faith. Christ takes our hand too. God will lead us through the fire and the storms. Thanks be to God! Amen.

I am always around if you need to talk, to pray together, or just an ear to listen.

Praying with you for peace and encouragement,

Pastor Althea

Church Council Members

Neal Galbraith (President)

Louise Lundquist (Vice President)

Nancy Brightbill (Secretary)

Brad Bishop (Church Treasurer)

Kathy Bishop

Jay Brown

Jack Derfler

Karen Fitting

Pam Gainer

Jessie Green

Scott Hower

Lynn Kern

Henry Wampler



Committee Chair Persons

Worship & Music: Paul Copenhaver

Finance:

Horace Ehrgood

Christian Education: Elizabeth Hershey

Property:

Henry Wampler

Archives:

Position Vacant

Social Ministry:

Jim Dibert

Social Activities:

Stephanie Kaylor







October Worship Schedule

October 6, 13, 20, and 27*
9:00 AM—Traditional Service
10:15 AM— Sunday School for all ages

Online Worship Service:

Our online worship will continue to be available. You can find the service by going to https://www.trinityleb.org/links. Here you will find links to the live-stream, the bulletin, and the replay of the service so that you can watch at any time you wish during the week.

*Sunday School will not be held that day. Join us for the Reformation Celebration.

Prayer Partners

If you would like your name added to the list for prayer, please call the church office, 717-273-8567 or email at stephanie@trinityleb.org.

If you no longer wish to be included in the prayer update list, please let the Church Office know to remove your name.



We ask our readers to include the following people in their prayers:

Bryan Albright, Barb Atwood, Barb Baeckert, Linda Blessing, Terry Clearwater, Monique & Jack Derfler, Jim Dibert, Deb Dobson, Susie Eckert, Dan Fox, Mo Gockley, Mike and Nancy Hentz, Patty Hess, Joette Hollinger, Bella Johnson, Raymond Kohr, Doris Kreiser, Jim & Judi Light, Julia Schott, George Smith, Marie Smith, Ernie Thompson, Nancy Warner, and Mary Yeagley.



Our Vision...Our mission is to grow in faith and discipleship, share the Good News of Jesus through word and deed, love others as Christ loves us, and celebrate life in Christ through worship, sacraments and service.

Our Mission...We are a community of believers who come together in:

- ₱ Worship to be transformed by the presence of Jesus Christ in and through God's gift of Word and Sacrament.
- ☆ <u>Christian Education</u> to deepen our faith and strengthen us in faithful service, trusting in the creative activity of the Holy Spirit.
- ₱ Friendship to celebrate our unity in Christ and sustain and nurture each other as we journey with Him in our day-to-day lives.
- ➡ Stewardship to gratefully use the time, talents and possessions we have been given in furthering our mission in response to Jesus' call and the leading of the Holy Spirit.
- **The Evangelism** to share the Jesus story so that others may come to know God's reconciling grace and the peace, joy and hope that his divine grace gives.
- **Social Ministry** to respond to the spiritual, mental and physical needs of our neighbors and advocate for the poor, hungry and vulnerable peoples of the world.



The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania

Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, & The Wittel Farm

Upcoming Events:

November 3: Annual Quilt Auction at Nawakwa

November 8-10: Women's Craft Retreat at Nawakwa

December 7: Advent Day Apart at The Wittel Farm

January 3-5, 2025: Winter Youth Retreat at Kirchenwald



Church Treasurer's Financial Summary - August 2024

Income Expenses	Month of August \$17,128 (\$20,066)	Actual Year to Date \$149,851 (\$192,763)	Budget Year to Date \$194,875 (\$199,369)
Net Income	(\$2,938)	(\$42,912)	(\$4,494)

Women ELCA



HOLA!!!

The church social room was transformed into a Mexican Fiesta on Wednesday, August 21, 2024. 28 women enjoyed great food and fellowship together "Mexican style!" Everyone got to create their very own tacos and salads from the taco bar filled with all kinds of delicious Mexican cuisine. The dessert table was filled with many homemade goodies, including a Mexican favorite...churros! The table would not have been complete without ice cream and toppings, too!

The festivities for the night included Mexican themed games including bingo and a Spanish word translation challenge. I think we can all agree the photo booth with many silly props was a hit for everyone that participated in taking and posing for the photos.

One of the highlights throughout the evening was learning the Mexican Hat Dance! Trinity sure does have some talented dancers!

In place of the traditional hitting of the piñata, a goody bar was available for each lady to fill a bag with a wide assortment of candies, chap sticks, emery boards, and hand creams.

The evening ended with a group photo and we closed with the WELCA benediction.



Thank you to everyone that came out to our picnic. It was wonderful to have you with us! We are always looking for ladies to join our growing group. We meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. on the 2nd floor. Our next meeting is September 18. We hope to see you there!

- Nancy Brightbill



Marian Brandt

On September 13, Marian celebrated her 90th birthday. She is pictured here with her children - (left to right) Corey, Denise, Barry, and Gary.





LCCM Food Bank Item

The items requested in October is canned vegetables and instant potatoes.

Items can be brought to the church at any time and

placed in the red shopping cart labeled "LCCM Food Bank" located in THE GIVING PLACE (Arnold St. side annex of Luther's Place).

Please continue your generosity by continuing to donate to the Food Bank. Your donations are greatly needed and appreciated.



Arn-Karrich: Harvest Home Service Sunday, October 13, 2024

"A church celebration of gratitude for the year's harvest, sill practiced among rural Pennsylvania Dutch congregations, during which the altar and sanctuary are adored with samples of produce from the kitchen garden and farm fields and a special liturgical blessing and prayer of thanksgiving is offered. The food is typically distributed to the poor in the community." –William Woys Weaver in *Folk Tales of the Pennsylvania Dutch* (Forward and illustrations by Patrick J. Donmoyer), Pennsylvania Cultural Heritage Center, 2022.

Every October Holy Trinity continues the tradition of Harvest Home with some accommodations to the 21st Century. Although our gifts are no longer homemade, the central focus of celebrating God's goodness and giving food to families in need in our community remain. Gifts of in-kind items and money collected during the month of October will be donated to the Lebanon Country Christian Ministry's Food Bank. To make a monetary donation, please either place a note in your offering envelope or use a specially marked Harvest Home envelope found at either Welcome Table or in the pews.



October 23 -Middle Creek: Not Just Snow Geese by Brant Porter

Look back and learn about Middle Creek's history over the last 50 years, and also discover what habitat improvements Middle Creek is making currently to benefit wildlife. Brant Portner is an Environmental Education Specialist for the Pennsylvania Game Commission's Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area. He has a degree in Biology from Penn State with a focus in Ecology and a Master's Degree in Forest Resources from the University of Arkansas at Monticello. Previously, Brant has been a Park Ranger for the US Army Corps of Engineers and a Forester for the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.



Bazaar Apple Dumpling Sale

Enjoy the taste of fall and order your goodies today! Orders forms are located at both Welcome Tables. Cost for both regular and sugar free dumplings is only \$4. The dumplings freeze well so consider buying a few extra for a tasty treat at a later time. You can pay cash or make checks payable to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Pick up for the dumplings is Saturday, November 2 in Luther's Place from 10 AM until noon or after church service on Sunday, November 3 All proceeds will go to the Bazaar Fund. Questions contact Pam Gainer at 717-926-8556.

Aluminum Can Collection

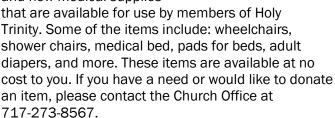
The church continues to collect aluminum cans for recycling. Please bring the aluminum cans (rinsed & flattened) to the church weekdays during church



office hours, or bring them along to church, Sunday School, or any other church function. A container for them is located in THE GIVING PLACE (Arnold St. side annex of Luther's Place).

Medical Equipment & Supplies

We have a small lending "library" of equipment and new medical supplies



Your Donations at Work

The Building
Maintenance Fund is an ongoing collection of funds specifically designated for projects dealing with the Church property.



The latest project was the camera security

system. Cameras were installed giving better clarity and more extensive coverage of the property.

Funds are collected throughout the year. If you would like to make a donation to the fund, simply mark your check or envelope with a note.

If you are interested in joining the Property Committee, please contact Henry Wampler.



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In the name of... HOSPITALITY

Name tags are not just for Pastor Althea.

Name tags are one significant way of being welcoming and showing hospitality to new people within our church and for strangers who have not yet walked in the door. Please consider wearing your name tag as often as possible especially for worship and church

events like the upcoming Holiday Bazaar.



FRIENDLY REMINDER: PASTOR VACATION DAYS



Pastor Althea will be moving to her new permanent home from October 10th -22nd. Holy Trinity will have a supply preacher for Sunday, October 13th and 20th. If any emergencies or urgent issues of pastoral care arise, please don't hesitate to CALL PASTOR ALTHEA on her cell phone. (SELF CARE NOTE: Typically, she will utilize a pastoral care supply as well as a Sunday worship supply.)



THANKFUL AND JOYFUL!

On Reformation Sunday (October 27), we will be welcoming several new members. Pastor hopes that you will take time to get to know these great people and include them in opportunities for ministry in the future. Welcome to our newest brothers and sisters in Christ!



October is Clergy Appreciation Month. We are encouraging you to join churches around the country in thanking our pastors for their dedication to the service of God. There are many ways to say thank you to our clergy: Attend church regularly, year-round; pray daily for our clergy and for their families; read the Bible daily as a devotional; pledge service to the church by giving of your time and skills; and send a card to say thank you to the pastors.

Please take a moment to thank the following Pastors:

Rev. Althea Seidel Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 723 Lehman Street Lebanon, PA 17046

Rev. and Mrs. Conrad (Winnie) Youse 305 S. 3rd Street Lebanon, PA 17042

Dear Congregation,

This year as the Northwest Elementary School Liaison I will be conducting a Northwest Elementary School Wish List Campaign for donations of classroom materials, clothing and coats from October 1 to November 15. The list has been previewed and



approved by Principal Jennifer Nordall. It includes #2 pencils, specialty pencils, colored pencils, erasers, black Expo markers, crayons, rulers, glue sticks, pencil pouches, book bags, lunch boxes, tissues, disinfectant spray & wipes, hand sanitizer, clothing of all sizes, underwear, sweat pants, socks, hats, gloves and coats 4t and up. The Women of the ELCA have volunteered their collection barrel in The Giving Place as the collection site for these needed items.

Please prayerfully consider participating in the Wish List Campaign. Your voluntary participation in this endeavor would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you, Karen Weaver



Fellowship Bazaar: Saturday, November 9th 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Come and Shop all your favorite booths: White Elephant, Books and Puzzles, Homemade Candy, Homemade Jellies and Chow Chow, Plants and Garden, Homemade Baked Goods, Jewelry, Totes, and Handcrafted Christmas Décor.

Breakfast: Eggs, Pancakes, Bacon, Hash Browns, Toast, Breakfast Sandwich, Drink

Lunch: BBQ, Hot Dogs, Homemade Veggie and Noodle Soup, Chips, Drinks, Dessert

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS: We need help setting up Sunday, November 3 after church. We need much help with clean up November 9 at 2pm. We need your homemade dessert donations to be delivered to the church on Nov 6, 7, and 8.

We continue to take donations for White Elephant, Books and Puzzles, Jewelry, and Plants and Garden which can be brought to church during office hours.

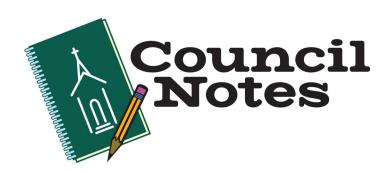
MONETARY DONATONS for the Bazaar Fund are always welcome and appreciated. Please include a note with your donation that it is for the bazaar.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND TELL your friends about our Bazaar. Word of Mouth is a super advertiser and it is free. We look forward to your being part of this annual event. Coming together to share the work and spend time with family and friends is the FUN and KEY TO THE SUCCESS of this event. Profit is the by-product of our hard work and dedication

Talk to Gina Battistelli, Renee Hunter, or Denise McDaniels if you have questions.







Highlights of Church Council Meeting September 26, 2024

- August offering was above average with offering total of \$15,668.
- A.H. Moyer will be giving us a credit for the issues we had on the A/C units this past summer.
- There will be one Christmas Eve service this year and the time will be 7:00pm.
- Pastor will be holding a Blue Christmas service.
 This service is typically held on the longest night of the year and geared for people who struggle during the holidays. This will be held on Wednesday December 18, 2024.
- There are several new members joining Holy Trinity on Reformation Sunday.
- All Sanctuary lights will be replaced with LED lighting.

- Security camera upgrade The new security cameras have been installed and the work is completed.
- Nominating Committee for 2025 Karen Fitting and Nancy Brightbill agreed to stay on Council for a second 3-year term. Scott Hower will be stepping down at the end of this year due to work conflicts. One person will be needed to fill his vacancy for the 3-year term beginning in January 2025.
- We are always looking for volunteers for Lectors and Greeters. A sign-up sheet is on each Welcome Table.
- NEXT COUNCIL MEETING Thursday, October 24, 2024 at 7:00pm (4th Thursday).



2025 Mission Trip

Save-The-Dates: June 22-27, 2025 at Camp Kirchenwald.

Our first fundraiser will be an R&K Sub Sale with pick up on Thursday, November 14.

More details to follow. Direct Questions to Heather Buffington (717) 926-3917.





Please consider sending a card or giving them a phone call to celebrate their special day.

- 3 Virginia Sholly 27 Sunrise Drive Lebanon, PA 17042
- 4 Frances Barr 1356 East Queen Street Annville, PA 17003
- 6 Taran Copenhaver 70 E 350 N Ivins, UT 84738
- 7 Leanne Snyder 19 Fox Run Road Lebanon, PA 17042
- 10 Deborah Eckert 826 East Mifflin Street Lebanon, PA 17046

Alan Gassert 1546 Oak Street Lebanon, PA 17042

Karen Weaver 1045 South Lincoln Avenue Lebanon, PA 17042

- 12 Debra Dobson 1 Margaret Avenue Lebanon, PA 17042
- 14 Jeremiah Johnson (celebrating his 3rd birthday)35 Canal StreetLebanon, PA 17046
- 15 Susan Palevo 311 Weidman Street Lebanon, PA 17046
- 16 Eleanor Hoke 573 Doris Drive Lebanon, PA 17046

Conrad Youse 305 South 3rd Street Lebanon, PA 17042

18 - David Engle 447 Mill Bridge Drive Lebanon, PA 17042 20 - Gina Battistelli 1133 Alpha Avenue Lebanon, PA 17046

21 - Doris Grace 105 Spruce Street Lebanon, PA 17042

> Charlene Hurst 6 Chris Lane Lebanon, PA 17042

- 22 Barbara Copenhaver 1203 Heritage Avenue Lebanon, PA 17046
- 23 Brenda Galbraith 22 Ridge Avenue Lebanon, PA 17402
- 25 James Dibert 131 South 10th Street Lebanon, PA 17042

Nora Nye (celebrating her 3rd birthday) 1304 South 5th Avenue Lebanon, PA 17042

Katelyn Umberger 119 Hoke Avenue Lebanon, PA 17042

26 - Pennie Dodson 922 Sycamore Lane Lebanon, PA 17046

> Isaac Johnson (celebrating his 9th birthday) 128 Village Court Lebanon, PA 17042

29 - Sue Jordan 15 Elizabeth Avenue Lebanon, PA 17042

> Andrew Rhoade 18 Laurel Lane Lebanon, PA 17046



Lectionary Readings

Sunday, October 6

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 2:18 - 24

Psalm 8

Hebrews 1:1 - 4; 2:5 - 12

Mark 10:2 - 16

Sunday, October 13

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 5:6 - 7; 10 - 15

Psalm 90:12 - 17

Hebrews 4:12 - 16

Mark 10:17 - 31

Sunday, October 20

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 53:4 - 12

Psalm 91:9 - 16

Hebrews 5:1 - 10

Mark 10:35 - 45

Sunday, October 27

Reformation Sunday

Jeremiah 31:31 - 34

Psalm 46

Romans 3:19 - 28

John 8:31 - 36

Sunday, November 3

All Saints Sunday

Isaiah 25:6 - 9

Psalm 24

Revelation 21:1 - 6a

John 11:32 - 44



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Wed	Blessing of Animals 7P BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SERVICE	6:30P SOCIAL MINISTRY	16 6P WELCA	23 7P QUITAPAHILLA AUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING	30
Tue	TP SENIOR CHOIR	6P WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE MEETING	NOON MEAL @LCCM 6:30P FINANCE MEETING 7P SENIOR CHOIR	7P SENIOR CHOIR	29 7P SENIOR CHOIR
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