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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

How are you doing this autumn season? Our area of Pennsylvania seems to be

past its peak performance of tree colors. Farmers have harvested much of their crops. Some produce stands have closed for the season. Although it has felt like a warm September, we are quickly headed toward winter.

I am thankful to be officially installed. I received several gifts and words of



homebound members now that I have completed my move. I also want to see everyone again as we approach the holidays. As always if anyone would like

to have conversation and Holy Communion, please don't hesitate to call the church office.

encouragement from various families and individuals. Thank you for your many thoughtful gifts and for putting trust in my calling to be here. I am also thankful to finally be moved into my permanent home. Everyone has been very generous and hospitable as I have been settling in.

I will be scheduling more appointments with our







The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, & The Wittel Farm

Upcoming Events:

December 7: Advent Day Apart at The Wittel Farm

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

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





Dear Congregation,

On October 11th 33 mailing boxes filled with Lutheran World Relief 2024 donations were delivered to Salem Lutheran Church, our drop off point for the Lutheran World Relief campaign. These boxes will be delivered to New Windsor, Maryland and from there distributed to points of need throughout the world. Holy Trinity responded to global need by preparing 126 school kits packed in 18 shipping boxes and 101 personal care kits packed in 15 shipping boxes. Additionally \$300.00 was collected in the special offering in September to defray the shipping costs of all of these items and the 137 quilts members of our WELCA group helped to create in conjunction with St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Schaefferstown. On behalf of the Holy Trinity Women of ELCA I would like to thank you for your generous support of all aspects of this year's campaign. Together we are the hands and feet of Christ in the world.

- Karen Weaver, Projects Chair, Women of ELCA

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







November Worship Schedule

November 3*, 10, 17, and 24

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. We will be setting up for the Bazaar.

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, 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:

✤ <u>Worship</u> to be transformed by the presence of Jesus Christ in and through God's gift of Word and Sacrament.

✤ Christian Education 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.

✤ <u>Stewardship</u> 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.

✤ 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.

Ringers Needed

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is once again bell ringing for the Lebanon Salvation Army on Saturday, December 7th at Hobby Lobby and



Tuesday, December 24th at Boscov's at the Lebanon Valley Mall. If you are interested in bell ringing please contact Terry Weaver at vafootdoc@comcast.net for more information.



Holy Trinity's Annual Bazaar

The roots of Holy Trinity's annual bazaar are found with the formation of the Children's Department of our Bible School in September 1931. Its teachers organized their own teachers' association and adopted teaching the Children's Life Course, but had no budget for equipment and the improvement of the ground floor of what is now our Christian Education building for their classes, since our country was then in the grip of the Great Depression. So, the association hit upon the idea of having bazaars as fund raisers.

Their first annual bazaar was held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, from 6:00 to 10:30 p.m., November 21-23, 1933. Each year's bazaar was organized around a theme such as "Pilgrims," "Holland," and "Mother Goose," with appropriate costumes,

decorations and entertainment. Booths sold such items as grab-tree gifts, church calendars, Christmas cards, and Christmas gifts. Foods sold included soup, hot dogs, pie, cake, candy, ice cream, apple cider, and coffee. Noon lunches were offered for the first time at the "Yuletide" bazaar in 1938. Yet the 1938 bazaar was the last one organized by the Children's Department's teacher's association in response to criticism that it should not be involved in commercialism to support a church program which should be supported by offerings from its members.

As it happened, having an annual bazaar was rescued by the Ladies Home Circle formed in 1892, which met at members' homes weekly for the purpose of using skills that then was considered strictly the women's domestic "social sphere." Over the years they visited the sick, bereaved and new members; cooked and helped at church "sociables"; made a full set of altar vestments, collected food, money, and clothing (some of which was made by the ladies themselves) for the Lutheran Orphan's Home in Philadelphia. In the 1920's such events as their "Apron Social" and " Stocking Social" were popular. Because the Home Circle had a booth selling handmade items at the



Girl Scout candy makers from 1964's Bazaar.

Children's Department's bazaars, the ladies continued to hold a one-day Christmas gifts bazaar while providing a light lunch each year until 1959. Because younger women were no longer becoming members of their circle, their aging members couldn't continue the work required to hold a bazaar beyond that year.

However, the young women of the Cadette Girl Scout troop stepped up to hold a bazaar on November 28, 1959. From that event an auxiliary Fellowship Bazaar Committee evolved, primarily through the leadership of Ross Boyd, into a thee day event that functioned until the Covid pandemic caused it to be suspended for two-years. In 2022, the Fellowship Bazaar Committee reintroduced the bazaar as a successful one day-event in early November. All indications point to its third year of popularity in this format. As an auxiliary, the Fellowship Bazaar Committee itself decides how the proceeds from the event are distributed for the mission of the Church.





Air and Wind

The last few months I have written devotions related to the elements of soil and fire. This month I invite us to think about air. We monitor air and weather often in society, yet we don't always think of breathing and wind as spiritual.

Before I could become a pastor in our denomination, it is customary that students go through a season of service as a chaplain in a mental health agency, care home, or hospital setting for a number of reasons. I served one summer at the Reading Hospital. I was initially concerned about seeing blood and serious injuries. (This is why I am not a nurse.) However, what bothered me that summer was seeing people having difficulty breathing. There is something about watching and hearing a person gasping for air which didn't.

Breathing is essential to much of life. Even plants go through respiration and contribute oxygen to the air around us. When we think of air and wind, Christians may recall there are some stories in the Bible where wind, storms, and air are mentioned. At Pentecost, there is a rush of wind, tongues of fire appear on the people present, and they are filled with the Holy Spirit. Some theologians believe that the Holy Spirit did not just show up at the first Pentecost. It was likely that the Holy Spirit existed since creation. In ancient Hebrew and Koine (Biblical) Greek, there is mention of the words "mmruach" and mvɛῦµα "pneuma." The words translate to wind, spirit, or breath in both languages.

Physically and spiritually, we need air. We need oxygen. Above all, we are thankful for God's Holy Spirit. We need God's breath. We need to feel the wind of God on our skin. Life begins in creation with God's breath. Life needs air. Psychologists also tell us there is much research about deep breathing and meditation which improves our mental health and ability to cope with stress.

| "Rest Easy" | Audio Adrenaline |
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| - | Tommee Profitt and Brooke Griffith |
| "Breathe" | Rebecca St. James |
| "Breathe" | Michael W. Smith |

- Pastor Althea







LCCM Food Bank Item

The items requested in November is **juice**.

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.



Spang Crest Needs Your Generosity!

As with most nursing homes, your generosity adds to our residents' lives and activity programming. Listed below are some of the typical prizes that our residents would choose to take off the prize cart. Any of these donations or any other items would be greatly appreciated.



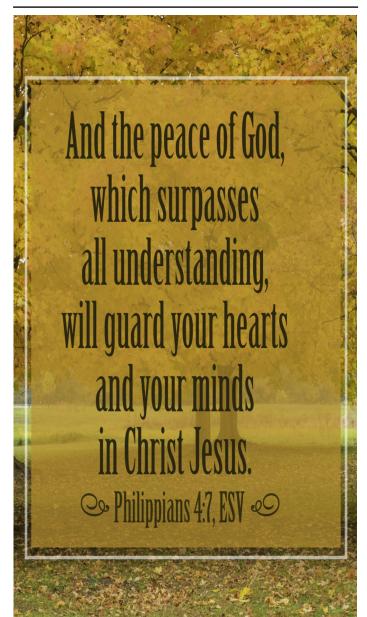
- Kleenex (boxes and tissues packs)
- Candy (individually wrapped): chocolate bars, sugar free hard and/or chocolate candy, hard candy, Tic-Tac packages
- Snack Foods: pretzel bags, snack packages, cookies, crackers (peanut butter or cheese)
- Jewelry (mainly long necklaces)
- Perfume and/or Cologne
- After Shave, Body Spray, and/or Hand Lotions
- Quarters to spend in the Gift Shop
- Adult Coloring Books
- Colored Pencil Packs
- Small Notebooks (to write in)
- Small Stuffed Animals

For more information, please contact Marian Brandt at 717-273-4385. Donations can be placed in The Giving Place in the bin marked "Spang Crest."



November 20 -Birding Highlights from Brazil by Steve Rannels

This program highlights four distinct regions of Brazil-- the Amazon, the Atlantic Southeast and the Pantanal. Steve will emphasize bird life, but additional aspects of tropical natural history, including the diversity of insects and moths, will be covered. Steve Rannels has been interested in the natural world since childhood. He studied zoology at Penn State University followed by a career at Penn State Hershey in Physiology. Now retired, Steve is active with local bird clubs and conservation groups and is an amateur photographer of moths and birds.





Highlights of Church Council Meeting October 24, 2024

• We are still behind in income compared to the expenses.

 Income
 \$16,650.84

 Expenses
 \$21,061.61

 Net Income
 \$-4,410.77

- Blessings of the Pets was a success.
- The Blue Christmas service will be held on Wednesday December 18 at 7:00pm.
- Pictorial Directory was discussed. 2017 was the last time we had a pictorial directory. We will

schedule mid-March to early April with the same company who did them in the past.

- The updating of the Sanctuary lights will be scheduled for work to be completed in the next couple of weeks.
- The Proposed Budget for 2025 is \$304,307.00.
- NO MEETING IN NOVEMBER.
- NEXT COUNCIL MEETING Thursday December 5, 2024 at 7:00pm.



2025 Mission Trip – Lutheran Camping Corporation

Our Mission Trip will be held at Camp Kirchenwald and possibly Wittel Farm from June 22-27, 2025.

The Bible tells us that when we serve others, we are also serving Christ. We are to commit to that service for people as if we were serving Christ himself.

From Sunday June 22-Friday June 27, 2024, we invite YOU to help us do work at Camp Kirchenwald and possibly Wittel Farm. The work has yet to be determined, but we anticipate there being some kind of construction work, clean up, repairs, painting, etc. Our home base for the week will be at Camp Kirchenwald, in the air-conditioned SchreiberHaus. This facility will provide overnight weeklong accommodations for up to 39 volunteers. Evenings consist of free-time and group activities. All meals will be provided by camp. There is an option for those who want to volunteer for the week or for only a few days but prefer to return home at the completion of the service day.

We are a Mission TEAM. There is a place for everyone. We welcome all skill levels and all levels of experience. All of us together complete the service circle. The only requirements are a willingness to learn, giving your best, and looking forward to a rewarding time of enjoyment and goodwill.

Please consider joining our team. You must be at least 14 years old by June 22rd to participate. Confirmands can earn service hours for volunteering. The cost is \$500 for volunteers who stay at camp. Commuters will pay \$15 per day of work which covers lunch. The commitment form for each volunteer is due by March 2^{rd.} Volunteers staying at camp will need to include a deposit of \$50.00.

If you need more information or have questions, you can contact Heather Buffington or Denise McDaniels. Martin Luther affirmed "...all human work is a calling from God, if done in faith and for the service of a neighbor."

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

YOU HELP?

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

that are available for use by members of Holy Trinity. Some of the items include: wheelchairs, shower chairs, medical bed, pads for beds, adult diapers, and more. These items are available at no cost to you. If you have a need or would like to donate an item, please contact the Church Office at 717-273-8567.

Mark Your Calendar for a Special Worship Service:



Wednesday, December 18 at 7 p.m.



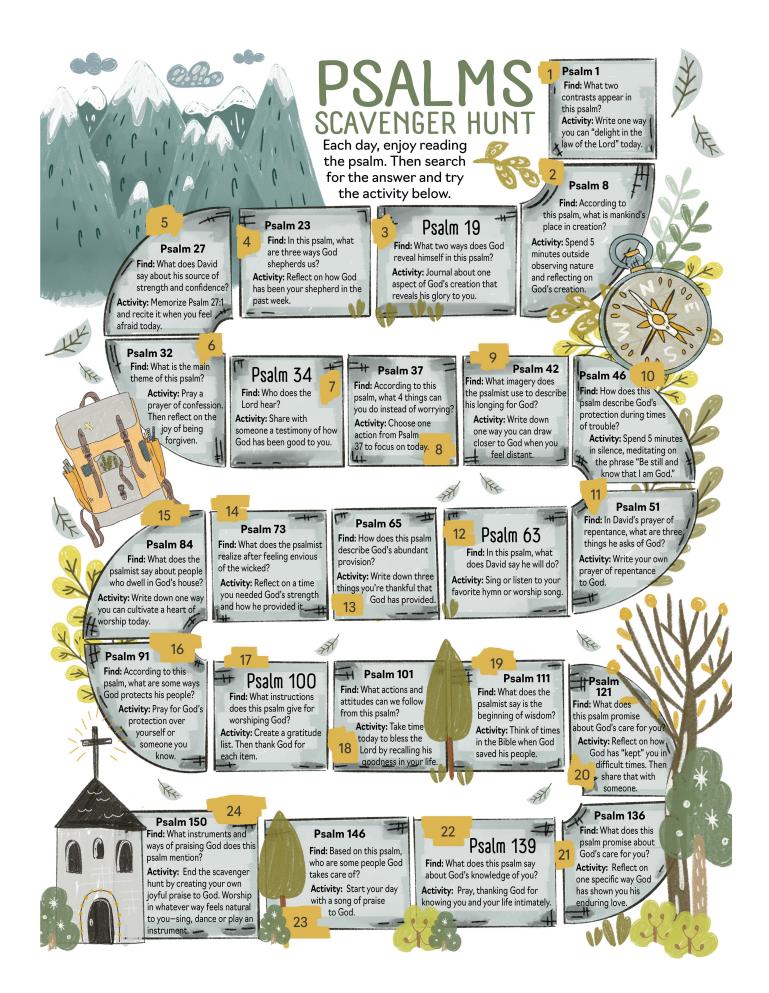






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| ge | Sat | 2 Make or send a meal for a friend or neighbor | 9 Gather personal care items to donate and bring them to Church | 16 Gather hats, gloves, scarves, and socks for the Church's Spread the Warmth | 23 Check your coat closet to donate warm coats to the Church's Spread the Warmth Campaign | 30 Review your (4) gratitude lists |
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| ving Gratitude | Fri | 1 Send a gratitude text, email, or letter | 8 Send a gratitude text, email, or letter to someone who was kind to you. | ¹⁵ Thank the person who taught you that new skill you learned | 22 Black Friday: Let someone get in front of you in line | ²⁹ Take time to reflect on what Thanksgiving means to you |
| | Thu | THANKS BE TO GOD! | 7 Give a compliment to a store employee and use their name | 14 Shower someone with compliments like confetti | 21 Do a kindness for YOURSELF (long walk, movie, rest, read, manicure) | 28 GIVE THANKS |
| | Wed | THANKS B | 6 Make a list of any kindness people have shown you for which you are grateful | ¹³ Make a list of any new skills you learned for which you are grateful | 20 Make a list of all the things in your life for which you are grateful | ²⁷ Make a list of all the ways you can help others in your life |
| | | 5 Smile at everyone you see TODAY | 12 Smile at everyone you see TODAY | 19 Smile at everyone you see TODAY | 26 Smile at everyone you see TODAY | |
| BSSIUGUL | Mon | In everything give thanks. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 | 4 Do another family member's chore for them | 11 Forgive someone today | ¹⁸ Forgive yourself today | ²⁵ Feed the birds or donate to the Humane Society |
| | Sun | | ³ Bring a donation for the LCCM Food Cart to Church | ¹⁰ Bring a donation for the Share & Care box to Church | 17 Bring a donation for the LCCM Food Cart to Church | ²⁴ Bring a donation for the Share & Care Box to Church |



- 7 Shannon Engle 447 Mill Bridge Drive Lebanon, PA 17042
- 12 Suellen Hentz 9 East Park Avenue Myerstown, PA 17067
 - Pamela Ream 1108 Oak Street Lebanon, PA 17042
- 14 Virginia Kolle 79 Arbor Drive Myerstown, PA 17067
- 16 Chasity Navarro 186 Furnace Court Lebanon, PA 17042
- 18 Samuel Palevo, Jr. 311 Weidman Street Lebanon, PA 17046
- 20 Michael Mohn 530 Broad Street Lebanon, PA 17042
 - Denise Rhoade 2025 Hill Street Lebanon, PA 17046
- 22 Lynn Kern 740 Prescott Drive Lebanon, PA 17046
 - Nicole Seiders 102 East High Street Annville, PA 17003
- 24 Wanda Muth 960 Melody Lane Lebanon, PA 17406

26 - William Bishop 365 Oaklyn Road Lebanon, PA 17042

> Heather Buffington 1051 English Drive Lebanon, PA 17042

- Kelly Gatto 476 Olde Meadow Lane Lebanon, PA 17042
- Avery Rhoade (celebrating her 9th birthday) 18 Laurel Lane Lebanon, PA 17046
- 28 Mary Grace Cassel (celebrating her 16th birthday) PO Box 399 Mt. Gretna. PA 17064

Mary Beth Eisenhauer 35 Palmer Street Lebanon, PA 17042

- Patricia Young 1013 Alden Way Lebanon, PA 17042
- 29 Betty Heilman 373 West Main Avenue Myerstown, PA 17067
 - Michael Runkel 217 South Christian Street Cleona, PA 17042
- 30 William Auman, Jr. 720 Kimmerlings Road Lebanon, PA 17046

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

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Lectionary Readings

Sunday, November 3

All Saints Sunday Isaiah 25:6 - 9 Psalm 24 Revelation 21:1 - 6a John 11:32 - 44

Sunday, November 10

25th Sunday after Pentecost 1 Kings 17:8 - 16 Psalm 146 Hebrews 9:24 - 28 Mark 12:38 - 44

Sunday, November 17

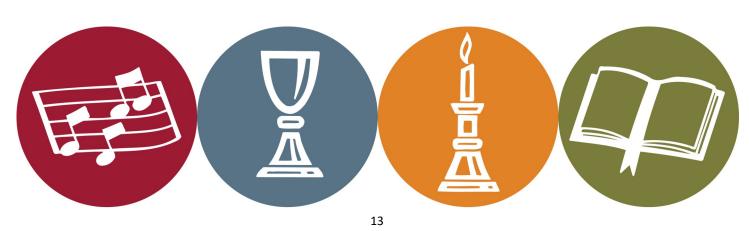
26th Sunday after Pentecost Daniel 12:1 - 3 Psalm 16 Hebrews 10:11 - 14, [15 - 18], 19 - 25 Mark 13:1 - 8

Sunday, November 24

Christ the King Daniel 7:9 - 10, 13 - 14 Psalm 93 Revelation 1:4b - 8 John 18:33 - 37

Sunday, December 1

1st Sunday of Advent Jeremiah 33:14 - 16 Psalm 25:1 - 10 1 Thessalonians 3:9 - 13 Luke 21:25 - 36





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| Wed | Look Ahead December 2024 21 Winter Begins 24 Christmas Eve 25 Christmas 31 New Year's Eve | ω | 13 6:30P SOCIAL MINISTRY | 20 5:30P MENTOR A MOTHER A MOTHER | 27 |
| Tue | THE STATE | 5 TP SENIOR CHOIR | 12 6P WORSHIP & MUSIC 7P SENIOR CHOIR 7P QUITTAPAHILLA AUDUBON SOCIETY BOARD MEETING | 19 2000 MEAL @LCCM 6:30P FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 7P SENIOR CHOIR | 26 Contraction TP SENIOR CHOIR |
| Mon | DAY CAR MONDAY - FRIDAY 5A-6P | 4 6P PRAISE RINGERS 7P PSALM RINGERS 7P PROPERTY | 11 E State Ringers 7 P SALM RINGERS | 18 6P PRAISE RINGERS 7P PSALM RINGERS | 25 6P PRAISE RINGERS 7P PSALM RINGERS |
| Sun | <i>EVERY SUNDAY:</i> 9:00AM Service of Holy Communion 10:15AM Sunday School | 3 Second Second | 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 1 | 4P MEETING | 24 |