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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is no secret that life seems to have an ebb and flow of good times and waves of struggles. As I have been resting and refreshing myself from Holy Week and Easter, I found myself taking breaks from watching the news or looking at social media online. It seems there is a fine line between staying informed and aware of current events and becoming overwhelmed and frustrated with the state of our country and the world.

During April in the Care Class (adult Christian education), I'm thankful that Jim Dibert shared a great author with us. He reminded us of Dr. Paul Tournier who was a Swiss physician in the 1930's and 1940's who focused tremendously on patient care and spirituality. Even today, he reminds us how important it is to focus on our own overall well-being. We often speak about "mind, body, and spirit" in our prayers of intercession in worship. One of my favorite classes in college was "Health Psychology." It's amazing to realize how much our mind is connected to our health. I think it's important to be conscious of our mental health, physical health, and spiritual health.

In the 1967 book, *To Understand Each Other*, Tournier writes, "In order to really understand, we need to listen, not reply. We need to listen



FROM THE PASTOR



long and attentively. In order to help anybody to open his heart we have to give him time, asking only a few questions, as carefully as possible in order to help him better explain his experience."

It seems to me that in a world full of struggles and disagreements, we need to follow Tournier's advice now more than ever. Christ had a lot of compassion for people who struggle throughout his ministry. We don't read much about Jesus listening to people. It seems he came across a need and quickly fixed it. He

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found a group of people and taught them. He took breaks and prayed.

We certainly need to maintain a prayer life as followers of Christ, yet we also need to listen to those different than us. When we listen to struggles with compassion, fear with a calm spirit, and hate remembering to love even those who are our enemies, it is then that we are putting our faith into action. It is listening and patience which may help to bridge the divides we see.

I pray we all may have opportunities in the month of May to practice some patience and deep listening to those who seem to be different from us. The world can certainly use the mercy, grace, and love we so often speak of in church.

“My beloved brothers and sisters: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger, for human anger does not produce God’s righteousness.”

- James 1:19-20

Reference for quote: Tournier, Paul (1967). “To Understand Each Other”, 25, Westminster John Knox Press accessed from https://www.azquotes.com/quote/665998#google_vignette.

Resurrection Blessings to all,

Pastor Althea



Lay Assistant Update Training

Calling all Lay Assistants and those interested in being future Lay Assistants! Pastor Althea would like to meet with all of you following worship on Sunday, June 7th. The training will review our procedures as well as an upcoming addition. Meet her at the altar. Make sure to contact Pastor if you are unable to attend.

Church Council Members

- Jessie Green (*President*)
- Nancy Brightbill (*Vice President*)
- Ed Kulakowski (*Secretary*)
- Brad Bishop (*Church Treasurer*)
- Jay Brown
- Carl Deemer
- Karen Fitting
- Pam Gainer
- Neal Galbraith
- Heidi Gerver
- Renee Hunter
- Lynn Kern
- Guy Lintner
- Henry Wampler



Committee Chair Persons

- Worship & Music: Paul Copenhaver
- Finance: Horace Ehrgood
- Christian Education: Elizabeth Hershey
- Property: Henry Wampler
- Archives & Artifacts: Jim Dibert
- Social Ministry: Jim Dibert
- Social Activities: Stephanie Kaylor



WORSHIP *with us*

May Worship Schedule

May 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31

9:00 AM—Traditional Service

10:15 AM— Adult Christian
Education



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.

Inclement Weather Policy: If Church is going to be cancelled due to weather, it will be posted on our website page: www.trinityleb.org. Don't forget to refresh your browser when viewing the website. You can also find information on our Facebook page: facebook.com/htlclebanonpa. The decision will be made by 7 p.m. the Saturday prior to service.

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:

Barb Atwood, Terry Clearwater, Monique Derfler, Deb Dobson, Donna, George & Susie Eckert, Dan, Dan Fox, Mike and Nancy Hentz, Patty Hess, Jennifer, Joe & Fran, Joe Kalbach, Jim & Judi Light, Ann Mark, The May Family, Janice Peiffer, Rachel, Robert, Margaret Reese, Marie Smith, Bruce & Betty Troxell, Nancy & Rick 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.

✠ **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.

✠ **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.

✠ **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.





Council Notes

Highlights of Church Council Meeting April 23, 2026

- March income \$26,405.12; Expenses \$ 21,940.27.
- Once a month during worship, we will be praying the whole prayer list during Prayers of intercession.
- Registrations for Synod assembly June 5th and 6th are completed.
- Pastor will have meeting with Congregation Care volunteer team soon.
- Pastor Althea suggested a council retreat in near future to discern future goals for HTLC.
- Appreciation letter from Lower Susquehanna Synod Disaster Response Team, thank you for \$1,000 Donation.
- Precision HVAC Company to renew maintenance contract for A/C units and air handlers.
- Lehman Street front steps deterioration is in process of being looked over by contractors for work required.
- Noah's Ark special offering \$3,310 exceeded goal of \$1,000.
- Organist search: Potential candidate with excellent credentials and Lutheran background. PJ
- Copenhaver and Pastor Althea to meet with candidate week of April 27th.
- Proofs for church directory completed recently — directory will be available to congregation soon.
- Lebanon County Happy Birthday America event at Lebanon Expo Center on 4th of July. Communications will be made to congregation to see if there is interest to support a table from 1:00PM to 9:00PM to provide HTLC information and outreach.
- Communications will be made to the congregation regarding interest in restarting the HTLC garden.
- Next Council Meeting: Thursday, May 21, 2026.



Church Treasurer's Financial Summary - March 2026



	Month of March	Actual Year to Date	Budget Year to Date
Income	\$26,405	\$75,347	\$81,939
Expenses	(\$21,940)	(\$91,370)	(\$100,331)
Net Income	\$4,465	(-\$16,023)	(-\$18,392)



LCCM Food Bank Item

The items requested in May is **coffee, tea and creamer.**

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.

Donation Items

The items requested in May are **shampoo, deodorant, combs, ready to eat meals, pasta, peanut butter, individual packs of crackers, and water bottles.**



Monetary donations are also needed. To give, simply mark your donation with a note “Share & Care.”

Items can be brought to the church at any time and placed in the bin labeled “SHARE & CARE” located in THE GIVING PLACE (Arnold St. side annex of Luther’s Place).

Three Barnyards overflowing with THANK-YOU!



...for the generosity of Holy Trinity’s congregation’s response to the 2026 Noah’s Ark campaign. The goal of reaching \$1,000 to fill one Global Barnyard has been more than tripled! That means that three times the peeps, rosters, goats, piglets, cows, and colonies of bees—and more—will be distributed through the Global Church to struggling farmers. And, the life saving impact of these gifts will be multiplied far beyond our hopes.

A special thank-you to artistically talented Renee Hunter for designing and creating the background of the chancel barnyard display featured in each Sunday’s Temple Talk of the campaign.

- The Social Ministry Committee



CAN YOU HELP?

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 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.



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

Upcoming Events:

May 2: Annual Blessing of the Soils & Seeds at The Wittel Farm

May 3: Kirchenwald Crossing Disc Golf Tournament of Champions at Kirchenwald

May 8: Lutheran Camping Night with the Harrisburg Senators at FNB Field

May 17: Summer Camp Kick-off Worship & Picnic at Kirchenwald

For more information, please visit:
www.lutherancamping.org

Exemplars of Faith: A Mother Who Prayed Untiringly Monica, Mother of Augustine of Hippo (d. 387)

Luther wrote that his theology was grounded in the Bible and influenced, secondly, by the writings of Augustine, Bishop of Hippo (354-430). Even though his mother Monica, a devote Christian, raised him to be a Christian, Augustine didn't accept Christianity until he was 32. As a highly intelligent young man, he thought Christianity a simplistic "philosophy." (His father was a pagan until late in life when he was baptized.)

Leaving his home near the city of Hippo in North Africa to study law in Carthage, he followed, first, the philosophy of Stoicism, and then, the dualistic mythology of Manicheism. Yet his mother never stopped praying that God would lead him to Christ.

During this time, he lived with a common-law wife, which was an ordinary practice since the law and social norms made qualifications in forming civil marriages difficult for many people. Yet Monica saw them living together as improper, which created difficulties between her and her son. Augustine fathered a son that he named Adeodatus, which means "given by God." That he gave his son this name indicates that, nevertheless, his mother's prayers and admonitions were making an impression on him. To see a child as a gift could not have come from the teachings of Manicheism.

Augustine became disillusioned with Manicheism since he was unable to live by its strict celibate demands and the guilt of not doing so.

Seeking to become a teacher of rhetoric he went to Rome with his wife and son. Monica followed him, fearing he might succumb to the vices and corruption of that city. Yet, God was answering her prayers, but not in the way she hoped. She was able to affect his separation from his common law wife, but he later lived with a second woman.

Hearing of Ambrose, Bishop of Milan's reputation as an eloquent speaker, he acquired a teaching position in Milan to listen to Ambrose's

sermons in order to study his style of rhetoric. As he listened he realized that Ambrose was a well-educated and intelligent Christian, which began to change his assumptions about his mother's faith. After separating from his second common-law wife, he asked his mother to live with him and his son.

One day when Augustine was sitting in the garden pondering his life in view of what Ambrose had taught him, he hears, from somewhere, the voice of a child sing-song, "Take and read, take and read." Looking around, he picked up a scroll of Paul's letters and read Romans 13: 11-14. "...it is now the moment for you to wake from your sleep. ...put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provisions for the flesh, to gratify its desires." Immediately he finds his mother and tells her that Christ had spoken to him through scriptures so that he now understood himself and all things in a new way.

Ambrose taught Augustine and his son the catechism and baptized both in 387. Later that year Monica died in the knowledge that God does answer prayer—in His own time and His own way.

The Lutheran Church commemorates Monica's life on May 4.



Cocoa Kitties

47 East Derry Road, Hershey

Many of us have been rescuing kitties for years, like many rescuers say, the kitties find us. Our mission brought many of us together and this brought on the idea for Cocoa Kitties. We love our community and have a great love for animals so naturally we decided to make a difference to the homeless pets in our area.

Amy & Missy Godlevski are volunteers with Cocoa Kitties. After Amy adopted her cat, Panda, the sisters decided to give back to this organization to help other animals just like Panda.

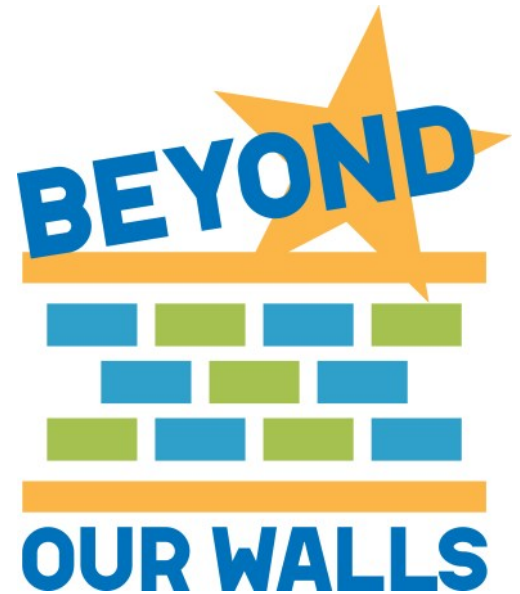
Missy is part of the Fundraising Team by assisting with fundraisers and various PR events. Amy is the Adoption Coordinator and helps the Application Team by completing background checks for potential adopters.

Since its establishment in the early 2020s, Cocoa Kitties has found fur-ever homes for nearly 1,100 pets. The majority of these pets were felines, but a few dogs and a couple of bunnies were included in that mix too!

The rescue also operates a cat sanctuary for the cats who cannot be adopted into homes. Those kitties will always have a safe environment, full food bowls, and veterinary care for life.

Our mission is to provide help to companion animals by rescue, rehabilitation, adoption, and spay/neuter, while creating a more compassionate and caring community for animals through education.

At Cocoa Kitties, we believe the sweetest option is adoption! To see available pets, get involved or to donate, please visit us at www.cocoakitties.org.



How Can You Help the Archives and Artifacts Committee Do Its Job?

1. Help identify the events and people of photographs in the Archives.

So many times, photographs are placed in the Archives by individuals who knew the what, when, where and who of a photo and assume, because they knew that other Holy Trinity members would know that information as well, they did not need to provide that information. But as time passes, younger members and new members do not know the what, when, where or who. And even memories fade as we grow older.

The committee has preliminary plans to display such photos for the congregation to view and hopefully make such identifications. Keep an eye out for such opportunities as our plans develop.

2. If you donate a document, photo, artifact, etc., please provide as much of this information as you can.
 - a. Your name and the date it is (was) donated.
 - b. Describe the item: the what, when, where and who of the event that pertains to the donated item, to submit with it.
 - c. The source of the item. Are you the original owner, or did you acquire the item from someone or someplace else? If you are not the original owner, describe as much of its origin as you know.
3. Old style slides have been donated, but the committee does not have a projector to view them. Can you help the committee to find a projector?



4. Some very old handwritten documents in delicate condition need to be photocopied. Are you a photography hobbyist who knows how to photocopy? If so, your help is needed to preserve some very interesting documents recently rediscovered.
5. In order to gain quick access to archival material a digital data base needs to be developed. Anyone familiar with Database Creation Google would be a help in setting it up.
6. There are many artifacts that are textiles that need to be cleaned and preserved. If you are interested in learning the proper care of different kinds of textiles or have experience with caring for them, let the office know. We have vintage textiles waiting for you.



Easter egg Hunt





SEPTEMBER 26

Make plans to join us for BINGO! Proceeds will benefit the Pastor's Inner Mission Outreach and the Share & Care Ministry. If you are interested in helping or donating an item for the raffle, please contact the Church Office.



Congratulations!

Tom Gainer's photo, "The Humble Root," has been named to the short list of World Food Photography Awards. The 2026 World Food Photography Award Winners will be announced on June 2, 2026, at a Champagne Tattinger Awards Evening in London.

"The Humble Root" - A minimalist still life that elevates three onions through sculptural, directional light. Their curved forms, paper skins, and dried stems emerge from deep shadow, revealing the quiet elegance of an everyday ingredient. The restrained composition and dark palette invite a contemplative appreciation of texture, simplicity, and natural beauty.



Alpine Valley 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): sugar free hard and/or chocolate candy, hard candy
- 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 "Alpine Valley."



Thank you very much for the snacks and the letter. They were a tremendous support to me during tech week at school. I am truly grateful for the kindness, encouragement, and continued support from everyone at Holy Trinity.

Thank you again for your generosity and support.
Best,
Brady Cassel

Make Plans Now!



Join the Quittapahilla Audubon Society on Saturday, May 2 at the Middlecreek Wildlife Management Area for an observation of resident and migratory birds. Meet at 8 a.m. at the Visitor Center parking lot. Questions? Please contact Fritz Heilman 717-273-0487.

Tuesday, May 5, join the Warbler Walk #1 by Obie Road and Michter's Road. Meet at 7:30 a.m. on Rexmont Road at the old Rexmont Dam parking lot, just past and across from white corral fencing (about 0.7 mile south of the intersection of Rexmont Road and Route 419. Question? Please contact Jim Fiorentino 717-269-0675.

Wednesday, May 6 is the Warbler Walk #2 at SGL 211 Cold Springs and Stony Valley. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at Memorial Lake Middle Parking Lot. Questions? Please contact Jim Fiorentino 717-269-0675.

View the Spring Field Birds at SGL 145 on Monday, May 11. It is an observation of resident and migratory birds. Meet at 8 a.m. at SGL parking lot near white barn off Epler Road. Please preregister by 8 p.m. the day before with the trip leader, Bob Peda 954-551-9055 or email: treborhmls@aol.com.

Meet Saturday, May 23 at Lebanon Valley Rail Trails in Jonestown for an observation of flora and fauna. Meet at 9 a.m. at the Jonestown trailhead. Questions? Please contact Fritz Heilman 717-273-0487.

How can you HELP?

Would you like to give back to Holy Trinity? We have several volunteer opportunities. Volunteers are needed to help with the Share & Care ministry. Hours and time commitment is up to you! Help is needed putting clothing and food out for our neighbors. Additionally, help is needed in hanging and sorting clothing and preparing utensils for the food box.

If you would like more information, please contact the Church Office. THANK YOU!



Thank you for the Easter card and flower! It was very appreciated!

- Marian Brandt



GET YOUR GEAR TODAY!



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Scan the code with your phone's camera!



Organist Needed



PASS THE WORD! WE ARE HIRING!

OPEN POSITION: CHURCH ORGANIST

Part time, salary commensurate with experience

Summary: The Church Organist serves as the principal musician of the congregation and works collaboratively with the Pastor, Minister of Music/Choir Director, Bell Choir Director, and Church Administrator to provide music that enhances and supports worship. Responsibilities include providing organ and/or piano music for worship services, and accompanying choirs. Music is performed on a **Wicks pipe organ (3 manuals, 67 stops)** and an **upright piano**, both of which are regularly maintained.

APPLICANTS, PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE CHURCH DIRECTLY.

For more information or to apply, contact: Rev. Althea Seidel at holytrinitypastor723@gmail.com

MEMBERS: PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A SEPARATE EMAIL ADDRESS CREATED ONLY FOR APPLICANTS. Pastor Althea's contact information remains the same for all other purposes.



Relax, Recharge, & Replenish!

The WELCA members are very pleased to announce that we are hosting our very first Women's Retreat! We are inviting all women of Holy Trinity to relax, recharge, and replenish your soul at Camp Nawakwa from Friday October 16 to Sunday October 18. Feel free to bring a female friend or family member. The cost is \$150 per person which includes lodging, meals and supplies. More details will be coming, but if you need more information, contact Heather Buffington. Please save the dates and consider joining us for a weekend of fun and fellowship October 16 through 18, 2026.

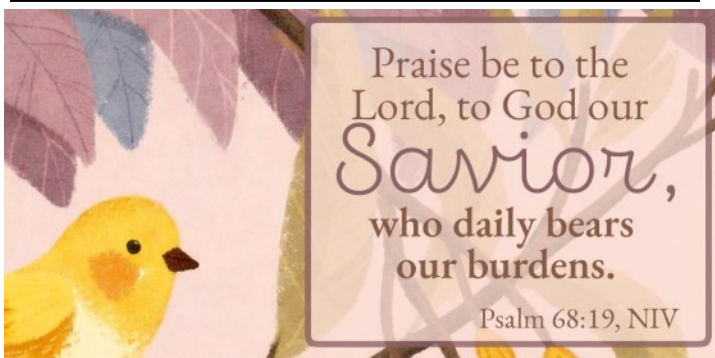


Dear Friends,

Thank you all for your generous gifts to Agape. We are so blessed by your love and kindness to our ministry.

God's Blessings! His By Grace,

Cynthia





The Harmonia Music Association

Presents

Music Gala

Celebrating National Music Week

Of the National Federation of Music Clubs (NFMC)

May 9, 2026

3:00PM

Trinity Lutheran Church
Lebanon, PA

Featured Groups: Annville-Cleona Kids' Chorus, Trinity's Choir and Psalm Ringers,
Harmonia's One AChord, Manor Men of Cornwall Manor,
Singing Cedar Chorus, and the Ring Leaders Barbershop Quartet

A free-will offering will be accepted
to support Harmonia Music Association's Scholarship Fund

Quittapahilla Audubon Society 40th Annual Banquet

Tuesday, May 19, 2026– Doors open at 5:45 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

Hebron Banquet Hall, 701 East Walnut Street (Route 422), Lebanon, PA 17042

Reservations Required

Banquet Menu Served Buffet Style

Garden Salad, Sliced Roast Beef, Potato Filling Stuffed Chicken Breast,

Roasted Red Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Dinner Rolls

Assorted Desserts, Assorted Hot and Cold Beverages

Bringing Up Baby: The American Robin

Dr. Len Eiserer



Join the Quittapahilla Audubon Society for the 40th annual banquet as Len Eiserer will present his program, "Bringing Up Baby: The American Robin". The American Robin is arguably the most successful avian species in North America, thanks largely to its prolific reproduction. At this event, learn about how robins build nests, hatch eggs, nourish nestlings, and turn fledglings into the next generation.

Travel Directions: From 422 East, travel west on Cumberland Street and turn left onto South 5th Avenue. Continue on South 5th Avenue to Walnut Street and turn left.

Travel east on Walnut Street to 701 East Walnut Street. The Hebron Banquet Hall is located on the left.

From 422 West, travel east on Walnut Street to 701 East Walnut Street. The Hebron Banquet Hall is located on the left.

THE COST OF THE EVENING IS: \$25.00 for Adults

NAME: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____

ZIP: _____

NUMBER OF ADULTS: _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Please send this slip and your check, payable to The Quittapahilla Audubon Society or (QAS) to:

Terry Weaver
1045 South Lincoln Avenue
Lebanon, PA 17042

YOU MUST HAVE RESERVATIONS MADE BY MAY 6, 2026

– refunds cannot be made after the deadline –



LEBANON COUNTY CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

SHELTER VOLUNTEER INFORMATION SESSION

Join us to learn of overnight volunteer opportunities at LCCM's Fresh Start Family Shelter!

Light snacks, information, and opportunities!

When: May 11th, 2026

Time: 4pm to 6pm - Drop In

Where: 611 Chestnut Street, Lebanon



Registration not required,
but suggested!



SCAN
TO REGISTER

www.lccm.us

may

BIRTHDAYS

1 - Jeanene Meyer
1410 Elm Street
Lebanon, PA 17042

2 - PJ Copenhaver
1203 Heritage Avenue
Lebanon, PA 17046

3 - Sue Ann Houser
6124 Sawgrass Court
Harrisburg, PA 17111

7 - Vanessa Von Seggern
126 Saint Francis Drive
Lebanon, PA 17042

8 - Jack Derfler
598 East High Street
Lebanon, PA 17042

Donna Reinbold
2901 Old Tunnel Hill Road
Lebanon, PA 17046

10 - Timothy Huggins
602 Blueberry Lane
Lebanon, PA 17046

17 - Peggy Kohr
371 North 5th Street
Lebanon, PA 17046

24 - Heidi Gerver
235 South 1st Avenue
Anville, PA 17003

29 - Nancy Brightbill
1108 Alden Way
Lebanon, PA 17042

31 - Marilyn Fellin
105 Ticonderoga Road
East Petersburg, PA 17520

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



GROWING IN GOD'S word



Try this craft as a reminder that we need to continue to grow in God's Word.

What you need:

- Small terra cotta pot and plate
- Acrylic paints (various colors)
- Paper plate
- Potting soil (enough to fill the pot)
- Small inside plant or packet of seeds
- Newspaper or paper
- Paintbrush
- Cup of water
- Permanent black marker



What you do:

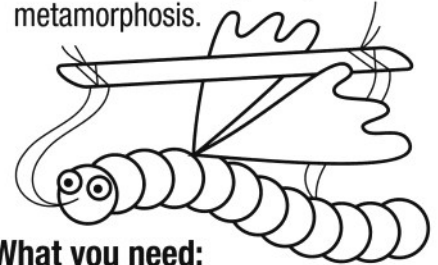
1. Spread some newspaper out on a table for your working area.
2. Squeeze the paint colors that you wish to use onto your paper plate.
3. Paint designs on the pot and plate.
4. When the pot is dry, take the black marker and on the top part of the pot write: Growing in God's Word.
5. Pour a small amount of potting soil into the bottom of the pot. With adults help, place your plant into the pot and surround your plant with the rest of the soil. If planting seeds, follow the packet instructions.
6. Water your plant so the soil is moist. Check your plant everyday and keep the soil moist.
7. Enjoy watching your plant grow, and remember that you too, need care as you grow in God's Word.

2 Peter 3:18 NIV

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

CHANGED!

Make this cute puppet to show and tell the amazing story of metamorphosis.



What you need:

- Needle and string
- 12 small pom-poms
- Wooden craft stick
- Scissors
- Googly eyes
- Glue
- Coffee filter
- Markers

What you do:

1. Sew pom-poms together to make a caterpillar body. Tie off that string.
2. Thread another string up through the first pom-pom, leaving 12 inches to dangle. Repeat with the ninth pom-pom, leaving two dangling strings.
3. Wrap those strings around opposite ends of the stick, adjusting their length to about 6 inches. Tie in place.
4. Glue on eyes.
5. Flatten the coffee filter and draw a symmetrical design on it. Pleat in the center to create wings.
6. Move the caterpillar puppet by holding the stick. Glue on the wings as you describe the transformation into a butterfly.

Worship

Lectionary Readings

Sunday, May 3

5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55 - 60
Psalm 31:1 - 5, 15 - 16
1 Peter 2:2 - 10
John 14:1 - 14

Sunday, May 24

Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1 - 21
Psalm 104: 24 - 34, 35b
1 Corinthians 12:4b - 13
John 20:19 - 23

Sunday, May 10

6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22 - 31
Psalm 66:8 - 20
1 Peter 3:13 - 22
John 14:15 - 21

Sunday, May 31

The Holy Trinity

Genesis 1:1 - 2:4a
Psalm 8
2 Corinthians 13:11 - 13
Matthew 28:16 - 20

Sunday, April 17



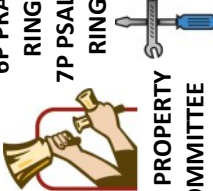

















7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:6 - 14
Psalm 68:1 - 10, 32 - 35
1 Peter 4:12 - 14, 5:6 - 11
John 17:1 - 11



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