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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As of September 22nd, we have been in the autumn season. November 2nd, our clocks fall back one hour. Change is in the air as the weather cools. Leaves change color and fall to the ground. We are blessed in Pennsylvania to enjoy all four seasons and experience the life cycles of nature.

The Church is always changing too. Reformation Sunday is a reminder of all the changes which have transformed the Church over hundreds of years. The installation of Bishop Stephen Herr brings our synod new ideas and new organization of the synod and staff.

It's no secret that we have had several deaths in and around our congregation this fall too. We are reminded of the finite amount of time we have in this life. However, we are also reminded of the great hope we have through our faith. We have celebrated the lives of many who have gone before us. We also remember and celebrate the lives of members who have passed in the last year on All Saints Sunday. Many members have also had relatives, friends, and pets pass away this year. Grieving those lives is not easy.



FROM THE PASTOR



There are no exact steps to grief and our feelings come in waves. No matter what age or what circumstance when we lose our loved ones, our lives change. It is

important to know that our feelings are valid no matter what we feel in any particular moment. We focus on the gratitude we have for knowing our loved ones and being with them for the time we were able.

Many of our scriptures in the last few weeks remind us that even a little faith is greater than we realize. We are reminded

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that nothing will ever separate us from the love of God through our Savior, Jesus Christ. We find comfort knowing God's love and grace for us are gifts which are freely given to us. We place our trust and our greatest hope in the Lord for the life of the world to come.

The Church has been a place for hundreds of years where disciples gather throughout their life's journey to support one another. I hope you are doing well this fall, and if you aren't that's okay too. I pray that we will lean on one another in the days and weeks to come.

Autumn Blessings to all,



Pastor Althea

Church Council Members

Neal Galbraith (*President*)

Louise Lundquist (*Vice President*)

Nancy Brightbill (*Secretary*)

Brad Bishop (*Church Treasurer*)

Kathy Bishop

Jay Brown

Karen Fitting

Pam Gainer

Heidi Gerver

Jessie Green

Renee Hunter

Lynn Kern

Henry Wampler



Mark Your Calendar for a Special Worship Service:



Wednesday, December 17 at 7 p.m.



Janice Copenhaver

October 14, 2025

Committee Chair Persons

Worship & Music:
Paul Copenhaver

Finance:
Horace Ehrgood

Christian Education:
Elizabeth Hershey

Property:
Henry Wampler

Archives:
Open

Social Ministry:
Jim Dibert

Social Activities:
Stephanie Kaylor



WORSHIP with us

November Worship Schedule

November 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30

9:00 AM—Traditional Service

10:15 AM—Adult Sunday School



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, The Family of Janice Copenhaver, Deb Dobson, Susie Eckert, Dan Fox, Mike and Nancy Hentz, Patty Hess, Joette Hollinger, Jim & Judi Light, Janice Peiffer, Rachel, Ed Ream, Cookie Rothermel, Marie Smith, Nancy Warner, Mary Yeagley, and The Family of Rev. Conrad Youse.



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.



Ringers Needed

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is once again bell ringing for the Lebanon Salvation Army on Saturday December 6th at Hobby Lobby and Wednesday, December 24th at Boscov's at the Lebanon Valley Mall. All ringing assignments are an hour in length between the hours of 10 am and 4 pm. If you are interested in bell ringing for our Holy Trinity Team, please contact Terry Weaver at vafootdoc@comcast.net for more information.



Council Notes

Highlights of Church Council Meeting October 16, 2025

- On the income side, the offering for September was on the low side at \$9043.00 compared to past offerings normally closer to \$12,000 – \$14,000.
- One of the bell choir tables has been removed from the Sanctuary, providing more room for people in wheelchairs to sit closer to the rest of the congregation.
- Blessing of the Animals was a huge success with close to 30 dogs in attendance.
- November 16, 2025, there will be a healing service.
- Pastor attended a clergy meeting at Palm Lutheran in Palmyra. The bishop attended as well. Pastor stated that the bishop is very encouraged and still has a lot of vision for the Lutheran Churches. He feels there is still a place in today's society for the Lutheran theology and much good for us to offer to the public.
- Updating the Church Constitution: Neal provided an updated copy of the model constitution for 2025. He handed these out to the council members that will be reviewing this. Discussion followed to possibly remove the part of including a youth and a young adult from the congregation to serve on Council.
- Percent of voting members may also be adjusted. It is currently stating 50 voting members for a quorum.
- Nominating Committee: There will be 2 seats open on Council for 2026. Louise Lundquist and Kathy Bishop will have completed their second term by the end of 2025.
- Pastor's Congregational Care Team: Pastor explained how this care team will work. She will create a list of all (non-confidential) shut-in members, approximately 35 members. She is asking for volunteers from the congregation to assist in keeping a connection with our members that cannot attend church. This could be visiting and/or administering communion, making phone calls and/or sending greeting cards. She hopes to have this in place for the Fall and Winter. This small group of volunteers will meet a few times per year to update one another. She gave us ideas of what she talks to people about and how to get them engaged in conversations.
- Pastor stated she and the Finance Committee are planning to put together sessions to help families plan ahead for funerals and estate planning. As she has done several funerals, she has noticed family members do not know what their loved ones' wishes are. ie: favorite scriptures, song, bible stories, spirituality, where they would like their money to go etc. Finance is looking into having someone come to speak about this. This may start in March.
- Next Meeting - November 20, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Church Treasurer's Financial Summary - September 2025



	Month of September	Actual Year to Date	Budget Year to Date
Income	\$12,072	\$201,611	\$232,680
Expenses	\$(21,315)	\$(231,891)	\$(235,971)
Net Income	\$(9,243)	\$(30,280)	\$(3,291)

From the Archives: Building of the Church

*This is the seventh in a series of articles featuring the 1954 build.
The photos were graciously donated to Holy Trinity by the late, Jim Rittle.*



(left) The Narthex curtain, partially completed, in the background.



(right) The three arches leading to the former garth area are prominent in center.



(left) "The Good Shepherd" being prepared for lifting to the gable on the Lehman Street façade.



Alpine Valley (formerly 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): 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."

**Fruit Basket
Assembly:
November 22 at
10 a.m. in the
Social Room**

**Contact
Jim Dibert
for more
information.**



Northwest Elementary Classroom Wish List Campaign



The 2025 Campaign will be conducted from October 1 to November 15. Black Expo markers and glue sticks are at the top of the list for school supplies. Boxes of tissues are always appreciated. And regarding clothing, underwear is the biggest need the nurse has. The nurse can use boys and girls sizes 4-16. Additionally, sweatpants for boys and leggings for girls of various sizes are also needed. Lastly the school received a large donation of girls' shoes but no boy's shoes. Boys' shoes one to two pair in each size would be helpful. In closing Stephanie Courchesne emailed, "Honestly anything you collect is appreciated. We are just so grateful for the support from you and your church." 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 Classroom Wish List Campaign.

Be an Angel This Holiday Season!



Again, this year the Social Ministry Committee has committed to support the Salvation Army Angel Tree Program. We would like to invite you to join us by sponsoring a child's Christmas wishes. An Angel Tree will be set up in the Narthex on November 9th decorated with 45 angel tags. You can help by choosing a tag or two from this tree and go shopping for the items on the tag. Remember to sign the master list when you select your angel. Then bring the unwrapped gifts back to Holy Trinity along with the angel tree tag and place them in the box with the big red bow or place them around the tree. All gifts are due back by November 30th. Bonnie Battistelli is coordinating this campaign and will make sure that all of the gifts are delivered to the Salvation Army.

Please prayerfully consider helping to make Christmas a little brighter for a child this year here in Lebanon County.

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Chicks
\$10

Shop ELCA Good Gifts this Christmas for more than 60 different gifts that grow the church, fight hunger and transform lives.



Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America

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SUNDAY, NOV. 9, 2025

HANDEL'S
MESSIAH
A SING IN

**PRESENTED BY THE LEBANON VALLEY
COLLEGE CHOIRS
DIRECTED BY
KYLE ZEUCH AND
TYLER CANONICO-DILLEY**

And presented in conjunction with

THE HARMONIA MUSIC ASSOCIATION

IN

**MILLER CHAPEL
LEBANON VALLEY COLLEGE
Performance time 3:00 P.M.**

Singers, report at 2 PM to the Chapel

To register to sing email

Harmoniapreshbuff@gmail.com

Donations accepted for Harmonia's Scholarship Fund.

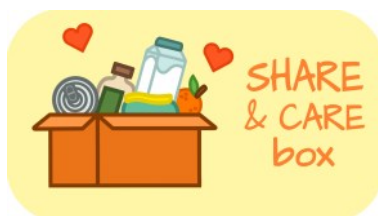


LCCM Food Bank Item

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.



Donation Item

The items requested in November are **combs/brushes, canned vegetables, and energy bars**.

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).

November 19: Birding New Zealand's South Island by Warren & Nina Wolf



In late 2022 we had planned to visit New Zealand as an add-on to a birding trip to Australia. When the Australia trip was cancelled, we decided to keep our plans for travelling to NZ and tweaked our itinerary to add some more birding spots. 17 days on the South Island were filled with driving, birding, boating, and even a train ride. Friendly people, awesome scenery, spectacular birds, New Zealand was a fascinating place providing some one of a kind experiences. We'll share some of the things that made the trip unique, as well as the special species we encountered.

Program starts at 7 p.m. in Luther's Place.

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:

November 2: Annual Quilt Auction at Nawakwa

November 7-9: Women's Craft Retreat at Nawakwa

December 6: Advent Day Apart at The Wittel Farm

January 2-4, 2026: Winter Youth Retreat at Kirchenwald

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



On October 10th 34 mailing boxes filled with Lutheran World Relief 2025 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 132 school kits in 20 shipping boxes and 105 personal care kits in 14 shipping boxes. Additionally, \$614.00 was collected to defray shipping costs. \$314.00 of this total was collected in special offerings in September and the remaining \$300.00 was a donation from our WELCA group for this purpose. 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



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Scan the code with
your phone's camera!





November

BIRTHDAYS

7 - Shannon Engle
447 Mill Bridge Drive
Lebanon, PA 17042

12 - 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

20 - Michael Mohn
530 Broad Street
Lebanon, PA 17042

Denise Rhoades
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 Rhoades (*celebrating her 10th birthday*)
18 Laurel Lane
Lebanon, PA 17046

28 - Mary Grace Cassel
(*celebrating her 17th birthday*)
PO Box 399
Mt. Gretna, PA 17064

Mary Beth Eisenhower
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.

Confirmands 2025: Alizah Engle,
Zachery Kaylor, Camden Snyder, and
Samuel Seiders



Confirmands (left to right): Alizah Engle, Samuel Seiders, Camden Snyder, and Zachery Kaylor.



Confirmands Through the Years





PRAISE-FILLED petals

Create an interactive display of God's provision for a Thanksgiving centerpiece.



What you need:

- Colorful sheets of thin paper
- Scissors
- Black pen
- Dish of water

What you do:

1. From the paper, cut out various shapes and sizes of flowers and petals.
2. In the center of each flower, write a praise to God. Thank him for who he is and for answered prayers.
3. Fold petals inward, toward the center of each flower.
4. Gently place flowers on the water. Petals will slowly unfold to reveal the words.
5. Invite meal guests to participate in this centerpiece that blooms with thanks.



Celebrate the season of gratitude by creating a colorful Thankful decoration.

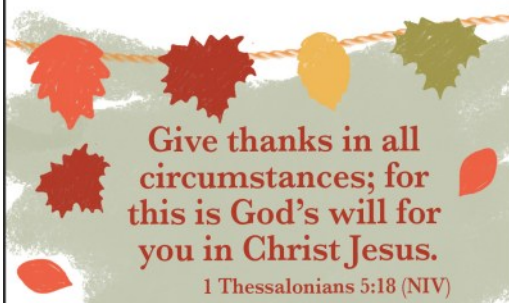
What you need:

- Construction paper in a variety of fall colors
- Pencil, marker, or crayons
- Yarn, ribbon, or raffia
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- Spray bottle filled with water
- Real leaves (Optional)
- Wooden or plastic beads, cereal with holes (Cheerios, Froot Loops, etc.), or any dried pasta with a hole (Optional)



What you do:

1. Draw or trace leaf shapes onto construction paper.
2. Lay the paper flat and spray with water until the paper is completely wet.
3. Crumple the wet paper into balls.
4. Open the paper and let the sheets dry flat.
5. When dry, cut out each leaf.
6. On each leaf, write the name of one person or thing you're thankful for.
7. Punch a hole in each leaf.
8. Lace the leaves, beads, cereal, and pasta onto the yarn, ribbon, or raffia.
9. Tie the ends and hang your garland.



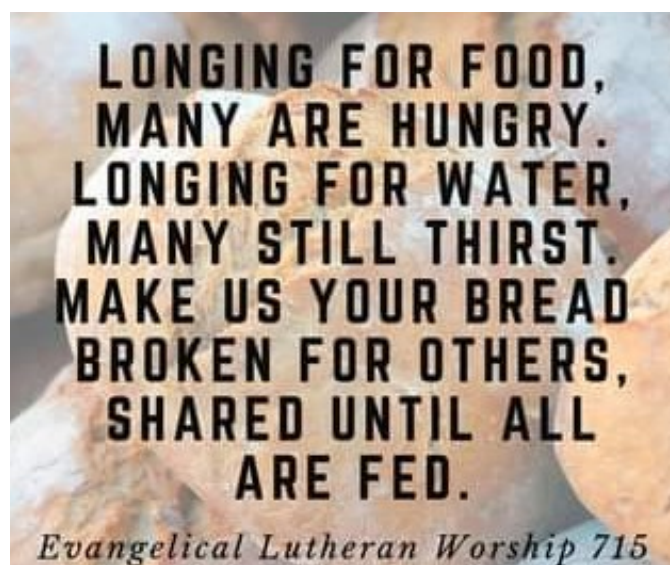


***Each day add an item
to the box. Please
bring your filled box
into Church. The
items will be donated
to Lebanon County
Christian Ministries.***

December 1: Cereal
December 2: Peanut Butter
December 3: Stuffing Mix
December 4: Instant Potatoes
December 5: Jelly
December 6: Fruit
December 7: Spam or Chicken
December 8: Tuna
December 9: Pancake Mix
December 10: Pancake Syrup
December 11: Applesauce
December 12: Cranberry Sauce
December 13: Beans
December 14: Crackers
December 15: Rice
December 16: Oatmeal
December 17: Pasta
December 18: Spaghetti Sauce
December 19: Soup or Stew
December 20: Juice

December 21: Corn and/or Carrots
December 22: Mixed Vegetables
December 23: Condiment
December 24: Green Beans

***All items should be either canned,
boxed, or shelf stable.***



***A prayer to share as you
make your daily donation.***

Worship

Lectionary Readings

Sunday, November 2

All Saints' Sunday

Daniel 7:1 - 3, 15 - 18

Psalm 149

Ephesians 1: 11 - 23

Luke 6:20 - 31

Sunday, November 23

Christ the King

Jeremiah 23:1 - 6

Psalm 46

Colossians 1:11 - 20

Luke 23:33 - 43

Sunday, November 9

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Job 19:23 - 27a

Psalm 17:1 - 9

2 Thessalonians 2:1 - 5, 13 - 17

Luke 20:27 - 38

Sunday, November 30

1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1 - 5

Psalm 122

Romans 13:11- 14

Matthew 24:36 - 44

Sunday, November 16

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Malachi 4:1 - 2a

Psalm 98

2 Thessalonians 3:6 - 13

Luke 21:5 - 19

Sunday, December 7

2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1 - 10

Psalm 72: 1 - 7, 18-19

Romans 15:4- 13

Matthew 3:1 - 12



November 2025

Sun

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Sat

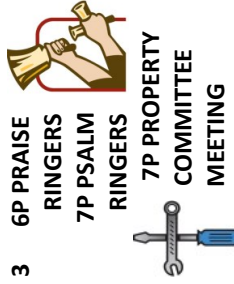
EVERY SUNDAY:

9:00AM
Service of Holy
Communion
10:30AM
Sunday School

**ALL
SAINTS'
DAY**



MONDAY - FRIDAY
5A - 6P



10

6P PRAISE RINGERS
7P PSALM RINGERS



17

6P PRAISE RINGERS
7P PSALM RINGERS



24

6P PRAISE RINGERS
7P PSALM RINGERS

December 2025						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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7P SENIOR CHOIR

11

6P WORSHIP
& MUSIC
7P QUITTAPAHILLA
AUDUBON SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
7P SENIOR CHOIR

18

NOON MEAL @LCCM
6:30P FINANCE
COMMITTEE
P SENIOR CHOIR

25



7P SENIOR CHOIR

Look Ahead
December 2025
21 Winter Begins
24 Christmas Eve
25 Christmas
31 New Year's Eve

1



6



12P-4P PRIVATE EVENT

13

QUILTING group
QUILTING AT
ST. LUKE'S
6:30P SOCIAL
MINISTRY

20

5:30P
MENTOR A MOTHER
6P WELCA
7P QUITTAPAHILLA
AUDUBON SOCIETY

27



OFFICE CLOSED

8



15

22



29



30

PALM
LUTHERAN
NOON MEAL



ADVENT