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But we had hoped. These are some of the most powerful words in the entire Easter season. They come to us from disgruntled disciples on the road to Emmaus. But we had hoped.

But we had hoped that he would be the one to redeem Israel. That was sort of an out of this world hope for the first Easter Sunday. Can you imagine it? It still is hard to believe that one man, one human being would be a messiah that would redeem broken people and broken places.

Think about it for a brief moment. Where do we place our hope? What kinds of things do we hope for? Most often, we hope for things that are very visible. We hope for things that we can see. We want tangible hope.

But we had hoped that the Public Health crisis that has so drastically altered our lives over the last 3 years would not be so intrusive. But we had hoped that we would get a better report at the doctor. But we had hoped that we might be able to avoid surgery.

But we had hoped that we might get to spend a little more time with family. But we had hoped that there might be peace in our homes and peace in our families. Most of the time there probably is, sometimes there is not.

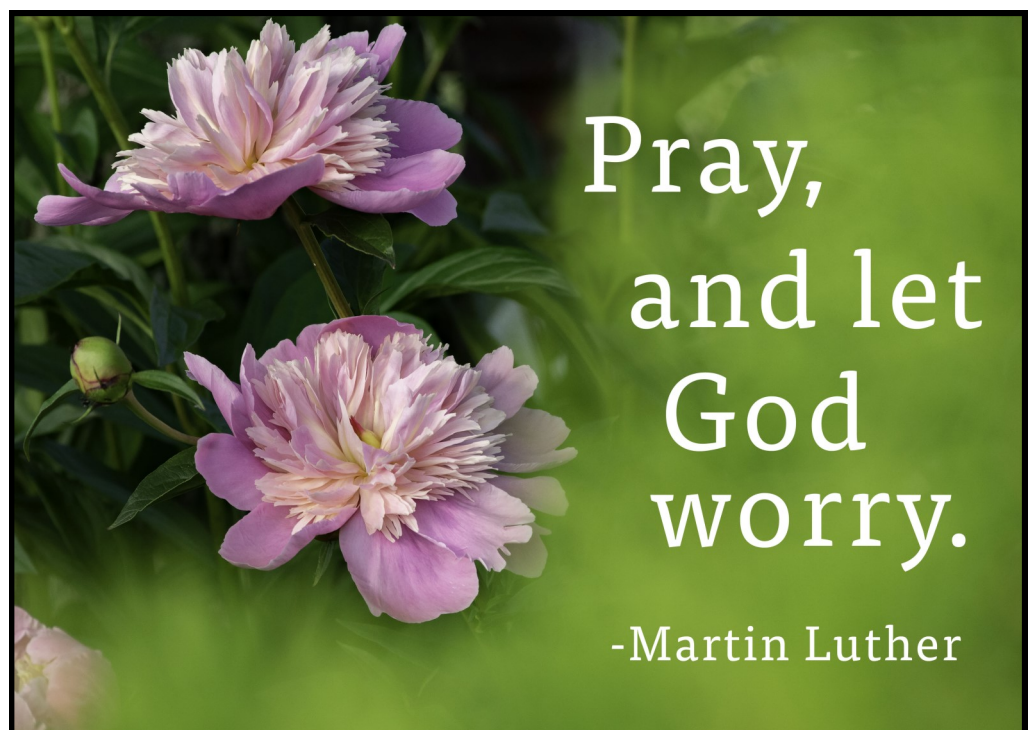
But we had hoped that there would be more people in church



last Sunday. But we had hoped that there would be some new members and some young children to get excited about. But we had hoped that some more people in the church might step up and get involved. But we had hoped.

But we had hoped for many things. But we will hope for many more things. We will hope for many more things because we are human beings who place our hopes in all of the wrong things and then all of the wrong places.

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Church Council Members

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Social Ministry—Jim Dibert
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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.

May 2023 Worship Schedule

May 7, 14, 21, & 28
9:00 AM—Traditional Service
10:15 AM— Sunday School*



Radio Worship Service:

There will be a radio broadcast of the service available to those who are parked just outside of the church, either in the parking lot or on the street. Just tune your radio to 88.5.

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.

*There is no Children's Sunday School on May 28.

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We have hoped and we will hope but hope isn't something that we can find in any one or in anything. Hope came to us pinned to a humble cross and permeating out of an empty tomb.

It turns out that when anything about this world, our families, or our church family leaves us feeling hopeless, there is an abiding hope in the crucified and risen Jesus Christ. As we have finally begun to see, this pandemic was not the end of the world as we know it. Strife in our health and strife in our families is not the end. Smaller changing churches are not the end. There is hope for more. There is hope for New Life in the crucified and risen Jesus Christ. It turns out that Easter means it's not that we had hoped. It means that we can hope now and forever. The crucified and risen Christ did redeem Israel and has and will redeem all of us. We can hope! We can help now and forever, not in things or in people, but in Christ alone!

Pastor Tim

From the Archives Our Church Dedication's Processional Cross, February 24 1957

Although there are at least 18 recognized forms of the Christian cross, our English Gothic church dedication's processional cross was the simple Latin Cross adorned with symbols which expressed the Christian message. The symbol of the cross itself points to the most excruciating and humiliating death worldly powers can exact.

At the center of the cross are two Greek letters, X, "Chi," layered on P, "Rho": the abbreviation of the Greek title **XPICTOC**, or, *Christos* in Latin. The symbol of the Chi Rho at the center of the cross points to God taking on the burden, in and through Jesus *the* Christ, of that excruciating and humiliating agony, manifesting His love for humanity.

Surrounding the Chi Rho is the never-ending Circle of Eternal Life. It symbolizes the resurrection of Jesus *the* Christ; God's victory over violence and death. It points to Christ's sovereignty over all that exists.

On each of the four extensions of the cross are symbols, each a symbol of one of the Gospels, all of which proclaim the incarnation, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus *the* Christ:

The bottom extension's symbol is the Eagle with outstretched wings. It symbolizes the Gospel of John because its eloquence sores and spreads the message of Christ.



The left extension's symbol is the winged Ox, which symbolizes the Gospel of Luke because it speaks of patience and service.

The right extension's symbol is the winged Lion, the "king of the beasts." It symbolizes the Gospel of Mark because it presents the royal character of Christ.

The top extension's symbol is the winged Man, which symbolizes the Gospel of Matthew because it emphasizes the humanity of Christ.

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 and/or 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."



May Happy Birthday Wishes

Happy Birthday to the following Golden Agers of Holy Trinity who will celebrate a birthday this month:

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

27 - Joette Hollinger
1031 Alden Way
Lebanon, PA 17042



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

Come glorify God together

Don't use summer as an excuse to skip church! By gathering in corporate worship, we obey God's command, become equipped for Christian living, and minister to our fellow pilgrims. Consider these tips for engaging in corporate worship.

First, show up — in person if you can. Examine your heart and your motivation for attending church. Lift up your eyes from earthly matters to focus on God.

Come prepared. Do you need to confess anything or remove any hindrance? As you worship, consider how each part of the service displays the gospel: greeting, singing, confessing, reading Scripture, hearing Bible-based teaching, praying, giving and communing.

Be careful not to compartmentalize corporate worship as separate from the rest of life. Instead, consider how you'll carry the experience into the coming week. Come ready to receive; then let that overflow fuel you for the days ahead. Come prepared to participate, knowing that worshiping together is a rehearsal for heaven. But most importantly? Just come.



YOU ARE INVITED: The Care Class will be discussing article by Lutherans on the meaning and practice of prayer. The class gathers directly after our Sunday worship service in the Social Room for coffee, tea, and a sweet treat before beginning the discussion. All adults *of all ages* are welcome to join in on, or if one chooses, to simply listen to the discussion on any Sunday morning.



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). Thank you.



LCCM Food Bank Item

The items requested in May 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.



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

Upcoming Events:

- May 6: Work Day at Kirchenwald
- May 21: Summer Camp Kick-off Worship and Picnic at Nawakwa
- June 18: Summer Camp begins at Kirchenwald & Nawakwa
- July 9-15: Kids at Heart Camp at Kirchenwald
- July 9-15: Elder Camp at Nawakwa
- August 6-12: Family Camp-K-tion (Family Camp) at Kirchenwald
- August 6-12: Family Camp II at Nawakwa
- September 30: Party with a Purpose at Kirchenwald

Always check LutheranCamping.org for the most updated calendar!

Information can also be found on the bulletin board.

Prayer Partners

If you would like your name added to the list for prayer, please call the church office, 717-273-8567.

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

Barb Atwood
Barb Baeckert
The Family of Steve Brossman
Monique & Jack Derfler
Deb Dobson
Dan Fox
The Family of Charlie Gerberich
Mo Gockley
Mike & Nancy Hentz
Patty Hess
Joette Hollinger
Dana King
Raymond Kohr
Doris Kreiser
Eva Rain Miller
Marie Smith
Ernie Thompson
Nancy Warner
The Family of Mae Weise
Mary Yeagley



MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

We have a small lending "library" of equipment and new medical supplies that are available for use by members of Holy Trinity. If you have a need or would like to donate an item, please contact the Church Office.





2023

Noah's Ark thank you

On behalf of the Social Ministry Committee and the Children's Sunday School it is my pleasure to announce that our 2023 Noah's Ark Campaign was an overwhelming success. We collected \$2430 in donations. Our initial goal for the campaign was the purchase of seven herds of goats for a total of \$2100. Because of your generous support we purchased 8 herds of goats (\$2400) and one piglet (\$30). Goats are a source of lasting blessings for families in need. Goats can survive in some of the world's most challenging terrain and unreliable climates. They provide fresh milk, cheese, butter and yogurt for the families. Their hair can be spun into cashmere and mohair yarn to weave blankets, sweaters and scarves. They quickly reproduce so they provide an opportunity for families to pass the gift on to others. And they have an inquisitive fun-loving personality which makes them great companions for humans and other animals. A piglet is a big lifesaver. A piglet is a source of natural fertilizer helping a family's crops grow tall and strong. And if needed taking a pig to market is like cashing out a savings account. The funds can be used to pay school fees for children or to cover an emergency trip to the clinic. Thank you for being God's instrument of kindness and generosity by making these gifts a reality for families in need. Together we can accomplish great things in the name of God's love.



Lucy & Camden Snyder collecting for Noah's Ark.

- Karen Weaver



Lebanon County
**CHORAL
SOCIETY**



FAURÉ'S
R E Q U I E M
SONGS OF REMEMBRANCE AND RENEWAL

MAY 21, 2023 AT 3:00 PM
HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
723 LEHMAN STREET, LEBANON

ADULTS: \$15 IN ADVANCE OR \$18 AT THE DOOR

STUDENTS: \$3

GROUP DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

WWW.LCCSMUSIC.ORG

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The Harmonia Music Association
In Celebration of
National Music Week in 2023
Presents

CHORAL GALA

“MUSIC... IS A WORLDWIDE ADVENTURE”



Saturday, May 13, 2023 at 3:00 PM

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
723 Lehman Street
Lebanon, PA 17046

The public is invited to come and enjoy the afternoon with us.

Worship

Lectionary Readings

Sunday, May 7

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 14

Music Sunday & WELCA Thankoffering

Ezra 3:8 - 13

Psalm 111

1 Thessalonians 5:12 - 24

Matthew 6:19 - 21

Sunday, May 21

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

Sunday, May 28

Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1 - 21

Psalm 104:24 - 34, 35b

1 Corinthians 12:3b - 13

John 20:19 - 23

Sunday, June 4

The Holy Trinity

Genesis 1:1 - - 2:4a

Psalm 8

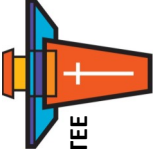
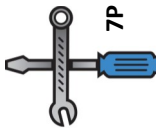






















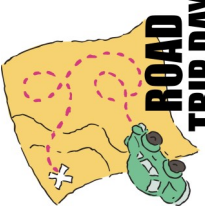





2 Corinthians 13:11 - 13

Matthew 28:16 - 20



May 2023

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p>EVERY SUNDAY: 9:00AM Service of Holy Communion 10:15AM Sunday School</p>	<p>1 7P CALL COMMITTEE  7P PROPERTY </p>	<p>2 7P SENIOR CHOIR 7P QUITAPAHILLA AUDUBON SOCIETY BOARD MEETING </p>	<p>3  Wild Koala Day</p>	<p>4 Prayer NATIONAL </p>	<p>5  Cinco de Mayo</p>	<p>6  National Nurses Day</p>
<p>7  JOHN 14</p>	<p>8  6P CHORAL SOCIETY 6:15P PRAISE RINGERS 7P PSALM RINGERS</p>	<p>9 Choir 7P SENIOR CHOIR</p>	<p>10 9A QUILTING AT ST. LUKE'S 12P BIBLE STUDY 5:30P DIABETES PREVENTION PROGRAM </p>	<p>11 MAKE A BOOK DAY </p>	<p>12 4P THE HARMONIA MUSIC ASSOC.  6P CRAFT NIGHT</p>	<p>13  3P THE HARMONIA MUSIC ASSOC. CHORAL GALA</p>
<p>14  MUSIC SUNDAY & WELCA THANKOFFERING</p>	<p>15  6P CHORAL SOCIETY 7P PRAISE RINGERS 7P PSALM RINGERS</p>	<p>16  NOON MEAL @ LCCM 6:30P FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 7P SENIOR CHOIR</p>	<p>17 12P BIBLE STUDY  6P WELCA</p>	<p>18  Church Council 7P CHURCH COUNCIL</p>	<p>19  plant something day</p>	<p>20  CHORAL SOCIETY PRACTICE (ALL DAY)</p>
<p>21  3P LEBANON COUNTY CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT</p>	<p>22  BUY A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT DAY</p>	<p>23 Choir 7P SENIOR CHOIR</p>	<p>24  12P BIBLE STUDY 5:30P DIABETES PREVENTION PROGRAM</p>	<p>25  NATIONAL WINE DAY DRINK WINE DAY</p>	<p>26  ROAD TRIP DAY</p>	<p>27  NATIONAL SUNSCREEN DAY ALSO KNOWN AS DON'T FRY DAY</p>
<p>28  CONFIRMATION</p>	<p>29  Memorial Day</p>	<p>30 Choir 7P SENIOR CHOIR</p>	<p>31  12P BIBLE STUDY</p>	<p> SING to the LORD!</p>	<p>June 2023 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</p>	<p>Look Ahead June 2023 4 The Holy Trinity 14 Flag Day 18 Father's Day 21 Summer Begins</p>