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This month's pastor's column features our pastor who served Holy Trinity during two international crises that had a direct impact on Lebanon and our congregation. During the second crisis he made a pastoral decision that he knew placed his life in danger, and, indeed, cost him his life. John H. Streng was born and raised in Albany, NY. Before coming to Holy Trinity in November, 1914, he graduated from Philadelphia Seminary in 1906, was a mission pastor in Brooklyn, NY, and pastor of St. Mark's, Lancaster, PA.

His sermons drew substantial attendances to the church, which was the remodeled and expanded 1885 chapel in the corner lot at Lehman and Chapel. He wrote frequently for *The Lutheran*. Pastor Streng was also a member of Lebanon's Chamber of Commerce, which promoted the development of the city.

He was known as being "kind and gentle...ready to accord a respectful hearing to all other views, [but] maintained the courage of his convictions.... [He] possessed a keen vision, [and] was gifted with powers of clear thought and graceful utterance."

During his tenure, an Usher's League was formed; potted plants were brought to the Easter service, which were distributed to the sick; and a three day celebration of Holy Trinity's 25th Anniversary was held. In 1917, a

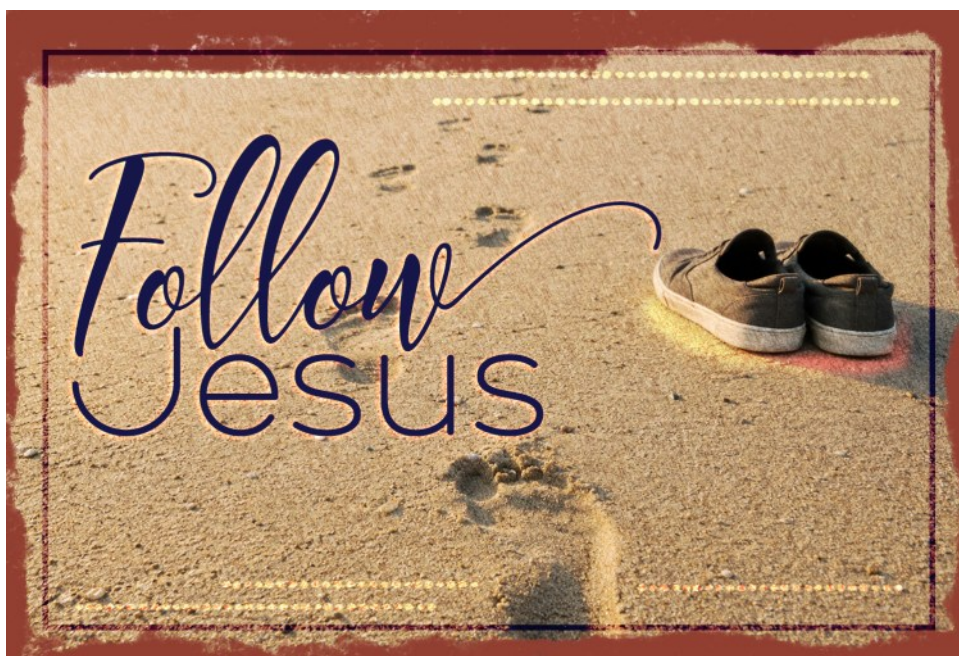


new church constitution was adopted and the first Children's Day was held; and in 1918 new hymnals were introduced, and the Men's League joined the National Lutheran Brotherhood of America.

The first international crisis was the "Great War"—known to us as the First World War—which began in Europe in August 1914, although the U.S. was not drawn into it until April 1917.

Thirty-seven members of Holy Trinity were called to active duty: 33 soldiers, 1 sailor, and 3 nurses; two of those soldiers were wounded in battle. America's patriotism was grounded in the commonly held belief that since the Great War was the most widespread, destructive, and horrific war up to that

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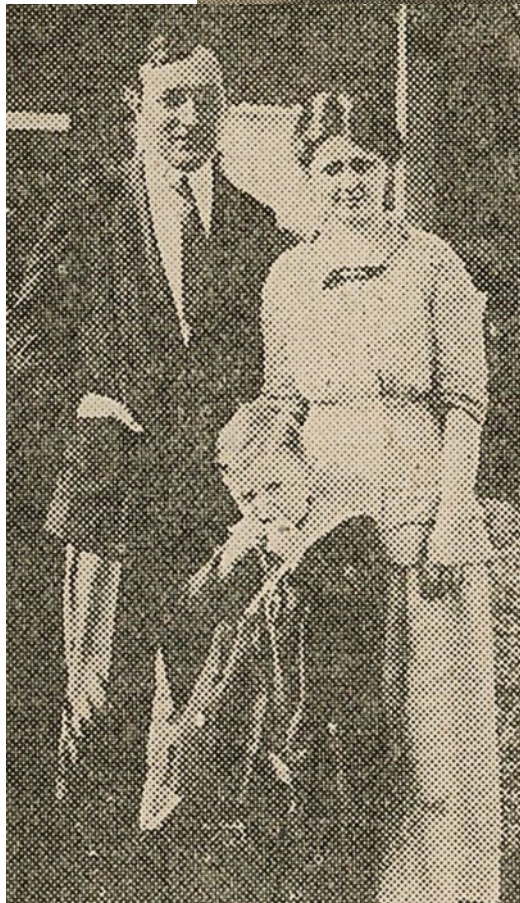
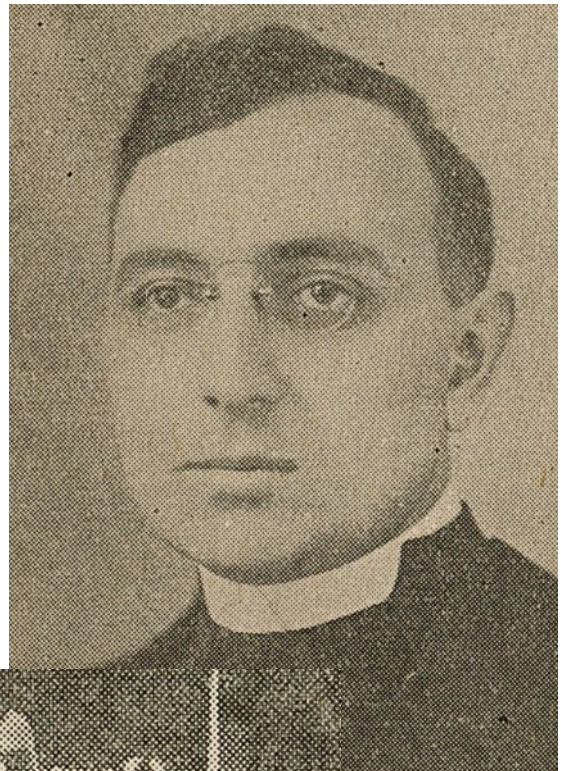
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time in world history, that victory would bring about an end to all wars and secure democracy as the form of government for all freedom loving people. Consequently Pastor Strenge, along with our congregation, supported the necessity of America's joining the Allied Forces to achieve that victory.

The congregation first responded by raising a 42 foot high flag on the church's lawn. Pastor Strenge then began urging the congregation to buy Liberty Bonds and support the Red Cross. As the men and women enlisted, the pastor conducted, as occasion presented itself, a special service for them and provided each with a pocket-size New Testament. The Luther League renamed itself the Soldiers and Sailor's League and set priorities for themselves, which became the priorities for the entire congregation: First, the spiritual welfare of members serving our country; Second, their temporal needs; Third, the establishment of an Information Bureau to keep contact and communicate with those in service. The first priority was addressed, in particular, when a Lutheran Commission assigned a quota of \$350 in support of army chaplains. The congregation collected \$485 in the next few days. The second priority was carried out with multiple boxes of preserves and handmade sweaters, gloves, etc. being sent. And every *Trinity Tidings* published updates of where enlistees were located and how to write to them. These are only the highlights of the congregation's ministries at a time that war-time austerity affected everyone. Moreover, the congregation met all its other mission and outreach commitments.

Even before the Great War ended on November 11, 1918, the second international crisis was underway. The so-called "Spanish Influenza," although its origin is still unknown, was spreading globally. There was no effective way of stopping it because it was a virus at a time science did not even know that viruses existed. Fifty million people worldwide would die from it, including hundreds of thousands in America. When it struck Lebanon, medical facilities were overwhelmed. The armory served as an emergency hospital and even army tents had to be set up to accommodate the sick. Strangely, the young and healthy died more readily from this flu than the elderly.

Holy Trinity's 125th Anniversary history tells the story of Pastor Strenge's response to the crisis: "Among the



heroic doctors, nurses and clergy who ministered to the sick and dying, despite knowing that contact with them increased considerably the possibility of their contracting the affliction themselves, was Pastor Strenge. He spent months visiting those who were stricken by the illness and consoling the bereaved. Finally, he became sick. 'His temperature at once became high, but there seemed to be no other

cause for alarm, although he, himself, indicated...that he would not recover. The physicians were hopeful, but when a hemorrhage suddenly set in he breathed his last.' He died on December 13, 1918. His courage and sacrifice in service to Christ affected not only members of Holy Trinity, but many others throughout the city. His funeral the following Sunday filled the church to capacity." His son and only child, Paul, grew up to be a Lutheran pastor.

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



I would like to thank Stephanie Kaylor, Jim Diebert, and the staff at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church for the tour of their stunningly beautiful church. The statues and artistry throughout the church are truly inspiring. I also wanted to thank Jim for presenting me with a booklet that describes in detail the meaning of the artwork and architectural details within the church.

I was particularly interested in seeing the stained glass windows that my father, Leonids Linauts, created for the church. To say I was overwhelmed by their beauty is an understatement. I was moved beyond words. I believe with all of my heart that my father had Divine Inspiration in creating the windows and the stories they tell. They are a testament to my father's deep faith, and also reaffirm my own belief in our Creator, God Almighty.

Sincerely,
Edgars Linauts



- Reusable Shopping Bags
- Gift Bags: Any Occasion
- Cards: Birthday, Get Well (both are needed — any accepted)

Please bring your donation and place it in the Wish List bin in The Giving Place. THANK YOU!



Clothing Closet Update

A group of volunteers are opening up the clothing closet (vestibule of the Social Room) once a month. The closet benefits those community members in need.

Donations are accepted year round. Anything is accepted: clothing, bedding, shoes, towels, pillows, etc. There is a need of men's shoes and clothing.

If you would like to donate, simply bring your items and place them in the shopping basket in the Giving Place. Feel free to bring them Sundays or make arrangements with the office.

If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact the office.

The next giveaway is scheduled for Thursday, August 13 from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. Anyone is interested can enter the Church at the Lehman Street entrance. There is a sign by the door.

Thank you for your continued support!

WORSHIP *with us*

August Worship Schedule

August 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30

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, Moe Gockley, Mike and Nancy Hentz, Patty Hess, Jennifer, Joe & Fran, Joe Kalbach, Donna Kullman, Jim & Judi Light, Ann Mark, Janice Peiffer, Rachel, Robert, Margaret Reese, Pastor Althea, Sam & Marie Smith, Betty Troxell, 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.

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.





Council Notes

Highlights of Church Council Meeting July 23, 2026

- New organist tentative start date August 23rd
- Finance – Actual net income thru June - (-36,921.96), Not trending favorably for rest of year
- June income \$19,101; Expenses \$23,124.43
- Usual lighter than normal unified offering due to seasonal time of year
- Davis Estate dividend \$6,684.97 made up for the June unified offering
- Usual expenses for June
 - ◊ Actual as of June 30 income \$130,758.51 is under budget
 - ◊ Actual as of June 30 expenses \$167,680.47 is within the budget
- Congregational care team (Eucharistic Lay ministry) – Karen Fitting updated that team is making visits
- Entrance steps in need of repair/replace – Jay Brown updated council on progress. Waiting on 3rd estimates for the 2 stair replacements. Getting the estimates have been a slow process. Stair replacement will more than likely have a high cost. The main entrance stairs work has been done
- Update on Pastor Althea and coverage arrangements
 - ◊ Pastor Althea goes on full time disability end of July but it could be only for a short duration
 - ◊ Kelsey Fitting will be pulpit support pastor on August 23rd
 - ◊ Rev. Tim Garman has agreed to pulpit support pastor thru August 16th
- Next Council Meeting: Thursday August 20th at 7:00 PM



Church Treasurer's Financial Summary - June 2026



	Month of June	Actual Year to Date	Budget Year to Date
Income	\$19,101	\$130,758	\$164,878
Expenses	(\$23,124)	(\$167,680)	(\$175,256)
Net Income	(\$4,023)	(\$36,922)	(\$10,378)

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).



LCCM Food Bank Item

The items requested in August are **canned vegetables** and **instant mashed 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.

Donation Items

The items requested in August are **toilet paper, feminine products, ready to eat meals, pasta, canned meat (tuna, chicken, etc.), individual packs of crackers, granola bars and individual bottles of drinks**.

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).



Calling all youth and school staff: You are invited to bring your backpack to Worship Service on Sunday, August 31 at 9 a.m. for a special blessing. This is also the first day of Sunday School.



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."



It's that time of year again! Strawberry jam: 8 oz. jars \$3 each; 16 oz. jars \$5.50 each. Louise Battistelli and Linda Brandt will be selling our goodies before and after Church or you may contact the Church Office 717-273-8567, if you would like any to pick up during the week.



ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran Disaster Response and Lutheran World Relief: August's Special Offering

ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran Disaster Response and Lutheran World Relief minister together to give hope and life changing aid to people in need around the Globe. A few examples of how your regular Special Offering giving support their ministries are:

In March 2024, a ship struck and collapsed the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore, killing six people. Several other ships were trapped in the wreckage for weeks. Crews did not have visas to come ashore. LWR distributed 150 Quilts and Personal Care Kits across seven ships for their comfort. After all, seafarers make the Quilt & Kit ministry possible.

In 2025, when relentless storms swept across Indonesia, strong floodwaters surged through homes, mudslides closed roads and more than 1 million of God's children were forced to flee to higher, safer ground. Thanks to your faithful support, we were ready to respond. Right now, you're providing critically needed sanitation support as well as fueling mobile health clinics with essential medical care, including maternity and child health services, and mental health care for those coping with unthinkable trauma and loss.

In Serbia, Ruzica thought her education was finished after eighth grade. Her grandparents, with whom she lived, did not have the money for her to continue school. But ELCA Hunger made it possible, bringing her closer to her dream of being a practical nurse.

Your generosity enables women and girls around the world to keep learning, to increase their earning power and strengthen their future.

The ongoing war in Ukraine has created a humanitarian emergency. Families have lost their homes, health care is hard to find and conflict-related domestic violence is on the rise. Your love supports women and families with mobile medical units and safe spaces to heal and find support after violence and trauma.

You are helping cocoa-growing families in Guatemala to better care for their land and earn more money for their families. Farmers are learning new skills, to diversify their crops and work together to run community nurseries and protect the forests around them for future generations of growers.

The community of Condadillo revolves around agriculture and the land, but intense heat, prolonged drought, sudden storms and rising rivers have posed challenges to their livelihood. By your sharing, this community now has the tools, training and education to better prepare for severe weather. Marta, the wife of a farmer and local pastor, sales shoes from a shop on her porch. After taking part in these trainings, she is a first-aid coordinator and recently helped alert the community to a forest fire near her home.

Your gifts were rushed to respond to the mpox outbreak that hit Sierra Leone and in central Africa. We have reached thousands of vulnerable people, including hundreds of children, with medical care and urgent messages to prevent the spread of this highly contagious disease.

Special Offering envelopes can be found at either Welcome Table or in the pews. You can also mark your donation "ELCA World Hunger," "Lutheran Disaster Response," and/or "Lutheran World Relief." Thank you!

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Exemplars of Faith:

Pioneer in Public Health

Florence Nightingale (1820-1910)

When she was 16, Florence experienced God calling her to devote her life to others as a nurse, a seeming impossibility for a girl born into a wealthy titled British family during the Victorian Age. Although her father provided Florence and her sister an academic education—Florence excelled in mathematics, both of their parents expected them to conform to the female role of their social class: marriage and motherhood. Moreover, nurses were considered disreputable women, who became nurses because proper ladies did not do the repellant tasks associated with the job. They were untrained, often dirty and neglectful; some were drunkards or prostitutes or both.

The family's wealth enabled them to make extensive visits to various locations on the Continent. In fact, Florence received her name because she was born in 1720 at a villa in Florence, Tuscany. In 1838 she met Mary Clark, a Parisian hostess, who despite being over twice Florence's age became a 40-year friend. Mary was considered an amusing excentric who flaunted the ladylike behavior of the age, claiming she could do anything a man can do. Knowing Mary gave Florence, for when the time came, the determination to follow her calling. Then, in January, 1850, while traveling in Egypt with friends, she wrote to her sister from Thebes, "God called me in the morning and ask me if I do good for Him alone without reputation." She made the decision to learn for herself what she needed to know to be a nurse.

In her search, she visited Kaiserwerther Diakonie, an institute established by Lutheran minister Theodor Fliedner in 1736 that consisted of a hospital and a center for women to learn theology and nursing skills. Florence was impressed by its religious foundation and emphasis on nursing competency. She entered the institute to be trained in a class of students who were mostly peasants. Her training involved hard physical work, systematically cleaning, washing, and airing out the building, because, in the days before there was even a knowledge of germs, sickness was associated with offensive odors and poor diets. Yet what the nurses were doing was working because it was, unknowingly, eliminating germs that actually caused many illnesses.

Returning to Britain in 1851 after her training, she published anonymously *The Institution of Kaiserwerther*, providing the basis for British health care reform. When the Crimean War erupted in 1854, she organized a staff of 38 trained volunteer nurse



that was authorized to care for the wounded soldiers. Arriving in Crimea she found the army hospital in deplorable condition. Appealing to the public in *The Times*, a civilian hospital for the wounded was established, and, reporting to the Secretary of War, a Sanitation Commission was sent to improve the conditions at the army hospital. After the war she used visual statistical charts to prove that sanitation methods had radically reduced death rates and were more economical.

A public fund raised in her name allowed her to open a nurses' training school. Her *Notes on Nursing* in 1859 provided a curriculum for training nurses, which encouraged the development of nursing as a respectable and desirable profession for women. In addition, she created a hospital plan for the appropriate employment of sanitation methods. She also advocated for household sanitation practices.

Florence remained single, despite offers, concerned that marriage would compromise fulfilling her calling. Although she was a life-long member of the Anglican Church, she criticized the institutional church, in her theological writings, for continuing attitudes and practices contrary to the gospel of God's Love. She died peacefully in her room in London in 1910, at age 90.

The ELCA commemorates the life of Florence Nightingale on August 13 and the life of Theodore Fliedner on October 5.

WELCA Women's Retreat



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.

Make Plans Now!

Join the Quittapahilla Audubon Society on Saturday, August 15 for their 7th Annual Lebanon County Butterfly Count. Please meet at the Speedway Gas Station off State Drive at 10 a.m. Questions? Please contact Terry Weaver at (717) 272-3491.



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LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS AND PERSONAL CARE KITS 2026



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

The Women of the ELCA of Holy Trinity are participating in two projects for Lutheran World Relief again this year – the assembly of 100 school kits and 100 personal care kits. We welcome members of the congregation to join us in this endeavor. The items needed for each type of kit are listed below. All donated items can be placed in the WELCA Collection Barrel in The Giving Place from July 5 to September 6. **September 6 is the deadline for all donations.**

SCHOOL KITS

Education is one of the strongest tools a community has for breaking the cycle of poverty. Ensuring that girls attend school, especially in places where their access is deprioritized, has even stronger results. School kits contain essential supplies to help children – and in some cases, adults—continue learning in the face of serious obstacles. That learning leads to a better life for them, their families and their communities.

Include the following items in each School Kit:

- Four 70-80 sheet **spiral-bound** notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper approximately 8"x 10 1/2"; NO LOOSE-LEAF PAPER
- One pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with imbedded steel blades work well)
- One 30 centimeter ruler or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other side
- One pencil sharpener
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- Five black or blue ballpoint pens (NO GEL INK); secure together with a rubber band
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One eraser approximately 2 1/2 " long
- One sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag approximately 14" x 17" with shoulder straps (NO



STANDARD BACKPACKS) Recommended fabrics include sturdy cotton, canvas, denim and twill.

- Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. All items should be new and in good condition. Remove excess packaging, pack all items in the school bag and close. Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

PERSONAL CARE KITS

Cleanliness certainly helps a person feel more human. When families find their homes destroyed, or must flee for their safety, soap and a towel rarely make the cut for what they can carry. Arriving in a refugee camp or other place of safety, they are scared, vulnerable, and dirty from the travel. The simple items included in a personal care kit provide much needed self-care, critical germ fighting and the chance to regain dignity amidst situations of fear and uncertainty.

Include the following items in each Personal Care Kit:

- One light weight bath-size towel (20" to 27" x 40" to 52"), dark color recommended.
- Two bath-size bars of soap any brand in its original wrapping (4 oz bars only)
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging. Toothbrush multipacks may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business envelope; no plastic bags or wrap.
- One sturdy comb, wide tooth preferred, remove packaging
- One metal nail clipper attached file optional, remove packaging
- Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. All items should be new and in good condition. Wrap all the items in the towel and tie the towel securely with ribbon or yarn. Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags





Mission Trip 2026

Our Mission Trip was held June 22-26 at Camp Kirchenwald. The Lebanon Lutheran Mission Team consisted of 26 volunteers from various churches around the county. The ages ranged from 15 to 90 all with different skill sets and levels of experience.

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. And our team worked hard to serve! A roof was added to the maintenance building; James Engle, Neal Galbraith, and Carol Koehler helped to rebuild picnic tables and complete small construction projects; fresh paint was added to the Schreiber Haus kitchen and brand-new kitchen cabinets that Craig Brightbill installed ahead of the week; Shannon and Emily Engle, Louise Lundquist, Carol Koehler, Denise McDaniels and Heather Buffington did deep cleaning, mopping, and carpet shampooing; Beth and Madelyn Moore, Emily, Carol, Denise, Shannon and Heather did some landscaping and window washing. Ron and Caden Birch worked on concrete; Jim and Kitty Logan tended to trees; Denise and her daughter Erinn Rowe cleared a trail, and Bill Bishop was shining his light while doing electric work.

Pastor Mark Russell, Property Manager at Camp Kirchenwald, is wonderful to work for, giving us the projects, supplies, and guidance we needed to do the work. The rest of the camp staff and administrators are grateful to all who gave of their time and talents whether it was one, two, three, four days, or all week. The camp graciously provided lunch for us each day. Camp Kirchenwald is very near and dear to many on our mission team and many here at Holy Trinity. We are happy to make improvements to the camp so it can continue to have a positive impact on our youth and families.

We are thankful for the Thrivent grants we were able to apply to our projects. I want to thank the mission team for their hard work and donation of time this year, and we certainly appreciate everyone's prayers. As Martin Luther affirmed "...all human work is a calling from God, if done in faith and for the service of a neighbor."

- Heather Buffington





**Congratulations
Izabel & Taran!**

*Taran Copenhaver proposed
to Izabel Blazzard in Alaska.*

PSALM 145:3, NIV

GREAT IS THE LORD
AND MOST WORTHY OF PRAISE;
HIS greatness
no one can FATHOM.



***Ringin' in 250 years!
Holy Trinity participated in the
city wide ringin' of the bells at
noon on 4th of July.
Thank you Amy Soulliard!!!***



Can You Spare A Sunday?

The Youth Sunday School is kicking off on August 30 following Worship at 10:30 a.m. Volunteers are needed! Never taught before? Aren't an expert? We got you covered! All materials and instructions will be given to you. Questions? Please contact the Church Office.



Volunteers Needed

The Archives and Artifacts Committee are in need of some help! A volunteer is needed for data entry. The committee is busy inventorying everything. Help is needed entering the information into a spreadsheet. This work can be done at the Church or at home. Hours are up to you! If you would like more information, please contact Betz Miller at 717-304-1316.

If you are interested in joining the committee, they would love your help! You don't need to be an expert, you just need to have some time to give! For more information, please contact the Archives and Artifacts Committee Chair, Jim Dibert at 717-877-6466. You can also call the office at 717-273-8567.



Congratulations Mr. & Mrs. Harkness!
Hannah (Kern) and Tristan were married June 19.

**A BIG
THANK YOU**



On July 6th a delivery of 7 paper boxes filled with personal care items was made to Domestic Violence Intervention. This summer collection was conducted by the Women of the ELCA and supported by you, our congregation. We delivered 12 bottles of shampoo, 3 bottles of conditioner, 8 combs, 1 hair brush, 12 bars of soap, 2 bottles of body wash, 5 pump bottles of antibacterial Soft Soap, 7 Lady Speed Stick antiperspirants, 1 bottle of body lotion, 16 toothbrushes, 8 dental floss, 4 8.2 oz. toothpastes, 4 5.1 oz toothpastes, 14 .8 oz. toothpastes, 3 boxes of Bluey adhesive bandages, 30 rolls of toilet tissue, 12 boxes of facial tissue, feminine hygiene products, 10 bras, 22 pair of women's underwear, 28 pairs of girls underwear, 36 pairs of girls socks, 1 girls top, 20 pair of boys briefs, 20 pair of boys socks, 1 boys polo shirt and 10 medium canvas bags.

The DVI staff was very pleased to be the recipient of all of these donations and very thankful for our church's generosity. Thank you for participating in this WELCA endeavor.

- Karen Weaver, Projects Chair, Women of the ELCA



All Ladies Invited to the

Camp WELCA Picnic!

The Women of the ELCA are having a Camp Themed Picnic on Wednesday August 19 at 6:00pm at Carol Koehler's home:
53 Strathford Drive, Lebanon, PA.

We are inviting all ladies of Holy Trinity to bring a lady friend or family member and dress in camp attire. There will be a covered dish supper, camp activities, fellowship, and games. Please sign yourself and your guests up at one of the Welcome Tables by Sunday, August 9.

For questions or to sign up via phone call
or text contact Heather Buffington
(717) 926-3917 or Carol Koehler
(717) 926-4390





AUGUST

Birthdays

1 - Denise Umberger
120 Ruth Drive
Myerstown, PA 17067

Mary Yeagley
1 Margaret Avenue
Lebanon, PA 17042

5 - Chelsey Johnson
412 Spring Street
Lebanon, PA 17046

7 - Katherine (Kitty) Logan
810 Hill Street
Lebanon, PA 17046

11 - Derek Kern
740 Prescott Drive
Lebanon, PA 17046

Richard (Rick) Rhoads
2025 Hill Street
Lebanon, PA 17046

14 - Zachery Kaylor (*celebrating his 17th birthday*)
307 Lehman Street
Lebanon, PA 17046

15 - Karen Fitting
810 Kochenderfer Road
Lebanon, PA 17046

16 - Nathan Brossman
301 Klein Avenue
Lebanon, PA 17042

Judith (Judy) Cassel
Box 8
Mt. Gretna, PA 17064

Winifred (Winnie) Youse
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*Please consider sending a card or giving them a
phone call to celebrate their special day.*

KIDS PAGE

Make a postcard PUZZLE

Summer is full of little moments that remind us that God is guiding each step. Like a puzzle, he brings every piece together in his time.

What you need:

- A postcard or printed picture
- Scissors
- Pencil (optional, for guiding your cuts)
- Envelope or small bag (for storing pieces)

What you do:

1. Flip your postcard over and lightly draw puzzle shapes or cut freely.
2. Cut the postcard into a mix of big and small pieces.
3. Mix up the pieces and try to put the picture back together.
4. Store the pieces in an envelope so you can use it again later.



Use simple ingredients and your imagination to bake these fluffy, cloud-like treats.

What you need:

- 3 egg whites
- ½ tsp. vanilla extract
- Mixer
- 2 Tbsp. powdered sugar
- 1 Tbsp. cornstarch
- Parchment paper

What you do:

1. Preheat oven to 300°. In a mixing bowl, combine egg whites and vanilla. Whisk eggs with mixer at medium speed until frothy.
2. While whisking, gradually add sugar and cornstarch. Keep whisking at high speed until stiff peaks form.
3. Spoon mixture onto a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Create fun shapes.
4. Bake 20 minutes. Cool and enjoy!



CASH PRIZES!

*Supporting Holy Trinity Lutheran Church's
Hunger Initiative and Pastoral Care Programs.*

SEPTEMBER 26

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
723 Lehman Street: Please use parking lot entrance.

Doors Open for Food &

Drink: 11:30 a.m.

Games Start: 1 p.m.

Regular Games Payout \$50

Special Games Payout \$100

Tickets: \$20 Advance

\$25 at Door

Seating is LIMITED!

Tickets available online at:

www.trinityleb.org

or by calling

717-273-8567.



Questions: stephanie@trinityleb.org

Worship



Lectionary Readings

Sunday, August 2

10th Sunday in Pentecost

Isaiah 55:1-5

Eat and drink that which truly satisfies

Psalms 145:8-9, 14-21

You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing

Romans 9:1-5

The glory of God's people Israel

Matthew 14:13-21

Christ feeding five thousand

Sunday, August 9

11th Sunday in Pentecost

1 Kings 19:9-18

The LORD speaks to Elijah on Mount Horeb

Psalms 85:8-13

I will listen to what the LORD God is saying

Romans 10:5-15

Hearing and confessing the word of faith

Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus walking on the sea

Sunday, August 16

12th Sunday in Pentecost

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

A house of prayer for all peoples

Psalms 67

Let all the peoples praise you, O God

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

God's mercy to all, Jew and Gentile

Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

The healing of the Canaanite woman's daughter

Sunday, August 23

13th Sunday in Pentecost

Isaiah 51:1-6

The enduring foundation of God's salvation

Psalms 138

O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever

Romans 12:1-8

One body in Christ, with gifts that differ

Matthew 16:13-20

The profession of Peter's faith

Sunday, August 30

14th Sunday in Pentecost

Jeremiah 15:15-21

God fortifies the prophet against opposition

Psalms 26:1-8

Your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you

Romans 12:9-21

Live in harmony

Matthew 16:21-28

The passion prediction and rebuke to Peter

Sunday, September 6

15th Sunday in Pentecost

Ezekiel 33:7-11

The prophet's responsibility to warn the people

Psalms 119:33-40

I desire the path of your commandments

Romans 13:8-14

Live honorably as in the day

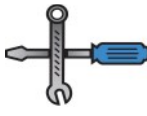
Matthew 18:15-20

Reconciliation in the community of faith



August 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
EVERY SUNDAY: 9:00AM Service of Holy Communion 10:30AM Adult Christian Education	 DAY CARE MONDAY - FRIDAY 5A - 6P	 THANKFUL <i>for all God has done this</i> SUMMER	 12 QUILTING group QUILTING AT ST. LUKE'S 9:30A ARCHIVES & ARTIFACTS	 7 NATIONAL PURPLE HEART Day	Look Ahead September 2026 7 Labor Day 11 Patriot Day 13 Grandparents Day 22 Autumn Begins	1
2	3 7P PROPERTY 	4 6P DAYCARE COMMITTEE MEETING 	5  12 QUILTING group QUILTING AT ST. LUKE'S 9:30A ARCHIVES & ARTIFACTS	6  9:30A ARCHIVES & ARTIFACTS MEETING	7  7 NATIONAL PURPLE HEART Day	8
9	10	11 6P WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE MEETING 	12 12 QUILTING group QUILTING AT ST. LUKE'S 9:30A ARCHIVES & ARTIFACTS	13  9:30A ARCHIVES & ARTIFACTS MEETING	14	15
16	17 6:30P FINANCE MEETING 	18 NOON MEAL AT LCCM 	19 5:30P MENTOR A MOTHER 6P WELCA PICNIC AT CAROL KOEHLER'S HOME 	20 9:30A ARCHIVES & ARTIFACTS MEETING 6:30P EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 7P CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING	21	22
23	24	25	26 9:30A ARCHIVES & ARTIFACTS MEETING 	27	28	29
30 10:15A BINGO MEETING 	31					