



# trinity tidings

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I hope you are all doing well. We have many opportunities to gather in the coming weeks for Lenten Lunch and Learn on Tuesdays at 12:00pm. I will also attempt to hold our Celebration of Life workshop again on March 8<sup>th</sup>. I am happy to go over the program with anyone who is unable to attend.

We have now entered the season of the church called Lent. Google tells us that the word Lent comes from an old English word "lencten" which means "spring." I'm sure we are all getting quite anxious for the time of spring to finally appear around us. So far, we just have more snow and cold!

Due to the snow, we missed the week where we read the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness. This part of the Gospels certainly has various meanings for us, yet the one which a longtime friend, Pastor Jim Jannotti, pointed out to me recently resonated this year. It is a point of view of the temptation that it is about Jesus himself. Lent is not always about us directly, but about who Jesus is. The writer of the Gospel of Matthew was quite skilled in Hebrew scripture as he writes about all the parallels with the Old Testament to prove to us, the reader, who Jesus is. Matthew writes, in chapter 4,



## FROM THE PASTOR

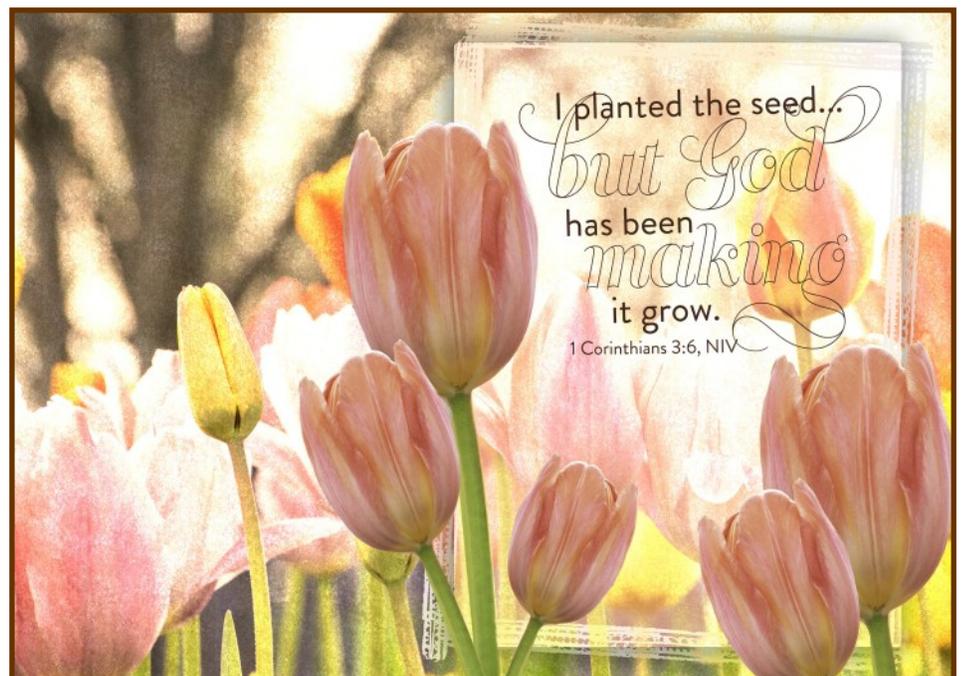


*"Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. <sup>2</sup>He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God..."*

*"<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup>saying to him, "If you are the Son of God..."*

*"<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their*

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glory, <sup>9</sup> and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.' <sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him."

We read these three ways of reminding us one of the ways to interpret this story from Matthew and that is a reminder of who Jesus is, the Son of God. Matthew is purposely writing this way to say, "This is the Son of God." This is the Messiah who has come. This is a serious reminder to us to remember who God is in our lives during Lent. It can be easy to try to make it about us. Many things can overwhelm us. Life pulls us in many directions and depending on the day or the week, life can be stressful. Just like the Psalm 46 which says, "Be still and know that I am God." We are called to stop and remember who God is for us and for the world. The temptation story is a testament to who Christ is. We are always susceptible to distractions and forgetting to whom we belong.

Jesus comes down. Jesus is baptized. He is led by the Spirit into the wilderness. Jesus overcomes. Jesus ministers and preaches. Jesus heals, and Jesus proclaims the love of our Almighty and Powerful God. We belong to God who loves us and shares with us God's gift of grace. God shares with us the gift of his Son who came down to know our humanness, forgive us, and love us anyway. Thanks be to God!

Blessings to all,

Pastor Althea

## Committee Chair Persons

Worship & Music: Paul Copenhaver

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Christian Education:  
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Property: Henry Wampler

Archives & Artifacts:  
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Social Activities: Stephanie Kaylor



## Church Council Members

Jessie Green (President)  
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Brad Bishop (Church Treasurer)  
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Pam Gainer  
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Heidi Gerver  
Renee Hunter  
Lynn Kern  
Guy Lintner  
Henry Wampler



## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



Palm Sunday: March 29 \*

Maundy Thursday: April 2 \*  
Service at 7 p.m.

Good Friday: April 3  
Service at 12 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday: April 5 \*

\* Communion will be shared



# WORSHIP with us

## February Worship Schedule

March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29

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](http://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/htclebanonpa](https://facebook.com/htclebanonpa). 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](mailto: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:

The Family of Margaret Arnold, Barb Atwood, Terry Clearwater, Monique Derfler, Deb Dobson, Donna, George & Susie Eckert, David Engle, Dan Fox, Mike and Nancy Hentz, Patty Hess, Jim & Judi Light, Janice Peiffer, Rachel, Ed Ream, Marie Smith, Nancy Warner, and Mary Yeagley.



**Our Vision...**Our mission is to grow in faith and discipleship, share the Good News of Jesus through word and deed, love others as Christ loves us, and celebrate life in Christ through worship, sacraments and service.

**Our Mission...**We are a community of believers who come together in:

✠ **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.

## How Do You Want to Celebrate Your Life?

*A Lunch  
Workshop with  
Pastor Althea*



**RESCHEDULED: March 8, 2026** -- From Pastor: Following worship I will be hosting a workshop on planning your wishes for end of life and funeral services. This is certainly not the most fun topic. However, in my years of experience, it is extremely helpful for loved ones to have things written down and planned as much as possible. There is no pressure with any aspect of this. I will briefly go through the process of funeral preparation and go over items which are able to be chosen ahead of time. Participants will take a worksheet home and fill out information at their own leisure. Copies may be made of personal plans if desired for church files. Bring a potluck dish.



# Council Notes

## Highlights of Church Council Meeting February 19, 2026

- We finished the budget year on the positive side with income at \$9,459.96. \$9,000.00 of this money was moved to the Building & Maintenance Fund.
- January income was low at \$8,243.50 due to cancelled services.
- On the Expense side, expenses were rather normal except for snow removal which was above budget at \$1,912.50 due to a lot of snow.
- Maintenance/Repairs Expense was higher than normal at \$1,551.13 due to the furnace repairs needed. This resulted in the Sanctuary being cold.
- The year always starts off with a deficit due to a large insurance check that is paid in January. This year it was \$23,405.02. This is an increase of approximately \$3,500 from last year.
- Ash Wednesday was well attended with 50 in attendance.
- Cosmo, the donkey is returning for Palm Sunday.
- Holy Week services will be Maundy Thursday at 7 p.m. and Good Friday at 12:00 p.m. (spoken word) and 7:00 p.m.
- Pastor noted that the hospitals very rarely contact her when a member is in the hospital. She stressed that if any of our loved ones or anyone we know becomes a patient at the hospital, please let her know. Call her directly.
- Organist description has gone through Personnel Committee and advertising has begun.
- The Lenten services were discussed and Pam Gainer offered to make homemade bread for Maundy Thursday service since Pastor has requested a loaf of bread for this service rather than the flatbread we currently use.
- Council voted and approved the following officers.
  - President – Jessie Green
  - Vice-President – Nancy Brightbill
  - Secretary – Ed Kulakowski
- Synod Assembly - June 5 & 6, 2026 in York – Need two volunteers from the congregation.
- Next Meeting is March 19, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

## Church Treasurer's Financial Summary - January 2026



	Month of January	Actual Year to Date	Budget Year to Date
Income	\$8,243.50	\$8,243.50	\$25,979.73
Expenses	\$46,081.20	\$46,081.20	\$50,330.47
Net Income	(\$37,837.70)	(\$37,837.70)	(\$24,350.74)



## LCCM Food Bank Item

The items requested in March is **rice and beans**.

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 March are **shampoo, razors, feminine hygiene products, protein bars, packs of crackers, and individual juice boxes.**



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).

## March 25: Migrants on the Move: Motus Bird Migration Tracking in Pennsylvania by Shelly Eshleman



Do you ever wonder where our breeding birds travel to in the winter? This talk will focus on bird migration research in PA using the Motus Wildlife Tracking System. You will learn about the birds that have been detected by local Motus receiving stations and the pathways that those birds have taken.

Shelly Eshleman is the Motus Avian Research Coordinator at Willistown Conservation Trust and is a PhD candidate at the University of Delaware. Her research follows birds throughout the year to better understand the hazards they encounter during migration and how we can help them thrive.

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:

March 15: Summer Camp Open House at Kirchenwald and Nawakwa

March 20: Spring Equinox Campfire 7 p.m. at The Wittel Farm

For more information, please visit:  
[www.lutherancamping.org](http://www.lutherancamping.org)



Dear Pastor Althea and Holy Trinity Friends,

Thank you to each and everyone for all the love and support you have so generously shared with Margaret Arnold and her family through the past few years. Those who knew her appreciate how important her life long church community was to her. Thank you for keeping her in your prayers, thank you for the cards and notes sent to stay in touch after she moved to King of Prussia, thank you for your notes of sympathy to our family and thank you to those who attended her service.

We are grateful for Pastor Althea and her visit time with Margaret as well as her officiating at Margaret's celebration of life service on Feb 2. We feel so supported by this loving community.

In Fellowship,  
The Family of Margaret J. Arnold



To everyone at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,

There are times when thank you doesn't seem like enough, but that is what we can offer you. We, as a school, have appreciated the wish list items that you have so generously donated to Northwest. The support and encouragement that was delivered goes so far to resource our teachers and students. We had one student who was given a brand new pair of sneakers because his were falling apart. He was so proud of them and kept showing them off to anyone he passed in the hallway. His family is going through a very hard season with health concerns of a family member so to see the joy on his face as he proudly wears his shoes every day is such a huge gift. It is more than just sneakers, or glue sticks, crayons, leggings, or pens.

Thank you for spreading hope to so many!

Your friends at Northwest Elementary.



**Rev. David N. Kistler**

January 25, 2026

**Margaret Arnold**

February 2, 2026



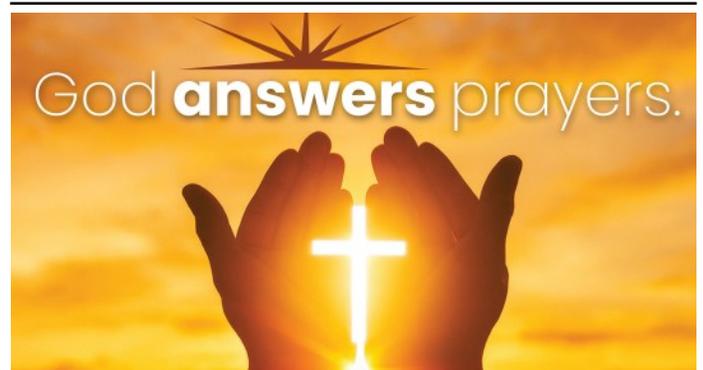
The family of Bill Godlevski wishes to express deepest gratitude to the congregation for your prayers, support, and sympathy cards during this difficult time.

Many Blessings,  
Shirley, Missy, & Amy Godlevski



Thank you to everyone for the phone calls, cards, and visits while I recuperate from my fall. I am home now and gaining strength back. A walker is now part of my daily equipment much to my displeasure. Best wishes to all and thank you so much!

- LaRue Galbraith





## Lebanon Lutheran Mission Team Mission Trip 2026 – Lutheran 'Camping Corporation

Camp Kirchenwald from June 22-26, 2026.

From Monday June 22-Friday June 26, 2026, we invite YOU to help us do work at Camp Kirchenwald. We will be doing some kind of construction work, clean up, repairs, painting, etc. Lunches will be provided by camp. Therefore, there is no cost for the trip and no need for any fundraisers.

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



Please consider joining our team. You must be at least 14 years old by June 22<sup>nd</sup> to participate. Adults ages 18 and older must have clearances filed in their church office by May 31. The commitment form for each volunteer is due by April 19. See Heather Buffington or the welcome tables for commitment forms.

If you need more information or have questions about the trip, please contact Heather Buffington or Denise McDaniels.

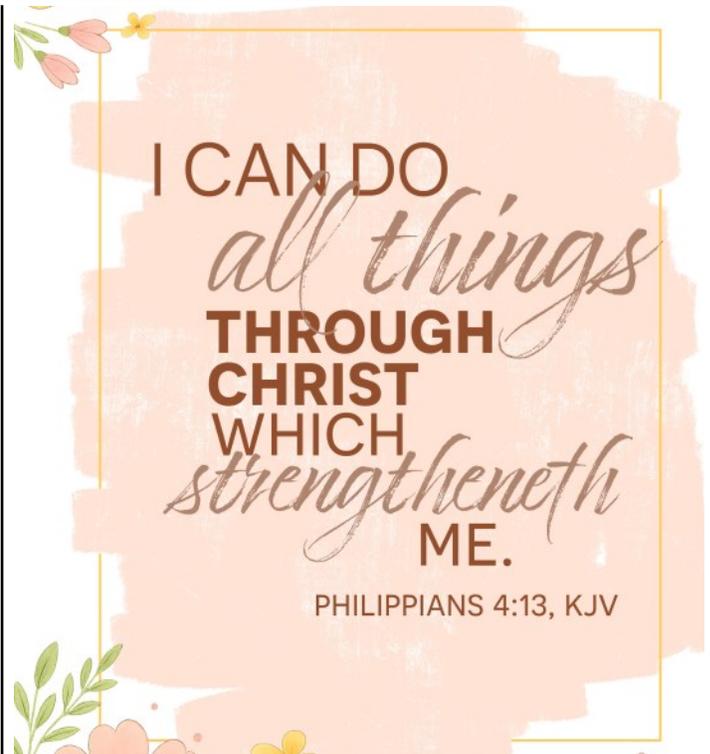
Martin Luther affirmed “...all human work is a calling from God, if done in faith and for the service of a neighbor.”



### Calling All Youth!

Join in on the Egg Hunt, Sunday, March 29 following worship (10:15 a.m.).

Donations of items (PLEASE NO EGGS) are also needed. Please place your items in marked bin in the Giving Place by March 22.





# Noah's Ark

## Noah's Ark = God's Global Barnyard

Holy Trinity's Lenten Noah's Ark campaign began as a way the children and youth of our congregation could participate in a concrete way in the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. It began in Sunday School classes with our children and youth giving a small offering each Sunday in Lent for purchasing a particular kind of farm animal, which would be given to a farm family somewhere around the globe as a way to help it transition from subsistent farming methods to more productive sustainable farming. Each year a different kind of animal was featured until Noah's Ark was filled with every kind of animal found on farms. Our children and youth were encouraged to participate in many different ways such as filling individual coin boxes and filling classroom Ark coin boxes, to distributing toy animals as reminders, to adults dressed in animal costumes to talk about why that animal was important to a farmer, to having live animals visit in the parking lot on a special Sunday.

Gradually, the Lenten Noah's Ark project's popularity spread to the adult Bible School until it became a project of the entire congregation.

At first the Social Ministry Committee partnered with Heifer International, a ministry initiated by Church of the Brethren farmers, to support our Noah's Ark

project. Then Lutheran World Relief cooperated with that ministry to increase giving farm animal gifts, which led to ELCA World Hunger promoting the ministry through its *Good Gifts* catalog, where it is found under the section "God's Global Barnyard." Although Holy Trinity retained the name Noah's Ark, we have since acquired our Noah's Ark gifts through that catalog.

For the 2026 Lenten season, Noah's Ark is appropriating the name "God's Global Barnyard" with the concept of filling a barnyard with every kind of animal that can be given through *Good Gifts* catalog.

Each Sunday of Lent a Temple Talk will feature one of these animals, which together can fill the farmyard display located near the chancel wall. To purchase a filled barnyard of farm animal gifts is \$1,000.00. Noah's Ark's Special Offering envelopes are found in your yearly envelope box, at a Welcome Table, in pew pockets, or by designating an amount in your regular worship offering. Thank-you for helping struggling farmers.



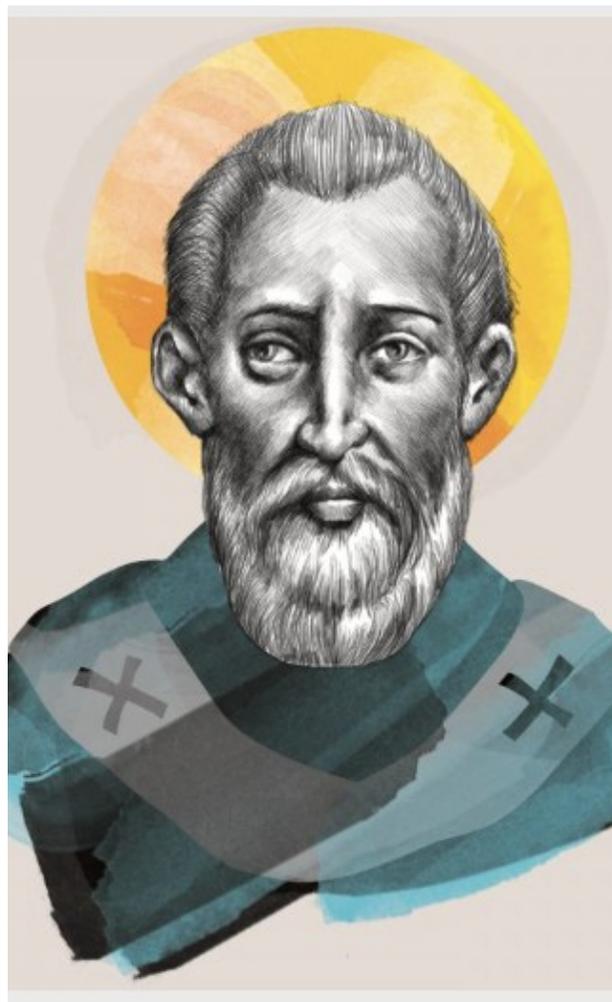
## Exemplars of the Faith: A “Father of the Church” and Martyr Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna (c.69-155)

Initially Christianity was an urban movement. The Christians in an ancient city elected a bishop, i.e. overseer, of the church of their city who was then confirmed by at least three bishops from other cities that his preaching and teaching were Apostolic. Smyrna was a large city on the southern coast of present day Turkey whose church was one of the seven named in Revelation (Rev. 2:8-11). When Smyrna’s Bishop Bucolus died, Polycarp was elected Bishop. As a young boy he had been bought out of slavery by a wealthy Christian woman in Smyrna. She raised him as her own son and gave him a Christian education. As a young man he was ordained a deacon and then a priest who served as the bishop’s assistant.

Polycarp is one of three bishops whose influence extended beyond their own city to ensure that the faith of the Apostles was passed on to the generation after those who had known Jesus in the flesh and witnessed to his resurrection had died. In particular he had been instructed in the faith by John, the last apostle to die. (The other “Fathers of the Church” were Ignatius of Antioch, who was also instructed by the Apostle John, and Clement of Rome.)

In 154 Polycarp had traveled to Rome for the consecration of that city’s newly elected bishop. On his return he found that the Christians in Smyrna had come under persecution. As a minority, Christians were often scapegoats for some terrible event that provoked the rage of the local populace. Their “crime” was atheism, not worshiping the gods and goddess, including the emperor, who, they believed, fated evil things to happen for not honoring them. As Smyrna’s bishop, Polycarp was implicated and arrested. Based on a contemporary account, Dr. Timothy George in 2018 provides a vivid description of his martyrdom:

*It was game day in Smyrna, a holiday. Twenty-thousand blood thirsty fans of torture and violence had turned out to see the show. The program of the day went like this: In the morning wild beasts were let loose in the arena, hunted down and killed. Later in the day, gladiators would fight. But in the afternoon, with the sun high in the sky, it was time for the execution of the criminals. There were a lot of them: slaves, war captives, arsonists, murderers, and those like Polycarp who had committed sacrilege by*



*refusing to honor the godhead of Caesar and who would not take the easy way out.*

*Due to his age, the proconsul [i.e. military governor] said to Polycarp, “Take the oath, I will let you go. Just revile Jesus.” Polycarp answered, “For eighty and six years I have been his servant, and he has done me no wrong. And how can I now revile my king who saved me?” The crowd now became enraged. He offered a prayer in the name of the triune God, and then he was bound. The wood was lit. Polycarp entered into the flames without clothes. But when they saw that a wind prevented his body from burning an executioner was called to stab him with a dagger. And so, he was killed by fire and sword.*

*After the crowd had gone, believers gathered the charred bones of Polycarp as a reminder of his faithful death. Every year on the anniversary of his martyrdom, they would gather to pray and remember not his death, but his “birthday.” That’s what they called it: his birthday; sacrifice and joy become inseparable.*

The Lutheran Church commemorates Polycarp’s life on February 23, the date of his martyrdom.

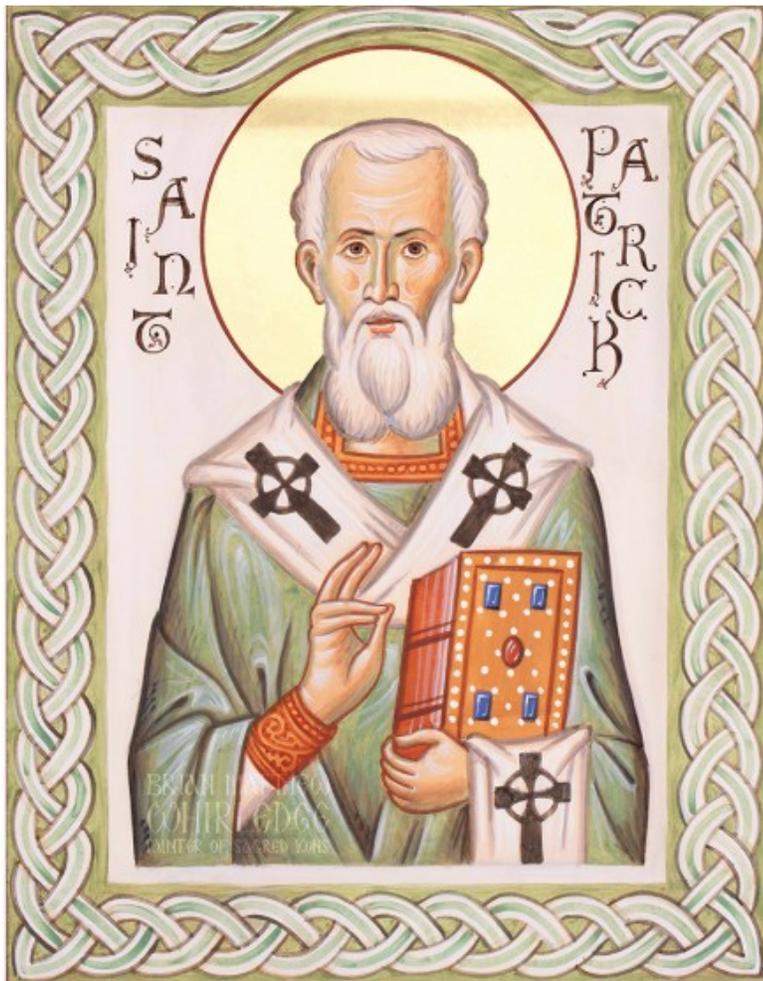
## Exemplars of the Faith: “Bishop of Ireland” Patrick of Armagh, Missionary (389-461)

Patrick had a dream calling him to take Christianity to the Celtic (“kel’ tik”) people of Ireland. His previous experience with them was not pleasant. When he was 16, he was kidnaped and sold to a Celtic chieftain who forced him to be a shepherd. For 6 years, he lived a lonely life with barely enough to eat before he escaped. He had been sustained by holding on to the Christian faith his father and grandfather had taught him.

Subsequently he dedicated his life to serving in the Roman Church as a monk. At the time, monks lived in communities who worked and prayed together during the day, but retreated to their individual stand-alone hut at night for contemplation and rest. Patrick was 40 years old when he dreamed what he accepted as a mandate from God to become a missionary. Recognizing his call, the Roman Church consecrated him as the “Bishop of Ireland” and in 431 he arrived with 12 companions in Ireland. The only issue with his office of bishop, since a bishop was the overseer of the Christians in an urban area, was that there were no cities nor Christians in Ireland. The Celts in Ireland lived in autonomous farm communities, each ruled by a chieftain. Chieftains often fought with each other, but could unite in opposition to a common enemy.

His plan was to convert the Celts one community at a time by convincing its chieftain to allow them to build a monastery at the edge of their settlement. The wall of the monastery was deliberately low enough so that their daily activities could be viewed by the whole village, thus the Celts could see Christians living in peace, harmony and love with one another as a foretaste of God’s kingdom to come. The villagers were welcome to come into the compound to participate cooperatively with the monks in their daily life. Soon the monastery’s yard was alive with craftsmen, farmers, families, children, cows and sheep. The monastery was a place that violence and social distinctions were excluded. Prayers were said with every activity: planting, meals, welcoming guest, and even lighting the morning fire. Outside the monastery, monks helped settle disputes and provided whatever services they could.

As time went on, young Celtic men became monks. It was then that the missionaries moved on to the next



settlement, leaving a few who were mature in the faith to remain behind to grow the church in that community, while younger maturing brothers went with them. As the number of monks grew, Celtic Christianity spread.

Patrick established his seat at the monastery of Armagh. With no cities in Ireland, Patrick organized the church’s administrative structure through its monastic system. Abbots rather than bishops were recognized as the spiritual leaders for Christians living within a *parochia*, the geographic area that included a monastery and its agricultural community. Celtic Christianity’s spirituality rested on the daily interplay between quiet personal contemplation and active communal service. Its missionary strategy was the simultaneous conversion of a village into a peaceful and cooperative community and individuals in that community to love and serve God.

Celtic Christianity spread into Scotland and its monks are noted for their scholarship and artistry. It merged with the Roman Church at the Synod of Whitby in 664.

The Lutheran Church commemorates the life of Patrick on March 17, “St. Patrick’s Day”.



## Why is collecting and maintaining Holy Trinity's Archives and Artifacts essential?

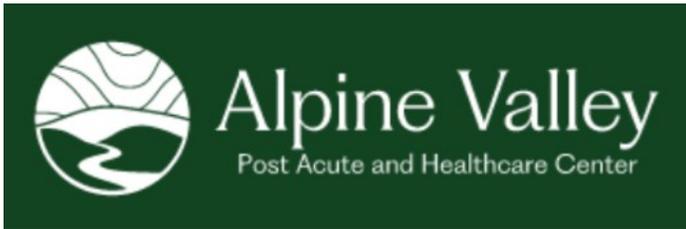
First, for Holy Trinity as a public institution to function, we are required to keep specific legal and organizational records; these make up part of our archives.

Moreover, each archival item and artifact tells a story of its own. When woven together they tell the story of our church-community; its history. For those who see history as more than memorizing dates and the names of dead people, history is a story of relationships and events that, consciously or not, is part of our experience as human beings; it helps us to know who we are; it plays a role in the formation of our identity. Every item we add to our archives and artifacts tells us something more about our church-community; telling the story of Holy Trinity is always expanding and growing; our knowledge of history is not static!

For example, anyone who has seen and been impressed by the artistry and architecture of our worship space goes away with an experience that, if only in a small way, becomes a part of that person. How much more is that true for those of us who regularly worship in that space and/or have

participated in a baptism, confirmation, wedding or funeral in that space. Recently, *Trinity Tidings* ran a series of photographs telling the story of the construction of our worship space. Without the skills and labor of the men seen in those photos, even though their names are unknown, we would not have had the meaningful worship experiences that our worship space provides. Those photos remind us of how the lives of unknown others have impacted our own lives. Thanks be to God!

But our history as a church-community goes back further than our buildings and even the organization of our congregation in 1891. It goes back in history to the stories of Abraham, the Exodus and the Last Supper where Jesus commanded his disciples to partake of his body and blood "in remembered of me." These events tell us that God is always with us and active in our history. So, at a deeper level, the history of our church-community helps us discern in what ways God has interacted with us up to our present situation. Understanding our present moment in time enables us to also discern where and in what way God is leading us into His future. This is the primary question Holy Trinity needs to ask ourself.



## 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.

BINGO				
15	28	37	51	73
6	17	32	45	61
9	15	★	60	70
12	26	44	52	66
7	22	34	48	72

- 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

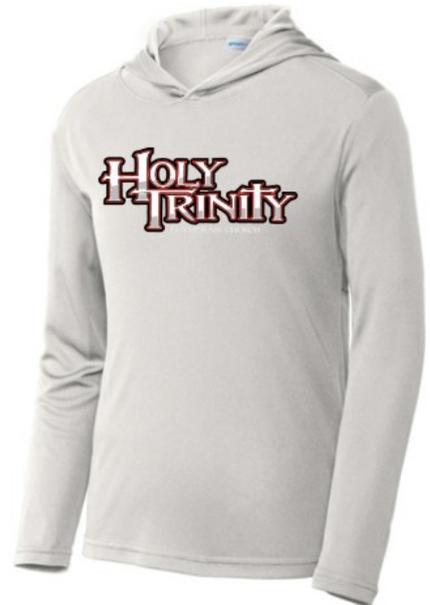
For more information, please contact Marian Brandt at 717-273-4385. Donations can be placed in The Giving Place in the bin marked "Alpine Valley."



Brighten the day of one of our members, who are 80 years or older, and sponsor a mum for Easter! Sponsorships can be made in honor or memory of a loved one. The suggested donation is \$7.00. To donate, please include the name(s) of the individual(s) being honored/remembered and who is presenting the gift. Donations can be placed with your offering at Church or you can contact the Church Office at 717-273-8526 with the information or any questions. Deadline for submission is March 29.



**GET YOUR GEAR TODAY!**



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back



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Scan the code with your phone's camera!



WE ARE  
*grateful*  
FOR YOU!

The Social Ministry Committee would like to express our heartfelt thanks to you, the congregation, for participating in the 2025 Lebanon Salvation Army Angel Tree Program. We would also like to thank Bonnie Battistelli for coordinating this activity. By purchasing gift items for 45 children through this program Holy Trinity helped to make Christmas a little brighter for children in need here in Lebanon County. Thank you for picking all of the angel tags off the tree and fulfilling the children's wishes.

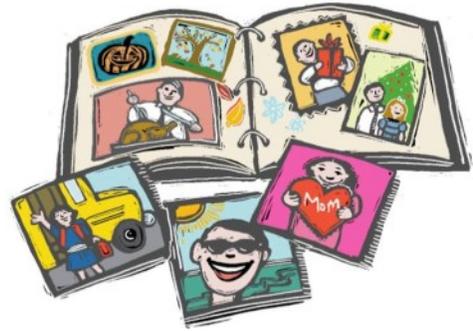
- The Social Ministry Committee



THANKS  
FROM THE  
HEART

Thank you to the congregation members for the Valentine surprise and cards. It is nice to be remembered and very much appreciated.

- Mike & Nancy Hentz



## Archives Donations?

If you would like to donate something to the Church Archives & Artifacts, please provide the following information: who is donating the item, date of donation, and a description of donation. If you are donating photographs, please identify the individuals in the picture. Thank you!



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.

A volunteer is also needed to take the donations to Lebanon County Christian Ministries.

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



# 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](mailto:holytrinitypastor723@gmail.com)

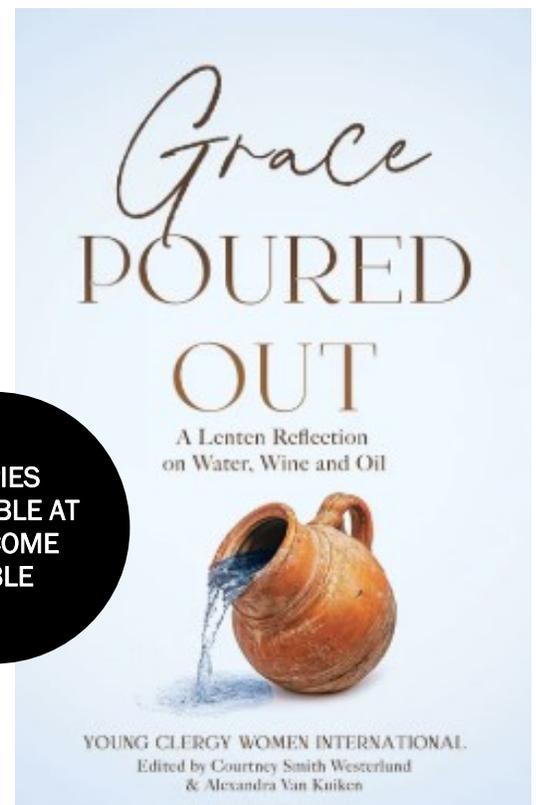
MEMBERS: PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A SEPARATE EMAIL ADDRESS CREATED ONLY FOR APPLICANTS. Pastor Althea's contact information remains the same for all other purposes.

# YOU ARE LOVED

# LUNCH *and* LEARN

Grab your lunch and join us for a Lenten discussion. We will meet in the Social Room at noon March 3, 10, 17, and 24.

Are you entering the Lenten season feeling tired, busy, and spiritually parched? The journey of recommitting to discipleship often feels arduous and taxing, leaving you feeling depleted instead of renewed. If you long for a tangible way to remember that God's grace is abundantly available in your everyday life, this devotional offers the renewal you need. This Lenten reflection centers on the abundant presence of water, wine, and oil in scripture, inviting you to connect your deep faith with these common elements. Each reflection draws on a story from scripture, followed by a prayer or call to action to help deepen your understanding of the ways God is at work in your life.



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## Battle of the Bells

A big thank you to everyone who rang the bell for the Holy Trinity Bell Ringing team for the year 2025 Lebanon Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign. We are pleased to report that Holy Trinity was the top "Religious Organization Bell Ringing Team" in this year's Lebanon Salvation Army "Battle of the Bells" friendly competition. Holy Trinity collected \$2,884.58 in our kettles over several bell ringing shifts totaling 20 hours. Thank you for your commitment to this year's campaign. Our efforts to help collect donations in the red kettles for the Salvation Army truly reflect our beliefs in helping others in our community.

- Terry and Karen Weaver



# MARCH

## Birthdays

3 - Eugene Reinbold  
2901 Tunnel Hill Road  
Lebanon, PA 17046

Edward Kolle  
79 Arbor Street  
Myerstown, PA 17067

10 - Bruce Johnson  
101 Overlook Drive  
Lebanon, PA 17042

Donna Kullman  
568 West Locust Street  
Cleona, PA 17042

Janice Peiffer  
Cedar Haven, Room 150D  
590 S. 5th Ave.  
Lebanon, PA 17042

Barry Thompson  
26 Raymond Street  
Hummelstown, PA 17036

11 - Nancy Hentz  
125 John Drive  
Myerstown, PA 17067

21 - Denise McDaniels  
12 Parkview Drive  
Myerstown, PA 17067

13 - Quinn Bullock (*celebrating her 7th birthday*)  
326 Kauffman Road  
Annville, PA 17003

22 - Carl Deemer  
1303 Douglas Fir Cove  
Lebanon, PA 17042

14 - Hunter Nelson  
1410 Todd Court  
Annville, PA 17003

23 - Mary Andrews  
38 East Locust Street  
Lebanon, PA 17042

16 - Beverly Cantrell  
2411 Elias Avenue  
Lebanon, PA 17046

Louise Lundquist  
PO Box 8  
Cornwall, PA 17016

18 - Kay Diebus  
1005 English Drive  
Lebanon, PA 17042

24 - Amanda Hower  
605 East Evergreen Road  
Lebanon, PA 17042

Pamela Gainer  
1373 Sholly Avenue  
Lebanon, PA 17046

26 - Dennis Michael  
151 Weidman Street  
Lebanon, PA 17046

19 - Preston Darkes  
124 South 22nd Street  
Lebanon, PA 17042

28 - Ruth Gassert  
Juniper Village  
1125 Birch Road  
Lebanon, PA 17042

Bartholomew Keip  
35 Palmer Street  
Lebanon, PA 17042

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

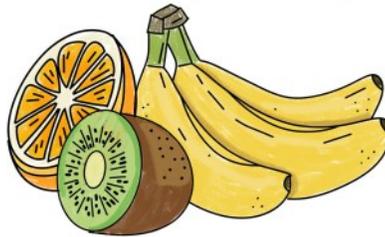
# KIDS PAGE



These cheerful "palm trees" make a bright reminder of the celebration that greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem.

### What you need:

- Bananas (for the tree trunks)
- Kiwis or green grapes (for the palm leaves)
- Mandarin oranges (for the ground)



### What you do:

1. Slice bananas in half lengthwise and place vertically on a plate.
2. Arrange kiwi slices or grapes at the top to form palm fronds.
3. Add oranges at the base.
4. Serve immediately or chill until ready to serve.

### Scripture Tie-In:

"Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord!"  
—Matthew 21:9 (NIV)

## sweet soil



This snack's layers mimic properties of our planet's crust.



### What you need:

- 1 cup rolled oats
- ½ cup nut butter (divided)
- ½ cup chocolate chips
- Microwave-safe bowl
- Silicone mini baking cups

### What you do:

1. Combine the oats and ⅓ cup of the nut butter. Mix until oats stick together.
2. Place 2 teaspoons of oat mixture in each baking cup. Press with a spoon. Freeze for 10 minutes.
3. Spread remaining nut butter atop the cups. Freeze for 10 more minutes.
4. Microwave the chocolate chips 30 seconds. Stir and keep heating for 30-second intervals until melted.
5. Spread melted chocolate atop the cups. Freeze until chocolate is firm.
6. Remove from the molds and enjoy! Refrigerate leftovers in an airtight container.





# PENNSYLVANIA



Crafts, Artists,  
Demonstrations, Food,  
Entertainment

## GERMAN

(also known as Pennsylvania Dutch)

Children's  
Activities, Old  
Fashioned Toys

# ZAMMELAAF

*History ~ Language ~ Genealogy*

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10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Saturday, March 21, 2026

Where: *Zion UMC Church of Iona*  
1920 S. Fifth Ave., Lebanon, PA 17042  
In Gable Hall - Side Entrance Easy Access

*Free ~ Everyone is Welcome ~ Something for All Ages*

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Speakers & Entertainment

- 10:15 a.m. *The Shooflies - a new PA Dutch family band preserving music and culture*
- 11:30 a.m. *Die Schwadore Schalle - Youth and adults sing in PA German*
- 12:45 p.m. *Linda Manwiller - 'PA German Easter Traditions'*
- 2:00 p.m. *Diane Wenger - 'Saffron Use Among the PA Germans'*

Children's Entertainment with Mary Laub

- 11:00 a.m. *PA German rhymes and songs*
- 12:15 p.m. *PA German storytime*
- 1:30 p.m. *PA German songs*

*~ Silent Auction will be operating until 2:30 pm! ~*

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Contact: [zammelaaf@gmail.com](mailto:zammelaaf@gmail.com)

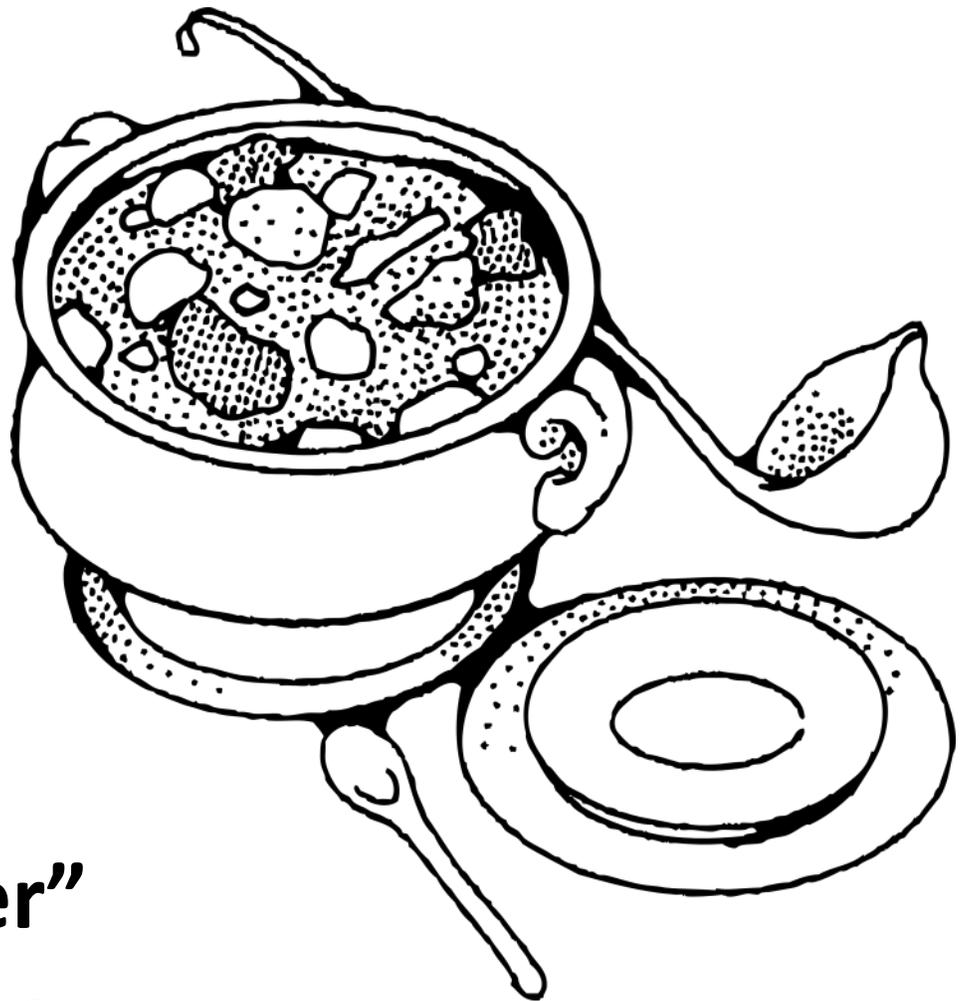
PA German Zammelaaf

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*~ Donations Welcome ~*

*Donation proceeds help to support PA German Zammelaaf events!*





**2026**

# **A “Souper” Get-together**

Calling all couples, singles, young, or old to an old fashioned home-made soup social. Bring a crockpot of your favorite soup OR a salad, OR bread, OR dessert and we'll provide the drinks.

Come and enjoy hot soup on a cold winter night. There will be lots of fellowship and an entertaining theme and program.

When: Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> 2026

Time: Buffet starts at 6:00 P.M.

Where: Church Social Room

Reserve your spot and let us know what you can bring by calling Jim or Kitty Logan at 717-273-8438.

# All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast Buffet



**Saturday, April 11, 2026  
7:00-10:00 AM**

**BREAKFAST INCLUDES:** EGGS, HOME FRIES, CREAMED CHIPPED BEEF, FRENCH TOAST, BACON, SAUSAGE, HAM, COFFEE, TEA, JUICES, VARIOUS PASTRIES AND FRUIT.

**ADMISSION BY DONATION**  
**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE**  
**TO: NORTH LANCASTER**  
**CONFERENCE DEAN'S FUND**

*PROCEEDS BENEFIT LOWER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD LUTHERAN  
DISASTER RESPONSE MINISTRY IN 2026*

**SWAMP LUTHERAN CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**275 SWAMP CHURCH ROAD,  
REINHOLDS**

**PHONE 717-336-2849**



**GOD'S WORK...OUR HANDS.**

# Worship

## Lectionary Readings

### Sunday, March 1

*2nd Sunday in Lent*

Genesis 12:1 - 4a

Psalms 121

Romans 4:1 - 5, 13 - 17

John 3:1 - 17

### Sunday, March 22

*5th Sunday in Lent*

Ezekiel 37:1 - 14

Psalms 130

Romans 8:6 - 11

John 11:1 - 45

### Sunday, March 8

*3rd Sunday in Lent*

Exodus 17:1 - 7

Psalms 95

Romans 5:1 - 11

John 4:5 - 42

### Sunday, March 29

*Palm Sunday*

Isaiah 50:4 - 9a

Psalms 31: 9 - 16

Philippians 2:5 - 11

Matthew 26:14 - 27: 66

### Sunday, March 15

*4th Sunday in Lent*

1 Samuel 16:1 - 13

Psalms 23

Ephesians 5:8 - 14

John 9:1 - 41



# March 2026

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	 10:15A BAZAAR COMMITTEE MEETING	2  6P PRAISE RINGERS 7P PSALM RINGERS   7P PROPERTY CMTE MEETING	3  12P LUNCH & LEARN 7P SENIOR CHOIR	4  12P PRIVATE EVENT	5  9:30A ARCHIVES & ARTIFACTS MEETING	6 7																																										
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Look Ahead  
**April 2026**  
 2 Maundy Thursday  
 3 Good Friday  
 5 Easter  
 22 Earth Day

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

7P SENIOR CHOIR

6P PRAISE RINGERS  
7P PSALM RINGERS

9A PALM  
LUTHERAN  
NOON MEAL  


  
**DAY CARE**  
 MONDAY - FRIDAY  
 5A - 6P