



TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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FROM THE PASTOR...

As we approach the season of Lent this year, I want to draw your attention to a few things:

- 1) Our annual Talent Show/Cook-Off is Sunday, February 4th, 4-7. The theme for the Cook-Off is "Game Day/Tailgating."
- 2) Ash Wednesday's a little early this year – February 14th. Please make plans to join us for worship! Throughout Lent, we'll have Holden Evening Prayer on Wednesdays at 7PM.
- 3) We're hosting the Oley Cluster Bread, Bowl, and Bible this year, March 10th and 17th, 3-6. Please come out for this exciting Bible study. The theme this year is "Biblical Storytelling: Seeing Our Story in God's Story".

- Pastor Gene

Lent





Worship in February

February 4, 2024 – 5th Sunday after Epiphany

Sermon Text: Mark 1:29-39 Everywhere Jesus goes, many people expect him to set them free from oppression. Everywhere he goes, he heals people and sets them free. Disease, devils, and death are running for their lives. The forces that diminish human life are rendered powerless by Jesus.

Contemporary worship at 8AM.

February 11, 2024 – The Transfiguration of Our Lord/Scout Sunday

Sermon Text: Mark 9:2-9 Mark's gospel presents the transfiguration as a preview of what would become apparent to Jesus' followers after he rose from the dead. Confused disciples are given a vision of God's glory manifest in the beloved Son.

February 14, 2024 – Ash Wednesday

Sermon Text: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus commends almsgiving, prayer, and fasting, but emphasizes that spiritual devotion must not be done for show.

February 18, 2024 – 1st Sunday in Lent

Sermon Text: Mark 1:9-15 The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God's reign.

Contemporary worship at 8AM.

February 21, 2024 – Holden Evening Prayer – 7PM

February 25, 2024 – 2nd Sunday in Lent

Sermon Text: Mark 8:31-38 After Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus tells his disciples for the first time what is to come. Peter's response indicates that he does not yet understand the way of the cross that Jesus will travel.

February 28, 2024 – Holden Evening Prayer – 7PM





Dear Members & Friends,

Thanks to everyone for supporting our Music Program and sharing your kind comments here at Trinity.

Our 2024 has begun very busy once again with our many choir rehearsals and other programs to promote our music.

Many thanks to the Cantata Choir again and all of those folks who shared in helping to make the Cantata a beautiful success!!! I received many, many lovely comments from members and friends who came to hear it and enjoyed it so very much! Special thanks also to Ginny Moser, our pianist, for doing a wonderful job too, as always.

The next program will be the Talent Show/Cook Off on Sunday, February 4th at 4PM. I will need lots of folks to make it a great show, I'm looking for solos, duets, poems, a grandchild or whoever, anyone is welcome. Mark your calendars now. See me to sign up for the show or Pastor Gene for the Cook Off. The theme for the Cook/Off is "Tailgate Food".

"Keep on Singing!"

Musically,
LaRue C. Sheetz
Director of Music



Worship & Music Happenings:

The annual talent show and cookoff is Sunday, February 4, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. Come out and see the show, enjoy food, fun, and fellowship.

Lent begins on Wednesday, February 14, 2024. Our annual fastnacht social will begin at 6:15 p.m. Ash Wednesday with communion and the imposition of ashes will follow at 7:00 p.m.

Holden Evening Prayer services will be held on Wednesdays in lent beginning on Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. There will be a soup supper before each Wednesday lenten service beginning at 6:00 p.m. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

During Lent, we will be collecting non-perishable food and toiletry items for the Boyertown Area Multi-Service. (The list of items needed is on page 19 of this newsletter.)



Christian Education News - February 2024



First communion classes will begin February 21 at 6:15 and will continue each Wednesday evening during Lent. Any young person 10 years of age or older who has not yet received their first communion is eligible to participate in these classes. **Please let Pastor Zaiser know if you are interested.**

Sunday School

Our lessons this month from the New Testament will help us learn more about Jesus, His love for everyone, and His healing power. These stories will be from the Gospels of John and Matthew. Can you name the other two Gospels?

Sunday School meets 9:15-10:15, followed by the worship service at 10:30.



Adult Discussion Class

In February the Adult Discussion Class will be led by Angie and Sheila on alternating weeks. Angie will begin a new unit on prayer, while Sheila will begin a new unit on hope. Please join them in the parlor Sunday mornings for some interesting discussions.

We



Sunday School



PRAYER LIST FOR HEALING/SPECIAL NEEDS

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“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing” - 1 Thessalonians 5:11

If you or someone you know has a prayer request or emergency, call Pastor Zaiser and the Prayer Circle will begin. **Please have the approval of the person/family for whom prayer is requested. It is important to contact the Pastor or notify the church office when someone can be removed from the list.**

One of the most caring and helpful things we can do for one another in time of need and times of joy, is to pray that God will be with those who have asked for our prayers and with all who seek healing of body, mind or spirit.

IN ORDER TO KEEP TRINITY'S PRAYER LIST CURRENT. PLEASE INFORM THE CHURCH OFFICE OF ANY CHANGES OR SEE LINDA RITTER. THANK YOU.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

SHUT-INS

Barbara Stewart, Kathy Gamler, Lorna Shaner, Alice Weller, Richard Eck, Chris Miller, Betty Hallman and Roy Romig.

MEMBERS

Brandon Stauffer, Erika Zaiser, Angie Smith, Lynn Wolfgang, Betty Moore, Bill Brensinger, Rebecca Yescavage, Caleb Walsh, BillyRay Pearce, Sr., Glenn Strunk, Diane Pachella, Linda Bewley, Kathy Sell, Dennis Brooke, Donna Day, Shirl Stone, Vicky Conrad, Linda Allmendinger, Karen Essig, Emma Fluharty, Nadine Lydic, Donna Repko, Elaine Dotterer, Bob Eshbach, Bob Schaffer, LaRue Sheetz, Jeff Reitnauer and Pete Schmoyer.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY — ONGOING NEEDS

Rosetta Heydt, Michelle Hiriak, Carol Graves, Nadine Buck, Arlene Robinson, Donald Hays, Steve Frey, Linda Stark, Matt Esworthy, Harold Ford, David & Diane Stauffer, Ward Smith, Maria Sullivan, Larry DeStefano, Lauren Unruh, Tammy Nelson, Elmer Gilbert, Billy Schwager, Beverly Stein, Ethan Schoenly, Mike Rothermel and Shirley Zabelicky.

RECENTLY ADDED

Brian Heydt & Family, Brittanie Farrington, Martha Van Parys, Tracey Knox, Debbie Ames, Madeline Miller, Orpha Richter and Matt Rothermel.

FAMILIES OF:

Ron Schwager, Brian Heydt's Wife, Claire Norman, Glenn Martin, Elaine Young, Fred Schneider and Bob Evans.

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Christopher Heffner, BillyRay Pearce, Jr., Michael McHugh, Ben Rhode, Steven Herbst, David Crews, Jeff Lydic, Jory Huie, Seth Kurtz, Clinton Bowen, Eli Abner. Benjamin Dirsar and Johnne Knepp.

***If anyone knows of military personnel who have been discharged, please let the Pastor or the church office know.**

OTHER CONCERNS

We pray for peace in the Middle East and the Ukraine.

JOY AND THANKSGIVING

We ask God's blessings on everyone as we approach the observance of Lent.



The Prayer Circle has placed Prayer Request cards in the pews. Anyone having a prayer request is welcome to fill it out and place it in the offering plate or give to the Pastor. Before making a prayer request on another's behalf, please get their permission.

Trinity's Prayer List

Names of friends and family will be kept on the bulletin prayer list for one month. If still in need of prayers, the names will then appear on the newsletter prayer list. Names on the friends and family list will be kept on the newsletter prayer list for one year if needed. Thank you for helping us keep our prayer list current.

- The Prayer Circle

Giving Opportunities here at Trinity

As you may know, there are several special funds that you can direct gifts towards that help support and maintain our congregational life. There is the building maintenance fund, the organ maintenance fund and the sound system fund. Designated gifts may be directed to any of these, and gifts in memory of loved ones will be recorded in our Memorial Book.



Need a ride?

We have volunteers in the congregation who are willing to provide transportation to medical appointments, etc., for those who can't find a ride. Please contact Pastor Zaiser 610-322-0901 if you need a ride or would like to volunteer as a driver.



In Ian's Boots is accepting used sporting equipment! If you have used cleats, balls, pads, guards, whatever, they will distribute it to needy children and youth development programs both here and around the world. Soccer equipment is especially welcome. **They will also accept gently used shoes and boots.**

Visitor Cards

There are Visitor Cards in the church pews. Members of the congregation who are aware of visitors attending worship with us are asked to encourage the visitors to wear the applique from the card as well as fill out the card. Let's make our visitors feel welcome! Thank you!

ARE YOU PLANNING TO HAVE A PARTY THIS YEAR?

Need a location?



Our Trinity Parish Hall is available for rent. The rental rates vary for church members/non members and for number of attendees. **Please contact Karen Smith for availability. All rentals also require an additional \$75.00 check payable to "Sexton" (Cathy Yoder). See Below for rates:**

MEMBERS:

Number of Attendees -		
Rates: 1-50	\$75.00	
51-100	\$100.00	
Over 100	\$150.00	

NON-MEMBERS:

Number of Attendees -		
Rates: 1-50	\$100.00	
51-100	\$150.00	
Over 100	\$200.00	

Sanctuary Etiquette

Many worshippers wish to observe quiet time in the sanctuary prior to the service, for meditation and prayer. Please respect this as you enter the sanctuary. When speaking in the narthex prior to the service, please speak softly. Thank You.



Card Ministry

There are no shut-in birthdays in February. Valentine's and other cards will be sent as needed.

- Becky Yescavage

Youth Group Happenings....

The Super Bowl is on Sunday, February 11, 2024. The youth of Trinity kindly asks that each person bring in a non-expired canned good to be part of the Souper Bowl of Caring on February 11th. These donations will go to help Preston's Pantry in Boyertown. Your donations are greatly appreciated and will help those in need in our community.



Winter Weather

In the event of inclement winter weather, news of cancellations or postponements of church activities will be posted on the following:

- 1) Channel 69
- 2) Online at WFMZ.com, or log on to the Trinity's website: www.trinitybech.com

Communion Sundays

Sharing of the Peace has been added to the Communion Services. Please be respectful of members who may not wish to participate in this practice. Thank you.



WAWA Hoagie Coupons

Available 1st Sunday of the month at the Scrip Table or see Dan Ritter or Kathy Kuser. Coupons are also available in the church office Monday—Thursday, 9:00AM-2:00PM. **Tickets are \$5.00.** This project benefits the Social Ministry.



Our sister congregation,

The Marienkirche in Borna, Germany.

(Website:

Kirche-bornaer-land.de)

ADDRESS CHANGE

James, Joanne & Bryan Henshaw

4785 Independence Drive

Bradenton, FL 34210



The following devotion was used to open the Church Council Meeting in January, was submitted by Sharon Renninger..

Psalm 16:1-11

Keep me safe, O God, for in you I take refuge. I said to the Lord, “You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing.” As for the saints who are in the land, they are the glorious ones in whom is all my delight. The sorrows of those will increase who run after other gods. I will not pour out their libations of blood or take up their names on my lips.

Lord, you have assigned me my portion and my cup; you have made my lot secure. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance.

I will praise the Lord, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. I have set the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay. You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

The following is taken from the Upper Room – written by N. Reina (Cordoba, Argentina)

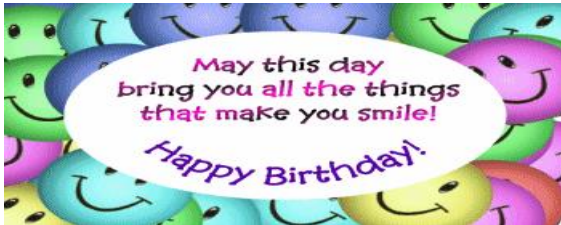
I remember one time when my children were young, we walked a maze. We followed the walled path; but when we neared what we thought was the exit, there was another wall. We had to back up and look for another way out. It was a bit difficult to reach the end, but with perseverance we reached the goal.

Life is like a maze. Many times, we ask God why certain things happen to us. We try to grasp difficult situations but are unable to understand them. We hurry here and there looking for the right path. Obstacles stop us in our tracks, and we don't understand why we must backtrack or even face those obstacles in the first place. It becomes crucial to allow God to guide us through the twisting and turning passageways of life so that we can find the path that will lead to the fullness of joy that only God can offer.

Prayer: Almighty God, show us the path that leads to the fullness of joy in You. Guide us this evening as we meet to serve this congregation. Let us seek and follow Your will for us. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

February Birthdays

- 1 Blake Schaffer
- 2 Allannah Woods
- 4 Bill Brensinger & Cody Moyer
- 5 Cathy Leiby & Barry Yerger
- 6 Tom Sellars, Mark Sheetz & Kurt Yescavage
- 7 Ron Endy
- 11 Eileen Heffner
- 12 Barrie Heimbach, Alan Reinhard, Kellie Quinley & Bill Wiles
- 15 Dawn Weller
- 18 Ariel Hansley & Barry Leister
- 19 Willard Carpenter
- 20 Isla Founds
- 21 Hadley Horan
- 22 Linda Brunner, Chance Corliss & Louise Wolfgang
- 23 Larry Bearn, Jordan Hartline & Kay McGowan
- 24 Ava Smythe
- 26 Rachael Logan & Jim Powers
- 28 Bob Huggins & Tammy Strunk
- 29 Barbara Kreiser



February Anniversary

02/14 Oscar & Angie Smith



The deadline for the March Newsletter is Sunday, February 18th



Worship Assistants for February, 2024

	Assisting Minister	Ushers	Server	Lector	Acolyte
Feb. 4th	Jennifer MacDonald	Kay McGowan* Bob McElwee	Diane McElwee	Dan Ritter	Erika Zaiser
Feb. 11th		Sharon Renninger* Oscar Smith		Tim Barrett (Scouts)	Mark Sheetz
Feb. 14th Ash Wednesday	Diane McElwee	Dan Ritter* Kay McGowan	Linda Ritter	Jennifer Mac Donald	Jennifer MacDonald
Feb. 18th	Erika Zaiser	Howard Shafer* Dennis Schaeffer	Waynette Shafer	Susan Logan	Jennifer MacDonald
Feb. 25th		Dan & Kathy Kuser		Kathy Farrington	Diane McElwee

Above is the Worship Assistant Schedule for February.

Look on the schedule for your name and mark it on your calendar. **If there is a conflict, please find a replacement** and notify the church office 610-369-1281 by the Tuesday prior to that Sunday so that the correct name may be put in the bulletin.

† **Ushers** are asked to arrive in the Narthex one-half hour before the service.

Acolytes and Crucifers are asked to arrive twenty minutes before the start of the service in order to robe prior to the prelude. **If there is a conflict, please find a replacement or contact Pastor Zaiser.**

Thank you to everyone that serves our congregation in this way! Anyone interested in serving in this way may contact Pastor Zaiser or the person in charge of the duty.

WORSHIP SPONSORS

You may sponsor altar flowers, **cost is \$32.00 for 1 bouquet or \$64.00 for 2 bouquets.** (If you wish to sponsor an extra bouquet of flowers for a date that is already taken, you may do so for an additional cost \$40.00.) If interested please see Mary Snyder. You may also sponsor the bulletins for \$15.00 per week, this helps offset the cost of printing them. **When sponsoring flowers, please use a flower envelope found in the rack in the narthex or clearly mark the envelope "Flowers". If you sponsored flowers in the past but no longer wish to, please let Mary Snyder (610-473-8885) or the church office know.**

	FLOWERS	BULLETINS
February 4th	To the glory of God by Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Ritter, in Memory of Erna Weller and also by Mr. & Mrs. Oscar Smith, in Honor of their Wedding Anniversary.	To the glory of God by Gerard Bryce, in Memory of his Wife, Carolyn Bryce.
February 11th	To the glory of God by The Scouts.	To the glory of God by Oscar & Angie Smith, in Memory of Oscar's sister Jane .
February 18th	To the glory of God by Mrs. Karen Irely, in Memory of her Sister and Brother-in-Law Diana & Cliff Minford.	To the glory of God by Sandy & Mark Yarnall.
February 25th	To the glory of God by Mrs. Janice Sheetz, in Honor of her Grandson Mark's Birthday and also by Mrs. Barbara Schmoyer, in Memory of her Husband Herbert Schmoyer.	To the glory of God by Bill & Sheila Eddinger, in Honor of their Children & Grandchildren, Jenn, Drew, Adam, Brennen, Timothy, Rebekah, Nicholas & Katherine.



SIMPLY GIVING

Save time, simplify your life, and support your church! We're keeping up with the times by offering our parishioners another way to help our ministry. Our Electronic Giving Program called Simply Giving is an automated program that will allow you to make contributions without having to lift a pen to write a check or reach into your wallet for cash! And, this method of giving also saves our "counting team" time and trouble every week to open envelopes.

Here is how it works:

You authorize a specified amount of money to be electronically transferred directly from your checking or savings account to the Church account. You also specify the frequency of the transfer.

It is fast, safe and easy! In fact, it is less risky than checks, as it cannot be lost or stolen, or destroyed. The electronic transfer will cost you NOTHING and you save the cost of the check. The Church will issue you a donation statement for your tax records, and your bank statements will provide you with a record of transfer as additional proof of your contributions. Donations via electronic transfer can be made to our General Fund, Benevolence, and/or World Hunger and/or Building Maintenance.

Many members/families of Trinity are currently using Simply Giving.

You can change your amount or frequency with two weeks notice. And, of course, you can cancel your authorization of transfer at any time by notifying the church office. But we believe that once you have enjoyed the convenience and savings of this new program, you won't want to go back to the old way of contributing to our church!

If you have any interest, or questions, or wish to try this program on a trial basis, call the church office, see Pastor Zaiser or call Kurt Yescavage at 610-493-2100.



Trinity Gift Card Program

Orders will be taken before and after the church service the first Sunday of the month and will be distributed at church the second Sunday of the month. Order forms for Redners, Giant, and Scrip will be available at church and the Scrip order form is also found on Trinity's website. **Please note:** Weis Markets cards (\$25, \$100) can be ordered through Scrip for those who physically shop at the store. **Weis cards cannot be used for online orders. KOHL'S GIFT CARDS PURCHASED AFTER APRIL 2023 CANNOT BE USED TO PAY YOUR KOHL'S CHARGE. We apologize for any inconvenience.**

Payment must be submitted with your order; checks should be made out to Trinity Lutheran Church. **Be sure to include your phone number on your order form.**



Military Address List

(If you have a Loved One in the Military and they are not listed here, please contact the Church Office, to be included with this listing. Thank You.)

Eli Abner
980 Towamensing Rd.
Lehighton, PA 18235
(Son-In-Law of Will & Michele Carpenter)

Benjamin Dirsra
c/o Albert Dirsra
662 Huffs Church Road
Alburtis, PA 18011
(Ruth & Marty Weiser's Niece's Son)

Christopher Heffner
316 Merin Height Road
Jacksonville, NC 28546
(Eileen Heffner's Nephew)

Jory Huie
Haager Str. 46 92676
Eschenbach in der Oberfalz
Bavaria, Germany
(Linda Heimbach's request)

Jeffrey A. Lydic
22128 Riverbend Dr. W.
Watertown, NY 13601
(Nadine Lydic's Son)

BillyRay Pearce, Jr.
c/o 122 Cobblestone Drive
Gilbertsville, PA 19525



Words of Thanks....

Lorna Shaner would like to thank everyone for thinking of her with the Christmas Cards and Cookies.

Thank you so much for the generous gift at Christmas time! We are blessed to serve such a generous and supportive congregation! - Pastor Gene and Erika

Many thanks thru all of the years of kindness to me so many times. Thank you for the wonderful Christmas Gift, it was very much appreciated. Love, LaRue.

Thank you very much to my Trinity Family for your very generous Christmas Gift. It was very much appreciated. May God bless you and your family in 2024! Ruth Reinhard

My Dear Trinity Family, I cannot express my sincerest thanks for all of your love, support, thoughts, prayers, phone calls, meals and visits to me while I am recuperating from my broken arm. Your care has meant so much to me and also especially to Pastor Gene for all you have done for me. God Bless You, Linda Bewley

Thank You so very much Trinity Congregation for sharing my special day with me in celebration of my 20th Anniversary, it was such a wonderful day! Your cake, flowers, gifts, kind words and hugs made me feel so blessed. It has been an honor and pleasure to serve as your secretary and I look forward to many more years to come. Blessings to you all. Karen Smith

Thank you to the congregation for the Christmas Gift. It is much appreciated. Ruth Weiser

Thank you very much for your lovely and cheerful Christmas Cards and the treats. I certainly enjoyed looking at the cards and remembering all of you. Sincerely, Kathy Gamler

We would like to thank all of you for the Christmas gift. It's our pleasure to be a part of this congregation. God Bless All of You. Kathy & Dan

Friends at Trinity, I want to thank you for the lovely birthday & Christmas cards, for the gifts, visits and prayers. Thank you also to Pastor Zaiser for his visits and prayers. All so much appreciated! Alice Weller

*Thank
You*

February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				6:30 Sr. Choir Practice		
				1	2	3
4 8:00 Cont. Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 4:00 Talent Show	5 6:30 Scouts	6 6:30 Scouts	7 6:30 TLC Stitches	8 6:30 Sr. Choir Practice	9	10
11 9:15 Sunday School New Member Class 10:30 Worship Service <i>SCOUT SUNDAY</i>	12 6:30 Scouts	13 6:30 Scouts 7:00 Council Mtg.	14 6:15 Fastnacht Social 7:00 Ash Wednesday Serv. w/Comm. Sr. Choir Practice <i>ASH WEDNESDAY</i>	15 6:30 TLC Stitches	16	17
18 8:00 Cont. Worship 9:15 Sunday School New Member Class 10:30 Worship Service	19  Presidents' Day	20 6:30 Scouts	21 6:00 Soup Supper 6:15 First Comm. Class 7:00 Prayer Service Sr. Choir Practice	22 6:30 TLC Stitches	23	24
25 9:15 Sunday School New Member Class 10:30 Worship Service	26 6:30 Scouts	27 6:30 Scouts	28 6:00 Soup Supper 6:15 First Comm. Class 7:00 Prayer Service Sr. Choir Practice	29 6:30 TLC Stitches		



Trinity Lutheran Church, Bechtelsville, PA

December 2023	GENERAL FUND	MEMORIAL FUND	OTHER FUNDS	Total Funds
Balance, Beginning of Year	23,283	88,393	61,959	173,635
+ Receipts this year	225,301	1,340	42,487	269,129
- Disbursements this year	235,722	20,246	76,453	332,421
Balance, End of Month	<u>12,863</u>	<u>69,486</u>	<u>27,994</u>	<u>110,343</u>

GENERAL FUND		OTHER FUNDS	Balance	
	This Year	Bldg. Maint. Reserve	14,302	
		Organ Maint. Reserve	10,066	
		Benevolence	-	
		Hunger Appeal	-	
		Special Music Reserve	2,418	
		Sound System	958	
		Miscellaneous Funds	249	
		Payroll Taxes Withheld	-	
		Total	<u>27,994</u>	
		ASSETS	"Market"	Gain
		Checking Account	15,243	
		Petty Cash	100	
		Vanguard Wellesley Fund	92,262	76,500
		Vanguard Money Market	18,500	18,500
		Total	<u>110,762</u>	<u>110,343</u>
				15,762
				-
				9,622
				6,140
2023 BUDGET	238,000			
gain / (short-fall) =	(12,707)			

Notes: For the year 2023 the General Fund Balance decreased \$10,420 from \$23,283 to \$12,863. General Fund Income was \$12,707 less than the 2023 Budget amount, and General Fund Expenses were \$2,278 less than the 2023 Budget amount.
For the year 2022 the General Fund Balance decreased \$17,034.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Bechtelsville, PA

December 2023

EXPENSES	This Year	2023 BUDGET	2024 BUDGET
Benevolence	6,000	6,000	6,000
Pastor's Salary	46,700	46,700	51,000
Housing Allowance	24,875	24,875	24,875
Social Security Allowance	6,180	6,180	6,750
Pension & Health Benefits	46,476	49,600	37,500
Continuing Education	550	550	550
Auto Allowance (mileage)	2,225	2,500	3,000
Secretary's Salary	15,120	15,120	15,080
Organist's Salary	12,850	12,850	13,100
Sexton's Salary	8,229	7,900	8,060
Treasurer's Salary	3,360	3,360	3,430
Financial Sec. Salary	1,175	1,175	1,200
Employer's FICA	3,116	3,100	3,125
Insurance	4,696	4,200	6,000
Repairs & Maintenance	7,665	10,000	10,000
Heating Oil	17,815	15,000	17,000
Electricity	3,845	4,500	4,500
Sewer	520	520	520
Cleaning Supplies	158	500	500
Lawn Care	1,600	1,600	1,600
Telephone	1,601	1,600	1,600
Copier	4,431	4,400	4,500
Office Supplies & Postage	3,924	3,500	4,500
Educational Materials	404	1,000	750
Worship & Devotional	893	800	700
Music Supplies	900	900	900
Discipleship	244	500	500
Publicity	424	500	500
Social Ministry	250	250	300
Envelopes	444	450	450
Flowers	4,549	4,000	4,500
Convention Expenses	1,482	1,000	1,000
Designated Donations	700	1,000	1,000
Miscellaneous	2,305	1,870	2,010
(Over) / Short	15	-	-
Total Expenses	235,722	238,000	237,000
2023 BUDGET	238,000		
over (under) budget	(2,278)		

Monthly Free-will Offerings 2024

A free-will offering is scheduled for the third Sunday of each month. They are as follows:

January 21 – Boyertown Salvation Army

February 18 – In Ian’s Boots

March 17 – Boyertown Area Multi-Service

April 21 – Lutheran Disaster Relief

May 19 – geraniums for Pentecost

June 16 – In Ian’s Boots

July 21 – Samaritan’s Purse Shoe Boxes

August 18 – Save the Children

September 15 – Boyertown Area Multi-Service

October 20 – Eastern Berks Fire Dept.

November 17 – Elf Bags (Multi-Service)

December – No free-will offering. Thank you for supporting the various Christmas giving opportunities.

Thank you for your contributions to these special causes!

**Boyertown Area Multi-Service:
Non-Perishable Items Needed:**

1. Paper Towels
2. Tissues
3. Laundry Detergent
4. Shampoo and Conditioner
5. Syrup
6. Pancake Mix
7. Instant Mashed Potatoes
8. Stuffing Mix
9. Hamburger Helper
10. Chef Boyardee Meals
11. Cake/Brownie Mix
12. Jelly
13. Peanut Butter
14. Canned Chicken
15. Canned Mixed Vegetables

Sodium free, sugar free, gluten free and low-fat items are also appreciated for clients with dietary restrictions.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING THOSE IN NEED.

**The Community Clothing Rack
Schedule**

1st Wednesday

Donations Accepted

2nd, 3rd & 4th Wednesdays

Shoppers Welcome

2nd Thursday

Shoppers Welcome

6:00PM-8:00PM

5th Wednesday

CLOSED

Hours

1:00PM-4:00PM

Summer Hours Only

June-August

9:00AM-12:00PM

Closed on all major holidays.

In the case of inclement weather,

Refer to Boyertown Area School district closure.

CCR is a ministry of St. Luke Lutheran Church

Our mission is to serve Jesus Christ by providing

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