



TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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FROM THE PASTOR...

We are hosting the annual Oley Lutheran Cluster Bible study, "Bread, Bowl, & Bible", on March 3rd & 10th, 3 PM - 6 PM, in the Parish Hall. All are invited! Please see Waynette Shafer if you can help provide bread, crackers, or dessert. Soup will be provided by the other churches in the cluster. Each Sunday we'll have an hour of Bible study, followed by a soup supper, concluding with another hour of Bible study. The theme this year is "Biblical Storytelling: Seeing Our Story in God's Story". I hope to see you there!

- Pastor Gene





Worship in March

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March 3, 2024 – 3rd Sunday in Lent

Sermon Text: John 2:13-22 Jesus attacks the commercialization of religion by driving merchants out of the temple. When challenged, he responds mysteriously, with the first prediction of his own death and resurrection. In the midst of a seemingly stable religious center, Jesus suggests that the center itself has changed. **Contemporary worship at 8AM.**

March 6, 2024 – Holden Evening Prayer – 7 PM

March 10, 2024 – 4th Sunday in Lent

Sermon Text: John 3:14-21 To explain the salvation of God to the religious leader, Nicodemus, Jesus refers to the scripture passage quoted in today's first reading. Just as those who looked upon the bronze serpent were healed, so people will be saved when they behold Christ lifted up on the cross.

March 13, 2024 – Holden Evening Prayer – 7 PM

March 17, 2024 – 5th Sunday in Lent

Sermon Text: John 12:20-33 Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival. Here Jesus' words about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered. **Contemporary worship at 8AM.**

March 20, 2024 – Holden Evening Prayer – 7 PM

March 24, 2024– The Passion of Our Lord – Palm Sunday

All are cordially invited to hear St. Mark's Passion performed by heart by our Biblical storytelling team at the 10:30 service.

March 28, 2024 – Maundy Thursday – 7 PM

A service of Holy Communion and foot-washing.

March 29, 2024 – Good Friday – 7 PM

A Tenebrae service featuring the Passion According to St. John.

March 30, 2024 – Easter Vigil – 7 PM

A service of readings and prayer.

March 31, 2024 – The Resurrection of Our Lord – Easter Sunday

Please join us for festival services of Holy Communion at 7 and 10:30. We will have Easter brunch in the Parish Hall between the services, so please bring your favorite breakfast item to share.

Dear Members & Friends,

We have experienced some snow this past week and must admit, it was pretty and reminded us winter is still here!

Many thanks to Maddy Wyda and everyone who shared their talents in our Talent Show and Cook Off. It was a fun time for all of those in attendance.

Our music schedules are busy, as we begin to prepare for Lent and Easter Sunday.

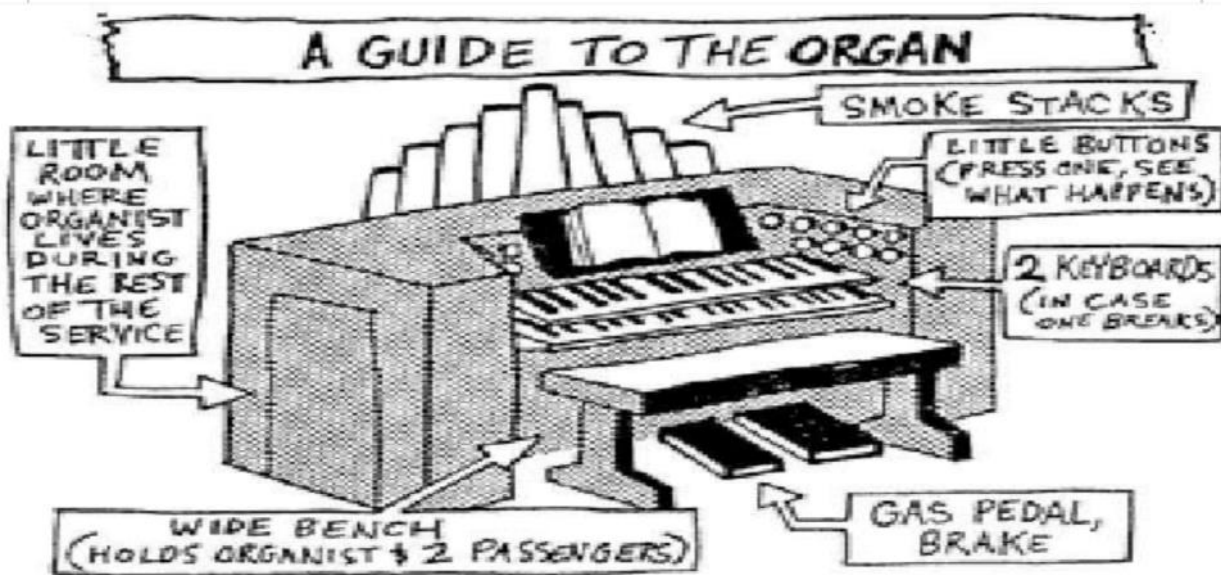
We are patiently awaiting the arrival of our Hand Bells, which we ordered a few months ago. They will complete our Hand Bells to three octaves, which we will enjoy.

Thanks again for all of your support in our Music Program and Special Music Fund.

Musically,

LaRue C. Sheetz

Director of Music



Christian Education News - March 2024



First communion classes will continue each Wednesday evening during Lent at 6:15. Students who complete this class will receive their first Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday, March 28, at the 7:00 service.



Sunday School

We will continue our New Testament lessons about Jesus

this month, finding our stories in Matthew and Luke. I hope to see all my young friends this month!

Adult Discussion Class

This class will continue their studies on hope and prayer, led by Sheila and Angie. Please join this group in the parlor Sunday mornings for some interesting discussions. **We will not meet on Easter, March 31.**



Bechtelsville Community Events

All are invited to attend the upcoming events occurring in the community:

February 24 - Bon Fire - 4:30 p.m.

March 23 - Egg Hunt - 10:30 a.m., hunt begins 11:00

March 30 - Dance at the Bechtelsville Fire Hall

April 20 - Earth Day

May 4 - Community Yard Sale

Any questions, contact Sharon Renninger, or check out Bechtelsville Community Park on Facebook.



PRAYER LIST FOR HEALING/SPECIAL NEEDS

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“Be happy in your hope, stand your ground when you’re in trouble, and devote yourselves to prayer.”

- Romans 12:12

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 PASTOR GENE, GERARD BRYCE OR THE CHURCH OFFICE OF ANY CHANGES. 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., Linda Bewley, Kathy Sell, Dennis Brooke, Donna Day, Shirl Stone, Vicky Conrad, Linda Allmendinger, Karen Essig, Nadine Lydic, Donna Repko, Elaine Dotterer, Bob Eshbach, Jeff Reitnauer, Pete Schmoyer, Martin Weiser and Barbara Kreiser.

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 & Matt Rothermel, Shirley Zabelicky, Brittanie Farrington, Martha Van Parys, Tracey Knox, Debbie Ames, Madeline Miller and Orpha Richter.

RECENTLY ADDED

Jon Brooke, Vivian Lorish, Gary Moss and Sharon Barrett.

FAMILIES OF:

Diane Pachella, Bob Schaffer, Glenn Strunk and Andrew Verasak.

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 Dirsas 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 await the celebration of our Lord’s resurrection.



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 March. Valentine's and other cards were sent as needed.

Looking forward to the month of March and the end of winter and welcome Spring!

“Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him.” - Psalm 37:7 (NIV)

- Becky Yescavage

EASTER FLOWERS

Envelopes for ordering Easter Flowers are available in the Narthex. Please list your name and include all required information. Prices: Lilies (4 blooms +) \$10.25, Hyacinths (3 blooms) \$9.00, Tulips (5 & 6 blooms) \$9.00, and Daffodils (6" pot) \$8.25. Order Envelopes can be placed in offering plate or sent to the church office. **Deadline for placing orders is Sunday, March 17th.**



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.



EASTER CANDY

Homemade Easter Candy will be available again this year. \$14.00 a pound, \$7.00 a half pound. Three kinds will be available:

- (Milk & Dark Chocolate)
- Peanut Butter
- Coconut Cream
- Butter Cream

There is a sign up sheet posted in the Narthex. **Last day for orders is March 17th. Candy pick up is March 17th-23rd.** For more information, please see Maddy Wyda.



The Oley Lutheran Cluster presents: 2024 BREAD, BOWL AND BIBLE:

Trinity will be hosting Bread, Bowl & Bible on Sunday, March 3rd and 10th—3:00PM-6:00PM. The theme is “Biblical Story-telling: Seeing Our Story in God’s Story”. Each session will feature a soup supper from 4:00PM-5:00PM. Pastor Gene will be will the presenter.

Soup Suppers



Soup Supper will be held at 6:00PM each Wednesday during lent prior to the 7PM Worship Service . A Sign Up Sheet is posted on the bulletin board.



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.



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



Prom Dresses

The Boyertown Junior Woman's Club will be hosting "Once Upon a Prom" on March 2nd, 3rd, 9th and 10th from 12:00 to 4:00PM. Any junior or senior high school girl in need of a special occasion dress is welcome to come browse our collection of over 600 dresses, in all sizes, plus accessories. Held at the Boyertown YMCA now located at 301 W. Spring Street. All girls are invited to take a dress or two home for a small donation which benefits our local community. For more information, please contact Kathy Kuser 610-754-6293.



New Phone Number

Barry Yerger
484-709-5136

Thank you ❤️

Words of Thanks.....

I would like to thank Pastor Zaiser and our Church Family for their concern and thoughtfulness on the passing of my Husband Ron.

Sincerely, Lois Schwager

A Special thank you to Terry Kemp, Howard Shafer & Dennis Schaeffer for the Security in the Church Office.

Shirl Stone would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and phone calls during her recent surgery. It was all very much appreciated!

The staff, volunteers and clients of the Boyertown Area Multi-Service would like to thank the congregation of Trinity for your financial support in 2023.



Scout Troop 511

Hoagie Sales:

Orders are due by Tuesday, March 12th, pick up will be on Wednesday, March 20th at Trinity after 10:30AM. 8" Hoagies are made from Dan's Deli, Cost \$6.50. There are ham w/onion, ham no onion, turkey w/onion, turkey no onion, Italian w/onion, Italian no onion, cheese hoagie w/onion, cheese hoagie no onion, mayo, Italian dressing, no tomatoes, no lettuce, no cheese. There is a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. For more information, please contact Dennis Schaeffer at 610-369-1628.

March Birthdays

- 3 Ricky Farrington & Jaxon Snyder
- 4 Keith Essig
- 5 Joseph Dulin, Jr. & Daryl Drugatz
- 6 Lori Graef & Debbie Witman
- 7 Wendy Bowers, Rick Gincley & Dennis Schaeffer
- 8 Bradley Yescavage
- 9 Dee Berger
- 10 Barry Schankweiler
- 11 Dylan Bender
- 12 Bob Graef
- 14 Bob Eshbach
- 16 Maximillion Christman, Matthew Esz & Hannah Jusits
- 17 Betty Moore
- 18 Cory Fox, Douglas Hoffman & Kathy Sell
- 20 Timothy Sell
- 21 Jenna Jusits
- 22 Alice Jusits
- 24 William Harrison V
- 25 Kristin Wade
- 26 Elaine Dotterer, Madison Hansley & Lillian Moyer
- 29 Nanette Benfield & Nadine Lydic
- 30 Everett Blazic & Jennifer Pearce
- 31 Lauren Buchert

March Anniversaries

- 03/11 Donald & Patti Miller
- 03/20 Fred & Rachel Isett
- 03/28 Randy & Sharon Renninger

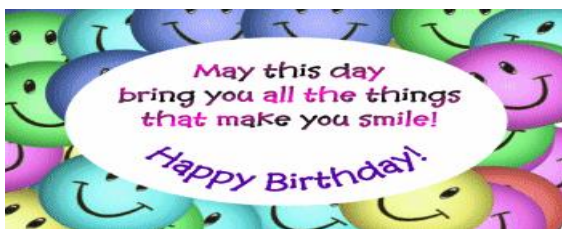


Our sister congregation,
The Marienkirche in Borna, Germany.

Website: Kirche-bornaer-land.de)



The deadline for the April Newsletter is Sunday, March 17th



Worship Assistants for March, 2024

	Assisting Minister	Ushers	Server	Lector	Acolyte	Crucifer	Banner Bearer
March 3rd	Diane McElwee	Bill Eddinger* Bob McElwee	Sheila Eddinger	Ruth Weiser	Erika Zaiser		
March 10th		Randy Kehl* Mardell Blanford		Janice Sheetz	Mark Sheetz		
March 17th	Jennifer MacDonald	Kay McGowan* Dennis Schaeffer	Diane McElwee	Maddy Wyda	Diane McElwee		
March 24th Palm Sunday		Janice Sheetz* Kurt Yescavage		Angie Renninger	Erika Zaiser		
March 28th Maundy Thursday	Erika Zaiser	Kay McGowan* Dan Ritter	Linda Ritter	Kay McGowan	Jennifer MacDonald		
March 29th Good Friday					Jennifer MacDonald		
March 30th Easter Vigil							
March 31st Easter 7AM	Jennifer MacDonald	Randy Kehl* Dennis Schaeffer	Erika Zaiser	Eileen Heffner	Diane McElwee	Drevyn Deskie	Bob McElwee
March 31st EASTER 10:30AM	Erika Zaiser	Howard Shafer* Kay McGowan	Waynette Shafer	Sheila Eddinger	Jennifer MacDonald	Diane McElwee	Bob McElwee

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
March 3rd	To the glory of God by Mr. & Mrs. Kurt Yescavage, in Honor of Bradley, Megan & Travis' Birthdays and also in Memory of Raymond Stauffer's Birthday by his Family.	To the glory of God by Gerard Bryce, in Memory of Wife, Carolyn Bryce.
March 10th	To the glory of God by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Thrasher, in Memory of Robert Bush, Barry Bush and Fred & Ramona Morton and also by Sandy & Mark Yarnall, to the Honor and Glory of God.	
March 17th	To the glory of God by Fred & Rachel Isett, in Honor of their 25th Wedding Anniversary.	
March 24th	To the glory of God by Mr. & Mrs. Randy Renninger, in Honor of their Wedding Anniversary and also by Mrs. William Hallman, in Memory of her Husband William Hallman and her Son Barry Bush.	To the glory of God by Bill & Sheila Eddinger, in Memory of Royden Eddinger & Jeffrey Kulp.
March 31st	EASTER FLOWERS	



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.
Lehighon, 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



The Oley Lutheran Cluster presents...
2024 Bread, Bowl, & Bible

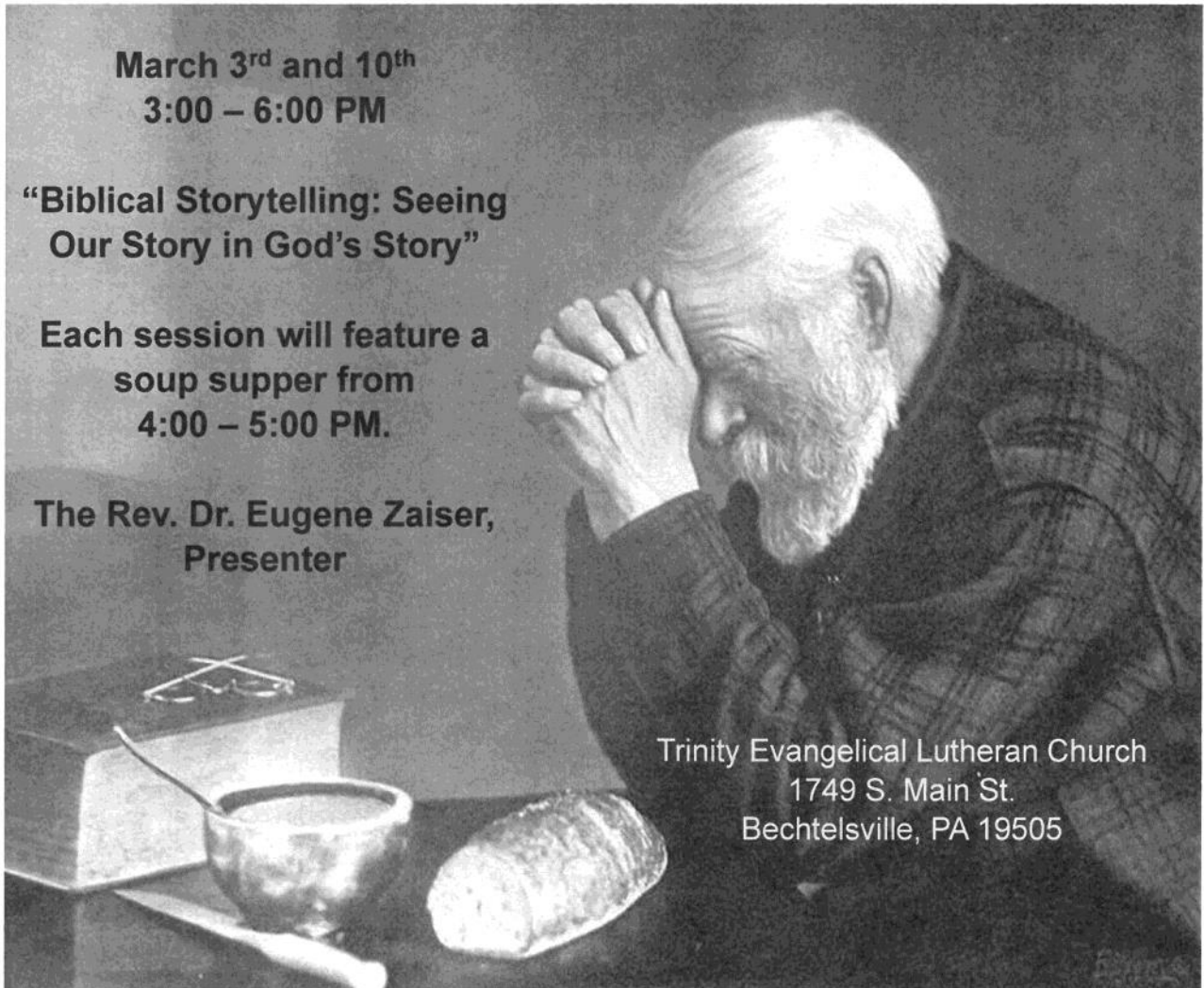
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Our Story in God’s Story”

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The Rev. Dr. Eugene Zaiser,
Presenter

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Trinity Lutheran Church, Bechtelsville, PA

January 2024	GENERAL FUND	MEMORIAL FUND	OTHER FUNDS	Total Funds
Balance, Beginning of Month	12,863	69,486	27,994	110,343
+ Receipts this month	13,914	-	2,203	16,116
- Disbursements this month	24,849	-	245	25,094
Balance, End of Month	<u>1,927</u>	<u>69,486</u>	<u>29,951</u>	<u>101,365</u>
Balance, Beginning of Year	12,863	69,486	27,994	110,343
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GENERAL FUND		This Month	This Year
INCOME			
Current		11,845	11,845
Plate Offerings		410	410
Sunday School & VBS		74	74
Interest Earned - CD, etc.		-	-
Special Offering Envelopes		40	40
Thrivent Choice		-	-
Flowers		747	747
Fund Raisers		-	-
SCRIP Programs (net)		357	357
Miscellaneous		441	441
Total		<u>13,914</u>	<u>13,914</u>
2023 BUDGET	237,000	19,750	19,750
gain / (short-fall) =		<u>(5,837)</u>	<u>(5,837)</u>

OTHER FUNDS		Balance	
Bldg. Maint. Reserve			14,865
Organ Maint. Reserve			10,081
Benevolence			335
Hunger Appeal			180
Special Music Reserve			2,221
Sound System			958
Miscellaneous Funds			608
Payroll Taxes Withheld			703
Total			<u>29,951</u>
ASSETS		"Market"	Gain
Checking Account		6,265	
Petty Cash		100	
Vanguard Wellesley Fund	92,274	77,000	15,274
Vanguard Money Market	18,000	18,000	-
Total	<u>110,274</u>	<u>101,365</u>	<u>15,274</u>
		Gain inception thru 2023	15,762
Vanguard Wellesley Fund		Gain (Loss) this year	(488)

Notes: During January 2024 the General Fund Balance decreased \$10,936 from \$12,863 to \$1,927. General Fund Income was \$5,838 less than (1/12) the 2024 Budget amount, and General Fund Expenses were \$5,099 more than (1/12) the 2023 Budget amount. During January 2023 the General Fund Balance decreased \$8,641.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Bechtelsville, PA

January 2024

EXPENSES	This Month	1/12 Budget	2024 BUDGET
Benevolence	-	500	6,000
Pastor's Salary	3,923	4,250	51,000
Housing Allowance	1,913	2,073	24,875
Social Security Allowance	519	563	6,750
Pension & Health Benefits	3,175	3,125	37,500
Continuing Education	-	46	550
Auto Allowance (mileage)	219	250	3,000
Secretary's Salary	1,160	1,257	15,080
Organist's Salary	1,092	1,092	13,100
Sexton's Salary	672	672	8,060
Treasurer's Salary	286	286	3,430
Financial Sec. Salary	100	100	1,200
Employer's FICA	-	260	3,125
Insurance	5,811	500	6,000
Repairs & Maintenance	547	833	10,000
Heating Oil	2,933	1,417	17,000
Electricity	339	375	4,500
Sewer	140	43	520
Cleaning Supplies	23	42	500
Lawn Care	-	133	1,600
Telephone	165	133	1,600
Copier	374	375	4,500
Office Supplies & Postage	242	375	4,500
Educational Materials	-	63	750
Worship & Devotional	174	58	700
Music Supplies	-	75	900
Discipleship	20	42	500
Publicity	32	42	500
Social Ministry	-	25	300
Envelopes	501	38	450
Flowers	375	375	4,500
Convention Expenses	-	83	1,000
Designated Donations	-	83	1,000
Miscellaneous	115	168	2,010
(Over) / Short	-	-	-
Total Expenses	24,849	19,750	237,000
2023 BUDGET - ytd	19,750		
over (under) budget	5,099		

March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 8:00 Cont. Worship Service 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 3:00 Bread, Bowl & Bible	4 6:30 Scouts	5 6:30 Scouts	6 6:00 Soup Supper 7:00 Holden Evening Prayer Service Sr. Choir Practice	7 6:30 TLC Stitches	8	9
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24 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service <i>PALMSUNDAY</i>	25 6:30 Scouts	26 6:30 Scouts	27	28 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service Sr. Choir Practice	29 7:00 Good Friday Service	30 7:00 Easter Vigil Service
31 7:00 Easter Sunrise Service Continental Breakfast 10:30 Easter Worship Service						

Trinity Council Meeting, February 13, 2024

Devotions – Waynette Shafer

ANGELS

In Scripture, there are over three hundred references to angels, and they're described in two words: many and mighty. But it took only one angel to shut the mouths of lions for Daniel and bring Peter out of prison the night before he was due to be executed. And do you remember Elisha's servant? When an enemy army surrounded the city of Dothan, Elisha asked God to open his servant's eyes: "And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw; and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha. If God opened your eyes today, what would you see? Angels escorting your children to school? Protecting you from drunk drivers? Guiding the hand of the surgeon? Guarding you while you sleep? One Bible teacher says, "If you're a believer, expect powerful angels to accompany you in your life's experience." Does everybody have an angel looking out for them? No, the bible says, "All angels are ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation". When you reject Jesus, you forfeit the ultimate security, but when you accept Him as Lord and Savior, you get around-the-clock protection because 'the angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him'. Note, your angel doesn't just wave as he flies past; he pitches his tent, lingers, and keeps vigilance. You can rest secure beneath the shadow of his wings — if that doesn't lower your anxiety level, nothing will! The fact is, some of the wealthiest people on the planet don't have it that good! How blessed we are.

Let us pray:

I pray because I believe in the Power of Prayer. I pray because I have no doubt that God has answered my prayers. I pray because God woke me up and allowed me to see another day no matter what others think or say, I will pray. Amen.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Just a reminder that if you are a Thrivent member, and you receive Thrivent Choice Dollars, you have until March 29th to direct any dollars you have from 2023. Typically it is by the 31st of March, but the 31st is Easter. Therefore, it would be best to have completed by the 29th, prior to the weekend. If you do not direct the dollars to your organization of choice, Thrivent will have the opportunity to direct those dollars to organizations themselves.

You can call Thrivent Customer Service at 800-847-4836, go to Thrivent's website or reach out to your Financial Advisor to complete.

Whether by phone or on-line, you will need the name of the organization AND the address.

>>Thrivent Choice gives eligible Thrivent members the power to recommend where some of Thrivent's charitable outreach funds are distributed, using a program called Choice Dollars. Since the program's inception in 2010, Thrivent has provided more than \$550 million in charitable outreach funds through Thrivent Choice to help support initiatives of churches, educational institutions and nonprofits.

Thank you for living generously!

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
necessary clothing to the underserved.

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