



## **TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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### **FROM THE PASTOR...**

As you can see by our worship schedule, we have some special services to mark our passage through Lent and Holy Week. I invite and encourage everyone to attend these services in order to gain a full appreciation of the events surrounding our Lord's passion and resurrection. The Good Friday Tenebrae service in particular is one many people find especially moving. I wish you and your families many blessings as you observe and celebrate the awesome events surrounding our Lord's resurrection!

- Pastor Gene





## *Worship in April*

**April 2, 2025 – Holden Evening Prayer – 7 PM**

**April 6, 2025 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

**Sermon Text: John 12:1-8** Judas willfully misinterprets as waste Mary’s extravagant act of anointing Jesus’ feet with costly perfume. Jesus recognizes that her lavish gift is both an expression of love and an anticipation of his burial. **Contemporary worship at 8AM.**

**April 9, 2025 – Holden Evening Prayer – 7 PM**

**April 13, 2025– The Passion of Our Lord – Palm Sunday**

**Please join us for a congregational reading of the Passion According to St. Luke.**

**April 17, 2025 – Maundy Thursday – 7 PM**

**A service of Holy Communion and foot-washing.**

**April 18, 2025 – Good Friday – 7 PM**

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

**April 20, 2025 – 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.**

**April 27, 2025 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**Sermon Text: John 20:19-31** The unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who “have not seen and yet believe.”



Dear Members & Friends,

I hope you are all doing well at this busy time and finally Spring has sprung! It seems everyone is anxious for the change of seasons.

Special thanks to Erika Zaiser and Jenn MacDonald for “MCing” our talent show and to everyone who offered their musical talents, and also the cooking talents, it was a huge success!!! This is a very fun time each year and everyone joins in and has a great time together!

We are working on the Lenten and Easter music now and our Senior Choir rehearses on Wednesdays after the Lenten Worship Service. We always need more members in our Senior Choir, so if you love to sing and would like to join us, please see me as soon as possible.

Please mark your calendars for our Mother/Daughter Banquet on Saturday, May 10th, as always, I have a special program planned that I know you will all enjoy. More details to come in the upcoming bulletins.

We have Music Sunday also coming up soon, so our rehearsing schedules are very busy.

Enjoy your Spring and sing loudly!

Musically,

LaRue C. Sheetz

Director of Music

PS. Our Summer Schedule will begin in June, so please sign up for solos, duets, whatever you wish to do during worship, since our choirs will be on vacation.



## Christian Education News - April 2025



**First communion classes** will continue the first two Wednesdays of April at 6:15. Students who complete this class will receive their first Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at the 7:00 pm service.

**Sunday School classes will not meet on Easter Sunday.**

### Adult Discussion Class

Why do faithful people suffer? Job wanted to know. So he asked God. Anyone who has struggled might ask God, "Why?" Join this class as Sheila leads this study from the book of Job.



### Bechtelsville Community Events

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

Spring Fling Event - April 26 - Cruise-in Car Show, Cornhole event

Community Yard Sale - May 3 - Park and community-wide - 7 a.m.

Details can be found on the bulletin board in the parish hall or check out Bechtelsville Community Park on Facebook.

## **PRAYER LIST FOR HEALING/SPECIAL NEEDS**

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**“He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.” - Isaiah 40:29**

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, LINDA RITTER OR THE CHURCH OFFICE OF ANY CHANGES. THANK YOU.**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

### **SHUT-INS**

Barbara Stewart, Kathy Gamler, Lorna Shaner, Richard Eck, Betty Hallman and Linda Allmendinger.

### **MEMBERS**

Brandon Stauffer, Erika Zaiser, Angie Smith, Lynn Wolfgang, Betty Moore, Bill Brensinger, Rebecca Yescavage, BillyRay Pearce, Sr., Linda Bewley, Kathy Sell, Dennis Brooke, Donna Day, Karen Essig, Elaine Dotterer, Jeff Reitnauer, Jerry Bryce, Glen Haas, Deanna Heydt, Ralph Rothenberger, Anna Spencer, RuthAnn Good, Jennifer MacDonald, Pete Schmoyer, Bill Eddinger and Tyler Schaeffer.

### **FRIENDS AND FAMILY — ONGOING NEEDS**

Michelle Hiriak, Donald Hays, Linda Stark, Harold Ford, David Stauffer, Tammy Nelson, Tracey Knox, Jon Brooke, Peggy & Wendell Wahlstedt, Mike Bailey, Stephanie Morlock, Pierre Deragon, Juliet Hays, Debbie Reinhard, Annabelle Burkert, Carol Graves, Scott McCarron, Kristie Jennings, Peter Wolfgang, Beverly Stein, Christine & Matthew Owens, Rosalie Nyce, Sherry Trimby, Justine Rick, Stephen Hudock, Marcella Henderson, Helen Ann Kelly, Kathy Magno, Bill Hedl, Robert Cox, Bonnie Hart, Marlene Leiby, Judy Swartley, Vince McDevitt and David Cochran.

### **RECENTLY ADDED**

Marianne Sloan, David Parish, Franklin Adam and Chris Owens.

### **FAMILIES OF:**

Jay Crowe, Ronald Kehl, Caleb Walsh, Erma Rohrbach, Jordan Bishop and Forrest Fronheiser.

### **THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY**

Christopher Heffner, BillyRay Pearce, Jr., Noah Heydt, Michael McHugh, Ben Rhode, Steven Herbst, David Crews, Jeff Lydic, Jory Huie, Seth Kurtz, Clinton Bowen, Eli Abner, Benjamin Dirsra 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, stability and prosperity for our world.

### **JOY AND THANKSGIVING**

We celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!





**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

**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!

**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.

**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.



**Bibles are available in the Narthex by the Parlor, if you wish to reference during worship and you may take home.**

**Please return when you are finished.  
Thank you.**



### EASTER CANDY

**Homemade Easter Candy** will be available again this year. \$15.00 a pound, \$7.50 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 30th. Orders will be available the week of April 6th.**

### EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to order Easter flowers, envelopes are available in the narthex. The following are offered to be purchased in honor or memory of loved ones:

- Lilies (4 blooms +).....\$11.00
- Hyacinths (3 blooms).....\$9.00
- Daffodils (6" pot).....\$9.00
- Tulips (5 & 6 blooms).....\$9.00

**Final flower orders are due Sunday, April 6.**





**Our sister congregation,**  
The Marienkirche in Borna,  
Germany.

**Website:**  
**Kirche-bornauer-land.de)**



### Card Ministry

There are no April Shut-In Birthdays.  
Easter Cards and various other cards  
will be sent as needed.

- Karen Irely



### Scout Troop 511

#### Hoagie Sales:

**Orders are due by Tuesday, April 1st and pick up will be Wednesday, April 9th.** 8” hoagies are made from Dan’s Deli, **Cost is \$7.00.** 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.



### 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.



**The deadline for the  
May Newsletter  
will be  
Sunday, April 20th**





## Worship Assistants for April, 2025

	<b>Assisting Minister</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Server</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Crucifer</b>	<b>Banner Bearer</b>	<b>Pole Candles</b>
April 6th	Jennifer MacDonald	Kay McGowan* Bill Eddinger	Sheila Eddinger	Jennifer MacDonald	Vicki Mest			
April 13th Palm Sunday		Sharon Renninger* Kathy Kuser			Mark Sheetz			
April 17th Maundy Thursday	Jennifer MacDonald	Dan Ritter* Bob McElwee	Linda Ritter	Dan Ritter	Erika Zaiser			
April 18th Good Friday					Jennifer MacDonald			
April 20th Easter 7AM	Diane McElwee	Dennis Schaeffer* Dan Ritter	Erika Zaiser	Eileen Hefner	Bob McElwee	Rich Deskie	Laura Moser	Jennifer MacDonald Dennis Schaeffer
April 20th Easter 10:30AM	Erika Zaiser	Kay McGowan* Howard Shafer	Waynette Shafer	Oscar Smith	Vicki Mest	Mark Sheetz	Jennifer MacDonald	Dreyyn Deskie Angie Renninger
April 27th		Randy Kehi* Karen Irely		Laura Moser	Uta Hahn			

## 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
April 6th	To the glory of God by Mrs. Catherine Yoder, in Memory of her Husband Dennis Yoder and also by Mrs. Louise Wolfgang, in Memory of her Husband Robert Wolfgang.	To the glory of God by Bill & Sheila Eddinger, in Honor of all the volunteers at Trinity.
April 13th	To the glory of God by Mrs. Dorothy Romig, in Memory of her Husband Marcus Romig and also by Mr. Randy Kehl, in Memory of his Wife Susan.	To the glory of God by Oscar & Angie Smith, in Memory of Angie’s Mother.
April 20th	<b>EASTER FLOWERS</b>	To the glory of God by Mark & Sandy Yarnall.
April 27th	To the glory of God by Mrs. Lorna Shaner, in Memory of her Husband Terry Shaner and also by Mr. Gerard Bryce, in Memory of his Wife Carol’s birthday.	To the glory of God by Jerry Bryce, to thank the Lord for his guidance with my three children, as they help me get through my health issues. Praise the Lord!

### Eternal Flame Candle

You may sponsor the Eternal Flame Candle for \$30.00/month, in Memory Of/in Honor of.

#### The Month of April

**The Eternal Flame Candle is presented to the glory of God by Kay McGowan, in Memory of Loved Ones.**



### 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 Wil & 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)

Noah Heydt  
c/o 58 Audrey Drive  
Barto, PA 19504  
(Bill & Debbie Heydt's Son)

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

Jeffrey A. Lydic  
110 Dandy Flush Dr.  
Garner, NC 27529  
(Nadine Lydic's Son)

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



## April Birthdays

- 1 Uta Hahn, Noah Heydt & Alexis Moyer
- 2 Joanne Hartline, Matt Moyer,  
Megan Rhoads, Dan Ritter &  
Hailey Schildt
- 3 Kelsey Benfield & Gavin Freese
- 4 Patrick Pearce & Howard Shafer
- 5 Dillon Erkert
- 6 Duane Hoffman
- 7 Maddy Wyda
- 8 Glenn Haas, Sophia Ireys, Tyler Jacobs  
& Lori Moyer
- 10 Colleen Corliss, Bill Heydt  
& Jeremy Walsh
- 11 Richard Leiby
- 12 Kelly Endy, Logan Heimbach,  
Adrianna Lock & Oscar Smith
- 13 Terry Kemp & Erika Zaiser
- 14 Earl Good
- 15 Debbie Heydt & Paige Starry
- 16 Dan Kuser
- 18 Lisa Matz
- 20 Herbert Rhoads, Jr.
- 21 Eliotte Augstine
- 23 Karen Hoffman & Dennis Rhoads
- 24 Andrew Brensinger & Matt Miller
- 25 Chase Essig & Ed Kirner
- 26 Ken Berger, Sr., Brenda Huggins  
& Laura Snyder
- 27 Duane Miller
- 30 Eric Henshaw & Adalynn Horan

## April Anniversaries

04/16 Ed & Carol Kirner

04/20 Dan & Kathy Kuser

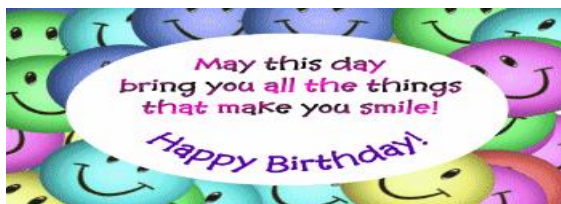


## Words of Thanks.....

*The East Berks Mission District would like to thank the congregation of Trinity for your recent contribution!*

*Dear Family, being disabled and my husband's liver transplant, it's been incredibly hard. Your generosity is amazing! I don't know what I would have done for my kids! God bless,  
Merry Christmas Family 104*

*(This note was sent by a mother, whose children received the gifts we donated for the Boyertown Area Multi-Service Angel Tree)*



## 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 484-987-4668.



## **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. 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.**



**The following devotion was used to open the Church Council Meeting in March, was submitted by Mardell Blanford ...**

### **Broken Shells**

**Psalm 34:15-22**

***“The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.”***

I love to walk the beach and look for seashells. Sometimes the shells I spot in the sand are only fragments, and I usually toss the broken pieces back into the ocean and continue my search. On a recent visit to the beach, I found a pearlescent shell. But when I dug it out of the sand, I saw that it was broken. As I went to toss the shell away, I hesitated and placed it in my pocket instead. It came to my mind then, that we often “toss away” our brothers and sisters too. Sometimes we are too distracted or unwilling to acknowledge someone’s broken spirit, attitude, or physical appearance. We toss them aside rather than looking deeper and offering prayer, assistance, or an encouraging word. Many times I could have helped someone on the street, offered an encouraging word, or taken time to deliver meals to others. Instead I went about my day worried only about my own to-do list.

I believe God spoke to me on the beach that day. I resolved to see the beauty in broken seashells. And beyond that, I hope to be more open every day to how I may reach out to those around me.

**Prayer:** Dear Lord, open our eyes to the brokenness in the world around us so we may see the ways we can help. Guide us to act when we see someone in need. Amen.



## Cook Off Recipes

### Pasta Fagioli by Sheila Eddinger

2 lb. ground beef, 1 onion, chopped  
3 carrots, chopped  
4 stalks celery, chopped  
2 (28 oz.) cans diced tomatoes, undrained  
1 (16 oz) can red kidney beans, drained, & rinsed  
1 (16 oz.) can white kidney beans, drained & rinsed  
10 oz. beef stock  
3 tsp. oregano  
2 tsp. pepper  
5 tsp. parsley  
1 (20 oz.) jar pasta sauce  
8 oz. pasta (cooked)  
Brown ground beef, drain  
Put in crock pot with all other ingredients—except pasta—stir  
Cook on low 7-8 hours or high 4-5 hours  
Add cooked pasta 30 minutes before serving

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**South American Pork Soup by Sharon Renninger**

From Better Homes and Garden Soups and Stews Cookbook

*This soup can be made in a crockpot or a Dutch oven.*

- 1 1/2 pounds lean boneless pork or beef, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
- 2 Tablespoons cooking oil
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped (1/2 cup)
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 2 med. potatoes, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch cubes (2 cups)
- 2 med. sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch cubes (2 cups)
- 2 med. carrots, chopped (1 cup)
- 1/2 small winter squash, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch cubes (1 cup)
- 1 8-ounce can corn
- 1 tomato, peeled and chopped
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 2 cups torn fresh spinach

In 4-quart Dutch oven or kettle brown half the meat in hot oil; remove from pan. Brown remaining meat with onion, garlic, and paprika. Return all meat to pan. Add 3 cups water. Bring to boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer 1 1/4 hours. Add potatoes, sweet potatoes, carrots, squash, undrained corn, tomato, salt, and pepper. Cover; simmer 15 to 20 minutes more or till meat and vegetables are tender. Stir in spinach; simmer 3 to 5 minutes more. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Makes 8 servings.

*Crockpot directions:* Use ingredients as listed above. In large skillet, brown meat and ingredients as above, set aside. In crockpot arrange potatoes, sweet potatoes, carrots, squash, corn, tomato, salt, and pepper. Place meat and onion mixture atop vegetables; pour 2 1/2 cups water over all. Cover and cook on low heat setting for 8 hours or till meat and vegetables are tender. Turn to high heat setting. Stir in spinach. Cover and cook 10 minutes or till spinach is slightly wilted. Season to taste.



### King Ranch Chicken

- ¼ cup margarine
- 1 medium green bell pepper, chopped
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 can (10 3/4 oz) condensed cream of mushroom soup
- 1 can (10 3/4 oz) condensed cream of chicken soup
- 2 cans (10 oz each) RO•TEL® Diced Tomatoes and Green Chilies
- 2 cups cubed cooked chicken
- 12 corn tortillas, torn into bite-size pieces
- 2 cups (8 oz) shredded cheddar cheese



Preheat oven to 325°F. In a large saucepan, cook pepper and onion in margarine until tender, about 5 minutes. Add soups, RO•TEL and chicken, stirring until well blended. Alternately layer tortillas, soup mixture and cheese, repeating for 3 layers. Bake 40 minutes or until hot and bubbling. Makes 8 servings.

EASY RECIPES ON REVERSE SIDE

### Nutrition Facts

Serv. Size ½ cup (125g)  
 Servings 2.5  
 Calories 20  
 Fat Cal. 0

\*Percent Daily Values (DV) are based on a 2,000 calorie diet.

Amount/serving	%DV*	Amount/serving	%DV*
Total Fat 0g	0%	Total Carb. 4g	1%
Sat. Fat 0g	0%	Fiber 1g	5%
Cholest. 0mg	0%	Sugars 3g	
Sodium 370mg	15%	Protein Less than 1g	

Vitamin A 6% • Vitamin C 6% • Calcium 8% • Iron 2%

**INGREDIENTS:** TOMATOES WITH JUICE, WATER, CHOPPED GREEN CHILI PEPPERS, SALT, CALCIUM CHLORIDE (A FIRMING AGENT), CITRIC ACID AND SPICE.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		6:30 Scouts 1	6:15 First Comm. Class 7:00 Prayer Service Sr. Choir Practice 2	6:30 TLC Stitches 3		4	5
8:00 Cont. Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 6	6:30 Scouts 7	6:30 Scouts 7:00 Church Council Mtg. 8	6:15 First Comm. Class 7:00 Prayer Service Sr. Choir Practice 9	6:30 TLC Stitches 10		11	12
9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service <i>PALMSUNDAY</i> 13	6:30 Scouts 14	6:30 Scouts 15	6:15 First Comm. Class 16	7:00 Maundy Thursday Service 17	7:00 Good Friday Service 18		19
7:00 Easter Sunrise Worship Service Continental Breakfast 10:30 Easter Worship Service <i>EASTER</i> 20	6:30 Scouts 21	6:30 Scouts 22	6:30 TLC Stitches 23	6:30 Sr. Choir Practice 24	25		26
9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 27	6:30 Scouts 28	6:30 Scouts 29	6:30 TLC Stitches 30				



## Trinity Lutheran Church, Bechtelsville, PA

February 2025	GENERAL FUND	MEMORIAL FUND	OTHER FUNDS	Total Funds
Balance, Beginning of Year	5,394.34	71,724.35	35,234.07	112,352.76
+ Receipts this year	30,016.76	540.00	4,076.81	34,633.57
- Disbursements this year	47,840.68	-	1,224.57	49,065.25
Balance, End of Month	<u>(12,429.58)</u>	<u>72,264.35</u>	<u>38,086.31</u>	<u>97,921.08</u>

GENERAL FUND		OTHER FUNDS	Balance	
	<b>This Year</b>	Bldg. Maint. Reserve	22,757	
		Organ Maint. Reserve	10,276	
		Benevolence	340	
<b>INCOME</b>		Hunger Appeal	120	
Current	25,696	Special Music Reserve	3,565	
Plate Offerings	1,365	Sound System	(8)	
Sunday School & VBS	118	Miscellaneous Funds	210	
Interest Earned - CD, etc.	183	Payroll Taxes Withheld	825	
Special Offering Envelopes	153	<b>Total</b>	<u>38,086</u>	
Thrivent Choice	29			
Flowers	1,071	<b>ASSETS</b>		<b>"Market"</b>
Fund Raisers	-	Checking Account	7,821	<b>Gain</b>
SCRIP Programs (net)	636	Petty Cash	100	
Miscellaneous	766	Vanguard Wellesley Fund	108,744	83,500
Total	30,017	Vanguard Money Market	6,500	6,500
		<b>Total</b>	<u>115,244</u>	<u>97,921</u>
2,025 Budget	241,000			25,244
gain / (short-fall) =	(10,150)			Gain inception thru 2024
		Vanguard Wellesley Fund	Gain (Loss) this year	3,801

**The General Fund has a negative Balance.**

**Notes:** For the year 2025 the General Fund Balance decreased \$17,824 from \$5,394 to -\$12,430.

General Fund Income was \$10,150 less than 2/12 the 2025 Budget amount, and

General Fund Expenses were \$7,774 more than 2/12 the 2025 Budget amount.

*For the first 2 months of 2024 the General Fund Balance decreased \$14,913 to -\$2,050.*

## Trinity Lutheran Church, Bechtelsville, PA

February 2025

EXPENSES	This Year	2/12 Budget	2025 BUDGET
Benevolence	1,000	1,000	6,000
Pastor's Salary	8,082	8,755	52,530
Housing Allowance	3,827	4,146	24,875
Social Security Allowance	1,071	1,160	6,960
Pension & Health Benefits	6,587	6,468	38,806
Continuing Education	-	92	550
Auto Allowance (mileage)	647	500	3,000
Secretary's Salary	2,390	2,589	15,532
Organist's Salary	2,249	2,249	13,493
Sexton's Salary	1,384	1,384	8,302
Treasurer's Salary	589	589	3,533
Financial Sec. Salary	206	206	1,236
Employer's FICA	261	537	3,220
Insurance	8,886	1,000	6,000
Repairs & Maintenance	2,501	1,667	10,000
Heating Oil	3,423	2,833	17,000
Electricity	531	833	5,000
Sewer	140	93	560
Cleaning Supplies	75	100	600
Lawn Care	-	267	1,600
Telephone	362	333	2,000
Copier	492	500	3,000
Office Supplies & Postage	670	750	4,500
Technology	112	-	600
Educational Materials	56	83	500
Worship & Devotional	103	83	500
Music Supplies	100	150	900
Discipleship	20	83	500
Publicity	72	83	500
Social Ministry	-	67	400
Envelopes	521	83	500
Flowers	1,248	750	4,500
Convention Expenses	-	167	1,000
Designated Donations	-	167	1,000
Miscellaneous	239	301	1,803
(Over) / Short	-	-	-
Total Expenses	47,841	40,067	241,000
2025 BUDGET - ytd	40,067		
over (under) budget	7,774		

# COMMUNITY BAND EXTRAVAGANZA

in the Historic Sunnybrook Ballroom

Featuring :

EXETER COMMUNITY BAND

POTTSGROVE COMMUNITY BAND

QUAKERTOWN BAND

RED HILL BAND

RINGGOLD NEW HORIZONS BAND

hosted by the

BOYERTOWN ALUMNI MARCHING UNIT

CONCERT BAND

**Saturday April 12, 2025**

12 PM to 5 PM

Doors open at 11 AM

Tickets \$10 in advance, \$15 at door  
50 Sunnybrook Road, Pottstown, PA  
Tickets at [Souloels.com](http://Souloels.com)

And from members of the Bands



## Monthly Free-will Offerings 2025

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

April — No Free Will Offering

May 18 – geraniums for Pentecost

June 15 – Save the Children

July 20 – Samaritan’s Purse Shoe Boxes

August 17 –

September 21 – Boyertown Area Multi-Service

October 19 – Eastern Berks Fire Dept.

November 16 – 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!**

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THE

CREATIVE

PATH

TO

\$\$\$\$\$ RAISERIGHT (SCRIP)

FOR

YOUR

CHURCH

GOAL \$6K FOR 2024

FAMILY



**PLAN!** **WHEN?** END OF PREVIOUS MONTH. **WHAT?** **EVERYDAY ESSENTIALS** (CVS, Staples, Walmart, WAWA cards) **GROCERIES** (Giant, Redners, Walmart, Target, Visa cards) **BIRTHDAYS** (Amazon, Starbucks, Gap, Old Navy, Macy's cards) **HOME IMPROVEMENTS** (Home Depot, Lowe's, Ace Hardware cards) **VACATIONS** (Hotels, Airlines, Cruises, Fuel cards) **ANNIVERSARY'S** (Long Horn Steakhouse, Macy's, AMC theater cards)

**IMPLEMENT!** FILL OUT THE FORM! WRITE A CHECK OR BRING CASH! TURN IN AT THE SCRIPT TABLE ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH! COLLECT YOUR CARDS THE SECOND SUNDAY!

GET CREATIVE! THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX! ADDITIONAL GIFT CARDS ON THE WEBSITE [raiserright.com](http://raiserright.com)

**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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**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
Committee List 2025

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Mardell Blanford—Secretary  
Dan & Kathy Kuser – Treasurers  
Pat Beekley  
Linda Bewley  
Linda Brunner  
Kathy Farrington  
Terry Kemp  
Susan Logan  
Sharon Renninger  
Oscar Smith  
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Oscar & Angie Smith  
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**Fellowship**

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**TLC Stitches**

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Ruth Weiser  
Maddy Wyda  
Cathy Yoder

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Angie Renninger—Co-Chairperson  
Linda Bewley  
Fred Isett  
Diane McElwee  
Kay McGowan  
La Rue Sheetz – Director of Music

**Youth Ministry Advisors**

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Jennifer MacDonald — Co-Chairperson  
Pastor Zaiser

















