

April 2024 Newsletter

¹²*[Five days before the Passover] the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,*

“Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!”

¹⁴*Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:*

¹⁵*“Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!”*

¹⁶*His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.* —John 12:12-16

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Hosanna to the Lord! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! The King of Israel, indeed of the universe, is RISEN!

I’m a huge fan of royal news. My social media feeds are filled with royal scandals and conflicts. I’ve seen more facial expressions of Prince William than of Terry McCarthy. (LOL) It’s my modern-day soap opera and I confess to having an addiction to the [not really] news. It’s pure entertainment and I didn’t give it up for Lent.

I worry that we just as easily dismiss Palm Sunday as royal news entertainment. We’re passionate about the shout of “Hosanna!” as Jesus rides into Jerusalem but our attention quickly turns to the Passion, also only shortly reviewed, and to shouts of “Hallelujah!” at the empty tomb.

I worry because I don’t want us to miss the invitation to be subject to this King—the King of the Jews, our King. We’re off and running into the Easter season; the ham’s been eaten, the baskets shelved, the bunny forgotten, the Hallelujah’s shouted and the Easter pieces recited. So, where is our King? And, more importantly, where is our devotion to him?

This Easter season, as we celebrate Jesus’ resurrection, let’s remember that resurrection means that he’s ALIVE NOW, not just then. He’s loving, leading, forgiving, healing, and ruling just as the people gathered in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday recognized. Our lives are so much better when we recognize that we’re not alone, but subject to a living Lord, a King who embraces us in this world and the next and invites us to share that good news with everyone we meet. That’s royal news worth watching! HAPPY EASTER!

Love, Pastor Susan

Council Meeting Dates Moved—Trinity’s congregational council will begin meeting on the **THIRD TUESDAY** of each month beginning in April 2024. Upcoming Council Meeting Dates for 2024 are: 4/16; 5/21; 6/18; 7/16; 8/20; 9/17; 10/15; 11/19; 12/17. Everyone is invited to attend council meetings.

“Welcome to Trinity” Classes Offered—Mark your calendars & save the dates if you’re interested in learning more about Trinity and/or affirming your baptism here in the congregation. Anyone interested in joining the congregation should attend, as well as those who officially joined eons ago, or those who just want to learn more but not join. Dates are **July 21 & 28 and August 11 & 18**. Come to one or come to all. More details forthcoming, but in general we’ll talk about Christianity, Lutheranism, Trinity’s specific ministries and activities, and invite you to add your input. Everyone is valued here!

Pastor Susan and family on extended vacation June 3—July 10. The McCarthys will be traveling in our motorhome to visit some national parks and explore the states a bit in this last summer before Luke graduates high school. Watch for details about pastoral coverage and who will be leading the Sunday services while we’re away. Also—watch for video devotions and other fun communication from me as I share our adventures with you! Got any great suggestions about what we should see? Let Pastor Terry, Luke or me know! Thank you for this opportunity! Love, PS

UPCOMING SUNDAY LECTIONARY READINGS:

April 7: Acts 4: 32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1: 1—2: 2; John 20: 19-31

April 14: Acts 3: 12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3: 1-7; Luke 24: 36b-48

April 21: Acts 4: 5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3: 16-24; John 10: 11-18

April 28: Acts 8: 26-40; Psalm 22: 25-31; 1 John 4: 7-21; John 15: 1-8

Our Mission: We are a family of Christian disciples committed to making Christ known while loving and serving God and neighbors.

Our Vision: To fulfill our mission, we will:

Worship through liturgy, music, prayer, and Sacraments;

Teach God's Word and nurture spiritual growth;

Serve and provide for those in need;

Witness to others by sharing the Gospel;

Celebrate with fellowship;

Return with joy what God has given;

Be active in our community and the Church.

Worship, Serve, Celebrate!



Bible Study for April:

Our hymns tell bible stories, praise God for the story of God's love, and teach the faith.

Throughout the season of Easter we'll be looking at favorite hymns, especially as they relate to the biblical story. **Please submit your favorite hymns to Pastor Susan asap for discussion and learning.**

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REMINDER: NO BIBLE STUDY April 1. The Easter season study begins April 8. The Zoom link is open at 5:30 for socializing; study begins at 6:00. Please come!

The Zoom meeting ID for these sessions is **864 8792 7782**. If you need help logging in, text Pastor Susan at 717-778-5548, or give her a call.



Drive Thru Holy Communion distribution will be held Sunday, April 7 at 10:30am. Anyone wishing to participate should arrive at the back of church to receive the sacrament from your car.

Trinity's Caregivers' Group will meet **Thursday, April 18 at**



10:00am in the chapel. Everyone who has been, is, or will be caring for a loved one is welcome to attend. No registration necessary; see Pastor Susan for more information.

Adopt Homebound Disciples: In this ministry, you're invited to adopt someone in our community who is no longer able to regularly attend worship or participate in activities for any reason. You'll have the chance to visit your adoptee every other month (or more often), to remember them on special days, and to simply let them know that they are still part of our faith family. Just call Judy Burgard (see Trinity's directory) or see the sign up form on the bulletin board downstairs by the elevator if you're interested. ***Thanks so much to all who have remembered the homebound the past years. They really appreciate it.***



PASTORAL CARE CONCERNS should be directed to the church office or directly to Pastor Susan or Judy Burgard, our visitation coordinator (see above). We don't know when someone has had a crisis, a health concern, or other reason for care. Please share concerns so that we may love one another well. Thank you!

Mission-in-Motion Mission Trip: Plans are being made for a mission trip to Guatemala through Tree 4 Hope in January 2025 to volunteer at the school for girls. If you are interested in knowing more and possibly going on the trip, please see Pastor Terry (717-357-8644) for details.

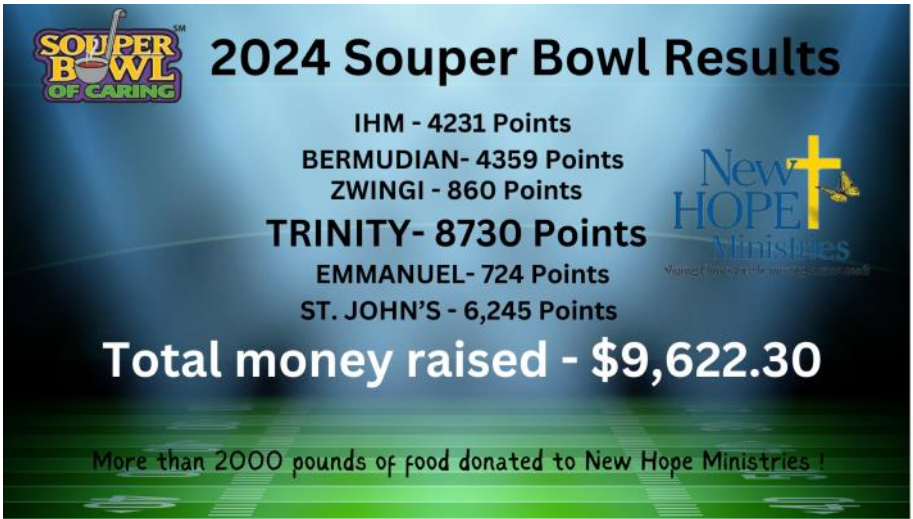
PENTECOST WORSHIP NEWS

Sunday, May 19 is the Day of Pentecost. We'll celebrate at Trinity with two confirmations! The Confirmation Class will be developing our liturgy for that day. If you would like to share your favorite parts of worship, or suggest a worship activity or hymn for that day, let Becky Rinehart and/or Pastor Terry (the class's teachers) know. It promises to be a lively and very intentional worship! There's a rumor that there's an Adult Cookie Break planned... stay tuned!

We Won!

Below are the points totals and collection details for our 2024 Souper Bowl of Caring Collection. Thank you so much for your generosity and sharing the love of Christ with our neighbors in need. It is fun to come together and this is by far the most money and food we have collected to date. Way to go!

CONGRATULATIONS TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH IN EAST BERLIN FOR WINNING THE TROPHY.




Souper Bowl of Caring 2024 Souper Bowl Results

IHM - 4231 Points
BERMUDIAN- 4359 Points
ZWINGI - 860 Points
TRINITY- 8730 Points
EMMANUEL- 724 Points
ST. JOHN'S - 6,245 Points

Total money raised - \$9,622.30

More than 2000 pounds of food donated to New Hope Ministries!





The spring fling picnic will be held on Sunday, April 28th at 12:15. The location is Mark Boyer's Plum Run Acres, 1440 East Berlin

Road, New Oxford. Please bring a dish to share. Meat and drinks will be provided. Please come out for a relaxing, enjoyable afternoon of fellowship. Please contact Anita Madsen or Deb King if you have any questions. More details will be posted in the weekly bulletins and announcement emails. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Gazebo Update

Plans for the gazebo and prayer garden in memory of Paula Lerew Wolf are progressing. Paula was baptized, confirmed, and married at Trinity. She was a florist and an amazing gardener. This will be a wonderful memorial to her funded by her husband, Dudley.

- Zoning permits have been received.
- The area has been flagged in the green space beside the church. It will be a 12 foot octagonal gazebo with a 15 foot walkway from the sidewalk and planted gardens around the walkway and gazebo. Please check it out!
- The delivery date for the gazebo is May 8.
- The dedication date is set for June 2.
- We hope this will enhance the green space and provide a peaceful sanctuary for prayer and other activities for Trinity and the East Berlin community's use.
- We give thanks to Dudley Wolf for his memorial gift and allowing us to honor Paula in this way.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES AVAILABLE IN NEW WAYS

Minutes, once approved, will be sent via the weekly email to all recipients, available on the bulletin boards near the rear exit & pastor's office, on the table in the lobby upstairs, or by request in the church office. Check out the summary of Council actions in the newsletter and read the minutes for more detail!



“Lettuce” Pray for Lettuce



The Women of the ELCA met, starting the meeting with scripture reminding us to live with compassion for others, sowing seeds of love into our community! And that is what we did! We planted various lettuce seeds in boxes and prayed they will grow for April's Food Pantry. "Lettuce" Pray for our "Lettuce Ministry" began on a Tuesday evening and by Thursday we saw seedlings emerge!! We will happily share them with our Food Pantry guests with instructions to carefully harvest them so that they will continue to grow. We will also include a written prayer showing God's (and our) love for these families.

We will prepare the Lenten Luncheon on March 20, serving soup and sandwiches, chips, and dessert.

On April 18 and 19 we will bake Lemon Sponge and Blueberry pies. A sign-up sheet will be posted at the bulletin board near the rear exit.

Future projects include filling Spring Cleaning Buckets in May and collecting Personal/Bathroom products for August's Food Pantry. Both projects will use Thrivent Action Team gift cards.

WELCA sent \$300 to New Hope Ministries for the Food Pantry. This is Trinity's contribution to support this wonderful ministry. We also made our annual offering to the ELCA of \$50. And the \$1425 proceeds from our January Pie Sale was given to Trinity for Capital Improvements. We used a Thrivent Action Team card to purchase the supplies for that pie sale.

Our next meeting will be held April 2 at Trinity at 7 PM in the social hall. Please join! All women are welcome!

WINTER Retreat





Worship Leader Schedule

Date	Assisting Minister	Communion Helper	Lector	Us
Apr 7	Charlie H.	Luke M.	Violet C.	Janet/M
Apr 14	Alex S.	Becky R.	Amber N.	Bob K./I
Apr 21	Becky R.	Sue C.	Eddie S.	Jim/Noel
Apr 28	Jim K.	Charlie H.	Dona L.	Rick/A

Note: If you need to change the date you are scheduled to serve, please contact ot



Healing Service— On Sunday, March 3, a Healing Liturgy was included in the Sunday worship which included prayers and laying on of hands.

chedule—April 2024

Leaders	Altar Guild	Cantor(s)	Acolyte	Cookie Break
Mac/Kathy	Ruthann B.	Mary J.	Addie R.	Jess W.
Deb/Sandy	Janet M.	Joshlyn/Karen	Grace W.	Jen M.
le/Ruthann	Sami K.	Chris L.	Jack B.	Anita M.
rita/Mark	Deb K.	Becky R.	Brody M.	Giovanna B.

Leaders on the list and arrange a swap. Please notify the church office of the change.



Special Music was performed by these talented ladies, Karen Wire, organist, Katie McCully, soloist, and Sami Kurtz, flutist. THANK YOU!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY UPDATES

Join us for the next gathering of the Prayer Shawl Ministry **Wednesday, April 10 at 7pm** in the church parlor to learn more about this community ministry. Come learn to knit and/or crochet. Volunteer to visit and deliver prayer shawls all over. Sit and pray with us as we bless the shawls ready to go out. We will meet on Wednesday evenings at 7pm. See Pat Bjonnes (see directory) for more information or with questions. Everyone can join in!



WEDNESDAYS FELLOWSHIP & FAITH

You're welcome at the **Wednesday Morning Prayer** service @ **10AM in the Chapel**, or worship online through the Trinity Lutheran EB Fellowship Group on Facebook. A fellowship time will be held at **8:30 at Graybill's Diner, Abbottstown** for breakfast, Dutch treat.



HAVE YOU BEEN WORSHIPPING ONLINE?



In the last 28 days, we had 229 video views, with 87 hours of watch time. Of those 229 views, 183 were return viewers and 46 new viewers! We now have 188 subscribers! Thank you to those worshipping from home (and away). If you're an online worshiper, please feel free to contact the church office with requests for connection, pastoral needs, and feedback about your online experience. We'd love to hear from you!

Girl Scouts held their “World Thinking Day” here at Trinity on February 24. They had 60 girls attend—it was a huge hit! Steph Haley and all of the Girl Scouts who meet here at Trinity are very grateful for the use of the social hall.



Good News & Brews is held the second Tuesday of each month at the Altland House in Abbottstown. Join with other local disciples to enjoy conversation, food and refreshments. Next meeting is April 9 from 6:30pm-8:00pm. **EVERYONE IS INVITED!**



Kids’ Quarter Collection: The next Tin-Cup Quarter Collection will be on Sunday, April 7 with a **NOISY OFFERING**.

Please bring your quarters with you to worship that day.

All the money we collect goes to
Laundry Love.

Ministry Pages



THE SHARING SHELF update:

- ◆ New Hope Ministries recently donated supplies to the Shelf; thanks be to God for our partnership with them!
- ◆ Thank YOU for your monetary gifts to the Shelf! With your gifts we were able to shop at Aldi for Shelf needs.
- ◆ Especially needed are cans with pop-tops and/or can openers.

Bring donations to the office, or to worship any time!
Want to help fill the shelf, or shop for its needs? Let Jen or Pastor Susan know and/or contact Deb King (see directory) who chairs this ministry.

Get New Glasses Recently? The East Berlin Lion's Club has a donation box for old eye glasses at Trinity located under the bulletin board near the elevator. Thanks in advance for thinking of others.



The next **Ruth's Harvest Collection Bag Packing** is **Wednesday, April 24 at 12:40pm** at the old firehall near St. John's in Abbottstown. Each month of this school year, 105 bags of food are packed for students at Bermudian Springs Elementary. The Ruth's Harvest Ministry continues because of the support and generosity of Trinity and five other area congregations. Thank you! **The most needed items right now are breakfast bars, juice boxes, individual tuna/chicken salad packs, and non refrigerated milk.** See Sandy Emig (check directory) or contact the office to get involved!

EB Laundry Love will be held **Tuesday, April 9 from 5:00-6:30pm** at the White Dove Laundromat in East Berlin behind Jim & Nena's Pizza. Laundry Love is getting busier each month. We have approximately 25 people making use of this ministry. We need volunteers for the second Tuesday of each month from 5:00 to 6:30 PM. To sign up to help at the laundromat see the sheet on bulletin



board by the elevator. This ministry is always in need of quarters. **April 7th's Noisy Offering will collect quarters for this ministry, or you may drop them any time in the collection box in the narthex (upstairs lobby). Quarters or other monies (all carefully labeled) may also be offered in the Offering Plate.** Thank you for your support of this important, loving, ministry.

Food Pantry: New Hope Ministries is bringing the mobile pantry from 4:00-6:00pm on Wednesday, April 3. **There will be requests for donations in the bulletins.** **REMINDER:** Volunteers are needed to serve as personal shopping assistants, set-up and tear-down, stockers and loading assistants. No need to sign-up in advance to help. Simply show up anytime after 3:00 p.m. on the day of the Food Pantry. Any questions, contact Anita Madsen (see directory for contact info).

Fellowship Hour is held the first Wednesday of every month from 3:00-4:00pm. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy some time playing games, talking, doing a puzzle, and having a time of prayer as needed. Light refreshments will be served.

PRAYER TEAM INVITATION

Trinity's Prayer Team prays daily for immediate needs & our prayer list. If you'd like to join, contact Bonnie Boyer at bonnie0879@verizon.net or 717-259-0879.

Worship Schedule

(All Sunday services begin at 9am unless indicated otherwise)

- April 7—Easter 2
- April 14—Easter 3
- April 21—Easter 4
- April 28—Easter 5

Midweek Morning Prayer Service

Every Wednesday at 10AM (chapel)

Drive-thru Holy Communion Distribution will be held Sunday, April 7 at 10:30 a.m. in the rear of the church near the disability parking.

NOTES:

- The following elements are available during Communion: wheat bread, wine, grape juice, gluten-free wafers, pre-blessed sealed wheat wafer and grape juice packages
- At any time during Holy Communion you may step out of line to spend time at the chancel rail as you desire. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and the distributors will come to you.
- *Anyone interested in serving as a Lector, Assisting Minister, Communion Assistant, Usher, Hymn Leader, Acolyte or Altar Guild is asked to contact the church office.*

Do you have a voice remote with your smart TV or cable box? If you do, try saying, “**Trinity Lutheran Church, East Berlin, YouTube,**” with the remote’s microphone button held in. Your remote lets you select the service you’d like to attend by watching. Please join us! Call the church office if you need help.

Notes

*From
the*
Music Director



I am counting so many blessing I have received these many years plus this beautiful Spring weather. Oh yes, I know it has been cold many days, but that is how March likes to tease humans. I am grateful for warm clothes to keep me warm and a warm bed at night—such a wonderful blessing.

I have been blest with several excellent piano and organ teachers and continue to be mentored by many excellent music colleagues all my adult life.

I continue to enjoy playing Trinity's Moller pipe organ, installed in 1962, for worship. It is a privilege for me to be the organist for Trinity Lutheran Church these past thirty years. Trinity's choir has grown from two singers to sixteen singers in thirty years. What a delightful and talented group of individuals who help each other and show their concern and support for worship music—another blessing.

Many more blessings are received from our talented musicians who enhance worship: trumpet, trombone, & flute players, saxophone & French horn players, bell ringers, percussionists (even if you are only five-years-old). Not every music director has this opportunity to develop such a satisfying relationship with this much talent!

Thank you all for being a reflection of Jesus. I look forward to spring here at Trinity whatever the temperature. It is all a blessing!

~Karen

April Birthdays



4-4 Nick Erdman

4-7 Steve Smith

4-8 Leeann Lieberum

4-11 Skip Boyer

4-16 Bonnie Boyer

4-17 Keagan Hermansen

4-19 Ed Wire

4-19 Jack Hinkle

4-19 Kathy Kuhn

4-21 Harry Bowen

4-23 Wanda Fink

4-23 Lisa Hoak

4-25 Barb Mummert

4-26 Dave Sharrer

4-28 Kacie Boyer

4-28 Ezra Bowen

4-29 Dale Brenner

4-29 Jayne Sebright

HAPPY
Anniversary!

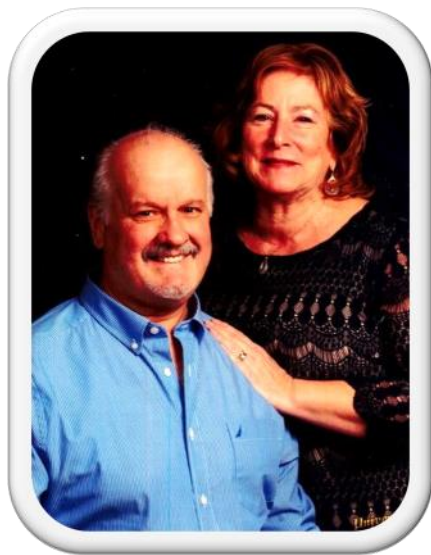
4-9 Mark & Beth Deputy ~ 41 Years

4-28 Pat & Kim McSherry ~ 45 Years

We Love You, Andie! Andrea Guiher, our longtime videographer, has resigned her position at Trinity effective Easter Sunday. We cannot, as a congregation, ever thank Andie enough for her leadership, vision, and dedication these past four years. We wish her well as she continues her collegiate studies and other pursuits and hope she visits us often! Thank you, Andie, for EVERYTHING! In the meantime, the job Andie wrote for us is available. Applications should be made through the office.



Happy 45th Anniversary!!!



PAT & KIM MCSHERRY were married on April 28, 1979, by Pastor David Gleason here at Trinity Lutheran Church. Time sure does fly when you are having fun! 45 years of marriage is a milestone and hopefully there will be many more to spend together. They both are enjoying their retirement together and Pat said it is the best job he ever had.

In their spare time they enjoy spending time with their 3 children/spouses and 8 beautiful grandchildren that they absolutely adore! Fun times at Raystown Lake on their boat and also in Ocean City, Md.

Taking time for each other gives much happiness together!

Congratulations, Kim and Pat!

Trinity Retreat News

Many thanks to everyone who worked to make the retreat at Camp Nawakwa a success! Gathered away together, we learned about God's Radical Hospitality and how we're called to be invitational individually and as a congregation. Forty-seven people participated either overnight or for the day. We enjoyed the outdoors, excellent food, great fellowship, fun games, and cool activities in addition to the bible studies. Sunday's worship sent us off to invite others to experience God's broad invitation to LOVE EVERYONE just as God does. If you'd have feedback or would like to help plan for next year, see Mike Brown!

Are you looking for a worthwhile reason to CHEER?

You are invited to *BE A FAN* for our

York County Special Olympics

SPRING GAMES 2024—Rain or Shine!

Capital Area Region

TEAM YORK

SPECIAL OLYMPICS
PENNSYLVANIA



Saturday, May 4th at York College, Grumbacher Sports Center

Your cheering in the stands this day, will help our over 100 local Special Olympic athletes with Intellectual Disabilities, competing in the Pool, on the Court, and on the Track to do their best, and show the world what they can accomplish.

Opening Ceremonies: 9-9:40AM (Graham Field)

Sports Specific Competitions: 10:00 – Noon

Swim Team (YCP Natatorium)

Tennis Team (courts next to soccer field)

Track & Field Team (Graham Field)

Basketball Team (Fieldhouse)



East Berlin Community Singers:

Concert will be held Sunday, May 19 at Paradise Lutheran Church in Thomasville at 3p.m. Rehearsals held at Trinity will continue every Sunday at 6:00pm.

We always welcome new members (no audition necessary). For information on joining the group, or concert information, contact Julie at jmaher78@comcast.net.