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The July/August newsletter is To the glory of God In honor of the birthdays of our grandson Michael Bechtel and granddaughter Emily Thomas by Frank and Carole Nacci and in honor of the birthday of Carole Nacci by Frank and family.

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Dearest loved ones,

On the first Sunday in July, we will hear/or heard in the Gospel of Mark, “Jesus couldn’t believe their disbelief.” I’m not buying it.

I do believe that Jesus the Christ, God incarnate, knows the disbelief. Therefore, Jesus sends out the ones who can hold the message at the moment to teach the message by word and action. So, the hard question is: what’s the message to teach? Christ lived, Christ died, Christ resurrected? I think the world has heard that long enough from the academic side. When will we allow the rough-handed garbagemen and ditch diggers to spread the word in a way our neighbors can understand? When will we allow the power of Christ, which resides in all creation, to heal, teach, to spread Goodnews in their everyday walks of life?

I’ve been preaching a lot this year about a different way to live. This lesson from Mark sums up the life when we choose to live differently. Go from town to town, or from job to job, or from family and neighbor to family and neighbor and heal them with the message of Christ- You are God’s beloved. Remind them: you are God’s child and an heir to a promise. Teach them about God’s love, presence, grace, mercy and peace as reflected in God’s Word and God’s Activity. Live as an example for them so they can learn to trust God and know absolutely that they are completely loved, eternally alive, and always God’s child.

If this sounds a little familiar, it is because we hear it at all our baptisms. We ask the parents/guardians to do this for the child being baptized. As we get older, we affirm this this way of living and claim it as our own. The problem is, we get older. Soon, we start to focus on our rights as being a human with needs and wants. We lose our childhood focus on love and desire to help others. Without being fully aware, we chose to start to live differently. Our baptism vow is put to the side and we put our nose to the grindstone to supply things for number one.

The truth of our baptismal vow is that we are promising to live into obligations. Success or failure of the obligation does not affect our Promised Land reality with God. Living into or failing to adhere to the obligations does have effect on our daily physical life. One instance of getting our due (demanding our rights) over loving and we have sinned against ourselves, others, or God. Sin propagates sin and our daily life looks overwhelming, judgmental, fearful. Thankfully our merciful God calls to us reminding us of our work as humans. The work, that obligation, is to love God, love others, love self. Get to work!

No matter what your vocation, you have the Word of God, the love of Christ, present in you. You can make a difference in someone’s life by choosing to live differently, choosing to live into our baptized faith. Are you ready to join me on the streets with nothing but our shoes, clothing, and a strong trust in God always present?

If we share God, we need not worry the results. In fact, Mark alludes to some not hearing. When they hear the message, they will ask- how, who, when, what or something will be asked. God promises to give you the words when asked. When they fail to hear, press onward- no harm, no foul. You are just that wackado religious nut anyhow or maybe you are just a member of this big social club. In any case, living a different way will send the time-tested message of Christ. You are saved, you are loved. Live your life.

There is a different way to live. This summer, choose LOVE.

Your partner in life,

Pr. Brian

Core purpose statement: "Gratefully sharing God's love through faith and service"

**The deadline for the September newsletter is August 21st**

*IF HOSPITALIZED, BE SURE TO SIGN A RELEASE CARD  
AND USE OUR HOSPITAL CODE #244.*



*8am Spoken; 8:45am Coffee; 9:30am Summer Worship*



9am – 12pm



By now, you should have received your envelopes for July & Aug. About the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of August, you should be receiving your offering envelopes for Sept./Oct. in the mail. If you do not receive them, please contact Robin in the church office. (610-264-2641)

### **TURNING POINT RECYCLING PROGRAM**

"Please place donated cell phones in the basket on the glass table in the back of the sanctuary or in the familiar box in the hallway outside the fellowship hall. By recycling your used SMART PHONES, CELL PHONES, AND TABLETS, you are supporting a Zero Landfill program as well as supporting Turning Point."

**Did you know?** The Lions Club collects used eyeglasses (they don't need the cases) for areas in the world where glasses are unheard of luxury. The Lions have the glasses polished and shipped to optical missions around the world. The glasses are spread out, and the community members try on the glasses until they find a pair that helps. Can you imagine? Your used glasses can be dropped off in the box at the Whitehall Public Library, or here at Holy Trinity in the small basket in the "giving area" in the back of the sanctuary or in the basket in the hallway outside the fellowship hall.

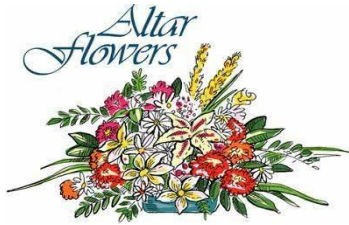
**REDNER'S SAVE-A-TAPE program:** If you shop at Redner's please be sure to get a Save-a-Tape card at the customer service desk. (It's free!) When you make a purchase, give your card to the cashier to scan. The total points will show at the bottom of your receipt. Place your receipts in the basket in the "giving area" in the back of the

sanctuary so the points can be submitted. Holy Trinity receives 1% of the purchase (excluding milk, tobacco, and tax). At \$1 for every \$100 spent, this can add up to a significant contribution toward Bear Creek camperships!

### **Victorian Raffle.....October 4th and October 5th, 2024**

It's never too soon to start thinking about our Victorian Raffle in the fall....

The Victorian Raffle Committee is in need of baskets or items that we can transform into a basket or Script gift cards donations. Please consider donating items now or think about putting together a basket of your own to donate. For additional information, please call Janis, (610) 440-0073



### **To the Glory of God and**

July 7th In honor of our grandson Michael to celebrate his birthday by Mam Maw and Pop Pop Nacci.

July 14th Open

July 21st Open

July 28th Open

\*All bulletin dedications are open for the month of June.

Aug. 4th In loving memory of my parents by Cheryl Kneiss. (No flowers)

Aug. 11th In honor of my wife Carole to celebrate her birthday by Frank Nacci.

Aug. 18th In honor of our granddaughter Emily to celebrate her birthday by Mam Maw and Pop Pop Nacci.

Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> In memory of Pearl and Wilbur Wehr by Dale and Ann.

### **Bulletins**

Aug. 25th In memory of Pearl and Wilbur Wehr by Dale and Ann.

\*Bulletin dedications are open for Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, & 18th

At any time, you can give donations to the **“Pastor’s Discretionary Fund”**. This fund is used to give temporary financial assistance to people of our congregation and community when a sudden need arises. You may send contributions to the church or place them in the offering plate on Sunday mornings. Please mark your checks or envelopes **“Pastor’s Discretionary Fund”**.

**\*\* If anyone is interested in helping with the Altar Guild, please call Sandy Svitana at 484-225-0870\*\***



## July Birthdays

7/1 Matthew Pletz, 7/3 Roxane Williams & Michael Younger, & Christian Dietrich, 7/6 Lee Schleicher,  
7/6 Lauren Faust, 7/10 Joanne Staller, 7/11 Kaitlin Tomecek, 7/11 Amy Santoroski, 7/15 Sarah Fister,  
7/16 Lynn Snyder, 7/18 James Farrand & Brenda Ondush, 7/22 Debra Keks, 7/24 Carol Hartranft, 7/24 Robert Zakos,  
7/26 Faye Steckel, 7/27 Rena Bond, 7/27 Carol Fenstermacher, 7/28 John Pecuch, 7/30 PattyAnn Schwenk, 7/31 Andrew Creyer,  
7/31 MacKenzie Regeg

## August Birthdays

8/2 Kathryn Tomecek, 8/3 Joseph Wetzel & Samuel Wetzel & Logan Noll, 8/05 Rylan Muth, 8/6 Carol Wentzell,  
8/7 Alexander Suter, 8/11 Don Setzer, 8/14 Carole Nacci, 8/15 Gregory Cunningham & Eric Reitz, 8/17 Lindsay Roman & Janet  
Falko & Martin Holden, 8/18 Emily Thomas, 8/19 Joshua Leonard & Trevor Smith & Betty Henderschedt,  
8/20 Alan Fenstermacher & Josephine Moyer, 8/21 Steven Spaits & Michael Kanuck, 8/23 Alva Reightler,  
8/24 Thomas Kroninger, 8/25 Zachary Lower, 8/26 Christine Seip & Elliott Comp, 8/27 Keith Falko,  
8/31 Howard Cunningham III

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>**- 8am Catasauqua Library Yard Sale

**Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup> 12pm to Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> 7pm**- 30 Hour Famine

**Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>**- 9:30am 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration Service with Butterfly release  
followed by picnic

**Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**- 4pm Community Bell/Choir Concert

**Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**: *Without a Cue Productions*:

“Murder at Moulin Rouge”

**Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**- 4:30pm-6pm Chicken Marsala Dinner

**Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>** – 9:30am 150<sup>th</sup> Musical Celebration Worship

**Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**- 8:30am-11am Pancake Breakfast

**Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**- 4:30pm-6pm Braised Beef in Wine Sauce

**In this CHURCH** we strive to be...  
Christ-Centered, Spiritual, Praising, Growing,  
Serving, Partnering, Supporting

Pastor's past month ministries:

Discretionary Funds- food cards, homeless to housing rent help 1 family, rent help 1 person

Partnering-

- Coffee with a Cop on hold temporarily.
- With Boroughs of Catty and North Catty about Summer Program with children. YMCA will deliver food we prepare. Health inspection passed on May 16<sup>th</sup>. We installed hand sink in closet- a food handlers must wash hands before working!

Praising-

- 2 services were available on Sunday **8 and 9:30**. Thomas Hart and Ayva Behm joined us June 23<sup>rd</sup>. They will be with us Aug 25<sup>th</sup> for a butterfly release after 9:30 worship.
- Council to be on retreat August 3<sup>rd</sup> to talk vision of church
- reworking of narthex (entryway) and office hallway. Trying to teach who God is and how we respond to God through images and utilization of space. Ideas welcome.
- FAST Program wrapped up for this school year. We continue to talk about what is right for next school year. If you are willing to help as volunteer, please call office!
- Meetings with church members for an open dialogue about this Triune God we worship still happening Monday at 10am .

Supporting-

- Main Street Catasauqua conversation- new ministries of building hearts (a fundraiser to help support fire department [hearts for hearts], Catasauqua Partnership conversation, still a part of the C3P group of the school district.
- InGathering supporting us with a drive for water, snacks, and Walmart Gift Card (Thank you God!). An entire wall of snacks and water arrived. Just over \$1,600.00 in cards. AMAZING!
- We are being supported by Union Schnecksville. Their youth will help put together Christmas and Easter goodies for kiddos of Catty. We will also do activity and deliver to school. This may grow into a deeper partnering opportunity.

Christ-Centered- is why we do all these things. Without Christ, we are nothing.



***Trinity Morning Glories***

We are a daytime women's group here at Holy Trinity. Our focus is on the spiritual and service to others. Along the way, we share food, work, laugh, chat and pray together! Please join us!

**Note: Our meetings will always be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 10:00 (exception: Dec. will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday).**

Our meeting exploded this month as 38 women and 1 special granddaughter were in attendance, including new member, **Cheryl Alvord**. **Sue Marakovits** chaired the meeting and brought 3 of her very special friends along: **Debi Polzer, Dana Busser and Andrea Shemansky**. Welcome to all! **Betty Henderschedt** played our opening song, "Good Morning, Lord." Thanks, Betty!

Ann Dreyman introduced us to her favorite poet, Irishman John O'Donohue. She explained that she doesn't usually read poetry but was introduced to this poet listening to NPR. Ann brought along the book "To Bless the Space

## ***Trinity Morning Glories (cont'd)***

Between Us, a Book of Blessings” and read 3 poems from it. The first, “For a New Beginning,” was about opening up to new experiences. She shared that she truly “gets” this poem. Then Ann pointed that she, along with several other Morning Glories, are moving in the coming months. She read the poem “For a New Home” that spoke about taking comfort in moving to a new home. Lastly, she read “The Eyes of Jesus,” reminding us to look at life’s thresholds and take Jesus into our lives.

### **New Business/Ongoing Projects:**

**Birthdays:** The birthdays for June were acknowledged and each person was given our birthday picture, created by **Karen Frankenfield**.

**Correspondence:** There were 2 pieces of correspondence this month. Hannah Votta-Coleman from Joyful Giving acknowledged our monetary donation in May. Several people have shown interest in “building” Joyful Giving bags and **Kathy Nattress** will be the point person to coordinate. The Juvenile Law Center recognized our monetary donation in April in Jamie Silvonak’s name. **Diane Czar** gave us an update on Jamie. The Juvenile Law Center attempted to appeal her sentence because of her age at sentencing and ineffective representation but was denied. The next step will be to try to have Jamie’s sentence commuted (reduced). Pastor Jimmy Lee Werley may ask for reference letters from individuals or as a group. Diane is the point person.

**Turning Point used cell phone collection:** There is no update because **Linda Wiland** is on vacation. We look forward to her report next month.

**Cay Galgon Baby Bottle Campaign:** The campaign wrapped up on June 6. **Diane Carfara** and **Sandi Smith** reported that there has been a great response with over 70 bottles being returned. The current total of the collection is \$1,267 with money still coming in. If you know of any outstanding bottles, (filled or unfilled), please return them. One total check will be forwarded to Cay Galgon soon.

**Thinking of You Card Ministry:** Once again **Sandi Smith** and **Diane Jones**, along with Trevor Smith, filled our tables with cards to sign. Thanks!

**September 14, 2024 “Murder at the Moulin Rouge”:** Brenda Ondush noted there are 31 tickets left for the show. She is taking reservations, with the money due in July. At this time, we will open it up to the public. An “Angel” donated \$1,100 as the down payment for the show. We will owe the remaining \$510 on the day of the show. Liz Burda will again do the catering. We decided to use the same delicious menu from last year: roasted chicken, roasted potatoes, salad, bread, ice cream and drinks. We chose The Children’s Home of Easton as our charity. See below for details.

Members filled a table with salty snacks and water bottles for the Summer Lunch Program at the Catty and North Catty parks. **Diane Carfara** said that help is always needed making the lunches on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, starting at 8:30 or anytime until 11:30. Any time you can give would be much appreciated. See Diane with questions.

**Distribution of Offering:** Our donation this month was \$356 with an additional donation of \$100 that was earmarked for the Summer Feeding Program. As is our practice, we are giving two \$25 Scrip cards to Cay Galgon to help them because they lost so much funding and the remaining \$306 goes to the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund, which is very low.

**Sue Marakovits, Mary Ann Gibbons** and **Kathy Nattress** created a picnic scene to go along with our picnic theme this month. There were even prizes: Diane Czar won the bottle of wine, Lois McAllister won the box of chocolates and Pat Fried won the flowers. Congratulations! Our bulletin board coordinated with a picnic image. Watch for small additions as the summer goes on.

## *Trinity Morning Glories (cont'd)*

We had a great treat as Rob Ballonoff entertained us with songs and his guitar. We heard (and sang along with) songs like “Oh, What a Night,” “Blue Suede Shoes,” “Turn on Your Heartlight” and “God Bless America.” There was even some dancing going on! Thanks, Sue **Marakovits**, for arranging it.

We ended with our Edelweiss Song. Members provided food for a picnic, including barbecue, potato salad and Jello shots. The Morning Glories are very good cooks!

Since Sept. 2008, **\$75,194.58** has been donated to special causes; this does not include all the non-monetary donations that have been made over the past 15 years which probably equal that amount.

### **Future Dates:**

#### **Monday, July 15, 2024: 10:00**

Devotions: **Betty Henderschedt**

**Speaker: Twilight Wish Foundation** – Lois McAllister, point person

Plan August 2024 thru January 2025 Morning Glories meetings

Collection: Monetary collection basket

Food: Barbecue – Marybeth Zelinsky

Rolls – Paula Kesack and Debbie Frey

Wraps – Lois McAllister

Pickles and olives – Sandi Smith

Chips – Karen Frankenfield

Dessert -- AnneMarie Overdorf, Diane Jones

Drinks: Iced Tea -- Cheryl Kneiss; Lemonade – Brenda Ondush

Special note: There will be Ice cream sundaes in August.

#### **Saturday, September 14, 2024: 5:30**

##### **“Murder at Moulin Rouge”**

Ticket sales: Brenda Ondush - \$40/person

Baguettes and butter (check to see if there is enough butter in the church stash): Judy Connelly

Ice Cream Sundae cups from King Kone: Pat Fried

Rolled wafer cookies: Janis Charvala

White Tablecloths/purple & red napkins: Cheryl Kneiss

Centerpieces: Kathy Nattress

Raffle ticket sales: Cheryl Kneiss (8 tickets for \$5)

Raffle items: Diane Lindeman, Cheryl Kneiss, Diane Czar, Diane Carfara





## NEIGHBOR SUPPORTING NEIGHBOR

June brought the opportunity to honor our fathers and other men in our lives who have provided shelter for us and seen us through the "disasters" in our lives (flat tires, broken pipes, lawn mowers that won't start...) Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR), a ministry of Lutheran Congregational Services (LCS), provides funds and hands-on help to victims of disasters. Working in partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America's (ELCA) **Lutheran Disaster Response** program to oversee disaster preparedness and response in 24 counties of eastern Pennsylvania. LDR works with congregations, local and federal agencies, and community organizations to help prepare for and respond to traditional and non-traditional disasters such as large apartment fires, severe storms, or terror attacks. This year, your generosity resulted in \$360 to support neighbors right here in eastern PA!

**FAST** Plans are underway for **Fun After School at Trinity** to resume in September, but with classes occurring only one day a week instead of 3. This reduction is necessitated by a lack of Holy Trinity volunteers to provide support to the FAST staff in compliance with child safety requirements. FAST will resume the week after Labor Day on Tuesdays through November. If you would like to know more about how you can support this amazing opportunity for our Catty neighbors in grades 1-4, contact the church office (610-264-2641). Does it make a difference? We have bumped into a few of the FAST kids at the playground lunches and the Friday night concerts at the Catty Park, and they come up to us with pleading eyes, telling us how much they miss FAST!! We have reassured them that we have plans for one day a week this fall...won't you consider giving 2 hours a week (3:30-5:30) to our young neighbors?

Catty and North Catty's **summer kids' programs** are well under way! **Lunches** are prepared at Holy Trinity in the morning on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, and served at the 2 playgrounds Monday - Friday. **Volunteers are needed!** Child abuse and PA criminal clearances are needed by our volunteers at the playgrounds - they're free and easy to obtain - just ask if you need assistance. **We will also need help replenishing our food supplies once the generous donations of some of our fellow mission-district churches have been exhausted.** Individually-packaged salty snacks (like Doritos, Takis, potato chips, cheese curls) and cases of small bottles of water can be dropped off during regular church office hours or on Sunday mornings...or you can make a donation designated for summer lunches and we'll take care of the shopping. A **Walmart SCRIP card** is also a great way to support this ministry.

We'll be providing space for the **Catty Library's annual yard sale** in our fellowship hall and beyond **on Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>**. See the yard sale info elsewhere in this newsletter for details about donating items to the yard sale, and talk to Barb Roth or Diane Czar if you can help the day of the sale. Even if you can't volunteer, come out and explore the treasures and enjoy some good food from our kitchen! All proceeds benefit the library.

And, as always, our building's doors continue to welcome well-known and fresh faces seeking emergency assistance, help securing means to become self-sufficient, assistance preventing or resolving or living with homelessness, rides to appointments...or often just a cup of coffee and a listening ear. Thank you for your continued donations to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund that help keep the financial part of this Holy Trinity service to the community a reality.

Our church family continues to be blessed with surprise monetary gifts from strangers as well as from familiar sources, often accompanied by words like "Keep doing what you're doing".

*And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good.*



## PROPERTY TEAM

June 3, 2024

Attendees: Jerry Charvala, Keith Hodge, Bob Connelly, Al Ulrich, Pr Brian, Shelly (guest)

Prayer-

- Pointing/cracks, fellowship Hall windows. Cement work by John Giel to start June 2024
- Dave Spieker- to replace remaining ballast lights in basement storage room as they burn out. That room emptied out last week.
- Social windows to be washed in the spring. Asking who to tackle this project? Maybe call an outside professional company for Springtime. (DuPont is one company to call, Bires Window). Perhaps do self, Jerry looking into Windex auto masher. **Pastor to call his neighbor.**
- Macadam chips in parking lot. Get patch to fix it.
- Looking to replace carpeting in 2 rooms per year starting in 2024 unless funds open this on hold.
- A/C units in hall- Work Day will clean filters this week. Wednesday
- refinish floors in nave. 2025 to be done again.
- Inspected rain strips in sidewalk- Will reinspect in winter 2024.
- Pipe extender for flat roof. Keith will climb up and look at this. Pastor will call with days/times week
- Doors are being replaced, hinges are being replaced. Narthex doors being replaced. Adams Glass has ordered.
- Removal of kneelers in nave for safety reasons.
- Remove pew talk to be discussed after Council retreat in August. As now, no more removal.
  - Audio/video upgrade in fellowship hall- Two companies came. Only one quote received. Send this request to council. This project is on hold until funds become apparent.
  - Cleaned drains in parking lot this fall.
  - Lights in chancel area arrived. Electrician will install over next 2 weeks.
  - Handicap accessible from one floor to the other
  - Call for quotes on handicap accessible bathrooms in robing room/sacristy and a new Water fountain and bottle filling station in hallway. Agentis next company to come.
  - Empty room at bottom of steps for Boy/Girl Scouts? In agreement, offer them room.
  - Main floor new storage room needs to be cleaned- nothing on floors. Move to rooms in basement or discard!
  - Ehrlich to look at hall bathroom for ants.
  - K & D services to come and fix kitchen equipment.

**\*\*NEXT MEETING: July 8<sup>th</sup> 1:00. Please come and join team if able!!!!**



Junior Tea update: The final, corrected amount raised by the Junior Tea & Basket Raffle was \$1093, with an additional \$40 in donations for Tea supplies that went toward purchasing reusable tablecloths for future Junior Teas! Sixty-one children and their adults filled the room with laughter and energy! **THANK YOU** again to the many, many people who contributed to help our youth show that there is another way to live! And hats off to our youth for keeping our eye on the needs of our world-wide community.

How has that money been spent? Well, we still had a surplus from our 2023 Junior Tea, and we are paid ahead on our monthly sponsorship of Tsepang (\$35/month). So we sent a special gift of \$500 to benefit Tsepang, her family, and her community. We sent an additional \$250 to World Vision, which will be multiplied 6 times by grants they have received, to help with the crisis in East Africa. And for a more personal touch to the fight against hunger and related issues in East Africa, we sent \$500 for Numan Orphanage in Assela, Ethiopia. In case you weren't around when John Hart was pastor at HT, 3 of the Harts' children were adopted from Numan Orphanage. The orphanage has continued from time to time to be the recipient of funds from Holy Trinity's fundraising blessings. The Harts' older daughter, Meseret, has been one of the few supporters of Numan, working 80 hours a week, using half of her pay for her own needs, and sending half to Numan. What a privilege to not only send the funds to help the orphanage, but also to let Meseret know that she is not alone in caring about those children and their caregiver, Endale. Special thanks to Emily Suter, who returns every year (even though she just completed her 3<sup>rd</sup> year at Gettysburg College) to help with the Junior Tea, and who is my financial collaborator in choosing how to spend our funds.

What's next for HT Youth? Get-together at Panera to write thank-you notes to all these amazing contributors to our Tea.

And... the **30 Hour Famine** is back!!! We have 4 youth and college students who have shown an interest in doing the Famine this year...so we're making it happen from **noon on Friday, August 16 to 7pm Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>**. Watch for an upcoming display in the entryway showing our enthusiastic participants and an opportunity to sponsor them. I know we don't usually see them at Sunday worship services – but oh, how they are being Jesus' hands and feet through activities like the Community Egg Hunt, the Junior Tea, and the Famine! **If you are or have a youth (minimum age – entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall) and would like to participate or want more info, call or text me (Diane Czar 610-739-6006) ASAP!**

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11)*



**Why buy SCRIP gift cards?** Funds raised support Holy Trinity's Paul Frantz scholarships for our youth who will be attending trade/technical school or college following high school graduation, plus any faith formation-related costs that are sent our way. SCRIP has also raised enough to contribute much-needed funds to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund - faith in action! Your participation in the SCRIP gift card program benefits very worthy causes!

***The deadline for our July order is Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>.***

Here are the cards we currently have in stock:

**COFFEE:** Dunkin Wawa

**GROCERIES and PRESCRIPTIONS:** Walmart/Sam's Club Weis Giant ShopRite CVS

**GAS:** Giant Weis Sam's Club Speedway Wawa

**SHOPPING/GIFTING:** Amazon Autozone Bath & Body Works Boscov's Cabela's Chewy Home Depot Kohl's Lowe's Target Walmart

**FAST FOOD & DINING:** Applebee's Arby's Burger King Cheesecake Factory Chili's Chipotle Little Caesar's Longhorn Steakhouse Olive Garden On the Border Panera Red Lobster Taco Bell Wendy's

Yellow order forms are available from Joe or Diane, from the rack on the back wall of the sanctuary, and in the hall outside the church office. You can see Joe Schwindenhammer before or after the 9:30am service any Sunday or call or text Diane Czar (610-739-6006) to place an order or to purchase cards from our inventory.

**Ya gotta shop anyway...why not give back to your church while doing your coffee sipping, shopping, dining, home improvements, and gift-giving?** You'll spend the same amount as you would using cash or a credit card, and you'll be supporting Holy Trinity's ministries via the rebate that the SCRIP program gives to HT for each card purchased!

Not sure if SCRIP carries your favorite gift cards? Ask us to check the website, or you can go on <https://www.raiseright.com>...click on Shop in the upper right-hand corner, then scroll down the page to see retailers by category.

"Little by little a little becomes a lot."



## Community Liaison

### Borough Activity:

- Plans are already being made for The Community Choirs to perform at the Fourth of July Celebrations at the George Taylor House. In addition we are working toward getting other performance groups to participate this year.
- Not too Early to Plan! Borough is partnering with us to plan the Fall and Christmas activities.
- Working with Kim Brubaker to develop a community Art Exhibit with students from Catasauqua Area SD and Innovative Arts Academy. We are hoping to do Displays at the Library and perhaps the Borough Hall and Derry Mansion.

### Music Education:

- There will be a FAST meeting on June 19th at 5:00 to finalize plans for the fall.
- Music Camp is scheduled for the week of July 8th! Due to its growing size and offerings, camp will be held at the Middle School so we can accommodate. Volunteers will be needed for Checkin/Out and hall monitoring while activities are going on.
- Side By Side Concert! I am working with Ms. Amy Flyte at BECA to create a Side By Side concert for the Secondary and Elementary musicians in our local Parochial Schools. The goal is to encourage those students to keep play their instrument no matter where they end up going for Middle and High School.

### Community Music/Arts:

- Mosaic Youth Choir is confirming upcoming events with Robin for the summer and fall. They will be on tour this month and will be returning the beginning of July.
- The Community Bell Choir and Community Choir are planning their summer and fall community outreach.
- Wednesday Meditations continue. They include Yoga, Sound Baths.
- Mike Fister and I are working on a Recital for the fall including several genres of music.
- Working with Beth McEllroy to host a recital this coming Spring with Harpest Andrea Witchen.
- Allen Birney has graciously offered to host an Organ recital on October 20th at 3:00.
- Discussions are being had with Doug Kaetz to host a Guitar recital sometime in the coming school year.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**Holy Trinity Memorial Lutheran Church - Catasauqua Pa**  
**Treasurer's Report as of June 2024**

**Thursday, June 27, 2024**

| Account #           | Account Name                            | Period Activity    | YTD Balance          | Annual Budget       | Annual Budget Remaining |
|---------------------|---|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Income</b>       |   |                    |                      |                     |                         |
| 4.200.000           | Pastor's Discretionary Income           | 2,001.00           | 11,606.00            |                     |                         |
| 4.200.100           | Plate Offering (Budgeted Income)        | 12,182.30          | 125,752.31*          | 245,712.00          | 119,959.69              |
| 4.300.000           | Project                                 | 0.00               | 585.00               |                     |                         |
| 4.300.100           | Building                                | 55.00              | 145.00               |                     |                         |
| 4.400.100           | Capital Campaign Income                 | 195.00             | 2,930.00             |                     |                         |
| 4.700.000           | Benevolence                             | 150.00             | 1,340.00             |                     |                         |
| 4.800.000           | Holidays                                | 0.00               | 5,074.00             |                     |                         |
| 4.810.000           | Wish List Income                        | 0.00               | 950.00               |                     |                         |
| 4.900.100           | The Morning Glories Fund                | 0.00               | 571.95               |                     |                         |
| 4.900.110           | Father's Day                            | 230.00             | 405.00               |                     |                         |
| 4.900.170           | World Hunger                            | 20.00              | 60.00                |                     |                         |
| 4.900.178           | Baby Bottle Campaign                    | 280.00             | 450.00               |                     |                         |
| 4.900.179           | 150th Dinner                            | (250.00)           | 432.00               |                     |                         |
| 4.900.180           | Flowers                                 | 35.00              | 192.50               |                     |                         |
| 4.900.200           | Murder Mystery Dinner                   | 840.00             | 840.00               |                     |                         |
| 4.905.000           | Interest Income                         | 0.00               | 8.83                 |                     |                         |
| 4.910.000           | Church and Office Income                | 0.00               | 648.16               |                     |                         |
| 4.930.000           | Simply Giving                           | 0.00               | (57.06)              |                     |                         |
| 4.960.000           | Neighbor Support                        | 785.00             | 5,576.00             |                     |                         |
|                     | <b>Total Income</b>                     | <b>\$16,523.30</b> | <b>\$157,509.69*</b> | <b>\$245,712.00</b> | <b>\$119,959.69</b>     |
| <b>Expenses</b>     |   |                    |                      |                     |                         |
| <b>Total Pastor</b> |   |                    |                      |                     |                         |
| 5.100.110           | Pastor's Salary                         | 1,583.33           | 17,416.63            | 38,000.00           | 20,583.37               |
| 5.100.300           | Supply Pastor's                         | 0.00               | 200.00               | 500.00              | 300.00                  |
| 5.100.400           | Social Security Allowance               | 213.56             | 2,349.16             | 5,125.00            | 2,775.84                |
| 5.100.500           | Health, Disability, Pension Benefit     | 3,942.14           | 23,795.99            | 49,250.00           | 25,454.01               |
| 5.100.600           | Continuing Edication                    | 0.00               | 0.00                 | 300.00              | 300.00                  |
| 5.100.700           | Housing                                 | 1,208.33           | 13,291.63            | 29,000.00           | 15,708.37               |
|                     | <b>Total Pastor</b>                     | <b>\$6,947.36</b>  | <b>\$57,053.41</b>   | <b>\$122,175.00</b> | <b>\$65,121.59</b>      |
| 5.200.000           | Pastor's discretionary Expense          | 3,668.04           | 21,036.97            |                     |                         |
| 5.200.100           | Car Allowance (Pastor)                  | 0.00               | 270.01               | 1,100.00            | 829.99                  |
| 5.200.200           | Church and Office Expense               | 580.83             | 3,794.43*            | 5,500.00            | 1,705.57                |
| 5.200.300           | Service Contracts                       | 484.29             | 2,037.21             | 4,300.00            | 2,262.79                |
| 5.200.400           | Secretary Salary                        | 1,041.66           | 11,458.27            | 25,000.00           | 13,541.73               |
| 5.200.500           | Secretary Social Security               | 79.69              | 876.57               | 1,913.00            | 1,036.43                |
| 5.200.600           | Synod Assembly/Committee Development    | 0.00               | 390.00*              | 300.00              | (90.00)                 |
| 5.200.700           | Payroll Services                        | 57.68              | 770.13*              | 1,200.00            | 429.87                  |
| 5.300.100           | Cleaning Service                        | 559.00             | 3,354.00*            | 6,700.00            | 3,346.00                |
| 5.300.200           | Lawn and Snow Maintanace                | 225.00             | 2,116.25*            | 3,500.00            | 1,383.75                |
| 5.300.300           | Cleaning Supplies                       | 0.00               | 424.80*              | 750.00              | 325.20                  |
| 5.300.400           | Maintenance                             | 244.75             | 4,303.63*            | 6,500.00            | 2,196.37                |
| 5.300.500           | Utilities                               | 0.00               | 0.00                 | 15,000.00           | 15,000.00               |
| 5.300.501           | PPL                                     | 750.70             | 2,225.84             |                     |                         |
| 5.300.502           | UGI                                     | 301.88             | 4,437.73             |                     |                         |
| 5.300.503           | Water Bill                              | 0.00               | 596.80               |                     |                         |
| 5.300.504           | Garbage Bill                            | 0.00               | 370.50               |                     |                         |
| 5.300.505           | RCN                                     | 151.24             | 909.49               |                     |                         |
| 5.300.600           | Insurance (Multi-peril & Workmans Comp) | 0.00               | 4,289.75*            | 8,500.00            | 4,210.25                |
| 5.300.700           | Capital Renovations                     | 7,291.00           | 7,291.00             |                     |                         |
| 5.301.000           | Building Expenses                       | 105.00             | 105.00               |                     |                         |
| 5.400.001           | Capital Campaign Expense                | 1,055.00           | 2,834.26             |                     |                         |

|           |                                    |                             |                            |                      |                     |
|-----------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 5.400.100 | Church Musicians Salary            | 962.50                      | 10,587.50                  | 28,680.00            | 18,092.50           |
| 5.400.200 | Church Musicians Social Security   | 73.63                       | 809.95                     | 2,194.00             | 1,384.05            |
| 5.400.300 | Supply Organists/Instruments       | 0.00                        | 0.00                       | 500.00               | 500.00              |
| 5.400.400 | Music and Supplies                 | 121.95                      | 251.95*                    | 200.00               | (51.95)             |
| 5.400.500 | Instrument Maintenance             | 0.00                        | 300.00                     | 600.00               | 300.00              |
| 5.500.100 | NEP Synod and ELCA                 | 0.00                        | 3,600.00                   | 10,800.00            | 7,200.00            |
| 5.600.000 | Miscellaneous                      | 0.00                        | 93.42                      | 300.00               | 206.58              |
| 5.800.000 | Wish List Expense                  | 1,150.00                    | 1,150.00                   |                      |                     |
| 5.900.000 | The Morning Glories Expense        | 0.00                        | 573.00                     |                      |                     |
| 5.920.000 | Un-Designated Fund Balance Expense | 0.00                        | 589.25                     |                      |                     |
| 5.960.000 | Neighbor Support Expense           | 2,199.52                    | 10,431.11                  |                      |                     |
|           | <b>Total Expenses</b>              | <b>\$28,050.72</b>          | <b>\$159,332.23*</b>       | <b>\$245,712.00</b>  | <b>\$138,930.72</b> |
|           | <b>Difference</b>                  | <b><u>(\$11,527.42)</u></b> | <b><u>(\$1,822.54)</u></b> | <b><u>\$0.00</u></b> |                     |

\* = Income/Expense exceeds amount budgeted to date

Holy Trinity Memorial Lutheran Church  
4th & Pine Sts.  
Catasauqua, PA

**Mystery Dinner Theater**  
**Saturday, September 14, 2024, 5:30**  
**\$40 per person**  
**Fun! Felony! Fellowship!**

**Get ready for an evening of murder,  
mystery and mayhem!**

**Join us for a night of crime and nourishment.**

Ever since the Moulin Rouge opened down the street, the Moulin Bleu has seen nothing but a decline in business. The can-can dancers are leaving in droves, they can't get bohemian painters through the door with promises of free drinks, and even the half decent mimes won't work for the Bleu. The owners of the club, Monsieur and Mademoiselle En-nui, are desperate to find a solution to their problem, but the business simply doesn't have the collateral to merit a loan. When they do come up with a plan, it is more than a little disreputable and the repercussions could be deadly.



**Menu: Herb Roasted Chicken Breast,  
Roasted Herb Potatoes, Salad, Dessert, Beverages**

**Tickets: Brenda—484-634-6484**  
**Presented by "Without A Cue Productions, LLC"**  
**Proceeds: *The Children's Home of Easton***



The Public Library of Catasauqua will be holding it's annual Garage Sale on August 10<sup>th</sup> from 8am-1pm at Holy Trinity Memorial Lutheran Church. Please gather any items you may want to get rid of (no Christmas trees, electronics or furniture) and bring them to the Church the week of August the 8<sup>th</sup>. The drop off dates are Sunday (8/4/24) from 11am-1pm, Monday (8/5/24) 12pm-4pm, Tuesday (8/6/24) 3pm-6pm, Wednesday (8/7/24) from 12pm-4pm, Thursday (8/8/24) from 3pm-6pm. Nothing WILL BE ACCEPTED ON Friday (8/9/24). Food and beverages will be served. All volunteers are welcome at anytime during the drop off and sale. Please contact the library if you are able to help. 610-264-4151.

# BASKET RAFFLE

Holy Trinity Memorial Lutheran Church  
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**Dates: Fri., Oct 4, 2024**  
**4 to 7 pm**

**Sat., Oct. 5, 2024**  
**10 am to 2 pm**

24 Tickets for \$10.00

Tickets drawn: Saturday, October 5, 2024

Winners will be notified by phone

- Attractive Theme Baskets
- Gift Certificates
- Other Unique Items
- Flower/Plant Corner

**All Proceeds will benefit:**



Peaceable Kingdom is a non-profit, no kill animal shelter that relies solely on the work of dedicated volunteers. Their mission is to provide care, protection and assistance to animals who are mistreated, injured, abandoned, or otherwise in need. And to minimize animal over population through affordable spay/neuter clinics.