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The May newsletter is dedicated to the Glory of God &
In honor of Frank Nacci's birthday by his wife Carole.



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By now, you should have received your offering envelopes for May & Junel in the mail. If you haven't received them, please contact

Danielle in the church office.
(610-264-2641)

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

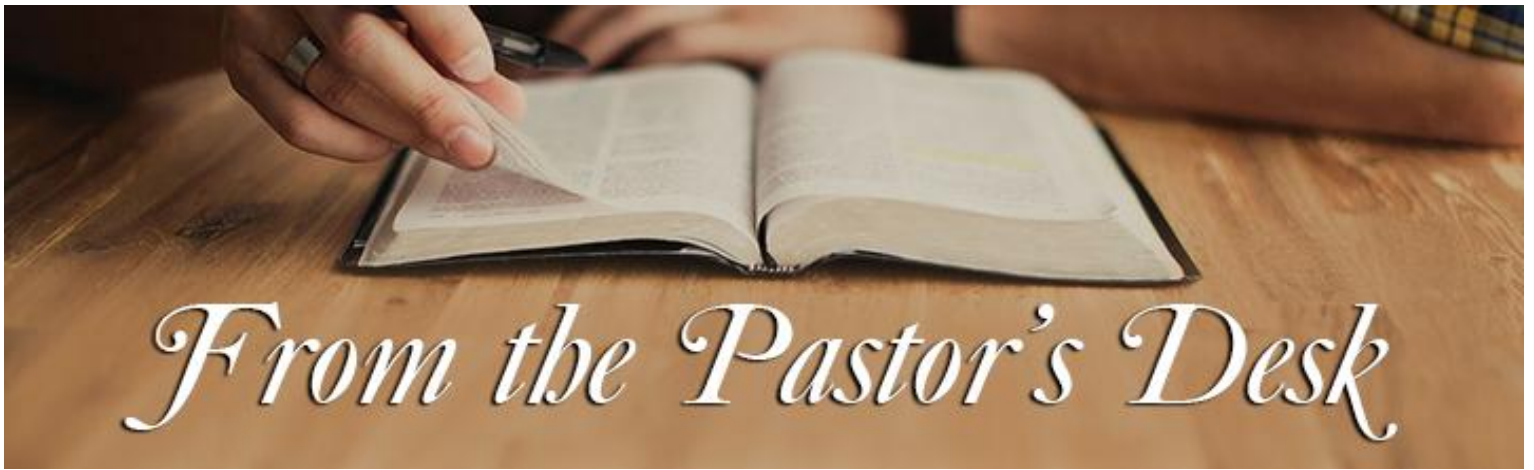
DEADLINE

~The deadline for June's newsletter is May 20th~
IF HOSPITALIZED, BE SURE TO SIGN A RELEASE CARD
AND USE OUR HOSPITAL CODE #244.



**Pastoral
Discretionary
Fund**

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".



From the Pastor's Desk

My dearest sisters and brothers in Christ,

LOVE WINS! That's the phrase that the Spirit has been blowing through the air inside Holy Trinity Memorial Church. Love is what pushes us to be kind to each other, to seek the hungry and cold, to share with the youth a message of grace and salvation, to be in community with one another as we dwell in the one body of Christ.

LOVE WINS! Is the phrase that our new Council leadership will hold as they make the best decisions and actions for the future of our church. New leadership? Correct, Joe Schwindenhammer as President, Diane Carfara as Vice-President, and Diane Czar (our faithful devout, detailed secretary of the past is keeping her role) as Secretary. Our new leadership is asking for your prayerful support as they discover how their roles will come to life over the next few months.

LOVE WINS! As we continue to do some of the good things of yesterday and we embark on new ministries and new formats as Teams and Action Groups we will stay focused on the truth that God's love holds us, encourages us, and grants us peace. In other words- a win, win, win for us.

LOVE WINS! Therefore, we will be patient with one another. We will be understanding if some old questions arise and we are asked to fill out some of the same forms from yesterday. We will be hop-filled as we are asked to fill out some new forms or experience some new undertakings.

LOVE WINS! And we chose to live in that reality. All people are vitally important. We plan to let that message be heard in Catasauqua and beyond. Just as last month told us- **LOVE WINS! THANKS BE TO GOD!**

Your partner in Christ,

Pr. Brian



**Food list for our homeless
guests**

*All cans must have pull tabs All "add water"
items should be in self-serving cup*

Chef BoyRDee

Instant coffee

**SOFT protein or breakfast bars
(no crunchy/chewy)**

Individual cereal cups

Canned corn (pull tab or individual cups)

Tuna pouches

Peanut butter

Crackers

Cup O Noodles (not Ramen)

Pop tarts

THANK YOU! Items can be placed in the wagon in the back of the sanctuary, or on the food shelf in the hallway outside the fellowship hall.

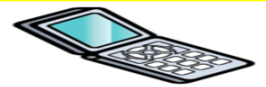


REDNER'S

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!



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.



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."



ALTAR flowers

May 3rd - A donation was made to the Pastors discretionary fund, in lieu of Altar flowers, to celebrate God's unfailing love.

May 10th - In loving memory of Eva Baragone by Sandy & Erich Svitana.

May 17th - A donation was made to the Pastors discretionary fund, in lieu of Altar flowers, to celebrate God's unfailing love.

May 24th - In honor of Frank Nacci to celebrate his birthday by his wife Carole.

May 31st - A donation was made to the Pastors discretionary fund, in lieu of Altar flowers, to celebrate God's unfailing love.



5/01 Sandi Smith; 5/01 Judith Gebhardt; 5/02 Emily Zacharda; 5/03 Christopher Williams; 5/05 Alicia Kresley; 5/10 Jennifer Pletz; 5/ 11 Deborah Dietrich; 5/14 Lois McAllister; 5/16 Thomas Lubben; 5/21 Paige Miller; 5/22 Robin Wargo; 5/24 Mary Ann Gibbons; 5/24 Mitchell Knauss; 5/28 Emily Suter; 5/29 Frank Nacci; 5/29 Rev. Brian Riedy; 5/30 Isabella Pecuch



Gardening Crew for the Month of April

May 4th-Cheryl Kneiss/Sue Marakovits
May 11th- Vane Smale
May 18th-Rena Bond /Karla Fryslin
May 25th-Vicki Chimics



*Kitchen Angels for the Month of May
Sue Marakovits*



We lift up the family & friends of Lee P. Schleicher 3/26/26. They are now Fully embraced in God's Kingdom.

**Welcome
New Member**

Barbara Bauer



*The Newsletter Dedications are OPEN for the month of November 2026 & the Month of February 2027 if you would like to sponsor one please contact the office
Thank You*

MAY

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
					<u>1</u>	<u>2</u> 4pm-Mosaic Choir Concert
<u>3</u> <u>8am-Spoken Worship</u> <u>9am- Worship4Kids</u> <u>10:30am- Com.Worship</u>	<u>4</u> <u>8am-10am Free Breakfast</u> <u>9am-Choir Rehearsal I</u> <u>10am-God Talk</u> <u>1pm-Property Team Mtg.</u> <u>7pm-Scouts</u>	<u>5</u> <u>8am-10am Free Breakfast</u> <u>6:30pm-Girl Scouts</u>	<u>6</u> <u>8am-10am Free Breakfast</u> <u>6:30pm-Cub Scouts</u> <u>7pm-NA Mtg.</u> <u>4pm-6pm Free Dinner</u>	<u>7</u> <u>8am-10am Free Breakfast</u> <u>10am-Bible Study</u> <u>5:30pm-Com.</u> <u>Bell Choir</u> <u>7pm-Com.Choir</u>	<u>8</u> <u>5pm-Movie Night</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>10</u> <u>8am-Spoken Worship</u> <u>9am- Worship4Kids</u> <u>10:30am- Com.Worship</u>	<u>11</u> <u>8am-10am Free Breakfast</u> <u>9am-Choir Rehearsal I</u> <u>10am-God Talk</u> <u>7pm-Scouts</u>	<u>12</u> <u>8am-10am Free Breakfast</u> <u>1pm- Worship/ Music Mtg.</u> <u>6:30pm-Girl Scouts</u>	<u>13</u> <u>8am-10am Free Breakfast</u> <u>6pm-Sound Bath</u> <u>6:30pm-Cub Scouts</u> <u>7pm-NA Mtg.</u> <u>4pm-6pm Free Dinner</u>	<u>14</u> <u>8am-10am Free Breakfast</u> <u>10am-Bible Study</u> <u>5:30pm-Com.</u> <u>Bell Choir</u> <u>5:30pm-Impact Program</u> <u>7pm-Com.Choir</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>
<u>17</u> <u>8am-Spoken Worship</u> <u>9am- Worship4Kids</u> <u>10:30am- Com.Worship</u>	<u>18</u> <u>8am-10am Free Breakfast</u> <u>9am-Choir Rehearsal I</u> <u>10am-God Talk</u> <u>1pm-Morning Glories</u> <u>7pm-Council</u> <u>7pm-Scouts</u>	<u>19</u> <u>8am-10am Free Breakfast</u> <u>6:30pm-Girl Scouts</u>	<u>20</u> <u>8am-10am Free Breakfast</u> <u>6:30pm-Cub Scouts</u> <u>7pm-NA Mtg.</u> <u>4pm-6pm Free Dinner</u>	<u>21</u> <u>8am-10am Free Breakfast</u> <u>10am-Bible Study</u> <u>5:30pm-Com.</u> <u>Bell Choir</u> <u>7pm-Com.Choir</u>	<u>22</u> <u>5pm- Game Night</u>	<u>23</u>
<u>24</u> <u>8am-Spoken Worship</u> <u>9am- Worship4Kids</u> <u>10:30am- Com.Worship</u>	<u>25</u> <u>8am-10am Free Breakfast</u> <u>9am-Choir Rehearsal I</u> <u>10am-God Talk</u> <u>7pm-Scouts</u>	<u>26</u> <u>8am-10am Free Breakfast</u> <u>6:30pm-Girl Scouts</u>	<u>27</u> <u>8am-10am Free Breakfast</u> <u>6:30pm-Cub Scouts</u> <u>7pm-NA Mtg.</u> <u>4pm-6pm Free Dinner</u>	<u>28</u> <u>8am-10am Free Breakfast</u> <u>10am-Bible Study</u> <u>5:30pm-Com.</u> <u>Bell Choir</u> <u>5:30pm-Impact Program</u> <u>7pm-Com.Choir</u>	<u>29</u> <u>Jr. Tea (set up)</u>	<u>30</u> <u>Jr. Tea (set up)</u>
<u>31</u> <u>8am-Spoken Worship</u> <u>9am- Worship4Kids</u> <u>10:30am- Com.Worship</u> <u>Jr. Tea</u>						

My brothers and sisters

I want to share with you that I have resigned from Holy Trinity Church Council as of March 31, 2026. This was a very difficult decision to make, and I have spent several months in prayer asking God for guidance. After roughly 20 years on Council, with the majority of them as President, I firmly believe it is time for fresh leadership. I also want to assure you that I intend to stay in active roles in other areas of service. I will more clearly understand the path,

The Holy Spirit is at work in our congregation. We are blessed to have such a strong community.

Your love is so evident in the hugs and greetings on a Sunday morning and in all of our ministries. That love and blessings flow out our doors and windows to the community and beyond.

I thank you all for your prayers and support over the past years. I ask that you continue to support and pray for your Council members as they choose a new President and leader.

*Peace and love to all,
Barb Fister*



*Thank
you!*

Barb

It's rare to find a person who combines such incredible intelligence with humility. Thank you for always listening and sharing your expertise without judgment.

Thank You for all that you do. You are very much appreciated.

Memorial Day



Memorial Day isn't just another holiday. It's a reminder of sacrifice, courage and lives given in service. These messages are just small ways to honor that legacy. Whether you're texting a loved one, posting online or pausing in personal reflection, let your words show respect. Every voice matters when we choose

Property

April 13, 2026

Attendees: Allen Ulrich, Jerry Charvala, Pr Brian, Keith Hodge, Harry Kresley, Shelly Burns

Prayer-

- Hose or spigot outside froze. Check late March when thaw happens. It's broken!
- Bell Tower and frozen roof/drain- heater wire or let go? Get heat tape for tower drain and gutters into downspouts. **Call Paul Wright for suggestions!**
- Repaint nave? After cleaning we are good.
- Install new water filling station. Remove white refrigerator.
- Dave Spieker- to replace remaining ballast lights in basement storage room as they burn out. If not working, check with Keith.
- Lights in chancel arrived. Pat and Lester will install. Call Lester and check in.
- Outside light for end of parking lot. We will pursue quotes to get this done. Call Dave Spieker or Abraham Spears. New outlets in entry way Narthex. Will ask Abraham or Pat about cost of doing that. Run conduit from ceiling down.
- Pointing/cracks, fellowship Hall windows. Chunks of concrete off on ramp and on steps on Pine St into narthex. Cement work anticipated spring 2026.
- Social windows to be washed spring 2026. – Harry will help- set date. Tuesday or Thursday.
- Macadam chips in parking lot still keeping eye on them. We need to start thinking recoating parking lot. Sealcoat the parking lot to fill in cracks after winter. Do we need to add patch to Pine Street sidewalk side of lot?
- Get estimates for parking lot. Keith knows seal coating company.
- Call lawn mower for this year's quote. Danny Boyer=- ask Barry Steckel
- Refinish floors in nave done. 2027 again.
- Inspected rain strips check in spring 2026. Stainless steel diamond plate to cover? New plan
- Drain cleaned Dec 17. Check when thawed out.
- Accessible bathroom in robing room/sacristy ----- \$56,000
New quote to upgrade fellowship bathroom-----\$15,240.00 + \$2,300 floor. \$17, 540.00. need to check if purchase of flooring is included. Add floor drain \$5000.00 (\$22,540.00) **This we pass to Finance Team.**
Ramp to look at is a Flex Step. Email for info sent. Waiting for reply. Email Harry the two companies we are trying to get quotes.
- Mulch for gardens if they need more. Add more mulch to sign area. Call Lester to see if willing.
- ****NEXT MEETING: May 4th 1:00. Please come and join team if able!!!!**

YEARLY DOINGS!

- Turn off outside water in beginning of November
- Empty drain on top of bell tower end of October
- Empty parking lot drains (monthly until January-March)
- Clean all filters of air units (May, July, Sept)
- Check locks, lights, outlets, panel boxes (bi-yearly)

Youth News

If you're thinking, "Youth news? What youth?"...take a look again at our communion servers, our Souper Bowl of Caring soup pot holders, our Five Loaves dinner servers, and our community egg hunt volunteers! And then take a look at the legacy that our former youth have left for us – kids and adults – to carry on.

Our youth group began sponsoring a girl through World Vision in March 2013. We are responsible to send \$35 per month to World Vision for our current child, Tsepang's support. The proceeds from this year's Junior Tea and Basket Raffle will be used to continue Tsepang's monthly sponsorship as well as to provide extra support for her family and community with special gifts. Last year we raised \$1500 - in addition to our monthly commitment plus donations for Tsepang's community, we also sent \$250 each to World Vision to fight hunger, to Jake's Dragon Foundation (pediatric cancer), to the Warming Station at the Allentown Y, and to the Catasauqua Food Bank.

The Junior Tea and Basket Raffle for boys and girls and their parents/grandparents includes a kid-friendly craft, Victorian-style dress-ups, bingo, a basket raffle, and kid-friendly desserts and beverages served using real china place settings. Besides fundraising, our goal is also to bring the community out of their houses and give them an enjoyable afternoon. Because our Catasauqua community is predominantly low income, our ticket prices are kept low. Our income from ticket sales is supplemented with a magnificent basket raffle at the tea.

Volunteers are needed to bake, to shop for fruit and beverages, to help during the tea, to clean up, and to help the day after to put tea dishes away. Baskets and gift cards (think SCRIP) to raffle at the Junior Tea are welcome. Contact Diane Czar (610-739-6006) if you'd like to help out at this fun event!

"Be the church when the service is over." (found on Facebook)





Why buy SCRIP gift cards? Funds raised are accumulating for future Paul Frantz scholarships for our youth who will be attending trade/technical school or college following high school graduation, or starting a job with related expenses...plus any faith formation-related costs that are sent our way. Your participation in the SCRIP gift card program benefits very worthy causes!

The deadline for our May order is Sunday, May 10th - Mother's Day – there are great cards available in our inventory - why not take Mom out on Mother's Day using a SCRIP card?!

If you're thinking of supporting the Junior Tea and Basket Raffle on May 31st, NOW is the time to place an order for anything kid-friendly! And plan now for Father's Day and graduation gifts and dining!

You'll spend the same amount as you would using cash or a credit card, and you'll be supporting Holy Trinity's faith activities via the rebate that the SCRIP program gives to HT for each card purchased!

Did you know that Giant SCRIP cards can be used to pay for their home-delivered groceries as well as in-store shopping and gas at Giant stores? And of course, Amazon, Walmart, and Target cards can be used on the spot when shopping online. There are many other cards that can be used in-store or online - just tell us your store and ask if we can order their cards!

We welcome texts or calls to Diane (610-739-6006) for card requests...or see Joe or Diane after 10:30 worship. IOUs are welcome!

Ya gotta shop anyway...why not give back to your church while doing your shopping, dining, home improvements, and gift-giving?

Yellow order forms are available from the rack in the back of the sanctuary and at the end of the hall outside the kitchen...or you can see or call us to place an order. Orders can be given to Joe, or placed in the offering plate - after all, the rebates you raise are an offering to God!

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**

FOOD & BEVERAGE:

EVERYTHING ELSE:

Arby's	Red Robin	Amazon
Bonefish Grill	Starbucks	AutoZone
Burger King	Subway	Bath & Body Works
Carrabba's	Taco Bell	Chewy
Chili's	Wendy's	CVS
Dunkin		Giant
Longhorn Steakhouse		Kohl's
McDonald's		Speedway
Olive Garden		Target
On the Border		Walmart/Sam's Club
Outback Steakhouse		Wawa
Panera		Weis



HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Sometimes supporting our "neighbor" happens outside of our community, outside the Lehigh Valley, sometimes even outside our country. Blanket Sunday \$10 blanket donations are a way to address needs anywhere that an emergency occurs. Whether facing a natural disaster or spending the night in a shelter, a family or individual receiving a blanket can find comfort, knowing someone cares. Church World Service blankets come in heavy and lightweight versions...and can serve as a carry-all for a family's possessions as well as a tent or as a clean, soft surface to sleep on or under. Perhaps to that person or family, times are so tough that Jesus can only come to them as a blanket. **This Mother's Day, let's BLANKET THE WORLD IN LOVE!** Checks should be made payable to Holy Trinity and placed in the offering plate - please mark "Blanket" on your check or envelope. Forms to dedicate your gift can be found in your Sunday worship folder. I'll bet there's a special woman in your life that would be delighted to have blanket donations given in their honor!

HT's FOOD SHELF... Thank you for your continued donations to the shelf! **In addition to food items, men's and women's toiletries are also welcome: body wipes, shampoo, body wash, toothbrushes and toothpaste, deodorant, toilet paper. Keep in mind that some of these neighbors are living out of backpacks, so extra-large sizes aren't practical.** Can you add one or two items to your cart each time you stop at the store? Thank you for whatever you can share! Items can be placed on the offering table or in the wagon in the back of the sanctuary...or drop them off in the "Jesus room" at the end of the hallway. If you haven't seen HT's hospitality space yet, stop in the room at the end of the hallway, across from the kitchen.

The ever-popular **Warm-up Wednesdays**, with our awesome volunteers preparing and serving free soup to our church family and community, will continue through May! Many HT members and community neighbors stay to enjoy conversation with their soup and other delicious entrees - but take-out is also available, and we know that some take-out guests are also delivering soup to neighbors. Your donations to the Neighbor Support fund help make soup suppers and weekday breakfasts possible - thank you! The 8-10am Monday to Thursday breakfasts will also continue through May. A HUGE thank you to those volunteers who have been in our space to host homeless guests. Come join us to eat or just to be present!

The return of warmer weather brings us back down to the Catty playground with snacks and thirst-quenchers for the middle schoolers. Are you missing out on a blessing? **Call the church office (610-264-2641) if you want to hand out snacks any day of the week from 2:15-2:35.** Just 20 minutes!!! Child abuse and PA criminal clearances are required if you are 18 or older - they're free for volunteers and can be requested online - let Danielle know if you need help applying. (Please provide a copy to the church office.) Can't make it to the playground? **We need an ongoing supply of salty snacks (chips, etc.).** Want someone else to do the shopping, or want to get more for your money by buying in bulk? **When you donate to Neighbor Support, you make funds available for playground snacks. And donating Walmart SCRIP cards to Neighbor Support also helps provide these snacks.** Thank you for being a blessing to this special segment of our community! And thank you for the generous April donations of snacks!! Please keep 'em comin' because...

Catty and North Catty's summer kids' programs are just around the corner - starting June 15th! Lunches are prepared at Holy Trinity and served at the 2 playgrounds Monday to Friday **Volunteers are needed twice a week for food prep, and daily to hand out the lunches.** Child abuse and PA criminal clearances are needed by our volunteers at the playgrounds. **We also need help replenishing our food supplies.** Individually-packaged salty snacks (like Doritos, Takis, potato chips, cheese curls) 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 **Giant or Walmart SCRIP card** is also a great way to support this ministry.

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.

"Sometimes the greatest gift you can give another person is simply including them."



Treasurer's Report

Holy Trinity Memorial Lutheran Church - Catasauqua PA Treasurer's Report as of March 2026 (Newsletter)

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Budget YTD

Account #	Account Name	Period Activity	Monthly Budget	YTD Balance	Budget YTD
Income					
4.200.100	Plate Offering (Budgeted Income)	15,574.30	20,429.00	43,808.90	61,287.00
4.200.110	Thrivent Deposits	50.00		816.00	
4.400.100	Capital Campaign Income	1,109.00		2,296.00	
4.700.000	Benevolence	265.00		750.00	
4.800.000	Holidays	803.00		1,506.00	
4.900.170	World Hunger	(20.00)		20.00	
4.900.180	Flowers Income	312.75		654.75	
4.905.000	Interest Income	1.39		3.17	
	Total Income	\$18,095.44	\$20,429.00	\$49,854.82	\$61,287.00
Expenses					
Total Pastor					
5.100.110	Pastor's Salary	3,583.34	3,583.00	10,750.02*	10,749.00
5.100.300	Supply Pastor's	0.00	21.00	0.00	63.00
5.100.400	Pastor's Social Security Allowance	465.42	465.00	1,396.26*	1,395.00
5.100.500	Health, Disability, Pension Benefit	3,989.55	4,680.00	12,114.46	14,040.00
5.100.600	Continuing Education	0.00	8.00	0.00	24.00
5.100.700	Housing	2,500.00	2,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
	Total Pastor	\$10,538.31	\$11,257.00	\$31,760.74	\$33,771.00
5.200.100	Car Allowance (Pastor)	0.00	42.00	0.00	126.00
5.200.200	Church and Office Expense	579.31	525.00	1,337.79	1,575.00
5.200.300	Service Contracts	286.29	333.00	791.00	999.00
5.200.400	Secretary Salary	1,319.58	1,320.00	3,958.74	3,960.00
5.200.450	Bookkeeper Salary	766.69	767.00	2,300.05	2,301.00
5.200.500	Secretary Social Security	130.78	128.00	392.35*	384.00
5.200.550	Bookkeeper Social Security	58.65	59.00	175.95	177.00
5.200.600	Synod Assembly/Committee Development	0.00	42.00	0.00	126.00
5.200.700	Payroll Services	79.72	100.00	513.66*	300.00
5.300.100	Cleaning Service	390.00	390.00	1,170.00	1,170.00
5.300.200	Lawn and Snow Maintenance	436.00	292.00	1,586.00*	876.00
5.300.300	Cleaning Supplies	77.08	50.00	230.56*	150.00
5.300.400	Maintenance	475.42	567.00	1,707.64*	1,701.00
5.300.501	PPL	343.22	450.00	675.42	1,350.00
5.300.502	UGI	1,351.16	567.00	4,993.11*	1,701.00
5.300.503	Water/Sewer Bill	0.00	83.00	0.00	249.00
5.300.504	Garbage Bill	0.00	50.00	598.50*	150.00
5.300.505	RCN	159.16	163.00	477.48	489.00
5.300.600	Insurance (Multi-peril & Workmans Comp)	2,804.25	725.00	2,816.25*	2,175.00

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5.400.100	Church Musicians Salary	1,126.66	1,127.00	3,379.98	3,381.00
5.400.200	Church Musicians Social Security	86.19	86.00	258.57*	258.00
5.400.300	Supply Organists/Instruments	0.00	17.00	0.00	51.00
5.400.400	Music and Supplies	0.00	8.00	54.37*	24.00
5.400.500	Instrument Maintenance	0.00	50.00	0.00	150.00
5.500.100	NEP Synod and ELCA	900.00	900.00	2,700.00	2,700.00
	Total Expenses	\$21,908.47	\$20,098.00	\$61,878.16*	\$60,294.00
	Difference	(\$3,813.03)	\$331.00	(\$12,023.34)	\$993.00

* = Income/Expense exceeds amount budgeted to date



Morning Glories April 20, 2026 Meeting Notes

The April 20, 2026 meeting was led by **Janis Charvala** with 35 members in attendance. We welcomed visitors **Linda McKeever** and **Gwen Barker**.

Opening Song: Good Morning, Lord – played by **Betty Henderschedt**

Devotions: **Betty Henderschedt** shared a very personal story from the book, “The Dream Catcher”, written by her husband, Jim. The theme “You just can’t go home again” threaded its way through a true story of finding “a treasure chest of memories”. The story was followed up by sharing that God’s love for us is the only constant (John 14: 1-6) – God provides the ultimate home.

Birthdays: April 2 – **BJ Kunkel**, 12 – **Elaine Sales**, 18 - **Judy Connelly**, 23 – **Diane Czar**, 24 – **Sandy Cooper**

Special thanks to **Karen Frankenfield** for our 2026 birthday postcards, featuring Old Orchard Beach in Maine. The QR code on it allows us to connect to a YouTube video of Jeremy Camp’s song, “Keep Me in the Moment”. If you need help using the QR code, please ask for help.

Speakers: **ALS United Mid-Atlantic** social worker **Jessie Meier MSW, LSW** and program director **Larissa Gibbons BS**. Their office is in Philadelphia, with an extensive service area that utilizes local staff who are therefore able to get to know their clients on a personal level. ALS takes away a person’s control of their activities of daily living because the brain doesn’t send messages to the muscles, resulting in weakness that snowballs into related complications. ALS is “random” – it doesn’t discriminate based on age, sex, age, or race. **Jessie** described the services and equipment they assist with. Opportunities to get involved include the annual ALS walk (9/26/26 at Cedar Crest College) and the Visiting Volunteer program. **Larissa** shared her personal experience with her father, who had ALS. Thank you to **Mary Ann Gibbons**, point person for today’s speakers, and to **Al Ulrich** for his technical assistance with the power point. \$342 was collected in the basket designated for ALS United Mid-Atlantic!!!

Notes/Correspondence: Thank you letters from Sights for Hope, and from Lee Schliecher’s family. Lee’s daughter expressed their appreciation for our monthly cards, and she included a check for the Morning Glories for \$50.

New Business/Old Business:

Ongoing: **Janis** pointed out the colorful Morning Glories bulletin board created by **Vicki and Steph Chimics and Judy Connelly**. Splashed with springtime flowers, it includes a tea theme, in keeping with the Victorian Tea at Holy Trinity this month.



Turning Point used electronic collection: Thank you to **Linda Wiland** for taking care of this very profitable ongoing collection that benefits Turning Point (for women escaping domestic violence) through smartphonerecycling.com. 34 cell phones and 2 battery packs were collected this month! Linda pointed out that the recycling process includes certified data erasure.

Thinking of You card ministry: Thanks to **Sandi Smith, Diane Jones** and **Trevor Smith** for preparing the cards.

2026 Murder Mystery Dinner Theater: **Linda Ettl** reported on her thorough research for a replacement for Without a Cue. On Saturday, September 12, **Riddlesbrood Touring Theatre Company** will present “**October-Jest**”. At \$1,200, the show is less costly than our previous shows. Thank you to **Linda** for all her efforts to arrange the show and for paying the \$100 deposit. **Janis** will talk to our caterer, **Liz Burda**, about her availability and the menu – we agreed that last year’s menu was an excellent choice, but German-style food was also suggested in keeping with the play’s October Fest theme. The Warming Station at the Allentown Y was selected as the recipient of the event’s proceeds. Ticket price to be determined once we have details from the caterer – last year’s tickets were \$40. A Thrivent action card will be requested from **Curt Reinsmith**.

Cay Galgon Campaign: thank you to **Paula Kesack** and **Deb Fry** for organizing this year’s baby bottle campaign. Baby bottles were provided to the group. If donating by check, please make payable to “Holy Trinity” with “baby bottle” on the memo line. Bottles can be dropped off during regular Sunday worship services (8 and 10:30am) or at the church office M-F from 9-2.

Distribution of Offering: Our monetary collection this month was \$360. \$75.49 is in our checking account - \$50.49 available after the \$25 cushion. From the total \$410.49 available, 2-\$25.00 Walmart gift cards will be sent to Cay Galgon. \$360 will go to the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund.

Since Sept. 2008, **\$98,602.23** has been donated to special causes; this does not include all the non-monetary donations that have been made over the past 17 years.

The group was invited to check out the hospitality room (aka “Jesus Room”) at the end of the hall. A food list of suggested items for Trinity’s homeless guests was distributed. The group was also invited to stop in at Trinity anytime from 8-10, Monday-Thursday, to see Trinity’s walk-in breakfast. Volunteers to host the small informal breakfast are welcome, but the invitation is also to just stop in to add to the sense of community.

We are also invited to consider volunteering to hand out snacks any school day from about 2:15 - 2:35pm at the Catty playground. Pastor Brian has shared about the difference this has made in student’s attitudes toward each other. If interested, talk to Danielle in the church office, to Pastor Brian, or to **Diane Czar**.



Diane Czar shared a letter from the Warming station, including an invitation to attend an open house there on April 23rd. **Diane** also provided flyer's about Trinity's **Junior Tea and Basket Raffle** on May 31st – 100% of the proceeds from the enjoyable kid-oriented event support the child sponsored through World Vision by Trinity youth as well as other organizations selected by the youth.

Closing song played by **Betty Henderschedt**.

Thank you to everyone who provided the amazing brunch today. Thanks to **Kathy Nattress** and **Sandy Cooper** for doing kitchen clean-up.

Future Dates:

May 18, 2026

Devotions: **Karen Frankenfield**

Speakers: Big Brothers/Big Sisters – **Susan Bartels**; Point Person: **Janis Charvala**

Collection items for Big Brothers/Big Sisters:

Snacks: (individual bag sizes like you buy from Costco or BJ's – favorites are Pirate's Booty, Pretzels,

Cheez its or Applesauce/Fruit pouches) or water (small 8oz bottles)...

Art Supplies: paintbrushes, googly eyes, wide popsicle sticks and pencil cases....

Socks: (ages 6- 18)

Return **Cay Galgon Baby Bottles**

Taco Bar: Cooked Seasoned Beef/**Peggy Wuertele**; Cooked Seasoned Turkey/**Vicki Chimics**

2 packs Shredded Cheese/**Diane Lindeman**; Sour Cream & Taco Sauce/**Karen Frankenfield**

Diced Tomatoes & Lettuce/**Diane Carfara**; Onions/**Sue Marakovits**;

Taco Shells/**Paula Kessack**; Chips/**Linda ?**

Desserts/**Joanne Spengler and Janice Unangst**

Iced Tea/Lemonade- **Cheryl Kneiss**

Kitchen Clean-up: **Cheryl Kneiss/Vicki Chimics**

June 15, 2026

Devotions: **Ruthann Reinsmith**

Entertainer: **Rob Ballonoff**

Collection: Summer Playground Snacks

Picnic Lunch: Hawaiian Meatballs/**Pat Fried**; Dessert/**Kathy Nattress**

Kitchen Clean-up: **Rena Bond/Diane Carfara**

July 20, 2026

Devotions: **Janis Charvala**

Speakers: 10:30 - Pinebrook Children's Home/**Lori VanBoren, Carlos Gomez, Eliana**

Point Person: **Janis Charvala**

Collection: School Supplies...back packs, general school supplies

Plan next 6 months

Ice Cream Sundaes – Ice Cream/**Pat Fried**; Chopped Peanuts/**Cheryl Kneiss**

Caramel/**Linda ?**; Bananas/**Linda Wiland**

Chocolate Syrup/**Karen Frankenfield**

Kitchen Clean-up: **Sue Marakovits/Sandy Cooper**

EVENTS



ZOOTOPIA 2

MAY 8th

at Holy Trinity

Doors open at 5pm Movie starts at
6pm

We will have Popcorn & drinks



Junior Victorian Tea & Basket Raffle

*Sunday, May 31, 2026 2-4p.m.
Doors open at 1:30 for basket raffle*

*Holy Trinity Memorial Lutheran
Church
Fourth & Pine Streets, Catasauqua*


*Kid-friendly beverages, desserts,
activities, & door prizes!
Fun for kids age 3 to 103!
Adults must be accompanied by a child
Dads, sons, and grandsons are welcome,
too!*

Adult \$4 Child \$2

*100% of proceeds will be used for our
youth-sponsored child in Lesotho through
World Vision, and for related causes*

*For tickets, call or text Diane at 610-739-
6006*





April 19, 2016

Dear Catasauqua Community,

We are approaching that time of year when the residents of Catasauqua and North Catasauqua, along with their friends and family, come together to celebrate patriotism and take part in the joyful July 4th Celebration.

The J4 Committee, made up of volunteers from both Catasauqua and North Catasauqua, is working hard to plan this year's gala event, which will be held on Saturday, July 4th at Catasauqua Park (rain date: Sunday, July 5th). The celebration will begin with the reading of the Declaration of Independence at 12:00 pm at the George Taylor House, followed by the opening ceremony at the Catasauqua Park band shell at 1:00 pm.

Following the opening ceremony, attendees can enjoy food trucks, music, craft tables, flea market vendors, a dunk tank, a cornhole tournament, and children's games hosted by the YMCA. This year's event will also feature a Mega Catasauqua High School Class Reunion, bringing together graduates from every class for a special community gathering. We also look forward to welcoming past and present teachers and staff.

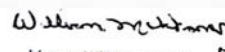
The evening will conclude with Flirtin' with the Mob (7 pm-9 pm) and a fireworks display at dusk, approximately 9:00 p.m., at Alumni Field in the Catasauqua High School football stadium.

The J4 Celebration has been a tradition since 1980 and is held whenever the holiday falls on a weekend. Our last celebration in 2022 was a tremendous success, and we look forward to another wonderful community event this year!


Please visit the J4 website for all of the latest information:

<https://cattytest.my.canva.site/catasauquaj4committee>

Thank you for your support,



Mayor William Molchan
Chairperson



Robert Zakos
Co-Chairperson



Karen Kulp
Treasurer



Megan Roth
Secretary

WE ARE HOSTING A
BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN
TO BENEFIT
CAY GALGON LIFE HOUSE



The mission of the Cay Galgon Life House is to prepare pregnant women and mothers of infants for a life of self-reliance.

How can you help? It's simple!

Pick up an empty baby bottle and fill it with donations - coins, cash, or check (made out to Holy Trinity with a note for the baby bottle campaign).

**RETURN IT TO THE BASSINET IN THE CHURCH OR THE
CHURCH OFFICE DURING REGULAR HOURS BY
MAY 31, 2026**

When you return the bottle you are making a difference in the lives of mothers and babies in our communities.

Baby Bottle Coordinator - Paula Kesack - 484-358-5436

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