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The November newsletter is to the glory of God  
In loving memory of Art and Florence Williams  
by Art and Roxane Williams and family.

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Dearest loved ones,

Our vision at Holy Trinity has shifted a bit since July. Our Council has highlighted that our vision is now: BEING A DIFFERENCE- seeking, partnering, responding. This month, I share a sermon from October 27<sup>th</sup>. Sorry for the length but I do believe this will help in seeing just how committed we are to inviting a different way to be in this world.

Grace and peace to you from our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. The one who invites us to still water. And from the Holy Spirit who urges us to move toward that water. Amen

For those who are newer to this community, on Reformation Sunday in 2017, I led a worship service which was turned upside down. We began that service by singing a hymn and then jumped right into celebrating the Eucharist. This idea came to me in prayer probably because I am a rebel rouser. I mean, everyone knows that our tradition says we must have confession and absolution before we can eat of the body and drink of the blood. Oh wait, perhaps the idea came in prayer for it was Reformation Sunday- the day we celebrate discovering the invitation to life and the freeing of tradition and dogma and orthodoxy.

While we are experiencing this service in a traditional ordo, that word means the ranks of rows on a ship. So, proper placement of all means (properly the oars) to help this boat in moving forward. In our Lutheran tradition ordo is- confession, greeting, kyrie, hymn of praise, prayer, lessons, exhortation of lesson, creed, prayers of intercession, peace, offering, Great Thanksgiving with very specific pieces of liturgy in that part of the ordo, table blessing, final blessing, sending.

This ordo was good and right for a people who were moved by tradition and familiarity, for people who see method as means, or for the pastors who were taught to never question authority. While many of those types of people still exist in our world and in our pews, a new voice, a new teaching of God and authority and order has been poking its nose in our doors here at Holy Trinity. That voice has been offering a new order of oars for they think the church has become stagnant.

Like this thought or not, we should recognize that our world has shifted greatly in the last 70 years. Faster cars, bigger buildings, greater salary and taxes, quicker upload speeds of information, greater yearning for furthered education, and new understandings of God. All of these advances, or tools of the devil depending on how you view them, have changed how we deal in our everyday lives. Therefore, why don't we shift a little in our ordo and in our wording to reflect where the culture dwells and how God is in all that dwelling. This shifting is Biblical. We heard of a great shifting in the first Kings passage just moments ago where worship shifts from a tent to a fixed structure. So, while our ordo for today is quite traditional, some of our language has shifted to invite an understanding of God- here and now, with and within us to be heard and felt by those attending worship.

Is this good and right for us? I cannot be sure. Pray upon it. Ask your children what they think of our new language. Ask them what they think of our old ordo and our old language. Because truthfully, what will keep this boat moving forward are our young people. The people who are the future, the forward. As we move into a possible reformation moment of worship practices, I promise we will keep this traditional format as long as necessary. Yet, we will allow space for new ordo, new language to be present. We will allow this by more worship experiences and times. Wednesday night spiritual worship, Sunday morning breakfast and conversation worship, Family night soup and growing worship, Council worship, Morning Glories worship, and all our gatherings seen as worship.

In today's Gospel reading, we hear of Jesus turning over the tables of the Temple. This act was done for the people in the Temple were worshipping the deities of this world. At that moment it was money. Other moments in the Bible it was correct practice, or correct words, or correct anything which kept the focus and power in the hands of the leaders instead of in the hands of God. Our goal in our mini reformation is to have the focus and power back on God who has given worship and resources to all people. We reform so others can come to know that the name of God has been invoked in their hearts and life is carried out through their hands and their voices because we reside in God and God

has built for us- life. So, as you come to Holy Trinity for an 8am spoken service, or a 9:15 relaxed service, or a 10:30 traditional service come so to gives thanks and praise. Come to empty yourself of the world and allow the Spirit to fill you with life. Come not out of obligation but out of response. Come for here we are reformed- changed in body, mind, and spirit to be a difference in a world which needs to remember God here, God now, God with and within us as life as love as future. Amen

Your partner in life, Pr. Brian

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

**The deadline for the Dec./Jan. newsletter is November 20th**

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



By now, you should have received your offering envelopes for November and December in the mail. If you do not receive them, please contact Danielle in the church office. (610-264-2641)

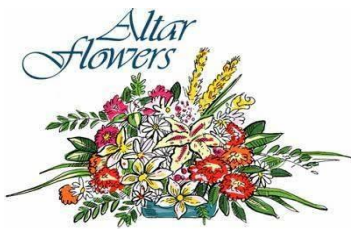
### **TURNING POINT RECYCLING PROGRAM**

"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!

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"**.



**To the Glory of God and**

- Nov. 3rd In honor of Ann Spengler's birthday by Dale.  
Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> by John and Sue Marakovits  
Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> In loving memory of Joseph Baragone by Sandy and Erich Svitana.  
Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> In lieu of flowers, by Diane Czar

*Bulletin dedications are open for the November 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.*

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- 11/03 Karla Fryslin  
11/04 Hannah Edwards  
11/04 Janet Schmidt  
11/06 Christy Alvord  
11/06 John Marakovits  
11/07 Holly Creyer  
11/08 Glenn Roth  
11/08 Graclyn Williams  
11/09 Joanne Brown  
11/09 Ty Reitz  
11/10 Braeden Lower  
11/10 Brielle Lower  
11/10 Jax Coffin  
11/10/ Kate Fiorvanti  
11/10 Keith Hodge  
11/10 Meghann Fiorvanti  
11/12/ Matthew Fiorvanti  
11/13 Stacey Leonard  
11/13 Kim Riedy  
11/13 Lily Zimmerman  
11/14 Deanna Rozsitch  
11/17 Patty Fister  
11/18 John Zakos  
11/18 Terri Schrader  
11/19 Jason Carfara  
11/20 Robert Edwards  
11/22 Amie Tracy

11/22 Paul Gillette  
11/24 Carol Cunningham  
11/25 Hunter Reitz  
11/27 Gail McDevitt  
11/30 Frank Monastra



We Lift up the family and friends of John Koch October 7, 2024.  
They are now fully embraced in Gods Kingdom



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

**Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**: 4pm Mosaic Youth Winter Concert

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

**VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA'S HOLIDAY HOPE CHEST PROGRAM:** The Morning Glories are again participating in the Holiday Hope Chest program.

This year, we are assigned boxes for 9 to 12 year old boys and girls and gift cards for those over 13 years old. Contact Janis Charvala (610 440-0073) for the Guidelines. You can order SCRIPT gift cards from Diane Czar (610-739-6006) and Holy Trinity will benefit, also.

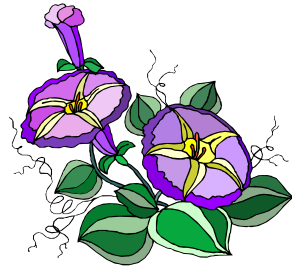


Final 30-Hour Famine total: \$2445!!!! Enough to feed and care for 61 children for a month! On behalf of **Riley Knecht, Emily Suter, and Kalei Hodson...THANK YOU** for making World Vision's fight against hunger personal!

Wasn't it great to see Holy Trinity youth **Lilah Carfara** and Susquehanna freshman **Dylan Carfara** serving beverages and dinners at the October Chicken Marsala Dinner?! Lilah has also been serving communion at the 10:30 service.

Do you have a youth who would like to serve at Five Loaves and 2 Fish events? Contact Janis Charvala (home phone 610-440-0073) or Diane Czar (call or text 610-739-6006) for more information or to volunteer!

Once again, the youth want to make beautiful **calendars** available to you at an amazingly reasonable price. See the signup sheet in the entryway to reserve your 2025 wall (\$9) and/or pocket (\$5) calendars. These beautiful, high quality calendars will arrive in plenty of time for Christmas. BUT...we need to order in increments of 25, so in order to offer these calendars without incurring a loss, we need a substantial number of pre-orders. We're not hoping to make a profit on this sale - it's our way of saying thank-you to our congregation for another year of awesome support for our 2024 activities (30 Hour Famine, Junior Tea & Basket Raffle, Community Egg Hunt, and the Souper Bowl of Caring).



**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 October 21, 2024 meeting was attended by 25 women, including guest, **Christine Hershman**, and the speaker from the Clubhouse of the Lehigh Valley, **Chris Stout**. Welcome! Once again, **Betty Henderschedt** played our opening song, "Good Morning, Lord." Thanks, Betty.

One of our newer members, **Peggy Wuertele**, led the devotions. She pointed out that we all seem to be anxious lately, whether it is from worry about natural disasters or even the election. During these times Peggy reaches for her book called "Finding Joy: 101 Ways to Free Your Spirit" by Charlotte Davis Kasl. She points out that joy brings hope and we should take time to remember good things we have done. Perhaps take a break from the news. Then she led us in a meditation that she practices. She recites the words from Psalm 46:10: "Be still and know that I am God." As she recites it again and again, she drops off the last word until it ends with "Be."

Our speaker this month was **Chris Stout** from The Clubhouse of Lehigh County. It is a place for persons recovering from mental illness and offers a safe and healing environment located at 1435 W. Gordon St., Allentown. Chris pointed out that 1 in 4 people will experience mental illness. The Clubhouse non-profit started in New York City in the 1940s. The Clubhouse of Lehigh County in Allentown was started in 1999 so this year is its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. There are at least 328 chapters in 30 countries worldwide, 20 in Pennsylvania alone. Allentown is slightly different because it is funded by Lehigh County. It also gets support from GoodWill. Right now, Allentown serves approx. 50 individuals regularly with about 300 active members. A person can join if there is a documented mental health issue and lifetime membership is free. Members choose their own attendance schedules and areas of participation.

Our collection table overflowed with coats and personal hygiene items for The Clubhouse of Lehigh County.

### **New Business/Old Business:**

**Birthdays:** The birthdays for October were acknowledged. They will receive a birthday picture, created by **Karen Frankenfield**.

**Correspondence:** This month, our correspondence included letters from The Chemo Bag organization, The Children's Home of Easton and Jamie Silvonek. Also a special thank you from Jax and Jason, sons of Holy Trinity's new secretary, Danielle Coffin.

**Judy Spaits** thanked everyone for the cards she received during her recent hospital stay and rehab. She is thankfully on the mend. Janis told us that another member, **Linda Heiberger** recently had gall bladder surgery and asked that we keep her in our prayers.

**Turning Point used cell phone collection:** Our liaison, **Linda Wiland**, has nothing new to report.

### Trinity Morning Glories (cont'd)

**Thinking of You Card Ministry:** We often get feedback from those who receive our cards; that they make a meaningful difference in their lives. Now that our college students are settled in, we will also be sending them a monthly card. Once again **Sandi Smith** and **Diane Jones**, along with **Trevor Smith**, filled our tables with all these cards to sign. Thanks for this important ministry!

**Volunteer Needed:** **Kathy Nattress** has asked that someone else step up to take the Morning Glories Notes in January. Update: **Ann Marie Overdorf** has volunteered to do our note taking; she will be working with Kathy for Nov/Dec notes.

**Murder Mystery:** The final amount, a whopping **\$3,411.00**, was forwarded to The Children's Home of Easton from "Murder at the Moulin Rouge," held Sept. 14! It's now time to think ahead to 2025. The members voted to continue with this fun fundraiser. **Janis Chavala** has been in touch with Without a Cue Productions. They will not have their list of 2025 shows until December but Janis will ask them to reserve September 13, 2025 for the Morning Glories. We already have 2 angels each willing to donate \$500 toward the cost of the play. More to come in December or January.

**Holiday Hope Chest Boxes:** This year, we have been given a choice of something new. We are assigned 9 to 12 year old boys or girls or the organization can also use \$15 to \$25 gift cards for Amazon, Target, Walmart, Five Below or Visa/Mastercard for ages 13+. The gift cards do not need to be in shoe boxes but rather in sealed envelopes. **Diane Czar** pointed out that she will have a supply of SCRIP cards available. **Janis** passed around a sign-up sheet and a gift suggestion list. Please bring your gifts to our November 18 meeting.

**December meeting:** **Paula Kesack** from our December Fun Team gave us an update for our December meeting. First, we are asked to wear red or green. Then she explained about our gift exchange. Instead of purchasing a gift, she asks everyone to look around their home and chose something you no longer need and wrap it up. It's called a White Elephant Gift Exchange. It can be anything at all: clothing, household item, decoration, use your imagination.

**Raffle Team:** There were four items from the basket raffle where the team couldn't contact the winner. The raffle team decided to pick names at random of women at our meeting and give them an extra surprise!

**Distribution of Offering:** Our collection this month was \$310.00. We voted to send two \$25 SCRIP card to Cay Galgon Lifehouse, and the remaining \$260.00 to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. **Anne Marie Overdorf** has brought an important fundraiser to our attention. It is being held for Carter Boyle, a 12 year old from Whitehall/Coplay, battling liver cancer. She will get more information for our November meeting.

We ended with our Edelweiss Song. This month we celebrated with the makings for hoagies and of course, desserts.

Since Sept. 2008, **\$81,822.55** has been donated to special causes; this does not include all the non-monetary donations that have been made over the past **16** years which probably equal that amount.

#### **Future Dates:**

**Monday, November 18, 2024**

Devotions: Pat Fried

Speaker: Barb & Gene Schlegel, Friends of Catasauqua Parks – Sandi Smith, point person

Carter Boyle Special Monetary Collection; Carter who is 12 years old has a rare form of liver cancer.

Holiday Hope Chest Box/Gift Card collection

**Lunch:** Soup/Bread/Dessert

Bread - Cheryl Kneiss, Linda Wiland

Soup/Ann Marie Overdorf; Broccoli soup/Lois McAllister; Ham & Bean Soup/Rena Bond

Desserts - Karen Frankenfield/Ruthann Reinsmith

Iced tea – Paula Kesack

Kitchen Clean-up: Lois McAllister and Karen Frankenfield

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

**Monday, December 9, 2024 (note: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday)**

Christmas Party – Fun Team: Deb Frey, Paula Kesack, Sue Smale, Deb Daddona

Devotions: TBD

Collection items: P.J.s for The Pajama Program

Food: Buffet

Appetizer: Meatballs/Vicki Chimics

Spinach & Strawberry Salad/Cheryl Kneiss

Rolls/Debbie Frey

Kitchen Clean-up: Brenda Ondush, Cheryl Kneiss and Vicki Chimics

**Monday, January 20, 2024**

Devotions: TBD

Speaker: Lois Reed, Catasauqua Community Cares Program (C3P) and Community That Cares (CTC)

– Diane Carfara, point person

Collection items: white socks (for the Homeless shelter)

Food: Pizza

Ice Tea/Cheryl Kneiss; Dessert/Betty Henderschedt

Kitchen Clean-up: Linda Wiland and Linda Fetters



**NEIGHBOR SUPPORTING NEIGHBOR**

October has seen a whirlwind of community activity at Holy Trinity! Our award-winning float in the Catty parade (with our prize money gifted to the Catty School District for personal care items for students), Trunk-or-Treat with the Catty police at the playground, hot dog and cocoa giveaway on Halloween night...as well as the continuation of the FAST (Fun After School at Trinity) program and snack giveaway at the Catty playground for the middle schoolers. God, everywhere you turn!

The Five Loaves & Two Fish Team was also back in business...and will be looking for volunteers to help with upcoming events. The Chicken Marsala Dinner on October 12th raised \$1411 for the Allentown Rescue Mission. **Next up: Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale on Saturday, November 23rd from 8:30-11am.** Arrive any time during the breakfast...no tickets needed to enjoy a delicious meal! This by-donation event benefits the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, which helps meet emergency needs of our church family and Catasauqua neighbors. Talk to Janis Charvala (home phone 610-440-0073) if you'd like to be part of the volunteer crew.



Watch for "**Warm-Up Wednesday**" free soup nights to start the week after Thanksgiving. This isn't just for the Catasauqua community...and it isn't just for the food insecure. Think about it *THIS* way: how beautiful would it be to be together in HT's fellowship hall with our church "members" and with the Catasauqua community, sharing a meal and a friendly word, or even just sharing a quiet table? What a non-traditional worship experience *THAT* would be!

In the meantime, everyone is welcome to come out on **Wednesday evenings for games, puzzles, music, karaoke...and a light supper! Come as early as 5, stay as late as 9.** At the end of November, music and game night will merge with Warm-Up Wednesdays.

Beyond Catty...it's time for us to help area agencies provide a Merry Christmas to their clients/residents. The annual Mission District **Ingathering of gifts runs from Sunday, November 3rd through Sunday, December 1st.** HT is responsible for 4 gifts for individuals at KidsPeace (details to follow), 200 fruit snacks, 25 puzzle books, 35 packs of washable markers/colored pencils/crayons, \$12 to purchase journals, and \$25 towards a group gift for this year's featured agency, the Allentown Y Warming Station. The Warming Station is no stranger to HT – the youth, Morning Glories, and Five Loaves Team have all raised funds for this agency, helping to provide a safe, warm place overnight during the cold winter months. Watch for the Angel Tree in the entryway with tags for all of these needed items...plus wish lists for extra gifts for The Warming Station and Gracedale Nursing Home. Want to get personally involved in the Ingathering? Join members of the Social Ministry Team on Monday, December 2nd to sort the many gifts...and come with us on Thursday, December 5th at 10am for the big sort with our sister churches at Union Lutheran Church in Schnecksville - then stay to hear the speaker from the Warming Station, and to enjoy a delicious lunch together. Let Cheryl Kneis or Diane Czar know if you'd like to attend.

**HT's FOOD SHELF**...Did you know we have one? We have a number of people that your Pastor and his discretionary fund are helping...but there's another way we can help our neighbors. They often check the shelf in the hallway for needed items, and if you already put things on the shelf, thank you! There are some people who are homeless and have no refrigeration or cooking facilities, or who live in a rooming house where they only have access to a microwave. To address their specific needs, here are **some suggested items: individual microwavable items that don't need refrigeration (like individual Chef Boy-ar-dee and mac-n-cheese), peanut butter and jelly, crackers, individual servings of fruit that don't need refrigeration, bottled water, and juice boxes. Men's and women's toiletries are also welcome: shampoo, body wash, toothbrushes and toothpaste, deodorant (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!

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. As one person said, "I come up because I need to be around positive people." 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".

🎵 *It's not enough to do nothing...it's time for us to do something!* - Matthew West "Do Something"



Holy Trinity's SCRIP card fundraiser in a nutshell:

~The second Sunday of each month is the deadline for our regular monthly order. (Exception: December deadline is the first Sunday, to avoid holiday shipping delays.)

~Cards are delivered to you at church the 3rd Sunday of the month. We receive them 4 days after the order deadline. Contact Joe if you need your cards before Sunday.

~SCRIP profits are rolled into an inventory of the most popular cards, available for immediate purchase. The exception to this is when there is a faith formation-related expense to pay, or a Paul Frantz scholarship to be awarded. SCRIP profits have also benefited Numan Orphanage in Ethiopia and the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in the past. What better faith formation act than living out Jesus' example of caring for someone in need?

~Order forms are in the back of the sanctuary and in rack in the hall just outside the church office. Contact Joe or Diane (610-739-6006) for more information or to browse the cards in stock. IOUs are welcome!

**Our next order deadline is Sunday November 10th. (December's order deadline will be one week early - December 1st.) Think shopping for holiday meals/baking; Black Friday sales; Christmas shopping (including Secret Santa, employee, teacher, hairdresser, boss), as well as your regular runs for coffee, gas, groceries, prescriptions, and meals out.**

**NOTE TO MORNING GLORIES:** If you want to give gift cards for the holiday shoebox collection, we have \$25 cards in stock from Walmart, Target, and Amazon.



## Community Liaison

**October 2024**

### **Borough Activity:**

- Work continues David Bernini 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. This will be part of the sister cities project. We are waiting on further paperwork to be completed to further this collaboration.

### **Music Education:**

- FAST continues on through the fall. If you are interested in Volunteering, please contact her via email at [fasthtmlcatasauqua@gmail.com](mailto:fasthtmlcatasauqua@gmail.com)

### **Community Music/Arts:**

- Mosaic Youth Choir will once again hold their monthly workshops here the first Saturday of each month.
- The Community Bell Choir and Community Choir are planning their fall activities including the Catasauqua and North Catasauqua Tree lightings. This will also include Reformation on the 27th and the ecumenical service on the 28th, a performance at the Catty High Rise on December 5th and at Fellowship Manor on December 12th.
- Wednesday Meditations continue with Sound Baths in the Sanctuary every second Wednesday. Yoga will return in the fall.

## *Holy Trinity's 19th Victorian Raffle*

Our 2024 Raffle was held on Fri., October 4, from 4 to 7 and Sat., October 5, from 10 to 2.

The Victorian Tea Team had a great time setting all the raffle items up on Wed., Oct. 2. In the thanks, we also include Trinity's Publicity Team: Mary Ann Gibbons, Barb Roth, Sherry Creyer, Robin McCloud, Kerilyn Burrows, Danielle Coffin, Karla Peters, Diane Czar and Joe Schwindenhammer. Thanks to our setup/tear down team: Jerry Charvala, Bob Connelly, Al Ulrich, and John Marakovits.

All the raffle items were grouped by category to make choosing where to put tickets easier. On red placemats, at the end of each table, were bags for various gift cards. Our Posey Patch in memory of Pat Kincaid, Sande Gillette and Suzanne Webb was again very popular. A very special thank you to Nicholas Herman, our resident Woodworking Expert, who donated his hand crafted wood items.

Entrance was through the church's portico door on 4<sup>th</sup> St. As each person was welcomed, they were given a listing of the raffle item categories and the sponsors of the gift cards. They then proceeded to a table that had an index card on which they wrote their name and phone number. They took the card to a ticket seller who recorded the ticket number. Stephanie Chemic's computer program which she created to facilitate locating the winning numbers was again used. Diane Carfara and her friend, Pam Sell worked on the computer input with Steph. What a wonderful difference this has made in drawing the winning numbers and notifying people!

The following sponsors, who were not from Trinity, generously supplied gift certificates, monetary donations or products for our raffle. The sponsors included 1760 Pub & Grille, 2 Brothers Pizzeria & Restaurant, Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza & Wings, Avon Rep-Sandra Jones-Smith, Bacon Strip, Becky's Drive-in, Bethlehem Dairy Store, Biaggio's, BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse, Bonefish Grill, Carrabba's, Cathy's Catering & Cafe, Copperhead Grille, CoreLife Eatery, Costco, Crazy Cone Soft Ice Cream, Daku's Auto Body, Dave & Buster's, Delizioso Italian Grill, Devolution, Dunkin' Donuts, Feasta Pizza, Filbert's Bed & Breakfast, Giant Markets, Grocery Outlet, Henry's Fine Dining, HOPS – The Paddock, Ice Cream World, Jersey Mike's, Jordan Bowling Lanes, Just Chill Creamery, Keystone Pub & Grill, King Kone, Kuhnsville Car Wash, Lehigh Valley Garden Center, Main St. Pub, Balley, Menchie's, Miller Supply-ACE Hardware, Mink's Candy, Mission BBQ, Morgan's, Nacci Printing, Olive Garden, Oliver's Salon & Spa, Pat's Pizzeria of Bethlehem, Perkins, P.J. Whelihan's, Point Phillips Hotel, Prime Steak House, Raising Cane Chicken Fingers, Roxy Management Co., Tanczos Beverages, Salvatore Ruffino's, The Shake Shack, The Shelby, Traditions of Hanover, Town & Country Restaurant, The Udder Bar, Wally's Deli, Wegman's, Weil's Antique Center, Weis Markets, Peggy Kindt, Gerry Zirinsky, Cindy Day, Kirsten Kinch, Judy Schaar and Ann Marie Charvala.

We extend a very special thank you to Trinity's members and Peaceable Kingdom volunteers who contributed gift certificates, unique items and baskets. The Raffle Team received many compliments on the size and quality of the offerings and the setup of the raffle.

The final total which went to "Peaceable Kingdom Animal Shelter" is **\$4,458**. Over the last 19 years, we have raised **\$74,137** between the Victorian Raffle and Tea.

**Victorian Tea/Raffle Team:** Cheryl Kneiss, Barb Fister, Sue Marakovits, Diane Jones, Ruthann Reinsmith, Sandy Svitana, Vicki Chemics, Mary Ann Gibbons, Sue Smale, Trish Wells, Judy Connelly, Janis Charvala, Carol Hartranft, Rena Bond, Debbie Daddona, Diane Carfara, Sue Hodge, Brooke Neve



**Holy Trinity Memorial Lutheran Church - Catasauqua PA**  
**Treasurer's Report as of September 2024 (Newsletter)**

**Wednesday, October 30, 2024**

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Account #	Account Name	Period Activity	Monthly Budget	YTD Balance	Budget YTD
<b>Income</b>					
4.200.100	Plate Offering (Budgeted Income)	15,390.30	23,626.00	175,309.21	184,278.00
4.300.100	Building	15.00		275.00	
4.400.100	Capital Campaign Income	327.00		4,227.00	
4.700.000	Benevolence	175.00		1,830.00	
4.800.000	Holidays	0.00		5,074.00	
4.810.000	Wish List Income	0.00		950.00	
4.900.170	World Hunger	0.00		20.00	
4.900.180	Flowers	(175.00)		(153.50)	
4.905.000	Interest Income	4.24		19.79	
4.910.000	Church and Office Income	0.00		648.16	
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$15,736.54</b>	<b>\$23,626.00</b>	<b>\$188,199.66*</b>	<b>\$184,278.00</b>

**Expenses Total Pastor**

5.100.110	Pastor's Salary	3,166.66	3,167.00	28,499.94	28,503.00
5.100.300	Supply Pastor's	0.00	42.00	200.00	378.00
5.100.400	Social Security Allowance	427.12	427.00	3,844.08*	3,843.00
5.100.500	Health, Disability, Pension Benefit	3,942.14	4,104.00	35,622.41	36,936.00
5.100.600	Continuing Education	0.00	25.00	0.00	225.00
5.100.700	Housing	2,416.66	2,417.00	21,749.94	21,753.00
	<b>Total Pastor</b>	<b>\$9,952.58</b>	<b>\$10,182.00</b>	<b>\$89,916.37</b>	<b>\$91,638.00</b>
5.200.100	Car Allowance (Pastor)	0.00	92.00	270.01	828.00
5.200.200	Church and Office Expense	540.26	458.00	5,751.92*	4,122.00
5.200.300	Service Contracts	187.29	358.00	2,829.94	3,222.00
5.200.400	Secretary Salary	1,250.00	2,083.00	18,541.61	18,747.00
5.200.500	Secretary Social Security	95.63	159.00	1,418.45	1,431.00
5.200.600	Synod Assembly/Committee Development	0.00	25.00	466.36*	225.00
5.200.700	Payroll Services	120.24	100.00	1,199.21*	900.00
5.300.100	Cleaning Service	559.00	558.00	5,031.00*	5,022.00
5.300.200	Lawn and Snow Maintenance	180.00	292.00	2,521.25	2,628.00
5.300.300	Cleaning Supplies	0.00	63.00	554.33	567.00
5.300.400	Maintenance	1,682.10	542.00	6,299.41*	4,878.00
5.300.500	Utilities	0.00	1,250.00	0.00	11,250.00
5.300.501	PPL	487.41		4,001.12	
5.300.502	UGI	46.05		4,571.56	
5.300.503	Water Bill	0.00		886.70	
5.300.504	Garbage Bill	0.00		370.50	
5.300.505	RCN	235.15		1,451.08	

**Holy Trinity Memorial Lutheran Church - Catasauqua PA**  
**Treasurer's Report as of September 2024 (Newsletter)**

**Wednesday, October 30, 2024**

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Account #	Account Name	Period Activity	Monthly Budget	YTD Balance	Budget YTD
5.300.600	Insurance (Multi-peril & Workmans Comp)	2,234.75	708.00	6,524.50*	6,372.00
5.400.100	Church Musicians Salary	1,925.00	2,390.00	17,325.00	21,510.00

5.400.200	Church Musicians Social Security	147.27	183.00	1,325.36	1,647.00
5.400.300	Supply Organists/Instruments	0.00	42.00	0.00	378.00
5.400.400	Music and Supplies	0.00	17.00	251.95*	153.00
5.400.500	Instrument Maintenance	0.00	50.00	300.00	450.00
5.500.100	NEP Synod and ELCA	900.00	900.00	8,100.00	8,100.00
5.600.000	Miscellaneous	0.00	25.00	93.42	225.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$20,542.73</b>	<b>\$20,477.00</b>	<b>\$180,001.05</b>	<b>\$184,293.00</b>
<b>Difference</b>		<b>(\$4,806.19)</b>	<b>\$3,149.00</b>	<b>\$8,198.61</b>	<b>(\$15.00)</b>

\* = Income/Expense exceeds amount budgeted to date

## PROPERTY Oct 7, 2024

Attendees: Jerry Charvala, Allen Ulrich, Tom Jones, Frank Manastra, Keith Hodge, Pr Brian  
Prayer-

- Pointing/cracks, fellowship Hall windows. Cement work anticipated to start next week.
- 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 next week. Pastor's neighbor will volunteer.
- Macadam chips in parking lot still keeping eye on them.
- 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 climbed up and look at this. He is looking at mushroom caps to keep out leaves and debris.
- Drain cleaning beginning of December
- Lights in chancel arrived. Pat and Lester will install.
- BoyScouts will take room at bottom of steps. We must continue to cleanout for them.
- Locks placed on 3 doors for Basket Raffle security and similarity for those who need the keys.
- Report of pipes to borough complete
- Air Professionals quote to fix boiler
- Witt Snow removal quote- approved
- Audio/video upgrade proposal approved by 80% of team. \$1,400.00
- Do we want to support projects:
- 2. Accessible bathroom in robing room/sacristy ----- \$56,000  
Concern was expressed as to the layout of bathrooms and a request will be submitted to have a drawing outlining the project scope. Al will contact plumber. Will give updated wishes to plumber.
- 3. Removal of pews, restrain floor, reattach pews at greater distance for room between pews. Or, switch to single chairs? (approximately \$7,000.00). We move to remove pews and go to chairs. This we pass to Worship and Music.
- Vote determination- Team is overall in support of these projects. They are waiting for clarificati on before a firm vote.
- Carpets on office level of church. Need to wait until chair lift elevator options are discussed.`

**\*\*NEXT MEETING: Nov4<sup>th</sup> 1:00. Please come and join team if able!!!!**

# Braised Beef in Wine Dinner

**Sat. December 14, 2024**

**4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00 Seating**

Braised Beef in Wine, Crème Fraiche Mashed Potatoes, Carrots,  
Garden Salad, Roll/Butter and Chocolate Mousse

Coffee, Tea, Ice Tea, Water

**By Donation**

All Proceeds to benefit **Pa Wounded Warriors**

Contact: Lynn —610 264 -2026 for reservations

**Reservation Deadline: Sunday, Dec. 8, 2024**

(ONLY 100 seatings available —Eat -in Only)



**Holy Trinity  
Memorial  
Lutheran  
Church**

**604 4<sup>th</sup>  
Street  
Catasauqua,  
Pa**



**Pancake Breakfast**  
**Saturday, November 23, 2024**  
**8:30 am to 11 am**

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



**By Donation!**

**Buttermilk or Pumpkin Pancakes**  
**Sausage Links**

**Baked Goods also available!**  
**(Think Thanksgiving)**

**Proceeds to benefit: Pastor's Discretionary Fund**



**NEPA SYNOD**  
Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod

NORTHERN LEHIGH VALLEY  
MISSION DISTRICT

# TOWN HALL CHEW & CHAT

With Bishop Christopher deForest,  
VP Nancy Reichelt, & DEM Kat Tigerman



**Wed Nov 20**

5:30 – 8:00 PM



## LOCATION

**Jordan Lutheran Church**

5103 Snowdrift Rd  
Orefield, PA 18069-9513



## QUESTIONS?

Rev. Dody Siegfried , Dean of the Northern Lehigh Valley Mission District  
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