

**HOLY TRINITY
LUTHERAN CHURCH
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HOLIDAY EDITION
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Pastor's Peace

Dear Friends in Christ,

As I write this, Phillies Phever is sweeping our area, Halloween is coming and the young people are ready to put on their costumes and beg for treats. We are now getting to the holiday seasons. I've already seen Christmas commercials and the stores are starting to display their Christmas sales.

November is the month that we are asked to remember and give thanks for all that God has given to us - but really every day should be a day to be thankful to God! We have received so much and are so blessed by God that the expression of gratitude, or giving thanks, is the simplest and surest way of giving honor and paying respect to another person.

It is expected, then, that expressions of gratitude to God should be among the most basic aspects of our relationship with God. It is all too easy for us to overlook the ordinary, everyday blessings that we enjoy: Food and clothing, shelter, friends, health. Too often these things are taken for granted as though they were our due. But the fact that so many of God's good gifts have been with us all our lives is a circumstance that ought rather to increase our sense of thankfulness.

It is good for us to pause and recollect, for all the comforts and blessings of our lives always outweigh the unpleasant things, and, for this very reason, we tend to overlook them. We give thanks to God for God's many blessings, and not the least for the opportunities God has given us of learning patience and forbearance through our adversities, of and every day. Join learning, perhaps even in failure or neglect, that the only ultimate value in our lives is the love God has for us.

In this month that we celebrate Thanksgiving and all of the gifts we have been given, let us not forget to give thanks to our God who graciously shares God's gifts with us each US as we give thanks on Tuesday, November 21st at 7:00 PM.

See you in Church,

Pastor Russell Haab+

Council Communication



Dear Holy Trinity Family

It seems like 2023 just started and here we are almost to the end. We find ourselves preparing for Thanksgiving, Christmas and the dawn of a new year. It is during this time when stress levels rise as we try to have the perfect holidays with family and friends. In the midst of all of the shopping, parties etc. let the church be the place of rest. A place to come and refresh your mind and spirit and to be filled with the Love of Our Lord. To celebrate HIS birth.

We have so much to give thanks for here at Holy Trinity. Pastor Haab has brought new life and joy to our worship. Michelle Foster, Voices That Reign and all of our guest musicians have filled our church with beautiful music and song. Our dedicated Council members Judy and Hank Bariexca have overseen the Installation and upgrade of our new boiler system. (Many hours, we owe them a huge debt of gratitude) The KidzSpace school program has filled our halls with the sounds of laughter and learning. They have helped us to make improvements to our grounds, and to our building. Our food pantry is now open and helping many in need. We are so blessed and so thankful to be one of God's beloved. Thank you to all that continue to volunteer to help with worship, Sunday school, committees, planting, weeding, cleaning, fellowship, baking,.....

WE ARE ENTERING INTO ALMOST 70 YEARS, how amazing is that!! November 17, 2024 marks our 70th year here at Holy Trinity. Council will be kicking off a new Stewardship drive this Nov. to help us remember all the wonderful things we have been able to accomplish through the faithful generosity of our members. If you have any stories or pictures to share, please reach out and let us know. Each month we will be focusing on a different part of our church. And then in Nov. of 2024 we will be hosting a 70th anniversary celebration.

Finally Pastor performed two Funeral services, one for our Brother in Christ, Ron Jernigan and the other for our sister in Christ, Marion Cassel. Both were called to their heavenly home. We remember and give thanks for them and pray for continued comfort for all their family and friends.

In Christ

Bonnie Mazza Council President



SPECIAL WORSHIP & EVENT DATES:

November 5—All Saints Sunday 10am

We remember all those who have been called to their heavenly home.

Saturday, November 11th @10am

Church Outside Cleanup Day. A great day of fellowship as we work together to clean up the grounds outside the church.

Service hours are available for our school aged members

Tuesday, November 21st @7pm

Thanksgiving Service. Come prepare your hearts before the holiday with a service of thanks.

Saturday, December 2 @ 10am

Greening of the Church. Bring your whole family out to help us decorate our church for Christmas.

Sunday, December 17 @10am

Sunday School Christmas program.

Thursday, Dec 21st @7pm

Christmas Concert with Voices That Reign.

A great night for all ages.

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 24th

10am Worship

Christmas Eve, December 24th

7pm & 10pm

Sunday, December 31st @10am

Service of Lessons & Carols.

**Our Worship & Christian
Education Times**

Sunday Mornings

9am : Sunday school

**10am : Worship Service Communion 1st
& 3rd Sundays**

Blended Worship

**4th Sunday: Featuring
Voices That Reign**

**Special Services offered throughout
the holiday seasons. Please see next page
or check our**

FB or website for times and dates.

**FB: Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church,
Burlington Twp, NJ**

Instagram: holytrinitybt

Website: holytrinityelc.org



Our food pantry is now open.

**Please continue to bring in your donations for the
HOLY TRINITY FOOD PANTRY.**

**If you would like to be a part of the Food Pantry
Ministry we now have shelves and need to inventory
weekly. We will also be opening up to the community
the third Sunday after worship each month from noon
–2pm starting November 19. Please call the office if
you'd like to help out.**



Thanksgiving
Baskets

Thanksgiving Baskets


This year we are once again putting together baskets for those who need a little extra help. It our hope that we can put together 8-10 baskets. If you would like to help donate items or even make a basket see signup sheet on the bulletin board. All items must be brought in by Friday November 17th. Here are some suggested items for each basket.

Boxed Stuffing, package or jar of gravy, small bag of potatoes, canned cranberry sauce, frozen pies , canned vegetables, chicken broth, apple cider, rolls, and a small turkey 10lb-12lb

Thank You from our Scholarship Recipients

To Holy Trinity Council and Family,

I would like to say thank you for the scholarship money. It means the world to me to know I still have a loving and blessed family at Holy Trinity that supports me no matter where I am. This money will go towards groceries as well as student government apparel so I can continue to make Penn State Altoona a better place.

With Grace,
Chloe Mazza 

Dear Council,

Thank you so much for your generous scholarship contribution to my education. I plan to use the money towards supplies for classes and food.

Thank You Again,
Ellie Poethke

Dear Holy Trinity,

Thank you very much for your unforgettable support towards my education and future. Your generosity has enabled me to continue working towards my dreams. With your assistance, I plan to become an occupational therapist and help motivate people to physically and mentally become the best they can be. This scholarship means so much to me and I would not be successful without it.

Thank You
Ansley Morrison

Hi,

I want to thank you so much for yours generosity and support through this scholarship. This will be a huge help with college books, and any other expenses throughout this school year.

Yours in Christ,
Naomi Morrison

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All Are Welcome

