

TIDINGS

May 2025

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May

*"But these are written so that you **may** come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you **may** have life in his name."* John 20:35

It's the only name of a month that is also a verb that is commonly used. Oxford dictionary defines May as:

1. expressing possibility. "that may be true"
2. expressing permission. "may I ask a few questions?"
3. expressing a wish or hope. "may she rest in peace"

These are interconnected but very different meanings.

The last verse of John uses the verb two times. That we may come to believe and that we may have life. I believe that all three definitions may be appropriate here. The gospel was written so that we have the possibility and permission to believe, and God truly hopes we will. Our believing gives us the possibility and permission to have eternal life, something that God truly wants us to have.

The Easter season continues through the month of May. As we celebrate the resurrection, let us have the same convictions about may as the author of John. Let us joyfully tell the story so that others may believe and may have life in Christ.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Sarah

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²And we bring you the good **Tidings**
 that what God promised to our
 ancestors ³³he has fulfilled for us, their
 children, by raising Jesus;
 Acts 13:32-33a

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Food Pantry

2025 Dates: June 21 August 9 October 11 December 13

Items needed for the June distribution:

Drink mix/lemonade mix	Liquid hand soap	Cereal/granola bars
Popcorn	Laundry detergent	Toilet paper

Items always needed:

Mac & cheese/pasta	Applesauce	Baked beans	Cake/muffin/brownie mix
Canned fruit	Canned tuna	Cereal	Granola bars
Pasta Sauce	Oatmeal	Paper towels	Toilet paper
Peanut butter & Jelly	Potato/rice mix	Pudding Cups	

Many thanks for the generous donations to date! If you would like to donate, please mark "food pantry" in the subject line on your check or you may use one of the pew envelopes if you would like to donate cash. Food pantry contact: Jodi Waugaman at 724-516-9680 or waugawoman86@comast.net

Church Finances

CONGREGATIONAL AVERAGE OFFERING MARCH 2025

<u>2025 BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET NEEDS WEEKLY</u>	<u>AVERAGE WEEKLY OFFERING</u>
\$392,407.00	\$7,547.00	\$7,356.79
<u>2025 IMPROVEMENT FUND</u>	<u>WEEKLY GOAL</u>	<u>AVERAGE WEEKLY OFFERING</u>
\$24,000.00	\$461.00	\$97.80
<u>2025 ORGAN FUND</u>		<u>AVERAGE WEEKLY OFFERING</u>
		\$572.00

Online TithingThe church has set up online giving through **Tithley**. (the church incurs approximately a 3% fee or you may add the fee into your donation to cover that 3%). To donate through online giving please visit: <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1399928>

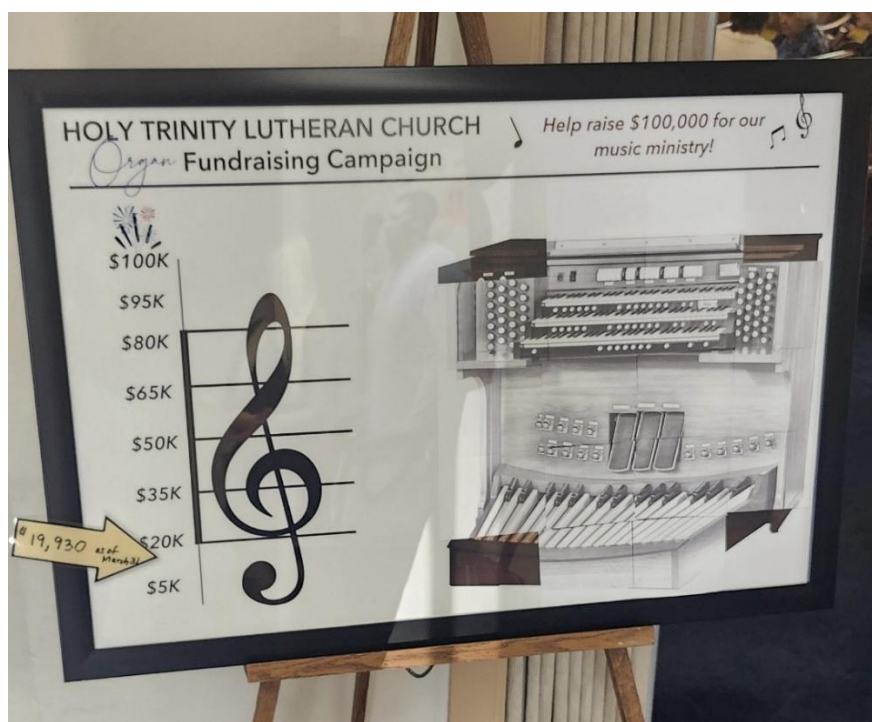
Trinity Lutheran Care Fund (TLC) is a ministry of the church that offers assistance to members of the congregation experiencing financial need, due to extreme, unusual and/or medical circumstances. If you'd like to request help, please contact Pastor Sarah, Julie Kuhn, or Jodi Waugaman.

THRIVENT Investors:

It's time to **remember HTLC with your Thrivent Choice Dollars**. Please either go online or contact your Thrivent agent and **select Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Irwin to receive your Choice Dollars**

ORGAN FUND

As you enter the church, you will notice a display in the Narthex about fundraising for the new organ that Holy Trinity is purchasing. The display reflects our progress toward the goal of \$100,000 and with each \$5,000 donated, a new portion of the organ pictured will be revealed. In addition, a running total of to-date donations will be displayed as well. We're on our way with this effort and pray for the continued support from the congregation to reach the final goal!



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN OUR PRAYERS IN APRIL:

DYLAN KUNKEL	NANCY BOYD	RACHEL FAULKNER	PAT GRANNY	ANN DRURY
KAY SHRUMP	MARION KUNKLE	ANNE SNYDER	PAT WALT	ADRIENNE AMANTEA
PAT BAIRD	NANCY BALL	RONI BARRY	PAT WALL	ERIC WALT
KIRA ZYVITH	SHIRLEY ZINCK	JOHN AND GLENDA WENDLING	MIMI WIELOBOB	ANDREW ZIKELI
JODI WAUGAMAN	EARL WRIGHT	HERB AND DEBBIE WILLSON	VALERIE WAUGAMAN	
DEE WITHROW	ROCHELLE BELAK	RAY AND LINDA WEST	NANCY AND DOUG WOODRING	
SANDY YONIKA	STAN AND DONNA YUSKO	TERRY AND PEG ZIMMERMAN	RICK AND SHERRY BAVOLEK	

WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER THE FOLLOWING MILITARY PERSONNEL:

SHANNON DAWSON ZACHARY ZEHNER BROOKE NEWELL



Ray and I send our most heartfelt thanks for the uplifting thoughts and beautiful cards. On dreary, cold gray days, they are bright spots that lift our spirits. Miss you all. Linda and Ray West

Thank you to the ladies who volunteered their time to sew our new bell pad covers! Anne Coiner gathered this very skilled group: Pat Koos, Donna Stash, Cheryl Wigfield, Darla Smith, Bessie Jones and Mimi Wielobob.

Our own **John Howell** has been selected to the 2025 Class of Norwin Distinguished Alumni, and will be honored at the 8th Annual Knight of Distinguished Alumni Banquet, at Stratigos, on Thursday, May 22, beginning at 5:30 pm.

Checks made out to NAFA, for \$46, can be directed to Danielle or Debbie Kunkle.

Checks can be mailed to Debbie at 1419 8th Street, Irwin.

We will sit together to show our support of John's accomplishments.

Any questions, email Debbie at DJK721@verizon.net or call at 724-875-9980.

Let's fill a couple of tables! (8-10 per table)

Reservations (no tickets) must be made no later than May 7.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESENTS:

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

**Lyrics by Tim Rice
Music by Andrew Lloyd Weber**

Join us for an unforgettable performance telling the biblical story of Joseph and his gift of interpreting dreams benefitting the HTLC Organ Fund.

June 27 and 28, 2025, 7:00PM

**FREE WILL OFFERING
(\$10 MINIMUM DONATION SUGGESTED)**

TICKETS AVAILABLE BEGINNING MAY 18.

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT IS PRESENTED BY ARRANGEMENT WITH CONCORD THEATRICALS ON BEHALF OF THE REALLY USEFUL GROUP WWW.CONCORDTHEATRICALS.COM

SHARE YOUR MUSICAL TALENT:

As we look ahead to our summer worship services, we invite members of the congregation to share their musical talents by providing special music. Whether you sing or play an instrument, this is a wonderful opportunity to contribute to our time of worship through prelude music, offertory selections, and/or postlude pieces. Both vocalists and instrumentalists are welcome! We encourage you to consider how you might bless our community with your gifts. See David after any service if you're interested!

SENIOR HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Sr High School Sunday School will be leading games for the last day of Sunday School (May 18th) See Pastor John with questions.

DINNER CHURCH HAS RECEIVED A NEW NAME

Holy Trinity's Dinner Church continues to meet the first Sunday of each month at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. In May, this service will be held on Sunday, May 4, at 6:00 PM. Doors open at 5:00 PM. Throughout the service will be music, lessons and the receiving of the Sacrament of Holy Communion following the dinner.

Due to what occurs during the service (hymns, blessing, Holy Communion and dinner), this ministry is now known as **Sacrament and Supper** since the physical and the sacramental meal are both offered on these Sunday evenings. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor John.

HOLY TRINITY AT IRWIN MANOR

Following the 10:45 worship service on May 25, Pastor John will be leading a Memorial Day Observance at Irwin Manor followed by a hamburger/hot dog cookout. Anyone from Holy Trinity is welcome to join us!

If you are able to provide hamburger rolls, hot dog rolls, or a dessert, please sign the list on the Narthex bulletin board. Contact Pastor John if you have any questions.

COMMUNITY MEAL IN MAY

Our next Community Meal is Monday, May 19, in the Fellowship Hall. Doors open at 5:00 PM and the meal is served at 6:00 PM.

Anyone willing to help with cooking, set-up or clean-up, is asked to sign the list on the Narthex bulletin board.

These meals are for those who seek community, are hungry or lonely, are underserved, and/or those who seek a good meal. At the present time, we are serving about 60 people.



HOLY TRINITY DEAF MINISTRY



We continue to be blessed by the presence of our ASL Interpreter, Daniel Randolph. People locally and in other states who are hearing impaired are known to be watching our worship online due to Daniel's presence and interpretation. Watch it live or any time after the service time on Holy Trinity's Facebook page.

Please note that this ministry will be offered during the 10:45 AM service during the following spring/summer months:

May 4 and 18

June 1, 15, 29

July 6 and 20

August 3 and 17

Education Opportunities

BIBLE STUDIES

Monday night Bible Study will begin studying *World Religions*.

Thursday Bible meets at Noon we will be studying *post-Resurrection Jesus*.

Meet in the Miller Parlor! Attend when you can! Join us as your schedule allows.

COMBINED MEN'S GROUP

On Saturday, May 10, at 8:00 AM, the Men's Groups of Holy Trinity, Brush Creek, Zion's, and Paintertown Lutheran Churches will meet for breakfast at Brush Creek Lutheran Church, 177 Brush Creek Rd, Irwin. Please sign up on the list found on the bulletin board in the Narthex of the church.

This is the last gathering of this season. Meetings will resume in September.

WOMEN'S FAITH and FRIENDSHIP Meet Wednesday May 21st
in the Miller Parlor

YOUNG AT HEART PICNIC Sunday, May 18 – 5:00 PM

The Young at Heart (formerly Holy Trinity's Younger Adults) will conclude its first season with a picnic at the home of Pastor John on Sunday, May 18, at 5:00 PM. Bring your children to join in this event. In case of rain, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall of Holy Trinity.

Pastor John's address is:
1124 Brookside Drive, Greensburg, PA 15601
His phone number is 724-610-1441

Please sign up by Sunday, May 11.



<u>DUTIES for May</u>		Assisting Minister	Communion Assistants	Acolyte	Lector	Altar Flowers
Sunday, May 4	8:15AM	John Howell	Kelly Bergman Lois Brown	Hannah Glenn	Rick Bavolek	
	10:45PM	John Howell	Diane Kowalski Jeffrey Horvath	Sean Keiser	LeNora Emanuelson	
Sunday, May 11	8:15AM	Jerry Kuhn	Jaden Brittingham Julie Kuhn	Jericho Brittingham	Angela Brittingham	Jennifer Morgan
	10:45PM	Colleen Cochenour	Eric Walt Joe Thomas	Justin Keiser	Michele Klingensmith	
Sunday, May 18	8:15AM	Tracy McNelly	Dave and Jodi Smith	Delany Hillier	Heather Newell	
	10:45PM	Jodi Waugaman	Zack and Samantha Tinsley	open	Debbie Kunkle	
Sunday, May 25	8:15AM	Maria Clark	Vicki Hillier Glenda Wendling	Andrew Sheleheda	Chris Karpinsky	
	10:45AM	John Howell	Susan Siems open	open	Jennifer Fitzgerald	

Altar Guild

May 3 Set Up Nancy and Doug Woodring
 May 4 8:15 Rochelle Belak and Vicki Rutkowski
 10:45 Nancy and Doug Woodring
 May 10 Set Up Rochelle Belak and Vickie Rutkowski
 May 11 8:15 Rochelle Belak and Vickie Rutkowski
 10:45 Andrea and Brian Smith
 May 17 Set Up Andrea and Brian Smith
 May 18 8:15 Vicki and Doug Hillier
 10:45 Nancy and Doug Woodring
 May 24 Set Up Nancy and Doug Woodring
 May 25 8:15 Vicki and Doug Hillier
 10:45 Andrea and Brian Smith
 May 29 Set Up Andrea Smith
 May 31 Set Up Andrea and Brian Smith

Greeters: 10:45

May 4 Lisa Lucotch
 May 11 Susan Richardson and Chris Richardson
 May 18 Brian and Andrea Smith
 May 25 Luella Tomasello and Dee Withrow

Recording the service: 10:45

May 4 Mike Henaghan
 May 11 Bob and Jamie Cessna
 May 18
 May 25 Tim Smith

May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Bible Study at Noon	2	3
6 Easter 3 8:15 Worship 9:30AM Sunday School 10:45AM Worship with Sign language interpreter 6:00PM <i>Sacrament and Supper</i> (Dinner Church)	5 Prayer Meeting 6:00PM Bible Study 7:00PM	6 Property Committee Meeting 7:00PM	7 Christian Education Meeting at 7:00PM Boy Scouts Fellow. Hall 6:30-9	10 Bible Study at Noon Choir Rehearsal at 7:00PM	9 Girl Scouts Fellow. Hall 6-8pm	10 Men's Breakfast at 8:00AM At Brush Creek
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18 Easter 5 8:15am Worship-Baptism 9:30AM Sunday School with games in the Fellowship Hall 10:45am Worship - Sign Language Interpreter - Baptism 5:00pm Young at Heart Picnic	18 Prayer Meeting 6:00PM Bible Study 7:00PM <u>Community Meal</u> at Holy Trinity 5:00pm w/dinner @ 6:00PM	20	21 Women's Group 7:00PM Boy Scouts Fellow. Hall 6:30-9	22 Bible Study at Noon Choir Rehearsal at 7:00PM	23 Girl Scouts Fellow. Hall 6-8pm	24
25 Easter 6 8:15am Worship 10:45am Worship	28 Happy Memorial Day!	27 Men's Group 7:00PM	28 Boy Scouts Fellow. Hall 6:30-9	29 Ascension Day Service at Noon Choir Rehearsal at 7:00PM	30	31

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

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