

HTLC Happenings



Newsletter for Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Kingston, PA

SPRING, 2024

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." Psalm 126:2

As I sit here, deadline for this newsletter article overdue, searching for something meaningful to say as we're staring down another season of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter, it came to me that maybe I should "lighten it up". Easter is, after all, the single most joyful event in the history of the human race. Then I remembered these little gems I have in my "sermon fodder" file. Sometimes, there is nothing quite like the "resurrecting" power of laughter. Consider this a "Shrove Tuesday" indulgence before we embark upon the Lenten journey. Enjoy! From church bulletins across this great land of ours...

- Don't let worry kill you--let the church help.
- Thursday night--Potluck supper. Prayer and medication to follow.
- Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Belzer, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Julius Belzer.
- This afternoon there will be a meeting at the South and North ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.
- Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. there will be an ice cream social. All ladies giving milk please come early.
- Wednesday, the Ladies Liturgy Society will meet. Mrs. Jones will sing "Put Me in my Little Bed" accompanied by the pastor.
- Thursday at 5:00 p.m. there will be a meeting of the Little Mothers Club. All wishing to become little mothers, please see the minister in his study.
- This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.
- The service will close with "Little Drops of Water" One of the ladies will start quietly and the rest of the congregation will join in.
- Next Sunday a special collection will be taken to defray the cost of the new carpet. All those wishing to do something on the new carpet will come forward and do so.
- The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind and they may be seen in the church basement on Friday.
- A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.
- At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- The Reverend Merriweather spoke briefly, much to the delight of the audience.

CHURCH CONTACT INFO

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Notes from Council

Congregational meeting after services
2/17 & 2/18

"Family Matters"

RED ROBIN meet, eat, & leap
2/29 between 4pm – 8pm
*mention Holy Trinity and we get
20% of all food sales* BRING
FRIENDS!

HTLC FUNDRAISERS

Soup sale! Be a Souper Supporter!
Happy Valley Soup Company gourmet
soup mixes that can be prepared by
stove, crockpot, or instapot. HTLC
earns 50% back in sales. Each soup is
\$9. Please see our Facebook post
about the sale or we have order forms
in the Narthex.

Candy Egg sale

Our most beloved egg sale is back!
Starting the weekend of 2/17 & 2/18
we will be selling eggs before and after
worship services. Price is \$1.25 per
egg. If you would like to help please see
Donna Siemenski. Many special thanks
to Donna and volunteers!

- The eighth graders will be presenting Shakespeare Hamlet in the church basement on Friday at 7:00 p.m. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.
- During the absence of our pastor we enjoyed the rare privilege of hearing a good sermon when J.F. Scubbs supplied our pulpit.
- With a smile on his face, the pastor listened as the church choir sang the traditional hymn, "How Great Thou Art", as the rather large casket of the over 500 pound parishioner was wheeled out of the church.
- The Senior Choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir.
- Weight Watchers will meet at 7:00 pm at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use the large double door at the side entrance.
- The Associate minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday – 'I upped my pledge - up yours!'
- Next Sunday, Mrs. Vinson will be the soloist for the morning service. The pastor will then speak on "It's a Terrible Experience."
- The choir will meet at the Larsen home for fun and sinning.
- A song fest was held at the Methodist Church Wednesday.
- The pastor will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing, "Break Forth Into Joy."
- Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on Oct. 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in school days.
- Due to the Rector's illness, Wednesday's healing services will be discontinued until further notice.
- The concert held in the Fellowship Hall was a great success. Special thanks are due to the minister's daughter, who labored the whole evening at the piano, which as usual fell on her.
- The church is glad to have with us today as our guest minister the Rev. Green who has Mrs. Green with him. After the service we request that all remain in the sanctuary for the Hanging of the Greens.
- Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles, and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.
- The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not affiliated with any church.
- The Pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday morning.
- The audience is asked to remain seated until the end of the recession.
- Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 to 8:30 p.m. Please use the back door.
- The third verse of Blessed Assurance will be sung without musical accomplishment.
- Pastor is on vacation. Massages can be given to Church secretary.
- Please join us as we show our support for Amy and Alan in preparing for the girth of their first child.

As we prepare for the Easter celebration with the somber and reverent journey of Lent, let's enjoy a bit of levity; secure that the blessings of the Resurrected Christ await us on the other side!

Blessings always!
Pastor West†



PATHFINDERS

Our children's Christian education program

1st SATURDAY every month at 4:30
Ages 3years – 5th grade. Friends welcome!

03/02- Adam and Eve

04/06- Noah's Ark

05/04- Abraham

Please consider volunteering to lead a program (help is available if needed)

Adult Lutheran Studies Class

Sundays 12:00 noon after worship services in AB room with Pastor Wes.

First Holy Communion Classes

Speak to Pastor about Age requirements First Holy Communion Services will be Easter Sunday March 31st.

Helping Hands

Our board has been reset for a fresh start for 2024. Please see board for donations needed.

Easter Egg Hunt

We will be having our Easter Egg Hunt out on the lawn (weather permitting) after our Easter Worship Service on March 31st

We are looking for donations of plastic eggs/candy/egg filler toys & treats

ALL DONATIONS CAN BE LEFT BY THE OFFICE

If you would like to help stuff eggs we will be doing that March 27th time tbd

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