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Pastor's Message for Lent

Several years ago I found myself as a new pastor in a situation in which I was just learning how to be comfortable. I had been called to the hospital to visit Rose who had just had a massive stroke. I was filled with all sorts of anxieties about saying the right thing and being a comfort and support to a family that would soon be saying goodbye to this lovely woman. As I entered her room her doctor was just getting ready to leave and she informed me that she didn't have long and that she would not be able to hear me or to speak. The stroke had taken her ability to form words and it had completely paralyzed half of her body while slowly shutting down her internal organs.

Her best friend Gladys was with her, by her side, as she had been since they were in grade school together. I listened to this no nonsense woman process her grief and let the doctor's news sink in. And then I asked her if we could pray with Rose. And so we joined hands we each other and this lovely woman and we prayed together. We finished our time of prayer by praying the Lord's prayer and wouldn't you know it, Rose decided to chime in. Her eyes were closed and half of her face was paralyzed but she was praying the prayer. It wasn't just in whispers, it wasn't a trick of the ears, we weren't mistaken, she was praying out loud with us.

Now, if you speak with other pastors you would surely hear stories that echo this one. When you have been marked with the sign of the cross and you have these words of love and belonging etched into your being, they tend to hold us up and draw us out when we find ourselves in these thin places. These thin places are locales and times where the distance between heaven and earth

collapse and we're able to catch glimpses of the divine. They are like manna for the journey.

When we told the doctor what had happened she simply dismissed it and said that it was impossible. But Gladys and I know exactly what we experienced. And we held onto that moment less than a week later when we buried her. The final word from her mouth was a resounding, "Amen," as though her life had been a prayer that now rested in God.

My fervent hope is that we all have the opportunity to experience this kind of faith, faith that is so much a part of our very being that when everything else is taken away from us, who we are in Christ remains. This season of Lent is an invitation to remember your baptism. Remember who you are in Christ. Remember that while the world may seem to be spinning out of control and we feel as though we are being caught up in it, Christ is our anchor. The storm will pass, the waves will calm. We don't allow the storm to change us. Remember who you are in Christ. Let faith define you, and may you become more and more each day the people that God is creating you to be.

Wednesday Lenten Services

Each Wednesday of Lent we will be live-streaming a service called "Compline."

Compline is a beautiful and simple evening prayer. It includes prayer, scripture, and song and will be available live at 7:00

pm each Wednesday. There will be a link on our

website www.trinityleb.org that will take you to this

service. The video will also be posted to our website

after it is concluded so that you can watch anytime you like.



Church Council Members

James C Logan (President)	Lynn Kern
Judith Cassel (Vice-President)/Secretary)	
Barbara Baeckert	Louise Lundquist
Kathy Bishop	Ron Witmer
Jack Derfler	Marie Smith
MariBeth Eisenhauer	Rita White
	Hunter Nelson

Susan Kulakowski (Church Treasurer)

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Worship/Music—Paul Copenhaver
Finance—Horace Ehrgood (Acting Chairman)
Social Activities—Stephanie Kaylor
Property—Henry Wampler
Archives—James Rittle
Social Ministry

LCCM Food Bank Item

The item requested in March is **5oz Canned Chicken**. Items can be brought to the church at any time and placed in the red shopping cart labeled “**LCCM Food Bank**” located in THE GIVING PLACE (Arnold St. side annex of Luther’s Place).



Holy Trinity donated 31 pounds of mixed non-perishable food to LCCM Food Bank in February. Please continue your generosity by continuing to donate to the Food Bank. Your donations are greatly needed and appreciated.



April 2021 Newsletter & Calendar Agenda Deadline March 14, 2021

Please submit **before the deadline** any newsletter articles (***including agenda items for the calendar***) to the church office via email (brenda@trinityleb.org) or personal delivery. Anything submitted after the deadline will not be included in the next newsletter unless prearranged with Brenda. Editor also reserves the right to edit for content and space.

Hospital Visitation

Important Update Regarding Hospital Admissions!

Due to HIPPA regulations, hospital admission of our church members is **NO LONGER MADE AVAILABLE TO US BY ANY HOSPITAL**. It is very important that you notify the church office (or have someone notify the church office on your behalf) of your hospital admission so pastoral or spiritual visitation can be provided to you. Thank you.

Aluminum Can Collection

The church continues to collect aluminum cans for recycling. Please bring the aluminum cans (**rinsed & flattened**) to the church weekdays during church office hours, or bring them along to church, Sunday School, or any other church function. A container for them is located in THE GIVING PLACE (Arnold St. side annex of Luther’s Place). Thank you.



Altar Flower Change

Fresh flowers are no longer being used on the altar. Artificial arrangements will be used each week. The flower chart will remain in the Narthex to sign up to sponsor the altar flowers on a weekly basis. There will no longer be a set cost for flowers. Sponsors may choose the amount they wish to donate along with the memorial or honorarium.

If anyone signing up to sponsor flowers prefers fresh flowers, they can be placed as altar flowers or as one arrangement on the Chancel wall. **Please be advised that fresh flowers must be ordered, picked up and placed on the altar or Chancel wall by the party sponsoring the flowers for that Sunday. Sponsors must take flowers along with them after the service.**

The church will no longer be handling any of these arrangements.

March 2021 Worship Schedule

- **March 7, 14, 21, 28**
9:00 AM—Traditional Service
- **March 3, 10, 17, 24**
7:00 PM—Lenten Service



Below you will find all of the options for worship as well as what is required to participate. It is important that you keep this information handy.

In-person worship is resuming on February 28th at 9:00 am. We are well aware that many of you will not feel comfortable resuming in-person worship. We respect that perspective and further we do not recommend participation in this service if you are in a vulnerable category. We will continue to make worship available in a variety of platforms so that anyone who wishes to worship will be able to do so. Below you will find all of the options for worship as well as what is required to participate.

In Person Worship:

To make a reservation please visit www.trinityleb.org and follow the directions provided. You may also call Natasha Yiengst at 717-884-1592 to make a reservation. She will confirm all reservations within 48 hours of reaching out to her.

For the time-being seating is limited to 15 families/households to ensure adequate space to social distance. We understand that some of you have close family and friends whom you have chosen to be regularly exposed to. **We will leave it to your discretion whom you feel comfortable sitting with.** Those of you who sign up as a single person would also be considered one unit. (please do not let signing up as a single person hinder you.) Only one person from your family/household needs to make a reservation. Please show up together to make the seating process easier for everyone.

If the worship limit has been reached when you contact us, you will be put on the list for the next upcoming week that works for you.

You may show up on Sunday morning even if you haven't made a reservation. Any left-over spots will be given out on a first-come, first-serve basis. However, understand that you may be turned away at the door. A radio version of the service will still be available to you – more on that under "Radio Worship Service".

All participants are required to wear a mask and adhere to social distancing. We will trust you to self-screen your-

self before entering the building. *If you are running a fever or feeling ill in any way – we ask that you stay home. Also, if you have been exposed to anyone with Covid-19 or to someone who is awaiting test results for Covid-19 we ask that you not enter the church building.*

The parking lot door will be the only door open for entry and exit. As you enter you will be checked off the reservation list, you will pick up a communion packet which will be laid out on a nearby table, and you will be seated in a designated pew.

Please note that even as we try to keep the service as close to normal as possible, **there will be noticeable differences.** There will be limited congregational speaking and no singing. Yeah, it's a bummer.

After the service is over you will be dismissed by family group and asked to follow the signs leading you out of the building. We ask that any socializing happen outside with great attention paid to social distancing.

Radio Worship Service:

There will be a radio broadcast of the service available to those who are parked just outside of the church, either in the parking lot or on the street. Just tune your radio to 88.5 and you can sing your heart out. Communion and bulletins will also be available for anyone who would like to participate. Just stay in your car and someone will bring these items to you.

Online Worship Service:

Our online worship will continue to be available. As we begin in-person worship we will stream it through Youtube. You will still be able to find the service by going to the same website page that you have previously gone to <https://www.trinityleb.org/links> <<https://trinityleb.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=934636f3680c960bd818a30bb&id=c1dc2e8dc7&e=fd614c6d5>>

Here you will find links to the live-stream, the bulletin, the replay of the service so that you can watch at any time you wish during the week.

Following the online service, drive-through communion will be available to anyone who would like it until 10:15 am. Pastor Gretchen will set up a distribution station on the Monument Park side of the church.

Sunday School Educational Hour

Sundays at 10:30AM

Sunday School for both adults and youth has begun via Zoom. It is the same link for adults and for the youth. Once we gather together you will be split up into breakout rooms. I know that the technology can be a bit intimidating at first but don't be afraid to give it a try. You can also call Pastor Gretchen if you would like a tutorial on how to connect. Please do this during the week to avoid confusion on Sunday mornings. You do not need internet access to join, simply call the number and follow the prompts to enter the passcode. For the adult class please know that you can join in the study at any time. While each week is connected to each other, you will not be at a deficit if you enter into the study later.



For youth we are beginning to talk about how we would like to celebrate Christmas and also how we will put together videos for the congregation. We want your ideas and creativity to come up with something fun! We hope to see you there!

Topic: Sunday Educational Hour
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82754520831?pwd=ZFYyZ00zOWJ1bSt4WGNrdkRBY2Z2UT09>
Dial by phone +1 301 715 8592
Passcode: 463607

Communication to Our Members

1. We will only be using the calling feature as needed. You will not receive weekly phone calls from the church unless there is a change to the worship procedure or there is an announcement that needs to be shared church-wide.



2. We will send out weekly texts with a reminder for worship reservation sign-up. If you want to receive texts please contact us with your name and cell number. (if you are already getting text messages from us you do not need to do this.)



3. We will also continue the weekly email.



4. Don't forget to make your reservations for in-person worship at www.trinityleb.org



Our Vision... Our mission is to grow in faith and discipleship, share the Good News of Jesus through word and deed, love others as Christ loves us, and celebrate life in Christ through worship, sacraments and service.

Our Mission... We are a community of believers who come together in:

- ✚ **Worship** to be transformed by the presence of Jesus Christ in and through God's gift of Word and Sacrament.
- ✚ **Christian Education** to deepen our faith and strengthen us in faithful service, trusting in the creative activity of the Holy Spirit.
- ✚ **Friendship** to celebrate our unity in Christ and sustain and nurture each other as we journey with Him in our day-to-day lives.
- ✚ **Stewardship** to gratefully use the time, talents and possessions we have been given in furthering our mission in response to Jesus' call and the leading of the Holy Spirit.
- ✚ **Evangelism** to share the Jesus story so that others may come to know God's reconciling grace and the peace, joy and hope that his divine grace gives.
- ✚ **Social Ministry** to respond to the spiritual, mental and physical needs of our neighbors and advocate for the poor, hungry and vulnerable peoples of the world.

March Happy Birthday Wishes

Happy Birthday to the following Golden Agers of Holy Trinity who will celebrate a birthday this month:

March 1—Charles Gerberich
 9—Marian Dorward
 24—Joseph Arnold
 24—Doris Kreiser
 25—Betty Reese



Add to their very special day by sending them your greetings. Addresses can be obtained by calling the church office, 717-273-8567.

Attention – Anyone age 75 or older: Please contact the church office to let us know your birthday so we can include you in the monthly Golden Agers of Holy Trinity birthday wish list.

Purchase Strawberry Jelly, Peach Jelly & ChowChow

The Country Store ladies and men have been busy already making strawberry jelly and chowchow.



Jelly: Pints - \$4.50 ½ pints - \$2.25

ChowChow: Quarts - \$8.00 Pints - \$4.00

If interested in buying any jelly or chowchow, give Louise Battistelli a call at 717-272-2747 or see her at church.

Welcome Holy Trinity's New Organist, Christine Paradise



Greetings Siblings in Christ!

I am Christine Paradise, organist here at Holy Trinity. I look forward to meeting more of you when it is safer to worship in person. In the meantime, here is some background information about myself.

I am a native New Yorker who "lost" her NYC accent. I lived/worked in rural, urban and suburban areas in NY, VA and PA. My husband for 25+ years, Scott, and I recently moved during the pandemic from the Lehigh Valley to Myerstown. I am a member of Millcreek Lutheran Church, Newmanstown, where Scott serves as Pastor.

I am a life-long Lutheran, though my love of sacred music has its roots in the Russian Orthodox Church, where my Grandparents sometimes took me to worship. (The church is also named Holy Trinity.) Among the people I studied organ music with are Eugene Roan and Joan Lippincott (Westminster Choir College, now called Rider University) and Richard Heschke (Concordia College, Bronxville, NY, sadly slated to close at the end of this current semester).

When we gather and worship in person again, please do not be offended if I do not linger to talk after the service, for I am also the organist (and choir director when we resume again) at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Annville.

It is always my hope that my church music helps people form connections with God. I am very excited to be here!

Lutheran Camping Corp.

Upcoming Events

The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania

Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and The Wittel Farm

PO Box 459, Arendtsville, PA 17303

Phone: 717-677-8211

Website: www.lutherancamping.org

Visit the website for event information, updates and registration.

March 13 - Lenten Day Apart @ The Wittel Farm

March 21 - Summer Camp Open House @ Kirchenwald & Nawakwa

April 11 - Summer Camp Open House @ Kirchenwald & Nawakwa

April 24 - Work Day @ Kirchenwald & Nawakwa

April 25 - Earth Day Celebration @ Kirchenwald

April 30-May 1 - Men's Retreat @ Kirchenwald

May 15 - Growing Project Planting Day @ The Wittel Farm

May 16 - Summer Camp Kick-Off Worship & Picnic @ Nawakwa



Message of Thanks

Thank you Jim Logan and Dave Houser for clearing off the snow in Trinity's parking lot and sidewalks. Your dedication and hard work is truly and greatly appreciated. You guys are the best!!!!

I wish to thank the members of Holy Trinity who called, mailed cards, prayed, visited or dropped off gifts of food following the sudden passing of my wife, Vanessa. I was amazed by the deep concern by others. Thank you.

-Jay



Moved—FYI

The church office has recently been notified that Joe and Margaret Arnold moved out of the area. They are now living with their daughter and son-in-law. They would love to keep in touch with Holy Trinity members and would welcome notes and phone calls. If you would like to contact them, call the church office for their contact information.



January 2021

Dear ,

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and a very happy New Year. We here at LCCM, like many people, were happy to put 2020 behind us and look ahead to 2021.

2020 has been challenging, to say the least. One of the ongoing challenges we have faced is fundraising – it's difficult to plan ahead of time for events in this ever-changing situation! Thanks to God and our incredibly generous community of supporters, we were able to continue our mission of providing emergency food, clothing and shelter to those who found themselves in need.

Due to the current COVID-19 situation, we find ourselves in the same situation as last year and will not be hosting our traditional in-person Lenten Breakfast event. We are truly hoping that 2022 will be the year that we will finally be able to host a live event, but until then, we are moving the event online.

At the Lenten Breakfast, we would provide a catered breakfast, a message, music and a freewill offering. Our 'Virtual Lenten Breakfast' at www.LCCM.us will be held during the Lent season, starting Wednesday, Feb. 17 and ending Thursday, April 1. We will have options to support LCCM through a 'freewill offering' and an option to donate the cost of a 'ticket' – all of which will go toward supporting LCCM's food, clothing and shelter programs.

We have also included what we hope you will find to be a meaningful activity in this mailing. We hope it is one that will inspire many people to share their stories of faith to show the love of Jesus and to be a bright light in a dark time. We would be delighted to share your thoughtful reflections with our supporters during Lent through our newsletters and social media.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for helping us meet the basic needs of individuals and families in Lebanon County who are struggling to make ends meet. Your work is having an impact in the lives of so many people. Visit www.LCCM.us to read stories of impact you are making in the community! Thank you!

God bless,

Bryan D. Smith
Executive Director

250 S. 7th Street, Lebanon PA 17042
717-272-4400 – www.lccm.us

2029

Lebanon County Christian Ministries shares the love of Jesus by providing emergency food, clothing, shelter, and guidance toward personal sustainability.

RESCUE STORY

There is a song by musician Zach Williams called 'Rescue Story.' In the song, Williams is singing to Jesus, proclaiming that Jesus is the one who lifted him up from the ashes and carried his soul from death to life. More to the point, He tells Jesus: "You are my rescue story." In the midst of the pandemic, we have an opportunity to share our hope and faith in Jesus by sharing our testimonies with those around us. During the Lent season, we prayerfully ask that you consider sharing your rescue story with our community of supporters. Just answer the questions on a separate piece of paper and return it along with this form in your reply envelope. Alternatively, you can find the online form at www.LCCM.us or just email Andrea Gillhoolley at andrea@lccm.us. We'd love to share your rescue story with our supporters through our newsletters, website and social media! If you're feeling really bold, share your story via video on Facebook or Instagram using hashtag **#LCCMRescueStory**

*AND THIS IS THE TESTIMONY: GOD HAS GIVEN US ETERNAL LIFE, AND
THIS LIFE IS IN HIS SON.
1 JOHN 5:11*

Your life before Christ

What was your life like before Jesus?

What did your life revolve around? How did those things begin to let you down?

How you came to Christ

When and why did your perspective of Christ begin to change?

What were the final struggles that went through your mind just before you accepted Him?

Why did you finally decide to accept Christ and give Him complete control of your life?

Your life after coming to Christ

How is your life different now? List some specific changes in your character, attitude and perspective on life.

Even though your life still isn't perfect, how does knowing Christ help you deal with that fact?

Your life verse

Do you have a life verse? If so, what is it and why?

Your name:

Phone number or email:

Can we share this with our supporters?

Photos make stories come alive. If you have a photo of yourself that we can use, please email Andrea Gillhoolley at andrea@lccm.us

Virtual Lenten Breakfast order form



Name _____

Daytime phone _____

Email _____

Mail your order form along with a check or money order to:

Lebanon County Christian Ministries
250 S. 7th St. Lebanon, Pa 17042

Make a payment online:

Click on 'Virtual Lenten Breakfast' at www.lccm.us

Please fill in the amounts of your gifts below:			
Gift	QTY	Price	Total
Virtual Breakfast "Ticket"		\$15	
Freewill offering - 2 clothing appts		\$25	
Freewill offering - 25 noon meals		\$50	
Freewill offering - 50 noon meals		\$100	
Freewill offering - 1 week at shelter		\$125	
Freewill offering - 2-week supply groceries to family of 4		\$200	
Freewill offering - 125 noon meals		\$250	
Custom gift:			\$ _____
Total:			\$ _____

Setting Captives Free



Though St. Patrick's Day has become a secular "holiday," March 17 commemorates the life of a Christian missionary. St. Patrick grew up in a Christian home in Britain but wasn't very devout until he experienced crisis. As a teen, he was captured and sold into slavery in Ireland, escaping after six years. "The Lord opened my unbelieving eyes" in Ireland, Patrick later said. God led him back there, and he converted tribe after tribe to Christianity.

In *Confessio 61*, St. Patrick writes, "I testify in truth and in great joy of heart before God and his holy angels that I never had any other reason for returning to that nation ... except the Gospel and God's promises."

Christian Symbol

Cross of Triumph

Also known as the Cross of Victory, this cross symbolizes Christ's final triumph and his reign throughout the earth. The Cross of Triumph is often depicted atop Jesus' scepter when he's shown in his kingly office.



-from the publication *Newsletter Newsletter*, March 2021

Prayer Partners

Each month names will be listed here for prayer concerns. If you would like your name added to the newsletter list for prayer, please call the church office, 717-273-8567.

We ask our readers to include the following people in their prayers:



Robert Albright
Bill & Carole Auman
William Basselgia
Marian Brommer
Jean Darkes
Betty Heilman
Family of Barbara Heisey
Michael Hentz
Nancy Huber
Jim Light
Family of Marilyn Mease
Robert & Gabrielle Smith
Roger Whitmire



Deaths

Barbara Heisey—December 10, 2020

Marilyn Mease—January 3, 2021

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Laud & honor on Palm Sunday



Palm Sunday

The Palm Sunday anthem "All Glory Laud and Honor" is one of Christendom's oldest hymns. St. Theodulf of Orleans, who helped reform the church under Charlemagne, wrote the lyrics in the year 820 while imprisoned in France.

The lyrics recount Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, an event the medieval church reenacted every Palm Sunday. Clergy and townspeople processed from fields through the city gates, behind a Jesus figure riding a donkey. At the gates, children began singing the hymn in Latin — *Gloria, laus et honor* — and onlookers soon chimed in.

City gates may be a thing of the past, as the website Hymnary.org notes, yet we still praise our blessed Redeemer "because we know just what kind of King he was and is — an everlasting King who reigns not just in Jerusalem but over the entire earth. What more could we do but praise him with glory, laud and honor."

All glory, laud and honor to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas
ring.

You are the King of Israel and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming, the King and Blessed
One.

-from the publication *Newsletter Newsletter*, March 2021

TIME TO "SPRING " FORWARD!

**Daylight Saving Time begins
March 14, 2021**

***Remember to set your clocks
AHEAD
one (1) hour
before going to bed on
Saturday, March 13!***



**Time to
Spring Ahead**