



# TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Worship, love and serve - God, neighbor, and creation.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
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## TELL MARCH 2024

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*John 3:14-15: And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life."*

Dear brothers & sisters in Christ,

The month of March begins with us continuing the Lenten journey that began on Ash Wednesday. During this season of reflection and repentance, it can be easy to become discouraged, because too often we get stuck in patterns of behavior that are sinful or unhealthy. It's one thing to know what's best for us, and yet another to do it.

In such moments, God provides resources for us to draw upon. There's the support and encouragement of family and friends. Not all of us can rely on that, yet we can all turn to those we worship with, our sisters and brothers in Christ. Whatever burden you are facing, I and others in our congregation are ready to help share that burden. Because we are in this journey together.

Yet, the most important resource we have is God's unbreakable love for us. In Jesus, God took on flesh and faced circumstances which would have overwhelmed any of us. Christ knew his journey would lead to suffering and death on the cross. He knew that his closest friends would desert him in his hour of need.

But Jesus also knew that he, the Son of Man, must be lifted up on the cross, so that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. His humanity could not overcome what lay ahead, but his divinity could and did. Jesus died on the cross and rose again, defeating sin and death.

Our Lenten journey is difficult, but we should never lose sight of where it ends. We journey with Jesus to the cross, being present at his death while knowing that he rose again. Knowing that his victory is what sets us free to be children of God, to love and serve in his name.

This is the very heart of our Christian faith, and I invite you to remember the most powerful moments of this journey. Join us in worship on **Maundy Thursday (7 pm on March 28)** and **Good Friday (7 pm on March 29)** for what are two of the most important worship services of our church year. Holy Week is essential, a "must" in understanding what God has done for us.

And of course, please join us on **Easter Sunday, March 31 at 9:30 am**, bringing family & friends as we gather together to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, standing with amazement outside the empty tomb, rejoicing that Christ lives.

Thank you for your continuing support of our congregation and its ministries as we bring the love of Christ to the world around us. May your Lenten journey be fruitful and your Holy Week filled with thankfulness at what God has done for us.

Faithfully,  
Pastor George

**There were no pastoral acts since the last newsletter.**

### UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

- **MAR. 7 & 21**  
MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE @ TRINITY
- **MAR. 14**  
MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE @ GRACE
- **HOLY WEEK**
- **MAR. 24**  
PALM/PASSION SUNDAY
- **MAR. 28, 7 PM**  
MAUNDY THURSDAY
- **MAR. 29, 7 PM**  
GOOD FRIDAY
- **MAR. 31**  
EASTER SUNDAY

### Inside this Issue:

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### **PRAYERS**

are asked for:  
Laurie Perry, Joan Wolfe  
Sally Conrad, Cathy Krause & any other members who were recently hospitalized, are undergoing rehabilitative care, or have been put on hospice, as well as our homebound members and those battling long-term illness.

If you know of any members needing pastoral care, please contact Pastor George at 717.884.5700.

**N**EW MISSION & VISION: On Sunday, February 18, our congregation voted to adopt a new mission and vision that was recommended by the Church Council. This was the culmination of a process of collective discernment that began at our Congregational Retreat in May 2023:

**Mission:** "Worship, love, and serve – God, neighbor, and creation"

**Vision:**

- Be a family of Christian disciples closely connected to and reflective of our local community.
- Be a church with open doors and people with open hearts, working hand in hand with others.
- Share God’s love daily in our congregation, community, and world in tangible ways.
- Empower others to become disciples of Jesus through worship, faith formation, and fellowship.

A special Thank You to the Revitalization Task Force members – John Stewart, Lisa Webster, and Brandon Maze – for offering your time and talents in faithful support of this process!

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & VISIT BY BISHOP DUNLOP:**

Our Spring congregational meeting took place on Sunday, February 18, in the Fellowship Hall after worship. We were joined by Bishop Jim Dunlop from our Lower Susquehanna Synod, who thanked us for the invitation and offered insights about our Synod, the ELCA, and the state of the Church as a whole -- both nationally and internationally. We also received annual reports, introduced our 2024 Council and new members, elected congregational representatives for the 2024 Synod Assembly, and voted to adopt a new mission and vision for our congregation. Thank you to everyone who attended, and a special thanks to our Fellowship Team for the wonderful breakfast!

**New Members:** On Sunday, March 17, we will officially welcome our newest members – Esther Zapcic, Theresa Brennan, and Pastor Michael Seifried. Please join us that day to rejoice over our new sisters and brother in Christ. If you were not able to attend the New Member Orientation in January but are still interested in joining, please contact Pastor George Scott at [TLCLpastor@gmail.org](mailto:TLCLpastor@gmail.org).

**Thank You Notes:**

Received from the West Shore School District: "Pastor Scott & Congregation: Thank you so much for the donation of coats! We are so appreciative of this as we have so many students who are in need...Thanks again!"  
--Erika Stiffler, District Social Worker

Received from Christian Churches United (CCU): "Dear Sisters & Brothers, Thank you for your generosity & support of the work of Christian Churches United. Because of many people like you who have supported people facing

*homelessness, poverty & incarceration we have many reasons to celebrate & be thankful. Your giving has created many opportunities for individuals & households to experience strength, hope & stability! Thank you for being a partner in ministry!"*

*--Nick Mucci, Director of Development*

**SYNOD Assembly 2024:** This year’s Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly will have its Edification Day on Saturday, May 18 (via Zoom) and Business Days on Friday, May 31 (via Zoom) and Saturday, June 1 (in person). Of special note, last year’s 2023 Synod Assembly amended the constitution to offer congregations the chance to elect and send two additional Lay Voting Members to the Assembly -- beyond the two previously authorized. One of the additional voting members should be a youth or young adult. Congratulations to: Tom Gentzel, Sherrin Gentzel, and Brandon Maze on their election as this year’s representatives!

**Beware Scammers:** Please be aware that local Churches are currently being hit by scammers who are texting and emailing others seemingly on behalf of Pastors. Pastor George will NEVER text or email you asking for money, gift cards or any other type of payment. Please be extra careful if and when you receive this type of communication. When in doubt, please call the Church office. Thank you!

**Annual Contribution Letters** are now available and are located in the library for pick-up at your leisure. If you would like your contribution letter to be mailed or emailed directly to you, please contact the church office to request this.

**"Soup"-er Bowl 2024:** The winner of this year's "Soup"-er Bowl is **TEAM VARIETY!!** The final score was T.C.O. 87 & T.V. 119., giving us a total amount of 216 cans (or 187 pounds!!) of soup going to benefit New Hope Ministries! Thank you for making a difference with all of your donations!

**Thrivent Choice Dollars:** In 2023, we received \$887 in Thrivent Choice Dollars grant funding. Please consider directing your remaining 2023 Choice Dollars to Trinity. The deadline is **Mar. 31.**



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Please consider using the QR  
code shown to make a donation  
to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran  
Church. Your support aids our  
efforts to share the love of  
Christ with others. Thank you!  
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## WORSHIP & MUSIC

**Worship Schedule:** Sunday services are at 9:30 am. & Thursday services are at 7:00 pm, in the library.

**Sunday Worship Schedule** (*Sunday services begin at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary*)

Mar 3: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent (with Zion Lutheran)

Mar 7, 7 pm: Midweek Lenten service @ Trinity

Mar 10: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent (with Zion Lutheran)

Mar 14, 7 pm: Midweek Lenten service @ Grace UM

Mar 17: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent (New Member Sunday)

Mar 21, 7 pm: Midweek Lenten service @ Trinity

### HOLY WEEK

**Mar 24: Palm/Passion Sunday**

**Mar 28, 7 pm: Maundy Thursday**

**Mar 29, 7 pm: Good Friday**

**Mar 31: Easter**



**Holy Week Rehearsal** will take place on **Monday, March 25, at 6:30 pm** in the sanctuary. Everyone who is helping with Holy Week services is asked to attend. This includes all Passion readers, assisting ministers, crucifers, ushers, and altar guild members who are scheduled for service during Holy Week. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor George or the office.

**Thursday Evening Worship:** Our regular Thursday evening is *paused during the season of Lent* as we observe midweek Lenten services with our friends from Grace United Methodist Church.

**Midweek Lenten Services:** Please join us for our midweek Lenten services at 7 pm on the first three Thursdays in March. We will *alternate* between here at Trinity Lutheran (Mar 7, Mar 21) and Grace United Methodist, 309 Herman Avenue (Mar 14). *Services will be preceded at 5:30 pm by a Lenten meal at the host congregation.* All services are in person but will also be livestreamed using the links below:

--Trinity Lutheran: <https://www.facebook.com/trinitylutheranlemoyne2020>

--Grace United Methodist: <https://www.facebook.com/Graceumlemoyne>

Come and worship as we reflect & prepare for the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ.

**SUMUD:** This Lenten season you're invited to explore a wonderful new resource: "*Following the Way of Jesus: a Lenten Holy Land Journey.*" This series from the ELCA explores the Holy Land, the theology of Sumud, and its significance through Scripture as the "way of Jesus." Each Thursday, we view and discuss a short video clip & questions as part of our midweek Lenten worship services. The videos are posted on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/trinitylutheranlemoyne2020>) and shared by email early in the week. Or you can simply come to the midweek service on Thursday at 7 pm!

**Home Communion Teams:** Would you like to help deliver communion to our homebound members? It's a wonderful way to share God's love with those who cannot worship in person. If you are interested in being part of this ministry, please contact Pastor George at [TLCLpastor@gmail.com](mailto:TLCLpastor@gmail.com)

**Online Worship:** Did you know that you can still worship while you are travelling or otherwise unable to attend in person services on Sunday morning? Just go to our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/trinitylutheranlemoyne2020>, and open the livestream video link to the service. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the church office at 717.763.7555.

**Note from the Music Director:** As we enter the solemn and reflective season of Lent, I am reminded of the profound power of music to accompany us on our spiritual journey. Lent is a time of introspection, repentance, and renewal--a period where we are called to deepen our connection with our faith and with one another. In our musical offerings throughout the season, we have a unique opportunity to enhance the spiritual experience of our congregation. Through carefully selected hymns, anthems, and instrumental pieces, we can create an atmosphere conducive to contemplation and transformation. One of the most beautiful aspects of music is its ability to convey emotions and messages that words alone cannot express. As we embark on this Lenten journey, let us harness the emotive power of music to evoke feelings of humility, gratitude, and hope. As we journey through the solemnity of Lent, may our music serve as a beacon of light in the darkness, guiding us towards the promise of Easter morning. Let us use this sacred time to deepen our connection with the divine and with one another, allowing the transformative power of music to lead us closer to God's grace.

Yours in Christ,

Theresa Polheber  
Music Director

## MARCH 2024 WORSHIP-LEADER SCHEDULE

Date	Money Counters	Assisting Minister	Acolyte	A/V	Ushers	Altar Guild	Coffee Hour	Bread for Communion
3/3/2024	Don & Mary Ann Howe	Don Howe	Sydney Weaver	Colleen Hiltl	Bob Threnhauser Jackie Mikkielsen Andy McCarty Donna White	Connie Kirkley Sherrin Gentzel Mary Karl Colleen Hiltl	Connie & Jim Kirkley	Colleen Hiltl
3/10/2024	Connie & Jim Kirkley	Bob Threnhauser	Carol Cawthern	Melissa Hughes	Bob Threnhauser Jackie Mikkielsen Andy McCarty Donna White	Connie Kirkley Sherrin Gentzel Mary Karl Colleen Hiltl	Lisa Heycock & Carol Cawthern	Cathy Krause
3/17/2024	Bones & Bev Saurman	Tom Gentzel	Ava Stackpole & John Stewart	Colleen Hiltl	Bob Threnhauser Jackie Mikkielsen Andy McCarty Donna White	Connie Kirkley Sherrin Gentzel Mary Karl Colleen Hiltl	Donna Scott & Cathy Krause	Mary Ann Howe
3/24/2024 Palm Sunday	Tom & Sherrin Gentzel	Christine Spradin	Donna Scott	Melissa Hughes	Bob Threnhauser Jackie Mikkielsen Andy McCarty Donna White	Connie Kirkley Sherrin Gentzel Mary Karl Colleen Hiltl	Stephanie Threnhauser	Andrea Leach
3/31/24 Easter Sunday	Jim & Mary Karl	Sally Conrad	Charolette Karl	Melissa Hughes	Bob Threnhauser Jackie Mikkielsen Andy McCarty Donna White	Connie Kirkley Sherrin Gentzel Mary Karl Colleen Hiltl	Don & Mary Ann Howe	Sally Conrad

*Special Dates to Note*	Assisting Minister
3/28/24-Maundy Thursday	Lisa McCarty
3/29/24 Good Friday	TBD

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH

**Adult Sunday School:** is held on Sunday mornings at **10:30 am**, studying books of the Bible.

**Christian Education Meeting:** A Christian Education meeting will be held on Tues., Mar. 5 at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. If you need a virtual option, let Melissa Hughes know. Topics of the meeting will include, but are not limited to: a general check-in about the committee's current state of affairs, new learn basic Spanish class, and a discussion about Summer programming such as VBS etc. All are welcome to attend & the more the merrier so feel free to invite others who might be interested.

**Youth Sunday School/ AIM Sunday School:** Held downstairs on Sundays at **10:30 am**. Using the *Celebrate Wonder Curriculum*, we engage children's natural sense of curiosity to help them understand God's love.

**ELCA Social Statements:** We will meet again next on **April 28** at **11:00 am**. Please consider joining us for this casual, yet thought-provoking, & often lively discussion!

**Planning for Spring 2024:** The Committee is beginning the process to determine the viability of offering a Spanish Language class! This is still in the early stages and much more research is necessary to be able to provide any details. The goal of the class would be to learn basic Spanish language skills to facilitate some of Trinity's ministries and also as a general life skill. Before a program would be offered, it would go to Council for approval. If you have a general interest in participating, please let Mary Ann Howe or Melissa Hughes know. We are trying to gauge potential group size.

**Graduates:** If anyone in your family is graduating, let us know! Submit your student's name, where they are graduating from, date of their graduation, and future plans (if known) to the office administrator. A photo would also be greatly appreciated. We will recognize the student in a future newsletter.





**The Lutheran Camping Corporation  
of Central Pennsylvania**  
Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, & The Wittel Farm

**-Quilting Weekend: March 15-17** at Camp Kirchenwald bring your own projects or learn techniques from experienced quilters. Enjoy a weekend apart. Cost for the entire weekend is \$180, One overnight \$110, and Saturday only is \$65.

**- Summer Camp Open House:** Both camp locations of Kirchenwald or Nawakwa will hold an open house for summer camp on **March 17 or April 14, anytime between 2-4:30 pm**. Take a tour of camp with members of our & see what camp is all about. We will also give a \$10 gift certificate to the camp store to every new camper!

**Summer Camp 2024:** Registration for Summer Camp 2024 is now open for both Camp Kirchenwald & Camp Nawakwa!! Both camps offer: Summer Youth Camp, Family Camp, Elder Camp & Diaconos Program. Campership Applications are available for families who cannot afford the full camp fee. Campership applications can be found online under the "forms" section, or by calling the Camping Office.

For more information about these, or other upcoming events, please visit:

**[www.lutherancamping.org](http://www.lutherancamping.org)**

### **"THE GREEN TEAM"**

Several of our church members have agreed to work as a group to take a look at the church's environmental practices. The goal of this group is to become more environmentally friendly in order to preserve the natural world that God has given to us. There are a few of us that have had some training through the *Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake, an organization dedicated to the protection & restoration of the Chesapeake Watershed.*

If you would like to join our "Green Team," please call Susie Schubert at 717-379-7370

### **SOCIAL MINISTRY**

**Trinity's Table** We had 49 Clients and their families attend Trinity's table on Wednesday, February 22, and a delicious meal from Carol and her kitchen crew!

Please keep the program in your prayers and we would appreciate any donations. We always need paper towels and toilet tissue! We also need paper bags with handles if you have any from Giant or Trader Joe's. You can put them on the shelf outside the Trinity Table room on the fifth Street hallway!

Thank you so much,

--The Team from Trinity's Table: Dennis, Donna, Carol, Randy, Steph, John



Trinity Lutheran Church is having their second Annual Spring Craft Fair on **Saturday, April 13, 2024** from **10 am - 2 pm**.

**\*\* Rain Date of Saturday, April 27, 2024 from 10 am - 2 pm. \*\***  
(Only in case of severe weather).

Vendor donation fees will go to benefit Build Up Trinity!  
There will be craft vendor spaces open both indoors as well as outdoors.

We will need YOUR HELP to ensure that this event is a success!

Please see Colleen Hiltl to volunteer for this great event!  
We get a lot of shoppers and we will need help directing and assisting vendors with breaks, as well as assisting with the setup and teardown process.

Email Colleen at [colleenhiltl@gmail.com](mailto:colleenhiltl@gmail.com) or Text her at **717-433-0879**  
(or you can talk to her in-person at church!) for more information.

There will be a brief meeting for all volunteers following worship on **Sunday, March 10, 2024** in the upper room above the church office!

Please come and volunteer!! We need all the help we can get!

Thank You!



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR ALL OF THOSE WHO WERE RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED, AS WELL AS OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS AND THOSE BATTLING LONG-TERM ILLNESS. IF YOU KNOW OF ANY MEMBERS NEEDING PASTORAL CARE, PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR GEORGE AT 717.884.5700.

- Dorothy Bomberger
- Joan Wolfe
- Laurie Perry
- Sara Jane Crawford
- Todd Stuckey
- Family of Loren Carlson
- Cathy Hershey
- Jess & Alyssa Kerper
- Michelle Patterson
- Ted Conrad
- Cathy Krause
- Joanne Souders
- Ben Walker
- Scott Danella
- Paul Schubert
- Bill Little
- Al Alex
- Sally Conrad
- Jean & Art Itter
- Schultz Family
- Michelle Patterson
- Leslie James & her children
- Robert Fritz
- Sara Jane Crawford
- Robert Frooi
- Jacque Mikkelsen
- Claudia Phillips

**ALTAR GUILD NEWS**

There is a 2024 Flower Chart in the Narthex for floral dedications.  
The cost to dedicate flowers is \$25.00.

**Altar Guild Schedule**

- March--Group #3:**  
Connie Kirkley, Sherrin Gentzel, Mary Karl, Colleen Hiltl
- April--Group #4**  
Carol Cawthern, Laura Doyle, Mary Ann Howe, Cathy Krause



- 1—Bobby Threnhauser III
- 2—John Stewart
- 4—John Perry
- 5—Krystle Sacavage
- 7—Sarah Threnhauser
- 10—Stephanie Threnhauser
- 11—Scott Cropper, Jackson Coy, Jim Marshall
- 12—Ed Conrad, Jonathan Sims
- 16—Thomas Dinsmore
- 18—Jim Kirkley
- 20—Zachary Marshall
- 27—Leona Fickel
- 28—David Binkley
- 29—Joanne Souders, Bridgette Beck



**2024 TRINITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES & MEMBERS**

- Evangalism/Outreach: Jacque Mikkelsen
- Fellowship: Laurie Ellis
- Property: Ed Conrad
- Christian Education: John Perry
- Worship & Music: Colleen Hiltl
- Finance Committee: Mary Karl
- Personnel Committee: John Stewart
- Mutual Ministry: John Perry
- Stewardship: Andy McCarty
- Youth Ministry: Rebecca Weaver
- Social Ministry: Stephanie Threnhauser

**2024 TRINITY COUNCIL OFFICERS**

- President: Mary Karl
- Vice President: John Perry
- Treasurer: Bob Threnhauser
- Secretary: Colleen Hiltl

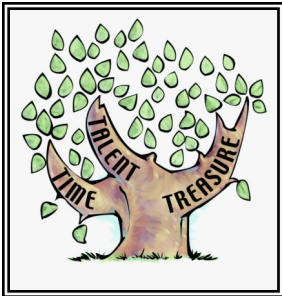
# STEWARDSHIP

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## ELCA Foundation’s Planned Giving Resource Hub

Charitable estate planning often affords couples and individuals the opportunity to make the most generous gift, and those gifts often have tax advantages for the donor and/their heirs. The ELCA Foundation has recently added a Planned Giving Resource Hub to its website (<https://foundation.elca.org/>) to assist in the encouragement of legacy giving within congregations. This hub contains tools, guidance, and articles that can be downloaded for your use. The website also has charitable estate planning information and tools for couples and individuals.

The ELCA Foundation’s Regional Gift Planner is Sister Marianne Brock. Her goal is to inform, inspire, and invite people into ministry-sustaining generosity. Please contact her if you would like further information regarding these or other



ELCA Foundation services: [Marianne.Brock@ELCA.org](mailto:Marianne.Brock@ELCA.org), (717)574-9066.

As a reminder, ELCA Foundation gift planning and account assistance are offered without fees to ELCA members.



ELCA Foundation

### Winter Overnight Shelters Of Christian Churches United

On cold winter nights, everyone needs a warm place to sleep. Therefore CCU, in partnership with local churches, opens two winter walk-in shelters to increase our community's shelter capacity for the winter. These shelters typically are open each evening from December 1 through March 31.



**How Can You Help?** Volunteers are needed at both the Men’s Overnight Shelter & the Overnight Shelter for Women and Non-

Binary Peoples for nightly intake and hospitality, donation coordination & light cleaning. Both shelters are also in need of and are accepting financial donations as well as tangible items.

To learn more about the shelters and how to get involved, please visit:

<https://www.ccuahbg.org/what-we-do/winter-overnight-shelters.html>





**LEARN HOW TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR SPOUSE IN A WHOLE NEW WAY!**

Registration is now open!!

APRIL 5 -- 7, 2024 at the Heritage Hotel in Lancaster, PA

For more information or to register for this event visit”

**Godlovesmarriage.org**

Or

Contact Larr & Denise Etzler @ 814-389-2973

Registration is Due By MARCH 3, 2024

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### **PA Poor People’s Campaign Mass Mobilization in Harrisburg**

Eight hundred people are dying from poverty every day in the U.S., making poverty the fourth leading cause of death. The 140 million people in this country who are poor and low income are a sleeping giant. We have to take action together, and mobilization is one part of that. On **Saturday, March 2**, the Poor People’s Campaign will hold simultaneous mass poor people’s and low wage worker statehouse assemblies at state capitals across the country in more than 30 states, including here in Pennsylvania.

Schedule:

- 11:30 a.m. Gather and eat lunch at Grace United Methodist Church in Harrisburg
- 12:30 p.m. (Short) March to the State Capitol
- 1:00 p.m. Mass Poor People’s and Low Wage Worker Statehouse Assemblies
- 3:00 p.m. Assembly Ends

They will provide assistance with food, transportation, housing, and childcare. Please let them know in your RSVP form what assistance you need.

To Learn More & to Register, go to:

**<https://actionnetwork.org/events/march-2nd-poor-peoples-campaign-mass-mobilization-in-harrisburg>**



NEWS FROM THE ELCA  
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# Civic Life & Faith

ELCA Civic Life & Faith Draft Social Statement

Response Period Open Now Through September 30, 2024



## ELCA Civic Life & Faith Draft Social Statement

Response Period Open Now Through September 30, 2024

The ELCA is developing a social statement on civic life and faith, the relationship of church and state, and related matters, as called for by the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly. Social statements are the ELCA's primary documents to address significant social issues. They are intended to aid reflection, shape conscience, and set forth the ELCA's teaching and policy on the major social issues and questions of contemporary life. Social statements are developed by task forces, using an established process of study and widespread participation across the church to guide theological and moral deliberation.

At this time, the task force encourages you to study and give feedback on a [draft version of the social statement](#). To download a copy of the draft social statement, or fill out a survey, go to

<https://www.lss-elca.org/civic-life-faith/>

The feedback period will be open until September 30, 2024.

## **Lower Susquehanna Synod Podcasts**

We are excited to announce the launch of the Lower Susquehanna Synod podcast feed! Subscribe to Lower Susquehanna Synod of the ELCA; on Amazon, Spotify, or iHeartRadio to hear podcasts produced by the Lower Susquehanna Synod. You can view our podcast archive online as well by going to:

**<https://www.lss-elca.org/podcast/>**

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## **Day of Renewal Registration for LSSWO**

The Lower Susquehanna Synod Women's Organization will meet on Saturday, April 20, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Lititz. Speaker will be Karen Wright from Heartsongs Ministries. See more information at:

**<https://www.lss-elca.org/wp-content/uploads/DAY-OF-RENEWAL-REGISTRATION-FORM->**

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## **Kentland Retreat Center Renovated and Ready**

Kentland, a woodland retreat center, is available for daily, weekend, or weekly rental. A Grace Lutheran Church, Camp Hill property, Kentland is nestled in 19 acres of forest at 1022 E. Winding Hill Rd., Mechanicsburg.

The newly renovated space sleeps 16, has a spacious open cabin with full kitchen, indoor fireplace and outdoor fire pit. For more information or to make a reservation, call 717-737-0439 or email at [gelc@comcast.net](mailto:gelc@comcast.net).

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## **Hope Academy PA Fall Enrollment**

Hope Academy PA is open for Fall 2024 enrollment! Know a 3, 4, or 5 year old who would benefit from a one-of-a-kind, bilingual, STEAM-focused education? Contact director Jennifer Graf at [jen@tree4hope.org](mailto:jen@tree4hope.org) for more info and to schedule a visit today!

# MARCH 2024

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
				Feb-29 -Fellowship Meal @ 5:30pm -Lenten Worship @ 7:00 pm (Grace UM) - Handbell Choir @ 7:45 pm	1	2
3 -Worship @ 9:30am -Faith Formation @ 10:30 am -Coffee Hour @ 10:45 am	4	5 - Adult Choir @ 7:00 pm  -Christian Education @ 600 pm	6	7 -Fellowship Meal @ 5:30pm -Lenten Worship @ 7:00 pm (Trinity) - Handbell Choir @ 7:45 pm	8	9
10 -Worship @ 9:30am -Faith Formation @ 10:30 am -Coffee Hour @ 10:45 am	11 -Hymn Selection @ 6:00 pm -Worship & Music @ 7:00 pm	12 - Adult Choir @ 7:00 pm	13	14 -Fellowship Meal @ 5:30pm -Lenten Worship @ 7:00 pm (Grace UM) - Handbell Choir @ 7:45 pm	15	16
17 -Worship @ 9:30am -Faith Formation @ 10:30 am -Coffee Hour @ 10:45 am	18	19 - Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm - Adult Choir @ 7:00 pm	20 Trinity's Table 4:00 - 6:00 pm	21 -Fellowship Meal @ 5:30pm -Lenten Worship @ 7:00 pm (Trinity) - Handbell Choir @ 7:45 pm	22	23
24 <b>Palm Sunday</b> -Worship @ 9:30am -Faith Formation @ 10:30 am -	25 Holy Week Rehearsal @ 6:30 pm	26 -Adult Choir @ 7:00 pm	27	28 <b>Maundy Thursday</b> -Worship @ 7:00 pm	29 <b>Good Friday</b> -Worship @ 7:00 pm	30
31 <b>Easter Sunday</b> -Worship @ 9:30 am -No Faith Forma-	Apr-1 <b>Easter Monday Office Closed</b>	Apr-2	Apr-3	Apr-4	Apr-5	Apr-6