



**HOLY TRINITY
LUTHERAN CHURCH
NEWSLETTER**

*To Be and To
Make Disciples
of Jesus Christ*

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Make a
joyful
noise
to the LORD,
all the earth...



Psalm 98:4

Dear Sisters & Brothers in Christ,

There is no question that society is trying to make the Church unimportant in various ways. And, it has been increasingly doing so as each decade passes by. As individual members of the Body of Christ, I warn us to be



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careful about how we get caught up in the societal trends. What do I mean? Well, without realizing it, our decisions and actions can encourage the wayward ways of society. Since wedding season is fast approaching, I'm going to get on my soap box.

Let's talk about our family member or friend becoming "ordained" online through Universal Life Church to officiate a wedding. It's bad enough that this has been happening for years, but lately I have been seeing photos with the wedding officiant wearing a clerical shirt with collar, and sometimes, with a stole. Such behavior makes a mockery of the Church, and even God. Now, I realize all professions are mocked in various ways. Sometimes it is simply done for comical entertainment, sometimes it is done to put down the profession. I don't mind someone wearing a costume that includes clerical vestments if they are in a theater performance or are simply playing "dress-up" for home or Halloween. That is not what I am speaking about here.

What I am talking about is individuals playing dress-up on top of being ordained without having gone through any form of formal theological education and being vetted by a denomination's candidacy or ordination committee. To be ordained is to be set apart from laity to clergy. A lot of responsibilities are laid upon the ordinand. I won't name them all here, but the proclamation of God's Word as well as the spiritual care of God's people are two of the responsibilities. How many of these weddings officiated by a so-called "ordained" officiant truly invite God into the ceremony? Are the holy scriptures read? Does someone preach the Word of God? Do the wedding vows make God part of the marital

relationship?

Now let's talk about attire. The clerical shirt and collar, and the stole are historic signs of the office of ordained ministry. They identify for other people the wearer's role and responsibilities. Also, they serve as a powerful reminder of that role and its responsibilities to the one who wears it. When one wears their professional uniform – for any profession – it indicates that their actions, as well as their appearance, are to be uniform, that is, following certain standards rather than just being determined by their own preference or whim. There is a trust that is extended to the one wearing the uniform. When so-called “ordained” wedding officiants wear the uniform of clergy are they aware of the meaning and responsibilities of the said uniform? Because the uniform represents so much more than just playing officiant for the day. The clerical collar covers the voice box. It serves as a stark reminder that the pastor is called by God and the Church to proclaim the truth of Scripture. The stole is a symbolic yoke – like that worn by oxen or other draft animals – to indicate that the wearer carries the responsibilities for the spiritual care of God's people. When worn in public – even if just at a wedding ceremony - the wearer may be called on by others to answer questions about the Bible, Church, and faith. They may be asked for guidance or prayer from people disconnected from the Church. They may be pulled into emergency situations and perhaps even into restricted areas to officiate the sacrament of Holy Baptism and/or Holy Communion. Are these so-called “ordained” wedding officiants willing to bear these responsibilities?

My request to you, my flock, (I am your shepherd), is for you to discourage your family members and friends from using and/or becoming so-called “ordained” wedding officiants. More importantly, teach them why. Help them understand the role of the Church in society.

Your Sister in Christ,

Pastor Kathy



Above:
Schaeffers
Right:
Pasheilich
Family



Above:
Friedlines

Welcome,

New Members

We are so excited to be growing in numbers! Please take time to welcome our new members:

Bill & Linda Friedline

Ian Pasheilich

Steve & Jennifer Pasheilich

Larry & Sheila Schaeffer

COMING SOON !

**Gideons International will be with us on Sunday,
March 3.**

**March of Prayer Service @ Holy Trinity on Wednesday,
March 6 @ 6pm**

**Daylight Savings Begins—“Spring Forward One (1)
Hour” on Saturday, March 9**

**Lenten Services continue on Wednesdays at 12pm
through March 20, followed by Soup & Bread lunch.
Look for sign-up sheets & RSVP forms.**



Palm Sunday Worship, March 24 @ 10am

Maundy Thursday, March 28 @ 7pm

Good Friday, March 29 @ 7pm

Easter Sunday Worship, March 31 @ 10am



Set your clocks 1 hour
FORWARD on Saturday,
March 9



MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

- 1—Cathy Laderman
Robert Snively
- 2—Suzanne Carmack
- 8—Brittany Zeigler
- 9—Kathy McWhirter
- 14—Jen Pasheilich
- 15—Eleanor Leech
John Leech
- 16—Sue Phillips
- 19—Frank McWhirter
- 24—Ervin Myers
- 30—Karen Cole
Jonathan Scheidt



MARCH SPECIAL OFFERING

Devotionals

Please Make Checks Payable to HTLC

Contributions may be mailed, dropped in the church mail slot, or in offering plate on Sunday mornings.

The **March Offering** envelope is for covering the cost of the two quarterly devotions we provide, *Portals of Prayer* and *The Word in Season*. We offer both devotionals in regular print and large print. Please pick up these devotionals to take home and use to help guide you in your prayers and reading the Bible.

Lenten Offerings support the General Fund.

Maundy Thursday Offering supports ARC. The Arc Empowerment Center's mission is changing the world one life at a time by meeting them at the place of their need. It is a faith-based organization where they serve, equip, empower, and bring hope to the community. For more information visit: www.arcempowermentcenter.com. **Good**

Friday Offering supports North American Lutheran Seminary. North American Lutheran Seminary is the seminary of the North American Lutheran Church, located in Ambridge, PA. The NALS has a commitment to truly cultivate the foundation and the deep roots necessary for tomorrow's pastors and church leaders to be the stewards of classic, orthodox, biblical theology in preparation for Word and Sacrament ministry. For more information visit: www.thenals.org.

Monies received in the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday envelopes will be matched by the tithing on bequests fund.

Easter Sunday and Easter Special envelopes support the General Fund.

WELCOME

New Members



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024



HTLC Annual Meeting Minutes February 4, 2024

Call to Order: Bonnie Elias called the meeting to order at 11:25 am on Feb. 4, 2024 in the church sanctuary.

Quorum Established: Attendance at the meeting was 55, so a quorum was established.

Prayer: Provided by Pastor Kathy Pennington.

New Business:

Recommended Distribution of Earnings of the Endowment Fund

Principal Investment: Jonathan Butz reviewed the Endowment Committee's report on page 23 of the Annual Report for 2023. He presented information about the 5 applicants requesting monetary assistance. The Endowment Committee approved distribution of the funds as printed in the report. Church Council voted to accept this proposal to be presented to the congregation at today's meeting. Bonnie Elias moved that the congregation approve the Endowment Committee's proposed distribution of funds as listed in their report. Marilyn Zuber seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, an oral vote was conducted. The motion passed unanimously.

Therefore, the following organizations will receive the amounts listed:

- ◇ **Malawi Orphan Care Project, \$1,000 (Feeding 1,000 children for 2 weeks)**
- ◇ **Malawi Orphan Care Project Refurbishing Outdoor Kitchen, \$3,000**
- ◇ **Love Our Hero's, \$2,500 (Home for a Hero - The Ron Project)**
- ◇ **Zoe's Learning Center, \$1,000 – (Easter Celebration 2024, Dinner Party and Family Support)**
- ◇ **Life Wise Madison, \$1,068 (Student cost \$20 each, Bibles and Operating Expenses)**

Reports:

Pastor's Annual Report: Pastor Kathy Pennington highlighted that parts of her annual report on pages 6 & 7 of the Annual Report for 2023 booklet.

Council President Report: Carol Bertholf reviewed information listed in her report on page 8 of the Annual Report for 2023 booklet. The 75th Anniversary Celebration activities that were so inspirational.

Finance Committee Report: Don Karger reviewed his report as printed on pages 12-15 of the booklet.

Brief Committee Presentations:

Parish Education: Always Butz summarized highlights of the report printed on page 16 of the booklet. She requested support of the high school graduate scholarship that is about 1/3 of the needed funding. (We award \$1,000 each year.)

Worship & Music: Barbara Fraifogl recognized the members of the committee and subcommittees and thanked them for their service. She requested volunteers for the Altar Guild and other ways to serve the church. She thanked Kathy Glessner for her 6 years of leading this committee. Kathy's report is on page 18 of the booklet.

Property Committee: Jerry Unruh provided highlights from his report on page 19 of the booklet. He explained some of the unexpected costs, such as repairing the chair lift in the lower hallway and repairing the leaking hot water line. He thanked the members for all the work that they do to help maintain our facilities.

Outreach Committee: Jean Erwin's report is on page 20 of the booklet.

Comfort Makers Quilt Group: Bonnie Elias spoke for this committee as she is a member. Sue Hendrickson's report is on page 22 of the booklet. Both Bonnie and Sue thanked the members for their time and talents given to this group.

St. Luke's Meals: Bonnie asked Elaine Bishop to talk about this group. Her report is on page 21 of the booklet. The program fed increasing numbers of people in 2023. (See her report.) She thanked all who have participated, and she also talked about the dinner that will be provided on Feb. 24, 2024.

Staff Support: Bonnie reported that this committee's chairman will not serve on HTLC Council but will keep the council members updated on their activities. Carol Bertholf serves as Chairman 2024-2026.

Tithes on the Bequest and Memorial Funds: Bonnie announced that these funds are low.

Wish List Items for Worship and Music: Bonnie suggested that new wish list items as discussed by Barbara Fraifogl be given to Barbara or Kathy Glessner.

Adjournment: There being no other business, **Yvonne Smith moved and Jim Fleming seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Bonnie adjourned the meeting at 12:10 pm.** She encouraged all who were able to stay for the Scout Troop 152's Pancake fundraising lunch in the Social Hall.

Respectfully Submitted, Nancy Collier, Council Secretary

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
MARCH 2024			
3	4	5	6
9a Parish Ed Meeting			
10a Worship			
11:15a Adult/Youth Ed			12p Lenten
1p Confirmation Class			Fellowsh
		5:15p HT Bells	6p March c
		6p Property Meeting	Service
10	11	12	13
		12:45p Communion	
		Visitors (Pastors Ofc)	
10a Worship			12p Lenten
11:15a Adult/Youth Ed		5:15p HT Bells	Fellowship
		6:30p Council Meeting	
17	18	19	20
10a Worship	9:30a PEO Group	1p Outreach Meeting	12p Lenten
11:15a Adult/Youth Ed		5:15p HT Bells	Fellowship
1p Confirmation Class			2p Finance
24	25	26	27
10a Palm Sunday			
11:15a Adult/Youth Ed			
4p Scouts Crossover			
31			
10a Easter Sunday			

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2
			6p One Accord March of Prayer
	7	8	9
	10a Bible Study		
	12p HT Singers		
Worship Service	1:30p Books, Coffee & Dessert Club		
Worship Lunch			7p Square Dance
March of Prayer	6p Dance Lessons		SET CLOCKS FORWARD 1 HR
e	7p Appleseed Squares		
	14	15	16
	10a Bible Study		
	10a Pastors Fellowship		
Worship Service	11:30a Worship & Music		3p-9p Spaghetti Dinner (One Accord)
Worship Lunch	12p HT Singers		
	6p Dance Lessons		
	7p Squares Graduation		
	21	22	23
	10a Bible Study		
Worship Service	12p HT Singers		
Worship Lunch	6p Dance Lessons		
Dance Meeting	7p Squares Workshop		7p St Patricks Dance
	28	29	30
			10am Visitation 11 am Ballenger Memorial Service
	7p Maundy Thursday	7p Good Friday	

IN CHRIST'S

	SUNDAY MARCH 3	SUNDAY MARCH 10	
Head Usher	JIM FLEMING		
Greeters	Joyce Duff		
Lectors	Barney Musselman	Ruth Schindler	Cin
Cantors	Jean Erwin	Dick Collier	Bo
Ushers	Carol Bertholf, Bonnie Elias		
Communion Altar Asst.	Mary Steu		
Altar Guild			
Wired Word Facilitator	Doug Thrush	Always Butz	Dic
Offering Counters	Don & Roberta Karger		
Snow Removal	Jim Fleming	Karl Them	Jona

WOMEN'S SERVICE

**SUNDAY
MARCH 17**

**PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 24**

**EASTER SUNDAY
MARCH 31**

JIM FLEMING

Joyce Duff

Cindy Shasky

Linda Fleming

Marilyn Zuber

Bonnie Elias

Nancy Collier

Kathy Glessner

as, Sue Hendrickson, Connie Zappone

teude & Jerry Unruh

Dick Collier

Pastor Kathy

No Ed Classes

Don & Roberta Karger

onathan Butz

Doug Rhodes

Jerry Unruh

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE





Guided to the Cross

Lent is a season when we are guided to the cross. Throughout this holy time, we are drawn to Calvary to live in forgiveness, hope, love, peace, trust and perseverance. Each week, the services in this series reveal how Christ and his cross serve as examples for us of how to live our lives for and through our crucified Lord and Savior.

In word and song, we contemplate how to live lives of forgiving one another as we have been forgiven by Christ through the cross. Midweek Lenten services, including Ash Wednesday service, will be held at noon on Wednesdays. Following the noon service, a lunch of soup and bread will be served in the Fellowship Hall.

Don't forget to RSVP for the benefit of those preparing & serving the lunch.

Service Schedule

Wednesday, March 6

Wednesday, March 13

Wednesday, March 20

Palm Sunday, March 24

Maundy Thursday, March 28

Good Friday, March 29

Easter Sunday, March 31



*"I want to know Christ
and the power of his
resurrection."*

Philippians 3:10, NRSV

Holy Trinity Family,

Thank you for your prayers, kind thoughts, cookies, goody bags, phone calls, visits, food, and cards. Those expressions of kindness meant so much to both Jim & I during my recovery from knee replacement surgery.

Pastor Kathy visited me on Ash Wednesday and gave me communion and the imposition of ashes. I was grateful for this visit as a reminder of the Lenten message for repentance and reconciliation. In home communion was very meaningful and appreciated.

In Christian Love,

Linda Fleming

AN ENDOWMENT NOTE

Purpose of the Endowment Fund

"To enhance the work of the church by reaching out to those within our own congregation and beyond its doors through monetary assistance."

A person can be generous in many ways, such as giving his/her time and talents to causes that matter to him or her. One way in which you can demonstrate your values is by giving back financially.

- * *Spontaneous giving* - no preparation but usually a spur-of-the moment such as through giving to disaster relief efforts.
- * *Intentional giving* - giving on a regular basis like giving because it feels right.
- * *Planned giving*- making a significant gift financially as a strategy. Planned or intentional giving can include cash, required minimum distribution from IRAs (if 71-1/2 or older), life insurance, stocks, beneficiary proceeds, etc.

A way to show your values is by giving through charitable giving to the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church's Endowment Fund.





The Teddy Bear Mission at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church was started several years ago. The bears, which are seated in each pew row are available to take to anyone who might need a spiritual boost or comfort. Tied to an arm, each bear wears a note bearing blessings of

worship and love from the congregation.

Please feel free to share with someone you may know needs strength. If you have a bear you no longer need, you can place it in the box with the picture of a bear in the hallway under the coat rack.



THE FLOWERS
APPEAR ON
THE EARTH;
THE TIME
OF SINGING
HAS COME!

SONG OF SOLOMON 2:12, NRSV

The ladies who ring handbells want you to know how blessed we feel to have Barney among us. We were so surprised to find a long stemmed red rose at each of our stands Valentines week for each of “his girls”!



BOOKS, COFFEE & DESSERT BOOK CLUB

The book club will meet Thursday, March 7, at 1:30 p.m. in Katharina Cole-Baron’s home to discuss the book, *The First Ladies* by Marie Benedict & Victoria Christopher Murray. A novel about the partnership between First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and civil rights activist Mary McLeod Bethune. Join us for discussion, fellowship and dessert. If you would like to know more about the book club, contact Linda Fleming @ 419-756-4929 or Katharina Cole-Baron @ 419-756-4368.

CLUB SCHEDULE MARCH—JUNE

DATE	BOOK—AUTHOR	@HOSTESS
3/7	The First Ladies— Marie Benedict & Victoria Christopher Murray	@Katharina
4/4	The Devil in the White City—Erik Larson	@Carol
5/2	A Study in Scarlet—Sir Arthur Conan Doyle	@Bonnie
6/6	The Shell Seekers—Rosamunde Pilcher	@Marilyn

Holy Carers

Thank you Holy Carers for all your efforts in sending cards, calling on shut ins, & supporting them in different ways. We took care of 15 on the list & several others not on the list.



Your efforts are deeply appreciated & I look forward to working with you again this year.

Blessings,
Mary Steude



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VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is to be a Christ-centered Bible-based Church, equipping disciples with Scripture to share the good news of God's reconciling love with conviction, courage and compassion while