

# **HOLY TRINITY NEWS**

**OCTOBER 2022**

**VOLUME 57 NO. 10**



# **OCTOBER**

**CHURCH SERVICE 10:15 AM**

**HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**610-826-2524**

**502 LAFAYETTE AVE. PALMERTON, PA 18071**

**E-MAIL**

**[htlcoppa@ptd.net](mailto:htlcoppa@ptd.net)**

**FACEBOOK**

**[facebook.com/HolyTrinityPalmerton](https://www.facebook.com/HolyTrinityPalmerton)**

**WEB PAGE**

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

**REV. MICHAEL FROST**

**570-620-8189**

**PASTOR E-MAIL ADDRESS**

**[htpastor@ptd.net](mailto:htpastor@ptd.net)**





## From the Pastor – October 2022 **“Pray Always & Don’t Lose Heart”**

*Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart.*

Luke 18:1 (NRSV)

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to*

*God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 4:4-7 (NRSV)

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NRSV)

It becomes clear, as we read the New Testament, both the Gospels and the letters, that the first generation of Christians, the Apostles and those who heard the message of Christ through their ministry, believed with certainty that Jesus would be coming back soon. It was a confident hope. It was good news. Their Savior would return to usher in the promised Kingdom of God in which the crucified, risen, and ascended Jesus would be Lord of all. In his Kingdom the redeemed people of God would be raised from death and live forever.

That hope sustained God’s people, the Body of Christ, through all manner of struggle and suffering, through oppression and persecution. The authorities and powers here on earth were finite while God’s authority and power were infinite, as seen in the glorious resurrection of Jesus. Not even death can separate us from the loving presence of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

But why hadn’t he returned yet? Even by

the end of the first century questions were being asked. Opponents and critics of the community of God’s people in Christ came to ridicule the believers for this hope that appeared never to be fulfilled.

It is in the context of this hope in the ultimate victory of Christ as Lord that we read about how God’s people should pray. From Luke 18 – **“Pray always and don’t lose heart.”** From Philippians 4 – **“The Lord is near. Don’t be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer . . . let your requests be made known to God.”** From 1 Thessalonians 5 – **“Pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances.”** Even when there is a sense of uncertainty . . . **REJOICE!** and be faithful in prayer. The Lord is near. Don’t worry. Don’t be anxious. Don’t lose heart.

In Luke’s Gospel, both in chapter 11 and chapter 18, we have stories from Jesus that point to persistence, to praying and not giving up, to having a confidence that God will answer our prayers in his good time, that we will receive what we need from God’s gracious and abundant store of blessing.

We live by faith and not by sight. That’s not always (if ever) easy. We trust in what we cannot see. We believe in the promises of God even when the circumstances we face, our situations here and now, may seem to argue otherwise. Press on! Keep the faith! Our prayers are the active living out of our very real relationship with God. We trust in God’s presence. We believe he is with us and so we live open to his presence and constant in our conversation, in this ongoing dialog we have with our Heavenly Father.

The parables Jesus tells in Luke convey this message that persistence, that perseverance in prayer will ultimately pay off. The more I think of those stories, the more I realize how similar this is to my 9 year old grandson, Bryan. When he wants something – a new Lego set, a toy truck or tractor, or simply some of my time to play with him . . .



he knows the power of persistence. He stays at me (at all of us). He never gives up. He inevitably wears us out and wears us down until he gets what he wants. Is that a model for my prayer life, for your prayer life? It seems to be the message of the stories Jesus tells. Pray. **PRAY. PRAY constantly. PRAY constantly and don't ever give up.**

The point isn't really about getting what we want, but about living all of life with a sure and certain sense of God's loving and gracious presence. Whatever is on our minds and hearts – at any time of day – let God know. Share your life with the ONE who has loved you into life through Jesus Christ. Our hope is not in the things of this world and this life but in God's promises. Cling to your Savior and Lord and know that your life is safe in God, no matter what.

See you in church,  
Pastor Mike

### BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Mondays - 1:30—3:00 pm at St. Matthew's  
Thursdays -10:30am-Noon – Adult Education Room



### HOLY TRINITY ACTION MINISTRIES

Tues. 9AM - 12:30 PM Thrift Shop



### SNAPPLE FACTS



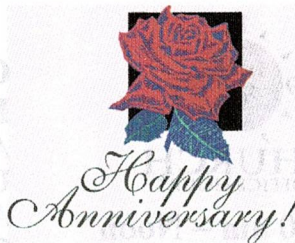
Americans spend more than \$630 million a year on golf balls.

In 1926, the first outdoor mini-golf courses were built on rooftops in NYC.

Sip on some knowledge. Most of these are the Real Facts

### HOME VISITS

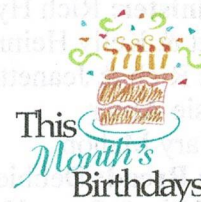
Home visits and shut-in visits are being planned for October. If anyone would like to receive communion from Pastor Mike, please call the office @ 610-826-2524.



### **OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES**

October 12	Aaron & Nicole Pryce	9 years
October 22	Scott & Kelly Heinrich	39 years
October 24	Robert & Lori Zellers	41 years

### **WE WISH YOU A HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



October 02	Layla Abel
October 02	Larry Arner
October 03	Jakson Ring
October 04	Brenda Kraftician
October 04	Sarah Salter
October 05	Joshua Reif
October 07	Douglas Ruch
October 09	Lily Dickson
October 12	Pamela Kleintop
October 13	Susan Arner
October 17	Nicole Jahelka
October 17	Joshua Merkel
October 19	Connor James
October 19	Sidney Kraftician
October 21	Donald Berger
October 21	Katelynn Ring
October 23	Jessica Merkel
October 25	Rachael Dickson
October 25	Mackenzie Spalding
October 26	Megan Heal
October 26	Jacqueline Ivancich
October 26	Angelique Tindula
October 27	Danielle Mertz
October 29	Mark Bloss
October 29	Ginny Frost
October 30	Leah Danielson
October 30	Evan LaRose
October 30	Thomas Schmidt
October 31	Lois Siemasko

[NOTE: If we have omitted your birthday or anniversary, please let us know.]





## WORSHIP SCHEDULE



8:30 am – Noon

**Worship 10:15 AM -**

**Sunday School on Facebook**

### October 2, 2022 COMMUNION

**Assisting Minister:** Rich Hyer

**Ushers:** Scott & Kelly Heinrich

**Altar Guild:** Rich & Jeanette Hyer

**Flowers:** Susie Arner

**Bulletins:** Mary Mahon

**Communion Bread:** Debbie & Steve Hansut

**Website:** Debbie & Steve Hansut

**Times News Ad:** Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

### October 09, 2022 COMMUNION

**Assisting Minister:** Krissy Keblish

**Ushers:** Ron Keblish w/Taylor, Terry Holland

**Altar Guild:** Rich & Jeanette Hyer

**Flowers:** Larry Arner

**Bulletins:** Mary Mahon

**Communion Bread:** Debbie & Steve Hansut

**Website:** Debbie & Steve Hansut

**Times News Ad:** Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

### October 16, 2022 COMMUNION

**Assisting Minister:** Lynn Perone

**Ushers:** Carol Heffelfinger & Loren LaRose

**Altar Guild:** Rich & Jeanette Hyer

**Flowers:** Carol Heffelfinger

**Bulletins:** Mary Mahon

**Communion Bread:** Debbie & Steve Hansut

**Website:** Debbie & Steve Hansut

**Times News Ad:** Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

### October 23, 2021 COMMUNION

**Assisting Minister:** Larry Arner

**Ushers:** Rich & Jeanette Hyer

**Altar Guild:** Gerry Dorshimer & Carol Heffelfinger

**Flowers:** Debbie & Steve Hansut

**Bulletins:** Mary Mahon

**Communion Bread:** Debbie & Steve Hansut

**Website:** Debbie & Steve Hansut

**Times News Ad:** Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

The Children's time of participation will resume when it is safe to do so.



Children's Sermon

### October 31, 2021 COMMUNION HEALING SERVICE

**Assisting Minister:** TBD

**Ushers:** Gordon & Mary Walls

**Altar Guild:** Gerry Dorshimer & Caro Heffelfinger

**Flowers:** Anonymous

**Bulletins:** Mary Mahon

**Communion Bread:** Debbie & Steve Hansut

**Website:** Debbie & Steve Hansut

**Times News Ad:** Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Oct 05	4:15 p.m.	Worship & Music Meeting
Oct 16	6:30 p.m.	Council Meeting

### COUNCIL MEMBERS

Rich Heyr	President
Don Delich	Vice-President
Karen Talamantes	Secretary
Marlene Bollinger	
Teri Delich	
Scott Heinrich	
Jim Miller	
Erich Reif	
Ray Talamantes	
Gordon Walls	
Mary Walls	

### FINANCE

<b>Aug. Monthly Envelope Offering:</b>	\$ 4,254
<b>Aug. St. Matthews Pastoral Service</b>	\$ 3,173
<b>Aug. Additional Income</b>	\$ 1,334
<b>Aug. Monthly Expenses:</b>	\$ 8,870
<b>Attendance:</b>	
<b>August 7, 2022</b>	34
<b>August 14, 2022</b>	33
<b>August 21, 2022</b>	39
<b>August 28, 2022</b>	40

### FINANCIAL PERSONNEL

Larry Arner	Treasurer
Carol Heffelfinger	Financial Sec.



Happy Fall! We hope this note finds you in good health and spirits. With the change of seasons, it is time to get Sunday School up and running.... so welcome to "God on the Go".

"God on the Go" is our continuing look for virtual Sunday School for our kiddos. Each week, join us on Holy Trinity's Facebook page, as we present a 15 to 20 minute message just for you.

See you soon!  
Don and Teri Delich

### You can join us on Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9636129008?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9636129008?pwd=YzhTQ1M0OCTnV285RWhJeXdsMmJHZz09)

[pwd=YzhTQ1M0OCTnV285RWhJeXdsMmJHZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9636129008?pwd=YzhTQ1M0OCTnV285RWhJeXdsMmJHZz09)

Meeting ID: 963 612 9008

Password: 119675

One tap mobile

+13126266799,,9636129008#,,1#,119675# US (Chicago)

+16465588656,,9636129008#,,1#,119675# US (New York)

Dial by your location

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

+1 301 715 8592 US (Germantown)

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

Meeting ID: 963 612 9008

Password: 119675

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kqjbmlIiV>

## Blessing of the Animals Service – Sat., October 1, 11:00 a.m.

St. Matthew's will hold our annual Blessing of Animals Service on Saturday, October 1, at 11:00 a.m. in the front parking lot of the church.

Meeting outside, we will be more easily able to keep our distances and abide by all necessary virus protocols.

As always, we invite you to come with your dogs, your cats, your hamsters, gerbils, or whatever else even more exotic that you might have in your families. (In years gone by, at previous churches where I've done these services, I've even had folks come on horseback and had their horses blessed.)

We hold these services in early October, on the Saturday closest to October 4<sup>th</sup>, the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of nature and animals. We believe that God blesses us with the pets that have become such important parts of our families and we take this time to ask God's blessing on them as well.

### TRICK OR TREAT

We are in need of candy and zip-lock sandwich bags for trick or treat. We will also need volunteers to help October 29<sup>th</sup> the night of trick or treat. Contact Teri Delich or Krissy Keblish for more information.

### SAVE THE DATE

#### Our fall bazaar is on November 5th

We are busy bees and let's keep buzzing around!

We finished a successful festival run and now we move to our bazaar. Things needed for the bazaar first off are donations of cash and or gift cards for the raffle ticket. If you would like to sponsor a gift certificate, please see Larry or Sue Arner to do that. Then of course items for the white elephant sale, cause as we know your junk may be someone else's treasure so please keep that in mind. Handcrafted items, we know our congregation is loaded with many talented folks so consider something you can or have made and donate to our craft table sewing, knitting, crocheting, jewelry making, painting just to name a few. As the date draws closer, we will need all hands on deck to prepare. We will have a bake sale for all our talented bakers

to prepare their most popular items for others to purchase. Any time we can accept donations of new or handcrafted items for the brown bag raffle so think about clearance items when you're shopping that would make a great prize or perhaps an unwanted gift that you just never will use and now can donate to our raffle. Please send all donations to the church office and items for the bazaar can be dropped at the thrift shop during their regular hours.

### **CHURCH BAZAAR**

**November 5<sup>h</sup> 9am-2pm**

Crafts, Jewelry

Lunch Bag Raffle

**Bake Sale**

Food

Raffle Ticket

Many gift cards and prizes.

**White Elephant**



**Items needed are: gift cards & new items for the bag raffle and white elephant items for the sale tables.**



# October 2022

October 2022						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

November 2022						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sep 25	26	27	28	29	30	Oct 1
2 10:15am Worship Service in Church and Zoom	3	4 Office Hours 8:30-12:30 9:00am Thrift Shop	5 Office Hours 8:30-12:30	6 Office Hours 8:30-12:30 10:30am Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)	7	8
9 10:15am Worship Service in Church and Zoom	10	11 Office Hours 8:30-12:30 9:00am Thrift Shop	12 Office Hours 8:30-12:30	13 Office Hours 8:30-12:30 10:30am Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)	14	15
16 10:15am Worship Service in Church and Zoom	17	18 Office Hours 8:30-12:30 9:00am Thrift Shop	19 Office Hours 8:30-12:30	20 Office Hours 8:30-12:30 10:30am Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)	21	22
23 10:15am Worship Service in Church and Zoom	24	25 Office Hours 8:30-12:30 9:00am Thrift Shop	26 Office Hours 8:30-12:30	27 Office Hours 8:30-12:30 10:30am Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)	28	29 Trick or Treat 6-8PM
30 10:15am Worship Service in Church and Zoom	31	Nov 1	2	3	4	5



# SYNOD NEWS

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD, ELCA

What's happening in NEPA Synod? X

Bishop Conference 2022...

Synod Assembly 2023...

Going Beyond...

Stronger Together...

Growing Young...

Learning Ministries Day 23...

<http://>



Visit [Godslove.org](http://Godslove.org)  
for up-to-date  
happenings  
around the synod



*Synod  
Assembly*

**GO BEYOND  
WITH US  
IN-PERSON!!**

**KALAHARI  
POCONOS**

**JUNE  
1-3  
2023**

**GOING BEYOND**  
  
**2023**

**WORSHIP  
Play**

**CONNECT  
Lead**



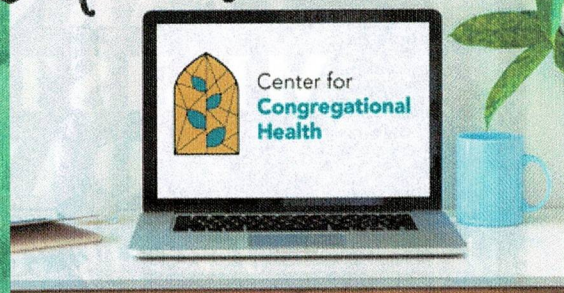
*The Northeastern Pennsylvania  
Synod Presents:*



**BISHOP'S  
CONFERENCE**

**2022**

*Featuring*



November 14 & 15  
Americus Hotel  
555 Hamilton St  
Allentown, PA

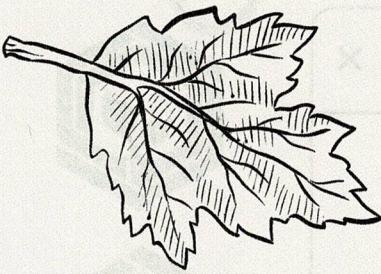




# \* 2023 Update on Portico Health Rates & Plan Changes

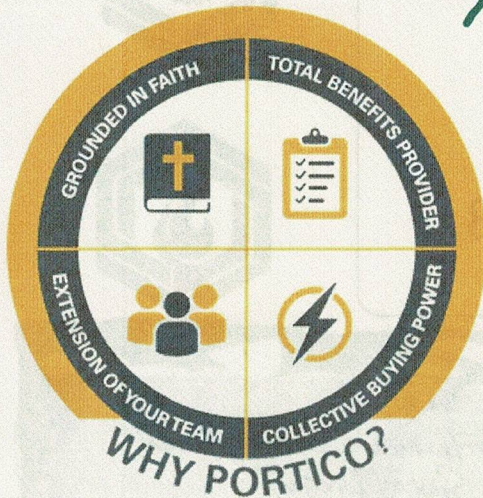
ELCA-Primary health contribution baseline rate will increase 3%, the same rate increase as last year, which was the lowest in eight years.

The 3% increase also applies to sponsored members receiving the ELCA Medicare-Primary health benefit Standard option. ELCA-Primary Gold+ option deductibles will increase to \$1,500 for member only, \$2,250 for member and child(ren) and \$3,000 for member and spouse or member, spouse, and child(ren). Coinsurance, out-of-pocket limits and prescription drug cost-share will not change.



## \* Prepare for 2023 Annual Enrollment

As you prepare to make selections in October, keep these things in mind: Sponsoring employers (congregations and organizations) will select the option they will offer their employees Oct. 3-14. Your registered EmployerLink user can access the 2023 Decision Guide and their Custom Comparison Report to help determine 2023 costs and options. Note: any organization that does not make a selection will be assigned Silver+ (A) to offer their plan members the ability to choose the coverage that works best for them. Sponsored members, watch for an email from Portico with specific information about 2023 Annual Enrollment, including when your selection period will be open.



*Save the Date!*

