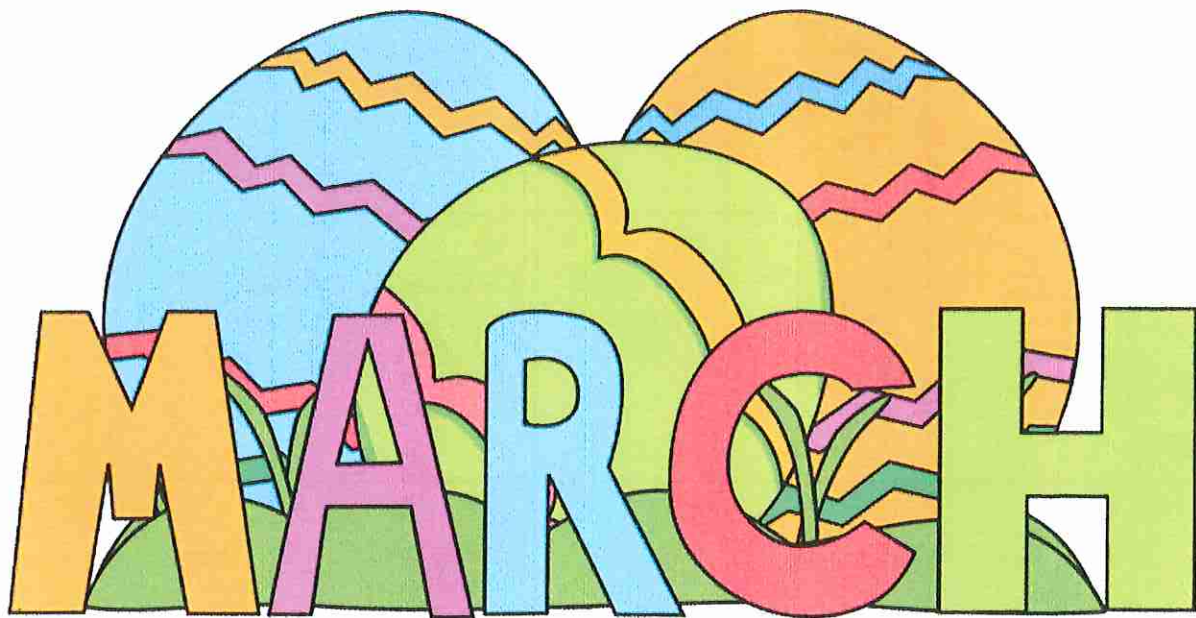


# HOLY TRINITY NEWS

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## CHURCH SERVICE 10:15 AM

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# March 2024

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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## From the Pastor's Desk – March 2024

### ***“God’s Good & Gracious Will”***

<sup>29</sup> *He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?”*

*Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.”*

<sup>30</sup> *And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.*

<sup>31</sup> *Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes and be killed and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.*

<sup>33</sup> *But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”*

(Mark 8:29-33 NRSV-U)

Here’s the plan, brothers and sisters. This is how things are going to play out in the coming days. But it made no sense. Peter had just spoken the truth that had come to be on the tip of their tongues. They were coming to believe it but they just weren’t sure. Then Jesus asked that question – “Who do you say that I am” – and out it came. “You are Messiah!” There it was, right out in the open. Jesus was the One. He was the long awaited, long anticipated Redeemer of God’s people Israel. “You are the Christ, the Son of the Father.”

Then Jesus began to talk about things nobody wanted to hear. “The Son of Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes and be killed and after three days rise again.” Talk about suffering, rejection, and death was so shocking that the disciples never even heard the last part, that he would be raised on the third day. How could Messiah die? Not even possible. How could the very leadership of God’s people fail to acknowledge him and refuse to accept who

he was? Absurd!

It’s hard for us to imagine; us living here so long after the end of the story. When we think about the story of Jesus, about all that God has done for us in Jesus, we just naturally talk about his death AND resurrection – the two parts being inextricably linked as one event. I don’t believe it’s possible for us to imagine the trauma, the devastation of Jesus’ declaration there, much less the reality when it happened, when they watched Jesus be arrested, mocked and beaten, and finally crucified. Their world ended that day, which surely felt like anything but a Good Friday.

But we DO know that Friday wasn’t the end of the story. God did, in fact, raise the crucified, dead, and buried Jesus on that third day. Friday became good because Sunday came and Jesus was no longer dead.

This March we find ourselves well on our way in our Lenten journey with Jesus. In these weeks we move from Galilee toward Judea and, finally, to Jerusalem. We watch Jesus. We listen to him. We see the opposition build and grow bold in their desire to be rid of the problem that was Jesus.

Stay with us. Experience it all from Sunday to Sunday and, then, finally to that Holy Week – to the upper room, to Gethsemane, to the cross, and finally – thanks be to God – to the empty tomb. This is the story of God’s love for sinners, for folks like you and me. In this we find forgiveness, life, and salvation.

Blessings to you and peace,  
Pastor Mike

**Office Hours  
9am-1pm**



**HOLY TRINITY ACTION  
MINISTRIES**

Tues. 9AM- 12:30 PM Thrift Shop



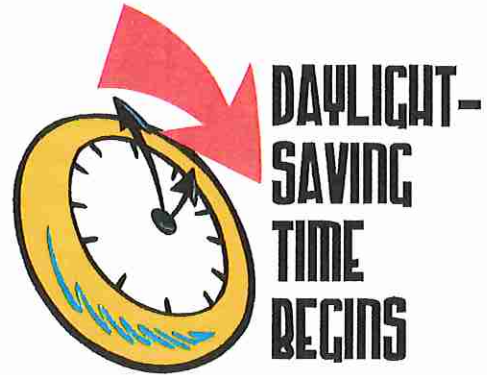
**HOME VISITS**

Home visits and shut-in visits are being planned for March.

If anyone would like to receive communion from Pastor Mike, please call the office @ 610-826-2524.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS**

Don't forget to set your clocks one hour AHEAD on Saturday Night, March 9, 2024. Daylight saving time begins at 2:00 am on March 10, 2024.



**2024 SPONSOR SHEETS**

**Please sign up!**

2024 sponsor sheets are on the bulletin board outside the office:

**Weekly Bulletin \$10**

**Altar Flowers \$25**

**Weekly Communion Bread \$2.50**

**Altar Guild needed.**





**LENTEN SERVICES - ALL SERVICES**  
**ARE AT 7:00 PM**

- Mar 06 Lenten Service at Holy Trinity*
- Mar 13 Lenten Service at St. Matthew's*
- Mar 20 Lenten Service at Holy Trinity*
- Mar 28 Maundy Thursday at St. Matthew's*
- Mar 29 Good Friday at Holy Trinity*

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**March 3, 2024 COMMUNION**

**Assisting Minister:** Rich Hyer  
**Ushers:** Scott & Kelly Heinrich  
**Altar Guild:** NEEDED  
**Flowers:** Carol Heffelfinger  
**Bulletins:** SPONSOR NEEDED  
**Communion Bread:** SPONSOR NEEDED  
**Times News Ad:** Fred & Betsy Masenheimer  
**Worship Service 10:15 AM**

**March 6, 2024 LENTEN SERVICE**  
**at Holy Trinity Worship Service 7:00 PM**

**March 10, 2024 COMMUNION**

**Assisting Minister:** Krissy Keblish  
**Ushers:** Ron Keblish w/Taylor, Terry Holland  
**Altar Guild:** NEEDED  
**Flowers:** In Honor of Ron Keblish's Birthday  
**Bulletins:** Steve Berger  
**Communion Bread:** Steve Berger  
**Times News Ad:** Fred & Betsy Masenheimer  
**Worship Service 10:15 AM**

**March 13, 2024 LENTEN SERVICE**  
**at St. Matthew's Worship Service 7:00 PM**

**March 17, 2024 COMMUNION**

**Assisting Minister:** Deb Hansut  
**Ushers:** Carol Heffelfinger & Loren LaRose  
**Altar Guild:** NEEDED  
**Flowers:** Carol Borger (In Memory of Father)  
**Bulletins:** Carol Borger  
**Communion Bread:** Carol Borger  
**Times News Ad:** Fred & Betsy Masenheimer  
**Worship Service 10:15 AM**

**March 20, 2024 LENTEN SERVICE**  
**at Holy Trinity Worship Service 7:00 PM**

**March 24, 2024 COMMUNION**

**Assisting Minister:** Larry Arner  
**Ushers:** Rich & Jeanette Hyer  
**Altar Guild:** NEEDED  
**Flowers:** Sosik Family (In Memory of Loved Ones)  
**Bulletins:** SPONSOR NEEDED  
**Communion Bread:** SPONSOR NEEDED  
**Times News Ad:** Fred & Betsy Masenheimer  
**Worship Service 10:15 AM**

**March 28, 2024 MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
**SERVICE at St. Matthew's**  
**Worship Service 7:00 PM**

**March 29, 2024 GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**  
**At Holy Trinity Worship Service 7:00 PM**

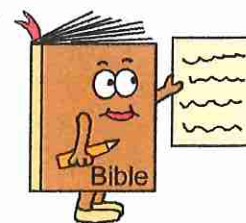
**March 31, 2024 EASTER SUNDAY**  
**COMMUNION**

**Assisting Minister:** Vicky Holland  
**Ushers:** Gordon & Mary Walls  
**Altar Guild:** NEEDED  
**Flowers:** Carol Borger  
**Bulletins:** Carol Borger  
**Communion Bread:** Carol Borger  
**Times News Ad:** Fred & Betsy Masenheimer  
**Worship Service 10:15 AM**



**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**Pastor Mike will have children's sermons on the second Sunday of each month.**





**MARCH ANNIVERSARIES**

March 17 Jim Meldrum & Vicky Holland 6 years

**WE WISH YOU A HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- March 02 Carol Heffelfinger
- March 03 Amy Berger
- March 05 Steven Hoffert
- March 08 Marlene Greenwood
- March 09 Ronald Keblish
- March 10 Patrick Danielson
- March 11 James Engle
- March 14 Garrett James
- March 14 Amy Mertz
- March 15 George Husack III
- March 16 Patrick Leight
- March 19 Robin Suarez
- March 23 Janice Brown
- March 25 Joseph Solt II
- March 26 Payton Pryce
- March 29 Abigail Fredericks
- March 31 Jason Pryce, Jr.
- March 31 Gage Zuberka



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

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Mar 17 6:30 p.m. Council Meeting

**BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**

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



**SNAPPLE FACTS**



Honeybees are the only insects that create a form of food for humans.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

- |                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| Terry Holland    | President      |
| Jon Kistler      | Vice-President |
| Karen Talamantes | Secretary      |
| Larry Arner      | Treasurer      |
| Jim Miller       | Asst. Treas.   |
| Steve Berger     |                |
| Gerry Dorshimer  |                |
| Scott Heinrich   |                |
| Krissy Keblish   |                |
| Ron Keblish      |                |
| Eric Reif        |                |
| Ray Talamantes   |                |

**FINANCIAL PERSONNEL**

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| Larry Arner        | Treasurer      |
| Carol Heffelfinger | Financial Sec. |

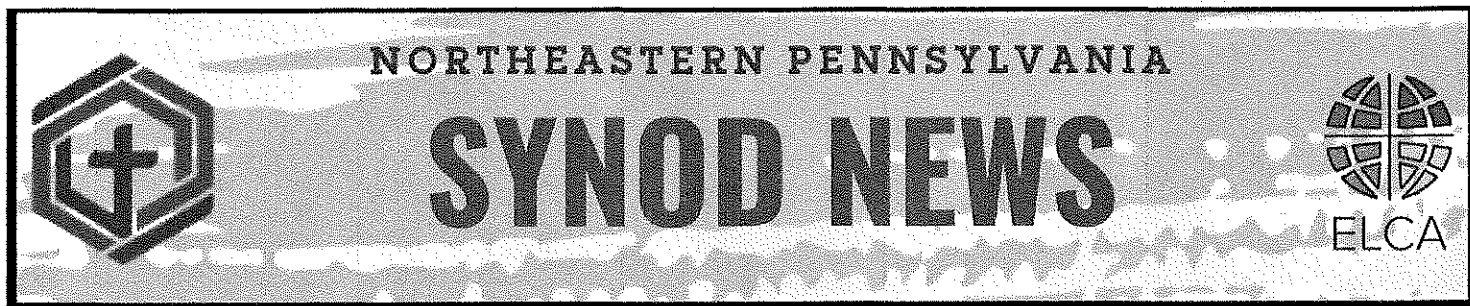
**FINANCE**

Jan. Monthly Envelope Offering:	\$5,584
Jan. St. Matthews Pastoral Service	\$3,300
Jan. Additional Income	\$7,682
Jan. Monthly Expenses:	\$11,884
Attendance:	
January 07, 2024	0
January 14, 2024	40
January 21, 2024	43
January 28, 2024	39

**KEEPING UP TO DATE**

Since we are getting our offering envelopes mailed quarterly it is **extremely important** to let us know if you have changed your address. We want to make sure you get your envelopes in a timely manner. If you have a change of address please contact the office 610-826-2425, by e-mail [htlcoppa@ptd.net](mailto:htlcoppa@ptd.net) or snail mail 502 Lafayette Ave. Palmerton, PA 18071  
 Thank You



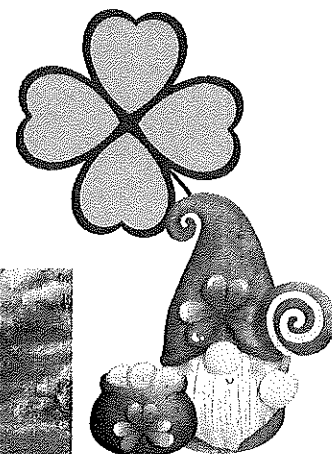
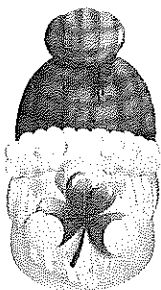


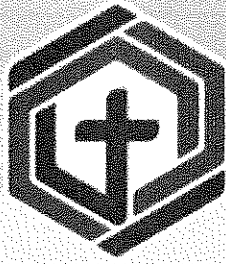
## *Cultivating Generosity*

Throughout the fall our congregations are often focused on stewardship and gratitude for the generosity of members. Folks provide stewardship talks, members complete commitment cards, and sermons are proclaimed to encourage generosity of time, talent and finances. But did you know that our ELCA Congregation and Synod Support Team offers training and recommendations on cultivating generosity?

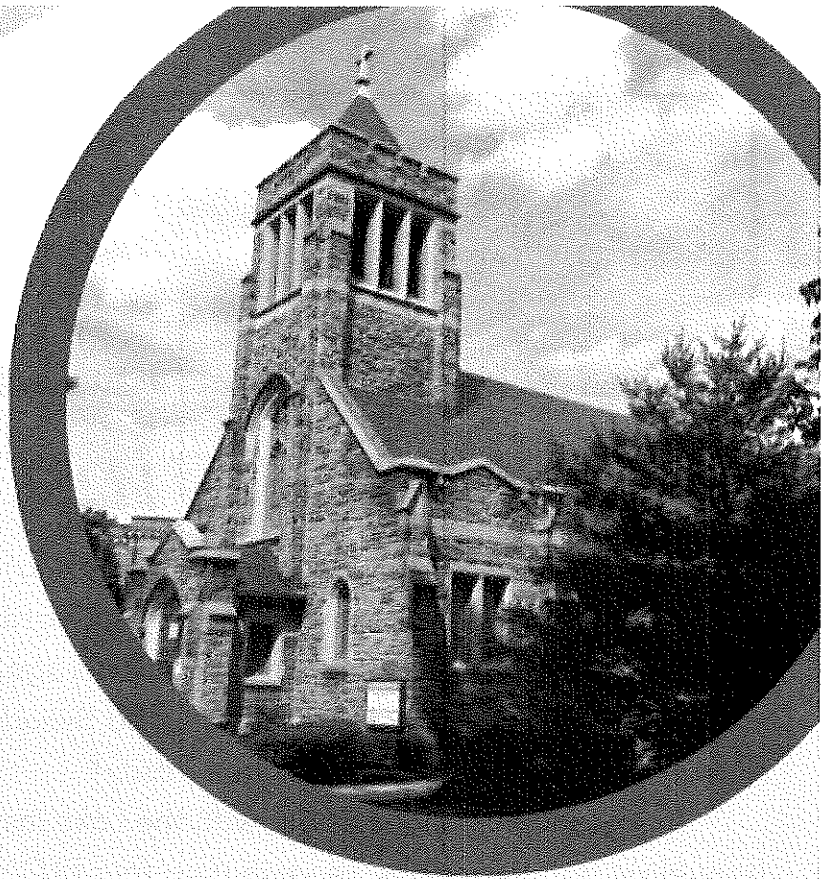
This past fall, in partnership with the Lake Institute on Faith and Giving, stewardship leaders from eight congregations, representing four ELCA synods, came together for a training series called "Cultivating Generous Congregations" (CGC). Over seven weeks leaders from these eight congregations gathered online as a cohort with the Lake Institute's trained faculty and each other. Cultivating Generous Congregations maps the new landscape of religious giving and provides congregational teams with tools to build a culture of generosity unique to each congregation's needs, challenges, and opportunities. CGC explores theology, the role of adaptive leadership, fiscal transparency, and the importance of giver care, with action steps to impact the exploration of generosity and energize congregational generosity to take the significant and necessary steps to creating lasting cultural change.

Following the final session, the eight congregations received a year of access to the Lake Institute's numerous stewardship resources, as well as optional coaching to assist in the implementation of these practices. Mission Support funds the opportunity for congregations and leaders to learn from stewardship experts and one another and to grow together so that their local mission, and how God is growing generosity, can be told in more effective ways in today's culture.





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Northeastern Pennsylvania SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2024

# **“HUNGRY FOR LIFE TOGETHER IN CHRIST”**

**Saturday, June 8, 8:30am-4:30pm**

**TWO ATTENDANCE OPTIONS FOR VOTING MEMBERS:**

In-person and online (Zoom)

**Registration: \$130 (same for both attendance options)**

**REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 16**

Watch for email that day, with detailed info and registration link

*Info also posted that day on our synod website: [www.godslove.org](http://www.godslove.org)*

**Questions? Contact: Laurie Christman [laurie@nepssynod.org](mailto:laurie@nepssynod.org)**



## EASTER FLOWERS – 2024

Flower & Blooms	Cost	How Many	Total Cost	Pick up after 10:15 Service, Plant at church or give to shut-ins?
LILIES (4+) 6" Pot	\$10			
HYACINTHS (3) 6" Pot Pink Blue White	\$8			
TULIPS (5+) 6" Pot	\$8			
DAFFODILS (5+)	\$9			
BEGONIAS -ASSORTED COLORS (8" Pot)	\$12			
<b>Total</b>				

**In Honor of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Memory of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Ordered by:** \_\_\_\_\_

***ALL ORDERS MUST BE IN TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY  
MARCH 5, 2024 WITH FULL PAYMENT ATTACHED.***

