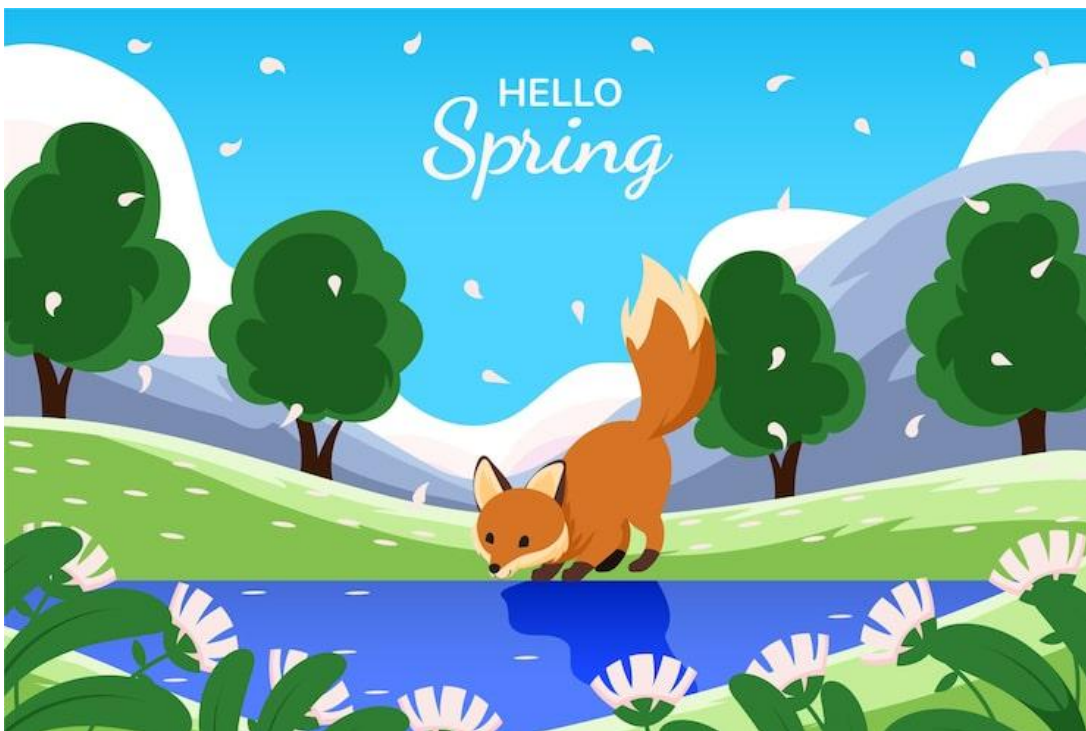


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# APRIL 2026

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Office Hours  
8am-1pm

Maundy  
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Service @  
Holy Trinity  
7pm

Good Friday  
Service @  
St. John's  
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Easter  
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Service  
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Office Hours  
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Thrift Shop  
9am-12:30pm

Office Hours  
8am-1pm

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Worship  
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YARD SALE  
PARISH HALL  
8AM-1PM  
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***"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." -Psalm 118:24***

**Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**What an incredible blessing to be able to celebrate this Easter season and to celebrate it together as a community. This season reminds us of the blessing also of new life together. As Christ is risen, so too we will rise -- not just in heaven -- but through a daily rising to newness through our Baptism.**

**We get fifty days to celebrate this new life in this season of Easter. As I write this article, it is still the end of the season of Lent, but I know we prepare for the crowds that will come to worship on Easter Sunday. The very first Easter was not in a crowded sanctuary. In fact, that first Easter wasn't all that welcoming with advertisements and banners and open doors. The disciples had locked themselves away for fear of the authorities. They wanted to believe the good news they heard from the women, but it all seemed far too good to be true.**

**As Jesus came among them, what a celebration that day must have been! And what a celebration as they reached out to share that good news boldly with the world. The good news that death has been defeated and that God's love and grace always have the final say.**

**As we celebrate these fifty days of Easter -- to whom should you be sharing this good news?**

**Blessings,  
Pastor Ken**

# HOLY TRINITY ACTION MINISTRY

## THE BLESSINGS

### THRIFT SHOP:

Tuesday 9am-12:30pm



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

April 20	James & Janice Brown	63 years
April 29	Donald & Teri Delich	48 years
April 20	Stephen & Deb Hansut	24 years

## BIRTHDAY WISHES!

April 02	Linda Kraftician
April 03	Heather Ring
April 06	Izabelle Barkanic
April 10	Jessica Suarez
April 16	Christopher Jahelka
April 17	Christopher Allen
April 17	Eric Berger
April 18	Scott Heinrich
April 19	Kenneth Heinrich
April 25	Taylor Pryce
April 26	Kira Reph

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY – WEDNESDAY 8AM-1PM

## COUNCIL MEMBERS

<i>Jon Kistler</i>	<i>President</i>
<i>Steve Berger</i>	<i>Vice-President</i>
<i>Rich Hyer</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
<i>Jim Miller</i>	<i>Asst. Treasurer</i>
<i>Krissy Keblish</i>	
<i>Ron Keblish</i>	
<i>Gerry Dorshimer</i>	
<i>Scott Heinrich</i>	
<i>Eric Reif</i>	
<i>Gordon Walls</i>	
<i>Deb Hansut</i>	
<i>Don Delich</i>	



## FINANCIAL PERSONNEL

<i>Larry Arner</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>
<i>Jessica Hansen</i>	<i>Financial Sec.</i>

## COUNCIL MEETING

**APRIL 19 6:00 pm**



## FINANCE & ATTENDANCE

Feb.- Monthly Envelope Offering:	\$6,390
Feb.- Additional Income:	\$3,821
Feb.- Monthly Expenses:	\$7,701
Attendance:	
February 01, 2026	39
February 08, 2026	27
February 15, 2026	34
February 22, 2026	15

## ARK BANKS

Don't forget to return your Lenten Ark Banks for the Heifer Project. **Please return them on Easter Sunday.**

## AFTERNOON MOVIE

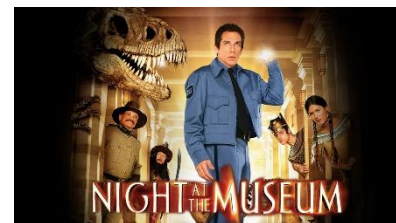
Join us on **April 25** as we watch the movie:

**'Night at the Museum'**

Snacks & Drinks will be provided.

Doors open at 1pm. **Movie starts at 2pm.**

Remember to bring a comfy chair.



## HOLY TRINITY YARD SALE

- Date: Saturday, April 18. 8am-1pm. Rain or Shine.
- Where: Holy Trinity Parish Hall
- Kitchen will be open for Brunch
- Tables to sell your Treasures are \$20 each!
- Call or email the church office to reserve your table!

## SUNDAY WORSHIP – 9:00 AM

**APRIL 05, 2026**

**Assisting Minister:** Rich Hyer

**Ushers:** Kelly & Scott Heinrich

**Altar Guild:** The Keblish Family

**Flowers:** Barb & Joe Herman – Christ is Risen!

**Bulletins Needed**

**Times News / Website:** Fred & Betsy Masenheimer



**APRIL 12, 2026**

**Assisting Minister:** Krissy Keblish

**Ushers:** Terry Holland, Ron Keblish & Taylor Keblish

**Altar Guild:** The Keblish Family

**Flowers: Needed**

**Bulletins Needed**

**Times News / Website:** Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

**APRIL 19, 2026**

**Assisting Minister:** Deb Hansut

**Ushers:** Loren LaRose & Carol Heffelfinger

**Altar Guild:** The Keblish Family

**Flowers:** The Sosik Family – IHO Karen's Birthday

**Bulletins: Needed**

**Times News / Website:** Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

**APRIL 26, 2026**

**Assisting Minister:** Larry Arner

**Ushers:** Rich & Jeanette Hyer

**Altar Guild:** The Keblish Family

**Flowers:** Deb & Steve Hansut – 24th Anniversary

**Bulletins Needed**

**Times News / Website:** Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

## Holy Week and Easter Services



*Come Worship With Us!*

- **April 2, Maundy Thursday Service** will be at Holy Trinity – 7 PM.
- **April 3, Good Friday Service** will be at St. John's – 7 PM.
- **April 5, Easter Sunday Service** at Holy Trinity – 9 AM.

## HOME VISITS

Home visits and shut-in visits are being planned. If anyone would like to receive communion from

Pastor Ken, please call the office

@ 610-826-2524.

## BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is currently on a break. Check the weekly bulletins for the updated schedule.



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

Pastor Ken will be away the following dates. If pastoral emergencies arise, please contact:

**April 6-12: Pastor Michael Frost**  
(St. Matthews, Weissport) 610-377-2972,  
church phone.

**April 22-24: Pastor Tom Albright**  
(Trinity, Bowmanstown) 610-462-1075,  
personal phone.





**37TH ANNUAL**

# **FISH FRY**

**Friday, April 3rd, 2026  
3:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

## **Pre-sale Tickets Suggested**

Tickets on the day of the event will only be available if not sold out

**PRICE:**  
**\$13 per Meal**

Each Meal includes -  
2 pieces fish, fries, coleslaw,  
applesauce, roll,  
tarter & cocktail sauce

For Tickets:

- See any member of the organization
- George's P&H 9:00-4:00 (Weekdays)
- At Fire Station Monday 6:30PM-8:00PM

**ASK LARRY**

**Location: Aquashicola Vol. Fire Co.  
270 Little Gap Road**

**NO EAT IN - DRIVE THROUGH/PICKUP ONLY**

# THE OFFICIAL BASKET RAFFLE

of the Aquashicola Vol. Fire Co



Friday, April 24th 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM  
Saturday, April 25th 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM



Food Trucks Both Days

Friday

Saturday



2:00-7:00



10:00-3:00

**Location: Aquashicola Vol. Fire Co.  
270 Little Gap Road**



## Listening, Healing, and Engaging Through Podcast Ministry



Mission Support makes it possible for the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod to support creative ministries that reach people in new ways and respond to real needs in our communities. One recent example is a podcast project developed by Pastor Kim Truebenbach called *Condemned Happy*, supported through a Witness & Service Grant.

The project began with conversations between Pastor Kim and young adults who were wrestling with difficult experiences related to faith and religious communities. Many of these individuals carried deep questions or painful memories connected to their spiritual upbringing. Recognizing a need for compassionate listening and honest conversation, Pastor Kim began exploring how a podcast could create space for people to share their stories and reflect on faith, healing, and hope.

Through recorded conversations and storytelling, the podcast offered listeners a place where experiences could be shared without judgment. Rather than providing quick answers or trying to “fix” complex situations, the project focused on something deeply pastoral: listening. In doing so, it embodied the synod’s commitment to love, heal, and engage like Jesus, offering a reminder that sometimes the most faithful response we can offer one another is presence, understanding, and compassion.

The project also reflects several of the synod’s ministry lanes. By engaging conversations that resonate with younger generations who often encounter faith discussions online, the podcast reflects the synod’s commitment to Growing Young, meeting people where they are and listening to the questions and experiences shaping their lives today. Using accessible digital tools and online platforms, the ministry also demonstrates Gaining Strength, experimenting with new forms of communication that allow the church to connect with people beyond traditional settings.

At the same time, the project reflects the spirit of Going Beyond Death to Life, walking alongside individuals who have experienced spiritual hurt or who feel disconnected from church communities. By creating space for reflection and conversation, the podcast invites listeners to rediscover hope, trust, and the possibility of healing in their relationship with faith.

Technology made it possible for the conversations to reach a wide audience. Episodes were recorded through simple online tools and shared across podcast platforms and YouTube, places where many younger adults already spend time learning and engaging with ideas. According to podcast analytics, the episodes were downloaded more than 260 times, with listeners across the United States and internationally, demonstrating how digital ministry can connect people in unexpected ways.

While the podcast created an online space for conversation, its impact was also personal and relational. Pastor Kim noted that several young adults in her extended family began reaching out more frequently for conversation and support, knowing they would be met with openness and compassion. These relationships became opportunities for deeper listening and pastoral care, strengthening trust and connection in meaningful ways.

For Pastor Kim, the work became a reminder that faith is often lived out through small but significant acts of presence. Listening carefully, honoring someone's story, and creating space for honest conversation can become powerful expressions of God's love at work in the world.

Projects like this are made possible through Mission Support, which allows the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod to encourage creative ministry, support leaders exploring new ways of sharing the Gospel, and walk alongside people seeking healing, hope, and community. Through ministries like this podcast, we continue to live out our calling to love, heal, and engage like Jesus, trusting that even simple conversations can open doors to deeper understanding and renewed faith. Those interested in exploring the conversations can find the *Condemned Happy* podcast on YouTube, where the episodes remain available to listen and share.

**DID YOU KNOW** that your Mission Support helps fund areas of the synod and ELCA like this one and many other important initiatives? Your contributions are making a significant impact and helping others grow in faith, supporting the synod's lanes of Growing Young, Gaining Strength, and Going Beyond Death to Life, along with the directions of loving like Jesus, healing like Jesus, and engaging like Jesus. To learn more, visit [godslove.org/missionsupport](https://godslove.org/missionsupport).



**June 4-6, 2026**

Split Rock Resort • Lake Harmony, PA  
Registration Opens: April 7  
Registration Closes: May 11

### 39<sup>th</sup> NEPA SYNOD ASSEMBLY

Grounded in Ephesians 3:14–21, the 2026 Synod Assembly theme **IMAGINE** invites us to trust the God who can do far more than we can ask or imagine. As we gather in June, the synod will also prayerfully discern and elect a bishop for the next six-year term.

#### How You Can Help

Synod Assembly voting will be conducted by paper ballot this year, and volunteers are needed to help distribute and count ballots. To learn more or volunteer, visit the Assembly webpage.

[godslove.org/assembly2026](https://godslove.org/assembly2026)



THE REV.  
**CeCee Mills**  
ELCA Representative

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

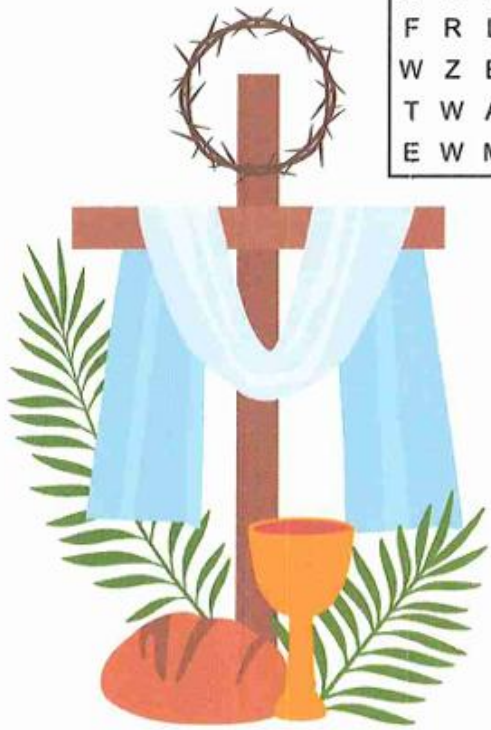
**DIRECTIONS:**  
Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

# Holy Week

## Word Search

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- HOLY SATURDAY
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- JESUS CHRIST



- LAST SUPPER
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- LITURGY
- MAUNDY THURSDAY
- MOURNING
- PALM BRANCH
- PALM SUNDAY
- PASSION
- PRAYER
- PROCESSION
- REDEMPTION
- REFLECTION
- RESURRECTION
- RISEN
- SAVIOR
- SCRIPTURE
- SERVICE
- TOMB