

# *HOLY TRINITY NEWS*



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# MAY 2026

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**Worship Service**  
9am

Office Hours  
8am-1pm

Office Hours  
8am-1pm  
Thrift Shop  
9am-12:30pm

Office Hours  
8am-1pm

**Mother's Day Tea**



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**Worship Service**  
9am

Office Hours  
8am-1pm

Office Hours  
8am-1pm  
Thrift Shop  
9am-12:30pm

Office Hours  
8am-1pm

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**Worship Service**  
9am  
Council Meeting 6pm

Office Hours  
8am-1pm

Office Hours  
8am-1pm  
Thrift Shop  
9am-12:30pm

Office Hours  
8am-1pm

24/31 25 26 27 28 29 30

**Worship Service**  
9am

Memorial Day  
Office Closed!



Office Hours  
8am-1pm  
Thrift Shop  
9am-12:30pm

Office Hours  
8am-1pm



**Throughout the year, the Church celebrates three principal festivals -- Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost. This month, we will be celebrating the third of those festivals.**

**It was in Sunday School that I remember one of the teachers making us repeat: "Pentecost is the birthday of the Church!" Pentecost occurs 50 days after Easter and 10 days after the Ascension, the day where the risen Jesus returns to heaven. Prior to the Ascension, he promised that he would send another, an Advocate, to believers.**

**On the day of Pentecost, this promise comes true. The Holy Spirit is given to the disciples and they go and proclaim Jesus to the crowds gathered that day and thousands of people become believers in Jesus that day because of their testimony.**

**We tend to think of Pentecost and these disciples as some extraordinary case, but the truth is that same Holy Spirit is given to each of us. That same Spirit that led to bold testimony and the salvation of many is within you. We will once again hold the "Affirmation of Baptism" on Pentecost as a reminder of testimony to which we are called. Let us be bold in proclaiming the saving, love, and forgiving work of God for the world!**

**Blessings,**

**Pastor Ken**

# HOLY TRINITY ACTION MINISTRY

## *THE BLESSINGS THRIFT SHOP:*

Tuesday 9am-12:30pm



### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

May 10	Michael & Sharon Bowman	46 years
May 17	Ronald & Kristine Keblish	29 years
May 24	Douglas & Lori Ruch	12 years
May 28	Barbara & Joseph Herman	20 years

### BIRTHDAY WISHES!

Ray Talamantes	May 04
Kristine Keblish	May 05
Sharon Bonser	May 09
Nadine Schmidt	May 09
Lisa Engle	May 16
Joe Solt	May 19
Morris Bloomfield	May 20
Marlene Bollinger	May 24
Lorene LaRose	May 25
Carol Borger	May 28
Frederick Young III	May 28
Connie Reinhart	May 31

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

*MAY 17 6:00 pm*

### FINANCE & ATTENDANCE

March- Monthly Envelope Offering:	\$7,104
March- Additional Income:	\$935
March- Monthly Expenses:	\$8,445
Attendance:	
March 01, 2026	37
March 08, 2026	33
March 15, 2026	37
March 22, 2026	41
March 29, 2026	48

### FAITH NIGHT with the IRON PIGS at COCA-COLA PARK!



Join us for Faith Night with the  
Iron Pigs on Friday, June 5.  
There is a sign-up sheet in  
the narthex.





## SUNDAY WORSHIP – 9:00 AM

**MAY 03, 2026**

**Assisting Minister:** Rich Hyer  
**Ushers:** Kelly & Scott Heinrich  
**Altar Guild:** Rich & Jeanette Hyer  
**Flowers:** Carol Borger – IMO Mother  
**Bulletins:** Carol Borger  
**Times News / Website:** Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

**MAY 10, 2026**

**Assisting Minister:** Krissy Keblish  
**Ushers:** Terry Holland, Ron Keblish & Taylor Keblish  
**Altar Guild:** Rich & Jeanette Hyer  
**Flowers:** Keblish Family – Krissy’s Birthday  
**Bulletins:** Barb & Joe Herman – IMO Beatrice Smith  
**Times News / Website:** Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

**MAY 17, 2026**

**Assisting Minister:** Deb Hansut  
**Ushers:** Loren LaRose & Carol Heffelfinger  
**Altar Guild:** Rich & Jeanette Hyer  
**Flowers:** Keblish Family – Krissy & Ron’s Anniversary  
**Bulletins:** **NEEDED!**  
**Times News / Website:** Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

**MAY 24, 2026**

**Assisting Minister:** Larry Arner  
**Ushers:** Rich & Jeanette Hyer  
**Altar Guild:** Rich & Jeanette Hyer  
**Flowers:** Deb & Steve Hansut – IMO Mom  
**Bulletins:** Jim & Lisa Engle – IMO Jen’s Birthday  
**Times News / Website:** Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

**MAY 31, 2026**

**Assisting Minister:** Lynn Perone  
**Ushers:** Gordon & Mary Walls  
**Altar Guild:** Rich & Jeanette Hyer  
**Flowers:** **NEEDED!**  
**Bulletins:** Barb & Joe Herman’s Anniversary  
**Times News / Website:** Fred & Betsy Masenheimer



## MEMORIAL DAY – REMEMBER & HONOR

### 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.



Come and join us for  
an adventure!

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

#### “ROAD TRIP: ON THE GO WITH GOD”

**July 27-31, 2026**

**6:00-8:00 p.m. - Age 3 to Grade 6**

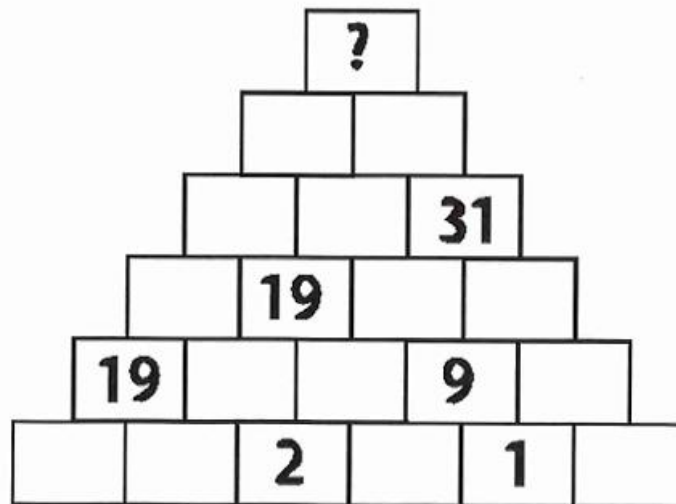
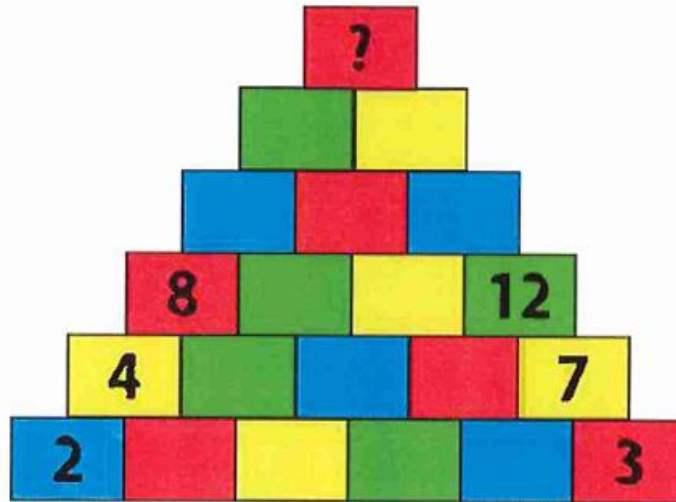
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175 S. 3rd Street – Lehigh PA

Registration forms are available at the  
church office or online at [www.tclehighon.com](http://www.tclehighon.com)

For more information, call 610-377-4303 or  
email [telc1872@ptd.net](mailto:telc1872@ptd.net)

**All are welcome! Bring a friend!**

Can you figure out what the top number each pyramid is?  
 Add each pair of blocks together to find out the number that  
 appears in the block just above them.



**Solution to both puzzles on the last page.**



## How a Desire to Grow in Faith Became a Journey into Unexpected Ministry

*Written by Licensed Lay Minister (LLM) Tanya Kantner*

If you had told me a few years ago that I would be serving as a Licensed Lay Minister, I'm not sure I would have believed you. For most of my life, Scripture felt beautiful but distant—something I respected but didn't always understand. Then, slowly and quietly, it began to take root in my heart. I signed up for an online Faith+Lead course through Luther Seminary—training usually taken by laypeople preparing for ministry—simply because I wanted to grow in my faith. I wasn't seeking a role or a title; at that point, there wasn't even a pathway to consider. I just felt a tug I couldn't ignore.

Then the synod announced the new Licensed Lay Minister initiative. I didn't feel ready or qualified. But I recognized that same tug—that gentle, persistent nudge of the Spirit—and I said yes. Not because I felt prepared, but because I trusted that God could take my imperfect offering and turn it into something meaningful.

Since then, my ministry has unfolded in ways that have surprised me again and again. I've learned that the heart of this role isn't about doing more—it's about being present. It's about showing up where people carry joy, grief, questions, and hope, trusting that Christ is already there ahead of us. My role in those moments is simple but sacred: to listen, to hold space, to pray with people, and to reflect back the light and love of Christ that is already moving in their lives. Sometimes that looks like sitting quietly with someone who is grieving; sometimes it's celebrating a moment of joy; sometimes it's offering a word of encouragement or a prayer when someone feels lost. In all of it, I try to be a gentle reminder that they are not alone—that God is with them in whatever they're carrying.



Serving within the Pretzel City Parish has been one of the greatest gifts of this journey. Shared ministry has allowed me to connect with people across several congregations, each with their own stories. It has also opened doors into the wider community—places where the church's presence matters deeply, even for those who may never sit in a pew.

Some of the most meaningful moments have come through simple, hands-on ministry: harvesting potatoes in the fall for local food programs, partnering with community food pantries, planning trips to places like the Museum of the Bible and the Ark Encounter, or gathering people for Bible study who have been

unchurched for years but are still hungry for connection and meaning. These ministries remind me that the Gospel is not confined to a sanctuary. It lives in fields, fellowship halls, parking lots, and conversations with people who are searching for belonging.



Looking ahead, I'm excited to continue deepening relationships within the Pretzel City Parish. I've come to cherish the everyday moments—the conversations, the intergenerational gatherings, the unexpected holy interruptions—where God quietly draws us closer to one another. My hope is that through these moments, people feel more seen, more connected, and more aware of God's love at work in their lives.

If someone were considering the Licensed Lay Minister pathway, I would tell them this: you don't need to have everything figured out. You don't need to feel certain or strong. The most surprising part of my journey has been discovering how God works through my vulnerability far more than through my confidence. Again and again, I've learned that ministry is not about our strength, but about God's.

I am deeply grateful for the synod's support and their commitment to developing lay leadership. Their encouragement, guidance, and investment in creating

pathways for people like me have made this journey possible. It has reminded me that God calls people from all walks of life into meaningful ministry—and that the church is stronger when we answer those calls together.

I began this journey quietly, almost reluctantly. But each step has revealed a little more of what God is doing—not just in me, but also through me, and in the congregations and communities I'm blessed to serve. My prayer is simply to keep saying yes, one invitation at a time, trusting that the Spirit will continue to lead the way.

**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).



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## "We Are Listening"

Ministry Discernment Retreat  
**June 13-14, 2026**

Cross Roads Camp & Retreat Center | Port Murray, NJ

Join us for a weekend of reflection, conversation, and discovery as we listen for God's call in our lives and ministries.

\$55 per person (includes lodging + 4 meals)

**Register by June 1: Limited to 25 participants**

