

HOLY TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



SUNDAY SERVICE

10:00 AM

with Pastor John Mack

SUNDAY SCHOOL

June 7th & 14th

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We are a Community of Faith

The mission of Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is to follow Christ. We center our lives in the Word of God. Individually and collectively we are called to the work of the gospel.

WORSHIP

June 7th Second Sunday after Pentecost. Jesus demonstrates God's mercy and power, accepting the unacceptable and curing the incurable. Even the dead receive new life.

June 14th Third Sunday after Pentecost. The mission of Jesus' followers is to continue the mission of Jesus himself. Here, he instructs his first disciples as to how they might proclaim the gospel through their words and deeds.

June 21st Fourth Sunday after Pentecost. Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition. However, he assures them that they need not fear for the truth will come to light. Life is found in Christ.

June 28th Fifth Sunday after Pentecost. When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.

JBJ SOUL KITCHEN DAY OF HOPE WALK

Eight walkers represented HTLC in the Day of Hop Walk on May 12th. They were among 700 walkers and 70 organizations from Red Bank and the surrounding areas. The walk started at River Side park and culminated at JBJ Soul Kitchen on Monmouth Rd. It was a beautiful day to honor all those that work in the community.



Jill Socha, Lauren Bennett, Mark Csernica, Pastor Mack, Molly Foard, Tammy Grillon, Debbie Yetka and Deanna Vergari

"Many hands make light work."

Worship Volunteers

	Asst. Minister	Usher	Sacristan	Lector	Counters
June 7	Keith Bennett	Dan Grillon	Sherry Lee	Jeff Ridberg	Kazmac/Cheek
June 14	Chris Foard	Kathy Caputo	Joanne Giordano	Bill Spreen	Carleo/Csernica
June 21	Charlie Rugg	Dan Grillon	Helga Britton	Molly Foard	Bradford/Giordano
June 28	Linda Coleman	The Gripps	Nancy Poole	Cynthia Kazmac	Foss/Foard

<https://htlcredbank.org/pages/volunteer-schedule>



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Dorcas Circle
 Date: June 4th
 Noon
 Lunch at the Fair Haven Diner

Summer Cocktails
 July 11th, 2026
 4:00-7:00 PM

Food-Drinks-Fun
 Debbie Yetka's House
 8 Dimisa Dr
 Holmdel
 Sign up in the Red Book

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Red Bank

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Apr 9, 2026 via teleconference

Enhancing Internal and External Communication

Enhancing and Expanding Outreach Ministries

Discovering, Understanding, Celebrating and Empowering the Talents of the Congregation

Fostering a Creative, Innovative Youth and Family Ministry

Council Present:

Pastor Mack

Cynthia Kazmac

Roger Foss - absent

Lauren Bennett

Andy Bohner - absent

Adam Cheek

Linda Coleman

Joanne Giordano

Tammy Grillon

Naomi McKenna - absent

Paul Volk - absent

Rosemary Lane

Chris Foard (Officer of Council, non Voting member)

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:

Motion to Approve: Joanne Giordano

Second: Chris Foard

All in Favor: 8

Opposed: 0

President's Report: Cynthia Kazmac

Holy Week and Easter Services were so beautiful. It was truly a special week. Thank you to all you helped during the week. Thank you Pastor Mack.

Pastor's Report: Pastor John Mack

Easter Blessings,

We had a glorious time at Holy Trinity during Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Thank you to everyone who assisted in the various worship services and morning brunch on Easter Sunday. Thank you to Joanne and Roger for your suggestions for a new landscaper and lawn maintenance service at HTLC. The grounds around the church building and parsonage look wonderful!

Please mark your calendars for all the upcoming events happening at HTLC in the coming weeks.

May the peace of Christ be with you!

Peace, Pr. Mack

Upcoming Church and Community Events

4/18 Beach Sweep Clean Up in Sea Bright
5/3 Car Wash Sunday
5/10 Mother's Day Coffee Hour Brunch
5/24 Day of Pentecost/Confirmation Sunday
5/30 New Jersey Synod Assembly in Somerset, NJ

Meetings and Gatherings Attended

3/17 Monmouth County Housing Coalition Meeting
3/19 Red Bank Ministers Luncheon at HTLC
3/28 Monmouth County Housing Coalition Workshop
3/25 Endowment Committee Meeting
3/31 African Descent Lutheran Association (ADLA) Women's History Program
4/2 Maundy Thursday at HTLC
4/3 Red Bank Community Good Friday Service in Shrewsbury, NJ
4/3 Good Friday Service at HTLC
4/4 Easter Vigil at HTLC
2/24-3/24 Lenten Study with St. Thomas and Trinity Episcopal
Confirmation Class
Weekly Pericope Study
Pastoral Calls: 18

Financial Secretary Report: presented by Chris Foard

March 2026 beat the budget with a Net positive to the month.

Treasurer's Report: Chris Foard

To date have raised 39% of the Challenge goal for 2026. Repaid Endowment and repaid NJ Synod the outstanding funds. Chris mentioned an NJ Synod program that will be reviewed by the Financial Committee at their next meeting.

Motion to Approve Financial Reports: Linda Coleman

Second: Tammy Grillon

All in Favor: 8

Opposed: 0

Evangelism Report: Naomi McKenna

No March report.

Christian Education Report: Lauren Bennett

The Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday was attended by 9 children, all of whom had a blast running around on the beautiful morning. Ashley Lynch, Lucas Cheek, Gavin Lynch and Briana Bennett hid the eggs. A special thanks to Charlie Rugg for supplying eggs and Peter Isherwood for purchasing numerous egg stuffers- toys and candy alike.

Over the course of the Easter season, the altar flowers will be available to take home with a small donation requested. Funds raised will be used to provide Daycamp scholarships, reduce the per camper weekly cost,

and add exciting activities to the week's plans. So far \$283 has been raised! Checks can be denoted with "Daycamp" in the memo line or cash can be handed to Lauren Bennett.

The Car Wash Fundraiser is scheduled for May 3rd, a Sunday. All hands on deck! A signup will circulate in the red binder.

Sunday School dates for the spring are as follows:

April- 12 and 26

May- 2 17 and 31

June- 7 and 14

The first family has registered and sent payment for Daycamp! They are 2 returning children. More registrations to come.

Social Outreach Ministry Report: Tammy Grillon

The final count was 28 Easter food bags donated to Lutheran Social Ministries of NJ. In addition, we were able to donate some extra food items and a gift card.

A Mother's Day Brunch will be held during coffee hour (May 10) and hosted by the men of HTLC!

WELCA

WELCA held a small get together on Sunday, 3/15 and it decided that a donation is to be made to Doctors Without Borders from the Trivia Night (\$709.75) fundraiser. HTLC will also be sending Cross Roads a Tee Sign donation and this is a collaborative effort of WELCA, Social Ministry, and Evangelism.

Church will sign up for Porch Fest 2026 which is scheduled to be held on October 4, 2026.

Worship and Music Report: Linda Coleman

Thanks to everyone who volunteered for Holy Week and Easter services and events. It was a beautiful week of meaningful worship, music and reflection. The sanctuary is still overflowing with flowers, there for the taking.

Rescheduling usher training and refresher for April.

Property Report: Joanne Giordano

With Spring in the air and property needing work, I contracted new lawn and gutter cleaning services. Mike Peduto landscaping will now mow and trim the lawns at the church and parsonage. He did a spring clean up and it looks great. Sal Marra (who did the strip seeding of the church lawn in the Fall) will be doing the fertilizing and weed control. Mario's Gutters will be cleaning the gutters of the church, parish house and parsonage twice a year.

Roger is seeing that a diseased tree on the parking lot border will be taken down.

Ants have been spotted in the church basement. Pastor put out ant traps and that has resolved the ant situation.

Stewardship Report: Paul Volk

Easter season/Holy Week schedule post cards were sent to "disconnected" members. Will share ideas to increase our Social media presence for future discussion.

Vice President's Report: Roger Foss

No report for March.

General Discussion

Pastor ended the meeting with a prayer

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

Respectfully submitted.

Rosemary Lane

Addendum

April 15, 2025 - via email to Council Members

Motion made by Chris Foard

Second: Cynthia Kazmac

The Holy Trinity Church Council approves the holding of a special Congregational Meeting to be held on April 29. (or as soon as possible after that date). The sole agenda item for the special meeting will be congregational approval to initiate a Capital Campaign to raise the necessary funds for Holy Trinity to participate in the NJ Synod's Mortgage Capital Match Grant Program.

Approved unanimously

A special Congregation Meeting was called by the congregation council. The purpose of the meeting:

The NJ Synod has launched a **Mortgage Capital Match Grant program**, offering a **2-to-1 match** on funds raised for mortgage reduction. For Holy Trinity, this means that if we raise **\$25,000**, we can **pay off our \$75,000 mortgage in full**.

This is a **one-time opportunity**, made possible by funds from the NJ Synod.

To participate, we must receive congregational approval to begin a capital campaign.

HTLC Treasurer's Report

As of April 30, 2026

THIS MONTH'S PERFORMANCE

INCOME \$14,479 Budget \$19,167 ▼ \$4,687 vs. Budget YTD Actual \$109,217 YTD Budget \$76,667	EXPENSES \$21,602 Budget \$20,126 ▼ \$1,476 vs. Budget YTD Actual \$84,235 YTD Budget \$83,005
NET -\$7,123 Budget -\$960 ▼ \$6,163 vs. Budget YTD Actual \$24,982 YTD Budget -\$6,338	THIS MONTH vs. BUDGET Income: ▼ \$4,687 Expenses: ▼ \$1,476 Net: ▼ \$6,163 YTD Net: \$31,320

FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGNS



2026 Challenge (Income > \$244,000)

Goal
\$244,000



45%

Raised
\$109,217

Ahead of Pace — We have reached 45% of our goal with 33% of the year complete.



Mortgage Freedom Campaign

Goal
\$25,000



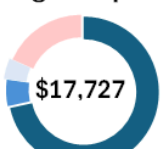
55%

Raised
\$13,813

\$11,187 To Go!

THIS MONTH'S GIVING

Giving Composition



Total Giving \$17,727

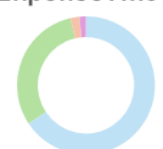
vs. Last Month ▼ \$8,662
vs. Last Year ▼ \$1,404

- Pledged
- Non-Pledged
- Challenge
- Designated

Account	This Month	Last Month	Last Year
Pledged	\$12,691	\$18,056	\$12,037
Plate	\$598	\$167	\$492
Building Use	\$225	\$655	\$165
Memorial Income	\$50	\$15	\$0
Thrivent	\$126	\$725	\$573
Total Non-Pledged	\$999	\$1,562	\$1,230
Challenge	\$790	\$4,423	\$4,488
Total Operating	\$14,479	\$24,041	\$17,755
Designated (incl. Mortgage Freedom)	\$3,248	\$2,347	\$1,376
Total Giving	\$17,727	\$26,389	\$19,131

YEAR-TO-DATE EXPENSES

YTD Expense Allocation

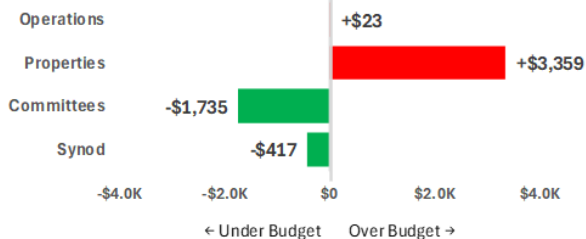


Total YTD Expense Budget: \$83,005

- Operations
- Properties
- Committees
- Synod

Account	Actual	Budget	Variance	%
OPERATIONS				
Payroll	\$42,221	\$42,410	-\$189 ▲	100%
Ministry	\$8,109	\$8,267	-\$158 ▲	98%
Office Admin.	\$5,004	\$4,633	\$371 ▼	108%
TOTAL OPERATIONS	\$55,334	\$55,311	\$23 ▼	100%
PROPERTIES				
Church B&G	\$9,084	\$7,781	\$1,303 ▼	117%
Parish House B&G	\$4,362	\$2,138	\$2,224 ▼	204%
Parsonage B&G	\$4,456	\$4,536	-\$80 ▲	98%
Mortgage & Insurance	\$7,934	\$8,023	-\$88 ▲	99%
TOTAL PROPERTIES	\$25,836	\$22,477	\$3,359 ▼	115%
COMMITTEES				
Worship & Music	\$702	\$1,667	-\$965 ▲	42%
Christian Education	\$0	\$417	-\$417 ▲	0%
Social Ministry	\$345	\$433	-\$89 ▲	80%
Quilting	\$389	\$333	\$56 ▼	117%
Stewardship	\$305	\$200	\$105 ▼	152%
Evangelism	\$75	\$400	-\$325 ▲	19%
Youth and Family	\$0	\$100	-\$100 ▲	0%
TOTAL COMMITTEES	\$1,815	\$3,550	-\$1,735 ▲	51%
NJ SYNOD	\$1,250	\$1,667	-\$417 ▲	75%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$84,235	\$83,005	\$1,230 ▼	101%

Expense Variance vs Budget (YTD)



YTD EXPENSE BY CATEGORY

Category	Actual	Budget	Variance
Operations	\$55,334	\$55,311	\$23 ▼
Properties	\$25,836	\$22,477	\$3,359 ▼
Committees	\$1,815	\$3,550	-\$1,735 ▲
Synod	\$1,250	\$1,667	-\$417 ▲

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HTLC Treasurer's Report — March 2026

April was a bit more challenging month financially for our congregation, but the overall picture for 2026 remains encouraging. Total giving for the month was \$17,727, including \$14,479 toward the Operating Budget and \$3,248 in designated giving, including support for the Mortgage Freedom Campaign. While operating giving was lower than both March and last year, strong generosity earlier in the year means we remain ahead of pace for our annual operating goal.

Through the end of April, we have raised \$109,217 toward our 2026 operating goal of \$244,000 — 45% of the goal while only 33% of the year has passed. This strong start reflects the faithful support and commitment of the congregation.

The Mortgage Freedom Campaign is also gaining momentum. As of May 10, \$13,813 has been raised toward the \$25,000 goal, leaving \$11,187 still to go. We are grateful for the strong response and shared commitment to strengthening HTLC's long-term financial future.

At the same time, continued operating giving remains essential. Regular offerings support the ongoing ministries of HTLC, including worship, music, outreach, education, and pastoral care. As enthusiasm grows around the Mortgage Freedom Campaign, maintaining steady operating support will remain important throughout the year.

Expenses in April were somewhat higher than planned due primarily to building and property maintenance needs. Even so, the congregation's overall financial position remains significantly stronger than budgeted for this year.

We give thanks for the generosity and faithfulness that continue to support the ministry and mission of HTLC. Every gift helps strengthen both our ministry today and our future together.

Quilters Need Help

If anyone is traveling near Mechanicsville, Pa , (near Peddler's Village) and can add a few extra minutes to your trip, the warehouse for shipping quilts, school kits, etc is located directly off one of the exits.

We accumulate many quilts throughout the year and we would appreciate sending some quilts with you to deliver. Any questions, please call Sherry Lee or Elaine Theophall.

Sunday School Spring 2026
 January 11th and 25th
 February 8th and 22nd
 March 1st 15th and 29th*
*Easter Egg Hunt
 April 12th and 26th
 May 3rd 17th and 31st
 June 7th and 14th

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Red Bank, NJ

Quilting

Weekly quilting

Wednesdays 9:30AM

The Wednesday quilters will be meeting all summer except August 13th.

Everyone is welcome!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Harry Lenzing	June 5
Mary Frances McKenna	June 9
Jonas Lee	June 15
Kathy Caputo	June 17
Michael Yetka	June 21
Hazel Burke	June 24
Pete Theophall	June 30

WELCA Thrift Sale - Fall 2026



Are you busy doing Spring cleaning or just sorting belongings? Remember the annual WELCA thrift sale is coming this fall and we love donations of new or gently used items! We accept kitchen items, toys, decorations, linens, books, CDs, jewelry, DVDs, outdoor items, clothing, etc.

We are also always looking for volunteers to help with garage sale sorting, pricing, set-up, sale days, and clean up. If you have any questions or want to get involved, please reach out to Molly Foard at foard@aol.com.

Endowment Fund Appeal for Father's Day, June 21

**"The righteous who walks in his integrity—blessed are his children after him!"
Proverbs 20:7**

As it is an Endowment tradition, the Endowment Fund will continue to do its Father's Appeal to help support our congregation's ministry.

The Endowment committee is continuing our efforts to support many of our ministries at Holy Trinity. But we need your help. This Father's Day, Endowment plans to support the scholarship fund for the August Camp Crossroads Summer Camp. This fund is to help needy families to sign up their children in a program that brings young people closer to God and teach them how to walk by faith.

Also, we will be doing our traditional Father's Day brunch. We hope to see you there. If you would like to donate to this Appeal, in honor and in memory of your father and forefathers, we appreciate it. Endowment Fund giving envelopes are provided near the church bulletins or in the pews. Please pick up one.

We understand the demand on your charitable giving. And we sincerely thank you for your continuing support. Every donation, no matter its size, is greatly appreciated, and every donation will make a difference in doing God's work.

**Mark Csernica
ENDOWMENT MINISTRY CHAIR**