

HOLY TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



SUNDAY SERVICE

10:00 AM

with Pastor John Mack

CROSS ROADS DAY CAMP

August 10th - 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

August 2nd 10th Sunday after Pentecost. After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

August 9th 11th Sunday after Pentecost. Matthew's gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as people of "little faith," who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.

August 16th 12th Sunday after Pentecost. Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be a religious outsider approaches him for help.

August 23rd 13th Sunday after Pentecost. At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.

August 30th 14th Sunday after Pentecost After Peter confesses that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a "rock."

Holy Trinity operates almost completely through lay leadership (volunteers). On that note, the Christian Education chair will be available beginning at the start of 2027. Working with the children and inspiring young minds is incredibly rewarding! Chairing the committee entails planning and implementing Sunday School, keeping up with other HT educational opportunities held throughout the year for both young and old, and attending monthly Council meetings (at 7pm the second Thursday of every month). Contact Lauren Bennett or Cynthia Kazmac, Council President, with interest or further inquiries.

"Many hands make light work."

Worship Volunteers

	Asst. Minister	Usher	Sacristan	Lector	Counters
August 2	Keith Bennett	Jeff Ridberg	Helga Britton	Emily Kaster	Carleo/Spreen
August 9	Chris Foard	Keith Bennett	Carol Rosen	Jeff Ridberg	Foss/Foard
August 16	Charlie Rugg	Jill Socha	Carol Rosen	Molly Foard	Giordano/Coleman
August 23	Linda Coleman	Keith Bennett	Sherry Lee	Emily Kaster	Cheek/Socha
August 30	Keith Bennett	Bruce lane	Sherry Lee	Jeff Ridberg	Volk/Bohner

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



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The Thrift sale is coming up at September 25th and 26th. You can drop donated items off Monday–Thursday between 9AM–2PM or on Sunday after church. Please, do not leave items in Fellowship hall or the vestibule.

HTLC Treasurer's Report

As of June 30, 2026

THIS MONTH'S PERFORMANCE

INCOME

\$13,980

Budget \$19,167

▼ \$5,187 vs. Budget

YTD Actual \$137,117 YTD Budget \$115,000

NET

-\$4,958

Budget -\$960

▼ \$3,999 vs. Budget

YTD Actual \$15,779 YTD Budget -\$8,257

EXPENSES

\$18,939

Budget \$20,126

▲ \$1,188 vs. Budget

YTD Actual \$121,338 YTD Budget \$123,257

THIS MONTH vs. BUDGET

Income: ▼ \$5,187

Expenses: ▲ \$1,188

Net: ▼ \$3,999

YTD Net: \$24,037

FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGNS

2026 Challenge (Income > \$244,000)

Goal \$244,000

56%

Raised \$137,117

On Pace — We have reached 56% of our goal with 50% of the year complete.

Mortgage Freedom Campaign

Goal \$25,000

128%

Raised \$32,048

\$0 To Go!

THIS MONTH'S GIVING

Giving Composition

\$20,714

Pledged

Non-Pledged

Challenge

Designated

Total Giving vs. Last Month vs. Last Year

\$20,714

▼ \$25,273

▲ \$1,358

Account

This Month

Last Month

Last Year

Pledged

\$11,912

\$13,007

\$11,107

Plate

\$52

\$128

\$4,069

Building Use

\$1,395

\$0

\$290

Memorial Income

\$400

\$708

\$0

Thrivent

\$144

\$0

\$73

Total Non-Pledged

\$1,991

\$836

\$4,432

Challenge

\$77

\$77

\$45

Total Operating

\$13,980

\$13,920

\$15,584

Designated (incl. Mortgage, Freedom)

\$6,734

\$32,067

\$3,772

Total Giving

\$20,714

\$45,987

\$19,356

YEAR-TO-DATE EXPENSES

YTD Expense Allocation

Operations

Properties

Committees

Synod

Total YTD Expense Budget: \$123,257

Expense Variance vs Budget (YTD)

Operations

Properties

Committees

Synod

+\$310

+\$1,076

-\$2,889

-\$417

YTD EXPENSE BY CATEGORY

Category

Actual

Budget

Variance

Operations

\$82,026

\$81,716

\$310 ▼

Properties

\$34,792

\$33,716

\$1,076 ▼

Committees

\$2,436

\$5,325

-\$2,889 ▲

Synod

\$2,083

\$2,500

-\$417 ▲

Account

Actual

Budget

Variance

%

OPERATIONS

Payroll

\$62,020

\$62,365

-\$346 ▲

99%

Ministry

\$11,976

\$12,401

-\$425 ▲

97%

Office Admin.

\$8,031

\$6,950

\$1,081 ▼

116%

TOTAL OPERATIONS

\$82,026

\$81,716

\$310 ▼

100%

PROPERTIES

Church B&G

\$12,019

\$11,672

\$347 ▼

103%

Parish House B&G

\$5,340

\$3,207

\$2,133 ▼

167%

Parsonage B&G

\$5,500

\$6,803

-\$1,304 ▲

81%

Mortgage & Insurance

\$11,933

\$12,034

-\$100 ▲

99%

TOTAL PROPERTIES

\$34,792

\$33,716

\$1,076 ▼

103%

COMMITTEES

Worship & Music

\$1,227

\$2,500

-\$1,273 ▲

49%

Christian Education

\$43

\$625

-\$582 ▲

7%

Social Ministry

\$345

\$650

-\$305 ▲

53%

Quilting

\$389

\$500

-\$111 ▲

78%

Stewardship

\$358

\$300

\$58 ▼

119%

Evangelism

\$75

\$600

-\$525 ▲

13%

Youth and Family

\$0

\$150

-\$150 ▲

0%

TOTAL COMMITTEES

\$2,436

\$5,325

-\$2,889 ▲

46%

NJ SYNOD

\$2,083

\$2,500

-\$417 ▲

83%

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$121,338

\$123,257

-\$1,920 ▲

98%

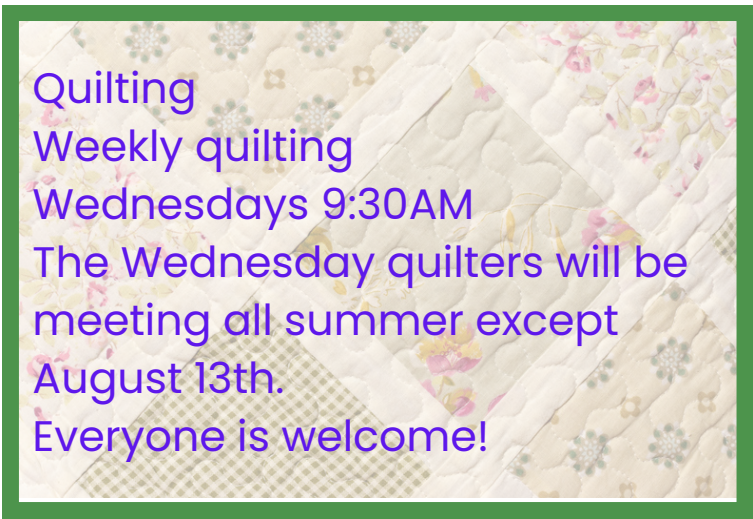
HTLC Treasurer's Report — June 2026

June marked the close of the first half of 2026 with HTLC remaining in a strong financial position. While operating giving for the month was below budget, our year-to-date operating income totals \$137,117—56% of our annual goal of \$244,000, even though only 50% of the year has passed. Thanks to the congregation's faithful generosity, we continue to remain ahead of pace for the year.

We also celebrate the continued success of the Mortgage Freedom Campaign. Through the end of June, the congregation has contributed \$32,048, exceeding our original \$25,000 goal by more than \$7,000. Our application has been submitted to the NJ Synod, and we expect to learn the results of the matching grant program later this fall. Thank you to everyone whose generosity made this milestone possible. Expenses in June were favorable, finishing below budget for both the month and the year to date. Careful stewardship of expenses has helped offset higher building maintenance costs while keeping the congregation in a healthy overall financial position.

As we begin the second half of the year, our focus naturally shifts back toward sustaining our regular operating budget. The Mortgage Freedom Campaign has been an extraordinary success, but our weekly offerings continue to provide the resources that support worship, music, Christian education, outreach, pastoral care, and the many ministries that serve our congregation and community.

We give thanks for the generosity and faithfulness that continue to shape the ministry of HTLC. Together, we have accomplished something remarkable through the Mortgage Freedom Campaign while remaining ahead of pace in our annual operating giving. With God's continued blessing and our shared commitment, we are well positioned for the months ahead.



Quilting
Weekly quilting
Wednesdays 9:30AM
The Wednesday quilters will be
meeting all summer except
August 13th.
Everyone is welcome!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

LEAH BOHNER	AUGUST 2
TENLEY HECKMAN	AUGUST 3
KEVIN PRZYBYLOWSKI	AUGUST 6
GARY JOBLON	AUGUST 10
BARBARA CARLEO	AUGUST 16

Join NJ Synod for a Beach Day!

The Youth Ministry Mission Team invites you to a day of sun, sand, and fellowship on Saturday, August 1st (rain date August 8th) from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM in Asbury Park.

Bring your family, friends, and beach gear for a day filled with great company. We will begin with a service project at Atonement Lutheran Church. Whether you're building sandcastles or just soaking up the sun, there's something for everyone. This event is open to all ages. We can't wait to see you there!

Timeline:

8:45am - Arrive & Light Breakfast
9-11am - Service Project: stuffing backpacks to support children and families in the greater Asbury Park area
11-2pm - Enjoy the beach day at Asbury Park!!

Registration and more details can be found here.

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JOIN US
FOR A

Beach Day!

When? Saturday, August 1st
Where? Community Karma, 901 Main Street, Asbury Park
Who? All ages!
What? Packing backpacks from 9-11 AM, then a day at the beach!
What else? A light breakfast and beach passes for the day will be provided!
Register here by July 25th!





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.

The bake sale returns this year, so consider signing up to bring something. Bake sale items should be wrapped for individual sale and labeled to identify the items. Note any allergens such as nuts.

If you have any questions or want to get involved, please reach out to Molly Foard at foard@aol.com.



School Kits- WELCA is again making a collection on the "School Kit" project sponsored by Lutheran World Relief . Let us take advantage of the "Back to School Sales" to fill up 50 beautiful backpacks made by Carol Rosen. All donations needed to be in church by September 6, 2026. Each school kit includes the following items:

- 4 70 sheets notebooks
- 1 30 centimeter ruler or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 pair of blunt safety scissors
- 5 unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- 5 black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 box of 24 crayons
- 1 2 1/2 inches eraser

Contribution of any item is appreciated. Please drop off items in the WELCA collection container by the church side entrance.

Cash / check contribution is always welcomed. It costs LWR about \$1.40 per School Kit to deliver it overseas. Cash donation will be used to complete the kits and make a donation to LWR Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund. Please address the check to HTELC and designate your contribution to "WELCA School Kits Collection". Thank you for your support.

