



# HOLY TRINITY

## Evangelical Lutheran Church

# ECHOES NEWSLETTER

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## From the Pastors

**June 2013**

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Dear Parish Family,

*Winter Light* is a film by Swedish film director Ingmar Bergman. Its Swedish title is *Nattvardsgästerna*, literally *The Communicants*. The movie begins as Holy Communion is celebrated in a country church in Sweden. A few individuals are scattered in the pews as the pastor recites the Words of Institution. After the service ends, we find out that the pastor is having a crisis of faith. He can no longer believe in God, because God is silent. He comes to say that he is now free from having to explain the cruelty and suffering in the world or justify the ways of God.

His ex-mistress, Märta Lundberg, an atheist, participates in the service. His having had such an affair indicates his present malaise. As we all know having a mistress for any Christian does not conform to a Christian way of living. She loves the pastor and wants to marry him, but he does not love her. He still grieves for his wife who died five years before. He loves neither God nor Märta.

Another character in the story, a fisherman, named Jonas, comes to the pastor shortly after the service to speak with him. He is in despair over the world situation, especially the growing threat of China. During the interview the pastor talks about his loss of faith. The pastor shows what not to do in a pastoral counseling session. That same day, the man commits suicide. The pastor must go tell the fisherman's wife about the death of her husband. The wife must tell their several children. Later, Märta and the pastor arrive at another congregation he serves to conduct a Sunday afternoon service. Only the sexton, Märta, and the organist are in attendance.

The issue is the silence of God with the resultant loss of faith. Pastor Tomas Ericsson can no longer believe in God.

Before the service later in the afternoon, the sexton has a conversation with Tomas. The sexton, who has a physical disability, says that the silence of God is much more of a torment than any physical suffering. Jesus' physical suffering on the cross is less painful than His abandonment. He cries out, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" - Abandoned by friends and, it seems, God Himself, Jesus experiences the depths of suffering. One gets the impression from the movie that the sexton is a man of faith.

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### **Pastors**

The Rev. Michael G. Tavella

The Rev. N. Amanda Grimmer

### **Staff**

The Rev. John Bradosky, *Bishop of the*

*North American Lutheran Church*

Mrs. Jacqueline Smith, *B. Mus. M.*

*Mus., Director of Music*

Mrs. Sharon Wright, *Parish Secretary*

### **Worship Services**

Saturday at 5 pm and Sunday at 9 am

*(Sunday Church School at 10:30 am)*

### **Holy Communion**

Saturday evening, Sunday morning &

Festival Days

*Deadline for submission of material  
for the Echoes Newsletter is 9 am the  
15th of each month*

# Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers have been presented to the Glory of God by the people of Holy Trinity.

Altar Flowers must be ordered no later than the Tuesday afternoon preceding the Sunday they are presented. They may be ordered through the Church Office (215-659-2642). You may pay by placing \$20.00 in a brown/white pew envelope checked "Altar Flowers." If you know it, indicate your envelope number.

## Worship Assistants

### Today: 5/26

Ushers:	Team #4
Acolyte:	Matthew Schied
Crucifer:	Martina Smith
Greeters:	The Schied Family
Lay Reader:	Michele Muller
Cantor:	
Christophers:	Team #6
Counters:	Team #4
Prayer Ministry:	Team #3
Sat.	Bill Reihm
Sun.	Deborah Mumford
Presenters of Gifts:	Maryann Leventhal, Martin and Eleanor Murphy B. Zimmermann & M.
Communion Assts:	
Leventhal	
Altar Services:	Michele Muller

### Next Week: 6/2

Ushers:	Team #5
Acolyte:	Alyssa Goodson
Crucifer:	Kaylee Goodson
Greeters:	Christiane & Gerald Schmidt
Lay Reader:	Lorraine Trollinger
Cantor:	
Christophers:	Team #1
Counters:	Team #5
Prayer Ministry:	Team #4
Sat.	Bill Reihm
Sun.	Barbara Harvey
Presenters of Gifts:	
Communion Assts:	Sue Tolton
Altar Services:	Bob Berger

## From the Pastors

*Continued from pg. 1* The movie, filmed in black and white, is a great work of art. The photography, the setting, the acting, and the theme all lend to its outstanding quality. It presents to us the keen distress of the loss of faith. The world becomes empty of meaning, even though there is a sense of freedom in no longer having to explain the suffering of existence.

We Christians are caught in the unavoidable struggle between faith and doubt. Only at death does this struggle end. Luther experienced *Anfechtung*, the battle that can lead to despair. Yes, even the great man of the Reformation had his times of doubt, despair, and even depression. While his theology gave much space to the human predicament, it gave larger space to the grace and mercy of God who comes to us in the profoundest depths where we are assaulted by sin, death, and the devil—a place where doubt and despair can thrive. The outcome for Luther was a deep faith in God.

At times, we may be tempted to give up our faith, to deny God. At least, we sometimes may doubt that God works in the world and our lives.

We are now at the end of the Easter season, an extended focus on the resurrection of Christ. We believe that He is raised and has defeated the powers of the world, the devil, and our own sin. Let us persist in prayer, in worship, in raising our Alleluias to God for what He has done. Moments of doubt will come; but, by the grace of God through Christ and the presence of the Holy Spirit, we will get through the rough times. We pray that we do not become permanent residents of a despairing world, evidence of which one can find in many places today. According to God's own promise, the day will come when faith will turn to sight, and we shall worship God with doubt left behind forever.

At the end of Bergman's film, the pastor begins the service with the *Sanctus*, "Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory." What an irony it is for the pastor who no longer believes in God to recite these words. He does not believe what these words say. But, we do.

In Christ,

The Rev. Dr. Michael G. Tavella

The Rev. N. Amanda Grimmer

## Women's

# Prayer Group

We will meet in the room over the garage next to the home of Rosemary Hinkle, Anyone is welcome to come pray and/or share prayer requests at any time.

Dessert and coffee/tea are served.

**Mark your calendar now for 2013 prayer time on the first and third Mondays of each month.**

## Healing Prayer

# Ministry

After the 5:00 P.M. Saturday Service, and after the 9:00 A.M. Service, members of the Healing Prayer Team are available in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd to meet with you for healing prayer. Prayers are offered for your physical, emotional, and spiritual health.

# Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

## Mission Statement

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is a congregation of people of God, bound together in love for the purpose of glorifying God in worship and in fulfilling His will through spreading the Gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ to all humankind.

# Prayer List

**One of the beautiful aspects of Christian Fellowship is that we can share on another's concerns through prayer.**

**Please pray for the following:**

**Please pray for the following individuals & their families :** *(we cannot add last names or initials)* The families of the members Holy Trinity together with those they love, including:

Albert, Alex, Ambre, Amid, Amy, Anna, Arlene, Barbara, Ben, Beth, BettyAnn, Bill, Bob, Brianna, Bruce, Bryan, Carole, Charlene, Christopher, Cinda, Cindy, Daniel, Dave, David, Deb, Derek, Diane, Dianna, Dodie, Donna, Doreen, Drew, Eleanor, Eda, Francis, Frank, Gary, Gene, George, Gloria, Gregory, Hannah, Helene, Ingrid, Jason, Jeanne, Jennifer, Joann, John, Joe, Judy, Julianne, Karen, Kathy, Keane, Lafayette, Linda, Luis, Lori, Lorrie, Marc, Maryanne, Matt, Matthew, Marge, Marsha, Maureen, Max, Michael, Megan, Mina, Mirna, Muriel, Nathaniel, Nancy, Nicole, Nick, Pauline, Pam, Peck, Peg, Peter, Phyllis, Ralph, Renee, Robert, Ryan, Sandy, Sarah, Scarlett, Scott, Sharon, Shawn, Stephanie, Steve, Susan, Suzy, Tara, Terry, Tina, Tony, Tyler, Valerie, Vera, Viola and Xavier.

**Please pray for the following families:**

All of the families of Holy Trinity, together with those they love and pray for; especially we pray for the:

Anastasio, Arrue, Biehl, Bickford-Nolan, Blacoe, Blakes, Bell, Bell-Powell, Benin-Casa, Cabigon, Cooke, Cranston, Dewald, Doodan, Drobish, Eisenmann, Frame, Goodell, Koehler, Kohn, Koutsioroubas, Lake, Mackintosh, McCardle, McDonough, McKelvey, Means, Navarro, Ndini, Noland-Bickford, Novak, Powell, Praschil, Raiguel, Schmidt, Schneiderreit, Sears, Selman, Singrella, Timson, Torres, Tredinnick and Young families.

**Please pray for the following petitions:**

*That God would bless and protect all members of Holy Trinity, together with those they love and pray for. That God would guide each of us to grow in grace and the He would please send workers into the Harvest. For all who are chronically ill or shut-in. For all congregations of the NALC. For all travelers and for the dying. For the military and their families. The unemployed and underemployed & the uninsured, especially those in our own families. All caregivers, rescue workers, doctors, nurses, firefighters, EMTs. For the members of the Mekane Yesus Lutheran Church in Ethiopia, and for the Nifas Silk Congregation. For our sister congregations: Nifas Silk in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and First Lutheran in Kirkland Illinois. For all Christians who are being persecuted for their faith throughout the world. For victims of rains, wildfires, earthquakes and hurricanes and for favorable weather and an abundance of crops. For all in financial difficulty that they may be totally restored.*

# What's Happening

**SUN:** 9:00 – Holy Communion

**MON:** MEMORIAL DAY — OFFICE CLOSED

**FRI:** 7:30 - Nellie Smith's Graduation, Recital and Reception  
7:30 - AA

**SAT:** 5:00 – Holy Communion; 7:00 – AA

**SUN:** 9:00 – Holy Communion

## Support Us

Please consider a gift of appreciated securities to Holy Trinity as you do your tax planning for this year. You may direct questions about how to do this to Alan Hinkle at 215-887-4954 or [alanhinkle@comcast.net](mailto:alanhinkle@comcast.net).

### NOTE TO SELF:

While shopping, pick up items for interfaith food pantry:

- Peanut butter & jelly
- Cereal
- Canned fruits & juices
- Spaghetti & sauce
- Ice tea mix

## Treasurer's Report

*April 30, 2013*

	Holy Trinity Ministries	Wider Church
<b>Year to date received for current income</b>	\$129,870.29	\$16,217.16
<b>Carry over Benevolence from 2012</b>		\$18,967.88
<b>Expenses paid to date</b>	\$136,432.83	\$15,080.27
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) 2013</b>	\$ (6,562.54)	\$22,072.52

### Keep in your prayers the following individuals serving in the armed forces:

Michael Boerner  
 Matt Butler  
 Christopher DiToro  
 Matthew Gottschling  
 Shaun Hall  
 Eric Henderson  
 Robert McKay  
 Carl McLaughlin  
 Nathan Quinlan  
 Timothy Quinlan  
 Jeremy Zar  
 Jason Zimmermann



## Calling all... Women of Holy Trinity

We would love to have you attend one of the circles listed below. If you are already in a circle, then we look forward to seeing you at our June gatherings. If you are new to Holy Trinity or have not yet visited a circle, then we hope you will select a circle to visit this month. You will enjoy lively discussions of Bible-based topics, refreshments and social time. For more information, contact any of the circle leaders listed below.

### ***In June, our topic is: Fun and Fellowship***

We wrapped up our Bible study in May and now it is time to celebrate the end of another terrific year of fellowship.

We give thanks for each member of the Women's Bible Study Groups (called Circles). The women in these groups study, pray, and laugh together and support one another. Be a part of one of the groups. You'll be thankful you did!

**EVE:** Thursday, June 13, 7:30 P.M., the Parlor.  
Circle leader, Sue Tolton: [suetolton@comcast.net](mailto:suetolton@comcast.net)

**HANNAH:** Wednesday, June 19, 7:30 P.M., at the home of Kathy Ingerson, (Dessert party)  
[kathleendenise118@gmail.com](mailto:kathleendenise118@gmail.com) Circle leader, Cindy Biehl:  
[cindybiehl@msn.com](mailto:cindybiehl@msn.com)

**MIRIAM:** Monday, June 10, 12:30 P.M., in Fellowship Hall,  
Circle leader, Ruth McCandless:  
[ruthmccandless@yahoo.com](mailto:ruthmccandless@yahoo.com)

**RUTH:** Wednesday, June 12, 7:30PM at the home of Joy Alderfer (Pot Luck) [alderfer42@comcast.net](mailto:alderfer42@comcast.net)  
Circle leader, Nancy Necker: [necker1@earthlink.net](mailto:necker1@earthlink.net)

**SARAH:** Thursday, June 13, 12:00 noon, the Parlor,  
Elaine Schimpf or Elaine Lauff.

## ***Congratulations to our Confirmands***

Eugenia Laree Connelly  
Kayleee Elizabeth Goodson

## **Our Christian Sympathy to:**

*Alan Bickel on the death of his wife,  
Doris.*

*John and Pat Minges on the death of  
John's father, Harry*

## ***The 39RS***

**June 5, 2013  
12:00 Noon  
in Fellowship Hall**

**The 39RS present the  
Murder Mystery Game  
"Murder on the Mound"**

*Brown bag your own lunch.  
We provide the drinks and desserts.*

## ***New Member Sunday***

All Saints, November 3, 2013

*If you are interested in membership,  
please speak to Pastor Tavella.  
New member class will begin in  
September.*



Please join us this year at the  
***Men's Devotional Group of Holy Trinity***

Annual Retreat  
Friday, June 7 and Saturday, June 8

Location:  
St. Francis Retreat House  
3918 Chipman Road  
Easton, PA 18045  
Phone: 610-258-3053

Speaker: William Beceril

Cost: Approximately \$150  
(depending on number of attendees)

Please contact Tom Schied at  
or 215-517-5505

*Hope to hear from you soon!!*



**Holy Trinity  
Blood Drive**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**

To donate blood or if you have any questions,  
contact Marilynn Murphy at 215-659-2008



**Congratulations to  
our Graduates of  
the Class of 2013**

**High School**

- **Nellie Smith, *Home School***
- **Breeanna Zawistowski, *Abington High School***

**College**

- **Ambre Elizabeth Biehl, *Elizabethtown College***
- **Danielle Lindsey Mackintosh with honors, *Penn State University***
- **Christopher Freer, *Bloomsburg University Professional Geologist***

**Graduate School**

- **Victoria Robinson, *Master of Museum Science, George Washington University***



## Women's Prayer Group

**We meet the first and third Monday of each month, September through May, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rosemary Hinkle. Anyone is welcome to come pray and share prayer requests at any time. We honor our shared joys and concerns by observing confidentiality. Dessert and coffee/tea are served. Please park in the street: residential parking restriction signs do not apply in the evenings. For more information, please email rosemary at [Rhinkle@abington.org](mailto:Rhinkle@abington.org). With Labor Day falling on the first Monday in September, the prayer group will resume on September 16 (third Monday).**

**Mark your calendar now for 2013 prayer time.**

**Dear Holy Trinity family,**

I wanted to send a little note thanking Mrs. Janice Donnelly and Mrs. Lois Hamilton for the delicious meals they brought over after my surgery at the end of March. It was very kind of them to take time out of their daily schedules, and the meals were greatly appreciated. And I would also like to thank Pastor Mike for his visit to my home to see how things were going. All the kindness and help has really helped my recuperation.

Thank you all very much!  
Stephanie (Humphreys) Donahue

**February 9, 2013**

Greetings to you in the name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Please give our Love to your family and to your brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ in your church.

Pilli Jhansi Bai  
Angara, Andhra Pradesh  
India — 533307

"I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me you can do nothing." JOHN 15:5

We want to thank you for your love offering. My Church members and I are very happy to receive your offering for mu church bonstruction. It has come up to beams. We request you to pray that our church building may be completed very soon and we may worship in it. We are praying for your family members. We have sent the snaps of the construction of the church to Rosemary Hinkle. God may bless all the church members of the Holy Trinity Church.

We are remembering you in our daily prayers about your health, Lords service to needy people. Please do remember us in your daily prayers.

Gratefully your fellow servant in Jesus Christ,

**Sister Pilli Jhansi Bai**

May 22, 2012

**Dear Holy Trinity family,**

**Thank you for your generous response to our Cradle of Hope collection.**

**The mothers and children really do appreciate it.**

**Sincerely,  
Katie Beyer, Christian Action Chairman**

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 toilet bowl cleaner    | 6 laundry detergent        |
| 1 box SOS pads           | 21 rolls of toilet paper   |
| 1 dental floss           | 2 pkgs of sponges          |
| 2 rolls of foil          | 3 pkgs baby wipes          |
| 1 roll of saran wrap     | 2 bottles of floor cleaner |
| 1 bleach                 | 3 dish soap                |
| 3 boxes of sandwich bags | 3 rolls paper towels       |
| 2 boxes of wipes         | 1 box of SOS pads          |
| \$80.00 in gift cards    | \$20.00 CVS                |
| \$20.00 Giant            | \$40.00 Target             |



## 2013 Vacation Bible School

Yes, it's that time of year again. Spring has sprung and summer is not far off. With that in mind, we are beginning to plan this years VBS.

Our theme for VBS 2013 is "Tell It on the Mountain" Where Jesus Christ is Lord!

We need *your* prayers, and we also need **your participation** to provide the best Vacation Bible School possible. We need all kinds of people, with all kinds of gifts and abilities. Please consider volunteering your time and talent to make this years VBS one of the best weeks of the summer for the children in our community.

Thank you for your willingness to help! Please place the volunteer form in the offering plate or return it to the office. The earlier I have the classes and centers staffed, the sooner I can distribute all of the necessary materials. If you have any questions please contact Susan Schied at 215-517-5505 or [slschied@verizon.net](mailto:slschied@verizon.net).

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**VBS Dates: July 29<sup>th</sup> to August 2<sup>nd</sup> 9:00AM to 12:15 PM**

***Be a Vacation Bible School Volunteer!***

***Don't miss the fun!!***

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Full Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Yes! I would like to help with VBS in the area's I have marked below.**

- Pre-School teacher/helper
- Kindergarten teacher/helper
- Music Center leader/helper
- Art Center teacher/helper
- Snack Center coordinator/helper
- Bible Story Center leader/helper.
- Game center leader/helper
- Bible Challenge Center leader/helper
- Group Guide
- Service Project Coordinator



**Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
2013 Vacation Bible School Registration Form**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ School Grade In Fall: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies, Medical Concerns Or Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact (Name And Number): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Brothers & Sisters: \_\_\_\_\_

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Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ School Grade In Fall: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies, Medical Concerns Or Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact (Name And Number): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Brothers & Sisters: \_\_\_\_\_

# June Worship Assistants Schedule

## June 2<sup>nd</sup>

<b>Usher</b>	5	<b>Greeter</b>	Christiane & Gerald Schmidt	<b>Gate</b>	Albert Eisenmann
<b>Count</b>	5	<b>Acolyte</b>	Alyssa Goodson	<b>Cushion</b>	Pamela Eisenmann
<b>Christophers</b>	1	<b>Crucifer</b>	Kaylee Goodson	<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Sue Tolton
<b>Prayer Ministry Team</b>	4	<b>Lay Reader</b>	Lorraine Trollinger	<b>Setup</b>	Bob Berger
		<b>Presenters of Gifts</b>			

## June 9<sup>th</sup>

<b>Usher</b>	1	<b>Greeter</b>	Tina Bednarczyk & Bob Berger	<b>Gate</b>	
<b>Count</b>	1	<b>Acolyte</b>	William Breslin	<b>Cushion</b>	
<b>Christophers</b>	2	<b>Crucifer</b>	Stephen Leventhal	<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Linda Bell-Powell and Linda Frezza
<b>Prayer Ministry Team</b>	5	<b>Lay Reader</b>	Nancy Ischinger	<b>Setup</b>	Tina Bednarczyk
		<b>Presenters of Gifts</b>	Dick & Dottie Erb and Terry Mitchell		

## June 16<sup>th</sup>

<b>Usher</b>	2	<b>Greeter</b>	Barbara Harvey and Glenn Harvey	<b>Gate</b>	
<b>Count</b>	2	<b>Acolyte</b>	Michael LaRocca	<b>Cushion</b>	
<b>Christophers</b>	3	<b>Crucifer</b>	Brendan Rowley	<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Danielle & Terry Rowley
<b>Prayer Ministry Team</b>	1	<b>Lay Reader</b>	Linda Bell-Powell	<b>Setup</b>	Sue Tolton
		<b>Presenters of Gifts</b>	Charles & Sue Tolton & Cindy Biehl		

## June 23<sup>rd</sup>

<b>Usher</b>	3	<b>Greeter</b>	Pam & Al Eisenmann	<b>Gate</b>	
<b>Count</b>	3	<b>Acolyte</b>	Eugenia Connelly	<b>Cushion</b>	
<b>Christophers</b>	4	<b>Crucifer</b>	Dan Dewald	<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Ann Frey & Allan Shikhvarg
<b>Prayer Ministry Team</b>	2	<b>Lay Reader</b>	Jim Necker	<b>Setup</b>	Michele Muller
		<b>Presenters of Gifts</b>	Deb & Sami Mumford & Ann Frey		

## June 30<sup>th</sup>

<b>Usher</b>	4	<b>Greeter</b>	Karen & Phillip Bertsch	<b>Gate</b>	
<b>Count</b>	4	<b>Acolyte</b>	Jared Ickler	<b>Cushion</b>	
<b>Christophers</b>	5	<b>Crucifer</b>	Devin Langan	<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Linda Borkowski & John Moore
<b>Prayer Ministry Team</b>	3	<b>Lay Reader</b>	Nancy Berkovitz	<b>Setup</b>	Maryanne Leventhal
		<b>Presenters of Gifts</b>	Martin, Marilyn & Eleanor Murphy		

# June 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA  Justin, Martyr, c. 165
2 PENTECOST 2 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Confirmation Exam	3 10:00 Sewing Group	4	5 Noon 39RS 7:30 Council Meeting  Boniface, Archbishop of Mainz, Missionary/Martyr	6	7 BLOOD DRIVE 7:30 AA  MEN'S RETREAT	8 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA  MEN'S RETREAT
9 PENTECOST 3 9:00 Holy Communion Columba, Aidan & Bede	10 12:30 Miriam Circle	11  St. Barnabas, Apostle	12 7:30 Ruth Circle (home of Joy Alderfer)	13 Noon Sarah Circle 7:00 Men's Devotional Group 7:30 Eve Circle	14 7:30 AA  Macrina, Basil, Gregory of Nazianzus, Gregory of Nyssa	15 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
16 PENTECOST 4 9:00 Holy Communion	17  SHOP & COOK FOR AIDS	18  DELIVER AIDS DINNER	19 7:30 Hannah Circle (home of Kathy Ingerson)	20	21 7:30 AA	22 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
23 PENTECOST 5 9:00 Holy Communion	24  The Nativity of St. John the Baptist	25  The Presentation of the Augsburg Confession	26	27  Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria	28 7:30 AA  Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons	29 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA  St Peter & St Paul, Apostles
30 PENTECOST 6 9:00 Holy Communion						

## Fun Summer Project

### How Many Shoeboxes Can You Fill for Children?

*Bring the love of Jesus to children and their families.  
Their only “Christmas” experience will be your shoebox.  
And, they can hear the Gospel message...many for the 1st time!*



Since 2007, members of Holy Trinity have lovingly packed shoeboxes with toys, school supplies, and hygiene items for children in need around the world. This is a wonderful opportunity for adults and children alike to engage in hands-on mission and experience the joy of shopping for and filling shoeboxes for children who are victims of poverty in so many ways—war; natural disasters such as earthquakes, floods, and famines; jobless parents, or other life devastations. Each child who is given a shoebox will also receive an age- and culturally-appropriate Gospel in his/her language. There are many wonderful stories through Samaritan's Purse of how these gifts and the Gospel have brought families to church and to the feet of Jesus.

**How Many Shoeboxes Can You Make Happen?** Please consider packing as many shoeboxes as possible—either as your personal or family project or, even better, by asking extended family members and friends to join you in this effort. Shoeboxes will be collected at Holy Trinity during services on the second weekend in November (9 & 10).

This shoebox ministry, known as Operation Christmas Child, is a major mission effort of Samaritan's Purse, a nondenominational Christian organization headed by Franklin Graham. Know that your boxes of goodies may well be the only gift that a child receives all year or EVER. Also keep in mind that this is your personal opportunity to be an evangelist. So the more shoeboxes you prepare, the more opportunities you create for children and their families to know Jesus and his saving love.

**Contribute or Take Shoeboxes:** Please either bring your extra empty shoeboxes to the narthex for others to fill OR take shoeboxes to fill. Then take a brochure and have fun shopping! **Most importantly** as you prepare your boxes, pray often for the children who will receive them. For ideas of items to pack, please see a list on the next page.

**Shipping:** You will be asked to contribute \$7 for each shoebox you send. Some people feel called to support this effort by making a contribution to defray shipping costs for many shoeboxes. All contributions are appreciated. You may use the envelope attached to the brochure.

**Track your box to its destination:** Find out where your boxes go! Visit [www.samaritanpurse.org](http://www.samaritanpurse.org). Click “What We Do.” and select “Operation Christmas Child.” On the left menu click “Journey of a Shoebox. You will find a “Follow Your Box” link under Collecting Shoeboxes. Once you make your online contribution for shipping, you will receive an email to print your bar code. Affix this to your shoebox, **making sure not to tape over the actual bar code.** In 2014, you will receive an email telling you the countries where your boxes were delivered.





## A Shoebox Ministry to Children Around the World

1. Use a sturdy shoebox or a plastic shoebox-sized container.
2. It is not necessary, but if you wrap your box, **boxes and lids must be wrapped separately due to mandatory inspections.**
3. Select the gender (boy or girl) and age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14.
4. Make purchases and fill your shoebox to capacity!
5. You may include your name & address and/or a picture. Sometimes a child or family writes to you. Add on top a check to **Samaritan's Purse** for \$7 for each box you have packed. You only need one check, even if you are preparing several boxes. OR, visit [www.samaritanpurse.org](http://www.samaritanpurse.org) to download bar-coded strips to affix to your shoeboxes and learn later where they go.
6. Place the lid on your box and tape on top the completed Operation Christmas Child label.
7. Place 2-3 rubber bands around your box and bring to a Holy Trinity service November 9 or 10.

### Here are ideas to get you started but be creative!

Pencils & sharpeners, eraser, crayons, glue stick,  
child-safe scissors, ruler  
6 x 9 pads of plain and construction paper  
Pens for older children  
Combs, toothbrush, soap (in plastic Ziploc bag),  
washcloth  
Socks, T-shirt, bandanas, sunglasses  
Mirror (plastic, not glass)  
Fun print tissue pack, Band-Aids with designs  
Novelty plastic ware: cups, plates, straws  
Age-appropriate candy/snacks: ring pops, animal

crackers, Pez & dispenser, Nerds, Mentos,  
Lifesavers, etc.  
Beanie Baby-sized stuffed animals, dolls, balls  
(bouncy, hacky sack, blow-up beach balls,  
balloons)  
Age-appropriate stickers  
Games: maze & dot-to-dot pads, puzzles, Legos,  
coloring books, water colors & brushes  
Age- & gender-appropriate small backpacks,  
purses, visors, & caps

#### Boys

Legos, yoyos, Slinkies  
Matchbox and tension-release cars & trucks  
Marbles  
Chap stick  
Wrist watch  
Flashlights-include 2 rounds of batteries

#### Girls

Emery boards, nail art, nail brushes  
Jewelry (bracelets, necklaces, ankle bracelets, etc.)  
Bead making kits  
Lip gloss  
Hair bands, clips, etc.  
Jump ropes

### Do's & Don't's

- NO toys of war (military figures, weapons, etc)
- NO chocolate or any candies that would melt in heat
- NO lotions, liquids, or anything in glass containers
- DO include storybooks (you don't know what language your child speaks)
- DO consider games (especially travel size) that have picture directions, directions in several languages., or are able to be easily understood if a child cannot read English.
- DO be culturally sensitive when making selections. This project is about spreading the love of Jesus. The children who receive your gifts are red and yellow black and white.
- AVOID toys with American flags.

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