



HOLY TRINITY

Evangelical Lutheran Church

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The Rev. N. Amanda Grimmer

Staff

The Rev. John Bradosky, *Bishop of the*

North American Lutheran Church

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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*

From the Pastors

Dear Parish Family,

Incense signifies the saints' prayers ascending to God. "And another angel came and stood at the altar with a golden censer, and he was given much incense to offer with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar before the throne, and the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose before God from the hand of the angel." (Revelation 8:3-4 ESV) Psalm 141, sung at Evening Prayer, also indicates that incense is a symbol of the prayers of the people. "Let my prayer rise before you as incense; the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice." (*Lutheran Book of Worship*) The lifting up of the hands is a gesture of prayer. Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist, was serving at the Temple when his division was on duty. Luke tells of his burning incense on the altar. "Now while he was serving as priest before God when the division was on duty according to the custom of the priesthood, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense." (Luke 1:8-10 ESV) The burning of incense is associated with the prayers of the people.

Philip Pfatteicher explains the meaning of the use of incense at Evening Prayer, "Incense symbolized prayer ascending from earth to heaven, a visible and sensuous connection between heaven and earth. But the more ancient Christian understanding of incense, especially important at this point in Evening Prayer, is that clouds of incense show cleansing and purification, covering our sin with the sweet robe of Christ's righteousness." (Philip Pfatteicher, *Manual on the Liturgy Lutheran Book of Worship*. p. 279) The words of Psalm 141 attest to his observation. "Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips. Let not my heart incline to any evil thing; let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers. But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God; in you I take refuge. Strip me not of my life." (*Lutheran Book of Worship*, (pp. 145-6)

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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.

Coram Deo

Living in the presence of God

Meets: Mondays at 7:30 in the Parlor

Coram Deo is a new literary group at Holy Trinity led by Pastor Mike and Nancy King-Berkovitz. If you love literature, wish you knew more about literature, or want to discuss books and poetry within a Christian context, this is your kind of book club.

See you there!



From the Pastors

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The Psalm Prayer, prayers said after the recitation of the psalms in the Liturgy of the Hours, bears out the penitential and cleansing nature of the symbol of incense. "Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before you, O Lord, and let your loving kindness descend upon us, that with purified minds we may sing your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host, and may glorify you forever and ever. Amen." (LBW, p. 146)

The liturgy is accompanied by externals that symbolize various things. For example, the sanctuary light symbolizes the presence of God. Vestments cover the individuality of the pastor for service to the Lord. Crosses and crucifixes represent the sacrificial death of Christ and His resurrection. Incense is another symbol, representing the prayers of the people and our cleansing in Christ.

In Christ,
The Rev. Dr. Michael G. Tavella
The Rev. N. Amanda Grimmer



Prayer List

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 2014 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.

One of the beautiful aspects of Christian Fellowship is that we can share one 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 of Holy Trinity together with those they love, including:

Albert, Alex, Amanda, Ambre, Amid, Amy, Anna, Arlene, Augusto, Barbara, Ben, Beth, BettyAnn, Bill, Bob, Brianna, Bruce, Bryan, Carol, Carole, Charlene, Cheri, Christopher, Cinda, Cindy, Daniel, Dave, David, Deb, Debbie, Derek, Diane, Dianna, Dodie, Donna, Doreen, Dorothy, Drew, Eleanor, Eda, Efim, Francis, Frank, Gary, Gene, George, Gloria, Gregory, Hannah, Helen, Helene, Herb, Hunter, Ingrid, Jarmie, Jason, Jeanne, Jenay, Jennifer, Joan, Joann, John, Joe, Judy, Julianne, Karen, Keane, Lafayette, Lee, Lenore, Linda, Luis, Lori, Lorrie, Marc, Maryanne, Matt, Matthew, Marge, Margaret, Marsha, Maureen, Max, Michael, Michele, Megan, Mina, Mirna, Muriel, Nathaniel, Nancy, Nicole, Nick, Pauline, Pam, Peck, Peg, Peter, Phyllis, Raechel, Ralph, Rebecca, Renee, Robert, Ryan, Sandy, Sarah, Scarlett, Scott, Sharon, Shawn, Stephanie, Steve, Sue, Suzy, Tara, Terry, Tina, Tony, Tracy, 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, Barth, Biehl, Blacoe, Blakes, Bell, Bell-Powell, Benin-Casa, Cabigon, Cooke, Cranston, Dewald, Doodan, Drobish, Eisenmann, Frame, Goodell, Koehler, Kohn, Koutsioroubas, Lake, Mackintosh, McCardle, McDonough, McGinnis, McKelvey, Means, Navarro, Ndini, 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.

Join the Conversation!

We want to hear from you! Pastor Mandy has a blog on which she posts regularly. This blog is embedded right in our website at www.holytrinity.net. Your feedback is wanted! Please come on in and check us out. At the bottom of each blog there is space for your comments. Let us hear from you.

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 alanhinkle@comcast.net.

NOTE TO SELF:

While shopping, pick up items for interfaith food pantry:

- peanut butter, jelly,
- pasta, sauce, rice
- hearty soups, crackers
- tuna, canned meats
- chili, stew,

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

Michael Boerner
Christopher DiToro
Matthew Gottschling
Shaun Hall
Eric Henderson
Robert McKay
Nathan Quinlan
Timothy Quinlan
Jeremy Zar

Holy Trinity Shirts

The Evangelism Committee is making shirts available to our members with the Holy Trinity logo in embroidery. All shirts are royal blue with a white logo. Both golf shirts and dress shirts may be ordered. Cost is less than \$30. depending on type of shirt.

Contact Judi Reeder at judireeder@hotmail.com for further information.

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February 5, 2014

Noon

Brownbag your own lunch.

Speaker:

Mark Sallon

Briar Bush Nature Center

Topic:

Plants of the Bible

Our Christian Sympathy to:

Linda and Bob Kreisich on the death of Linda's father, Kurt Buehler.

John and Pat Minges on the death of Pat's father, Ed Warren.

Betty Lee on the death of her husband, Don.

Memorials

Memorials have been received in the names of Susan Doodan, Nancy Kopenhaver, The Rev. Dr. Alvin O. Shiffer, Robert A. and Margaret C. Stoeffler, Carl A. Musse, Doris E. and Warren B. Shinn, Mark A. Freas, Catherine Cook, Paul Hendricks, Truman L. and Betty Y. Gregg.

Adult Christian Breakfast Fellowship

February 1, 2014 — 8:00 A.M.

Topic:

December 7, 1941
The Date That Will Live
in Infamy
Part II

Presented by:

Allan Shikhvarg



January 5, 2014

Dear Holy Trinity family,

Thank you so much for the gift card. I've had a wonderful first semester at temple.

Hoping everyone had a blessed Christmas.

Sincerely,
Nellie Smith

Dear Holy Trinity Family,

Thank you so much for your generous response to Blanket Sunday. We collected \$545.00 which is being used to send 60 blankets to Lutheran World relief. We also donated 16 blankets to Cradle of Hope which is a local agency which helps unwed mothers and their babies.

Happy New Year
Katie Beyer for the
Christian Action Committee

Dear Holy Trinity Friends,

Thank you so much for your donation of blankets for the Cradle of Hope. It was very kind of you to remember us. We deeply appreciate your interest in our desire to provide housing for one year to homeless mothers and their babies.

Our transitional housing program requires that each resident be attending school and/or working while in the program. Your gift also blesses each child. As the mothers obtain education, employment and permanent housing, the cycle of poverty is reversed and the children's lives are permanently affected.

During their year at the Cradle of Hope, we have seen the young women grow in confidence, strength, and hope. With weekly Bible study, workshops on parenting, nutrition and other topics, each mother sets goals for her life and works with the staff and volunteers to achieve those goals. With your gift, you have helped this ministry to continue.

Sincerely,

Betsy Stoltzful
Director,
Cradle of Hope

Men's Devotional Group February 13

The Men's Devotional Group meets the second Thursday of every month at 7:00 P.M. in the Youth Room. If you've never joined us before, now is the time to start and see what we are all about! Hope to see you all there on February 13.



*Please remember your Church
in your will.*

ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES: Have you signed up for your spring Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend? What better way for you and your spouse to spend a weekend than escaping from all the daily pressures and responsibilities to search out and discover an even warmer, closer, more joyful marital relationship! The Pennsylvania spring Weekends are:



March 28-30, 2014 at Park Inn Radisson, West Middlesex, PA, where each couple has a king bed and their own hot tub -- an hour north of Pittsburgh, just off of Interstate 80

April 25-27, 2014 at the Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel in State College—Happy Valley's premier conference center located on a quiet hillside with views of the Nittany Mountains

We are also accepting registrations for the fall Weekends: **September 12-14, 2014** at Spruce Lake Retreat Center, Canadensis, PA in the heart of the Poconos and **September 26-28, 2014** at Olmsted Retreat Center, Ludlow, PA, an hour north of DuBois. Weekends are for married couples whether you have been married only a few months or upwards of 50 years, and they run from Friday at 8 PM to Sunday around 4 PM. Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included. There is a \$45 per couple registration fee, plus toward the end of the weekend, you will be given an opportunity to make a confidential contribution toward the continuation of the program. **Register now to avoid being disappointed!** Simply go to the website: www.GodLovesMarriage.org and sign up using a credit card to pay the \$45 registration fee, or mark the option to pay by check, and you will be notified where to send your check. For questions, or if you would like a brochure with registration form mailed to you, contact PA Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at fjschamber@comcast.net or 724-325-3166.



GIANT GIFT CARDS

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Women now have Giant Food Stores Gift Cards for purchase. The cards are available in denominations of \$5.00, \$10.00, \$20.00, \$25.00, \$50.00 and \$100.00. If you are interested in obtaining Giant Gift Cards, there is an order form in the Narthex that can be completed and left in the box or turned into the Church office. (No money with order form please). Joy Alderfer is coordinating this project for HTLCW. She will complete your orders. Cash purchases are welcome, all checks for gift cards should be made payable to HTLCW. Joy will be available in Fellowship Hall after Church to take orders, payment and deliver cards.

HTLCW receives a 5% cash back award for each card sold which will go into our scholarship fund. Our scholarship fund is utilized to offset the cost of any LCW related function for any Church women who may want to attend but needs financial assistance.

Thank you for your support.

Calling all...

Women of Holy Trinity

We would love to have you attend one of the Women's Groups, "circles" listed below. If you are already in a circle, then we look forward to seeing you at our February 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 related to our current Bible Study, refreshments and social time. For more information, contact any of the circle leaders listed below.

This year's topic will be based on:

Joseph: How God Builds Character by Paul Borthwick.

February Topic:

The Tough Truth

The bible study for February is Genesis 40:1 - 4:32. In this study of Discernment (Chapter Six), we join Joseph as he rises to a new challenge as interpreter of dreams and reporter of harsh messages. Joseph continues in his role as "chief prisoner," but in this study, he will be launched into a new role that will eventually put him in the high court of Egypt with the Pharaoh.

Serving others often involves helping them understand what God is saying to them through their experiences. But it also involves listening, seeking God on behalf of others and sometimes confronting people with the tough truth. Before you meet in your circle this month, journal or pray about situations or experiences in your life that are mysterious to you -- in which you really do not know what God is saying. Then ask God for a discerning spirit to enable you to understand his purposes.

February Meetings:

EVE: Thursday, Feb. 13, 7:30 P.M., the Parlor.

Circle leader, Sue Tolton: 215-659-7054.

HANNAH: Wednesday, Feb. 19, 7:30 P.M., the Parlor.

Circle leader, Cindy Biehl: 267-475-5435

MIRIAM: Monday, Feb. 10, 12:30 P.M., in Fellowship Hall,

Circle leader, Ruth McCandless: 215-682-2034.

RUTH: Wednesday, Feb. 12, 7:30 PM at the home of Barbara Harvey,

2228 Hillthorpe Ave, Abington. 215-887-6354

Circle leader, Nancy Necker, 215-884-2123.

SARAH: Thursday, Feb. 13, 12:00 noon, the Parlor,

Circle leader, Judi Reeder: 215-431-7265



FASTNACHT '14

An evening of *fun, frivolity* and *laughs*

(and oh yes, *donuts!*)

Mark your calendars and join us.

Tuesday, March 4, 2014

7:00 P.M.

Fellowship Hall

\$2.00 per person



\$5.00 per family

Holy Trinity Church Women – Annual Retreat



April 4 – April 6, 2014

Place: Mother Boniface Retreat Center

Retreat Leader: Kelley Latta, who serves the body of Christ through

Kelley Latta Ministries (www.KelleyLattaMinistries.com)

Theme: “Grace to the Humble”

Cost: \$140.00 per person)

(Scholarships are available; please see Pastor Mandy if interested)

Please make checks payable to HTLCW.

Additional information will be forthcoming in later Echoes articles.



YOUNG ADULT LUTHERANS AND FRIENDS

7:00 pm — February 2

Come see what this new group is all about. Brings your friends.

FIRST Sunday of Every Month

The Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Women Present:

Personal Care Kit and Fabric Kit Sunday – February 9, 2014

The Women of Holy Trinity will once again be assembling personal care kits for
Lutheran World Relief

Each personal care kit contains the following:

- 1 – New, light to medium weight bath size towel (approximately 52" X 27" or smaller, dark colors recommended)
- 2 – Bath size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in original packaging.
- 1 – Adult size toothbrush, in original packaging.
- 1 –Sturdy Comb, remove packaging.
- 1 – Metal nail clipper, with or without attached file, remove packaging.

NEW THIS YEAR – Fabric Kits:

Each kit contains:

- 2 - Spools of matching or neutral colored general purpose thread, 200-300 yards each.



- 2 – Pieces of cotton or cotton blend fabric (no knits or 100% polyester). Each piece should match one of the following sizes:

- 2 ¼ yards of 60" wide fabric, or
- 3 yards of 44" wide fabric, or
- 4 yards of 36" wide fabric

If you would like to donate items for either type of kit, there will be a collection basket in the Narthex. Monetary contributions can be placed in a brown pew envelope marked "personal care/fabric kits".

Thank you for your generosity!

February Worship Assistants Schedule

February 2

Usher	1	Greeter	Don and Ruth Lewis	Presenters of Gifts	Nancy and Rob Ischinger and Ken Tredinnick
Count	5	Acolyte	Audrey Brown	Gate	Alan Hinkle
Christophers	3	Crucifer	Erica Ganther	Cushion	John Moore
Prayer Ministry Team	4	Lay Reader-Sat	Katie Beyer	Communion Assistants	Jim and Nancy Necker
		Lay Reader-Sun	Marilyn Hagy	Setup	Bob Berger

February 9

Usher	2	Greeter	Phil and Karen Bertsch	Presenters of Gifts	Deb, Samantha and Hannah Mumford
Count	1	Acolyte	William Breslin	Gate	
Christophers	4	Crucifer	Connor Breslin	Cushion	
Prayer Ministry Team	5	Lay Reader-Sat	Bill Riehm	Communion Assistants	Betsy Zimmermann and Marilyn Murphy
		Lay Reader-Sun	Kathleen Ingerson	Setup	Tina Bednarczyk

February 16

Usher	3	Greeter	Barbara Harvey and Glenn Harvey	Presenters of Gifts	Susan, Ryan and Matthew Schied
Count	2	Acolyte	Hannah Mumford	Gate	
Christophers	5	Crucifer	Earl Whipple	Cushion	
Prayer Ministry Team	1	Lay Reader-Sat	John Maieron	Communion Assistants	Tina Bednarczyk and Allan Shikhvarg
		Lay Reader-Sun	Teresa Mitchell	Setup	Sue Tolton

February 23

Usher	4	Greeter	Nancy and Rob Ischinger	Presenters of Gifts	Tina Bednarczyk, Sue Tolton and Barbara Harvey
Count	3	Acolyte	Tyler Dewald	Gate	
Christophers	1	Crucifer	Dan Dewald	Cushion	
Prayer Ministry Team	2	Lay Reader-Sat	Linda Cassady	Communion Assistants	Linda Borkowski and Kevan Berkovitz
		Lay Reader-Sun	Nancy Necker	Setup	Michele Muller





February 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8:00 Adult Christian Breakfast Fellowship 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
2 EPIPHANY 4 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Pre-K & Adult SS 12:30 M.C. rehearsal 7:00 Young Adults Group	3 10:00 Sewing Group 6:00 Daisy Troop 7:30 Women's Prayer Group	4 1:00 & 7:00 - Bible in 90 Days 6:45 Private Confession 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 Compline	5 Noon 39RS 7:30 Council Meeting	6 9:30 Theology with Bagels 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	7 7:30 AA	8 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
9 EPIPHANY 5 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Pre-K & Adult SS 12:30 M.C. rehearsal 5:00 Family Choir & Supper Club	10 12:30 Miriam Circle	11 1:00 & 7:00 - Bible in 90 Days 6:45 Private Confession 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 Compline	12 7:30 Ruth Circle	13 9:30 Theology with Bagels Noon Sarah Circle 7:00 Men's Devotional 7:30 Eve Circle 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	14 7:30 AA	15 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
16 EPIPHANY 6 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Pre-K & Adult SS 11:30 Society of the Hours 12:30 M.C. rehearsal	17 6:00 Daisy Troop 7:30 Women's Prayer Group PRESIDENT'S DAY OFFICE CLOSED SHOP & COOK FOR AIDS	18 1:00 & 7:00 - Bible in 90 Days 6:45 Private Confession 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 Compline DELIVER AIDS DINNER	19 7:30 Hannah Circle	20 9:30 Theology with Bagels 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	21 7:30 AA	22 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
23 EPIPHANY 7 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Pre-K & Adult SS 12:30 M.C. rehearsal	24 7:30 Coram Deo	25 1:00 & 7:00 - Bible in 90 Days 6:45 Private Confession 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 Compline	26	27 9:30 Theology with Bagels 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	28 7:30 AA	