



HOLY TRINITY

Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Pastors

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The Rev. N. Amanda Grimmer

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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,

Last month we made a reference to the externals of worship. The various appointments of the Church, such as crosses, banners, candles, sanctuary light, font, altar, pulpit, lectern, icons, vestments, Advent wreath, Christmas trees, flowers, and incense, help us in our praise of God. Liturgical churches like Holy Trinity are not reluctant to adorn their sanctuaries with such things. They are not essentials of the faith as are summarized in the creeds; but, they do show that the Church structure is a special meeting place of the body of believers with God. Externals mean nothing if they are not accompanied by the heart's being drawn to the worship of the Holy Trinity, one God in three persons.

External appointments that aid our worship are used in the liturgical practice of Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic, and Eastern Orthodox churches. These historic bodies are beneficiaries of a liturgical tradition that has developed over the centuries. Many Protestant churches tend to be more reserved in their use of liturgical appointments. Quakers do not use them at all.

Our sanctuary is simpler in its decoration than many Lutheran churches, because our building is a colonial design. You can see the same simplicity at Christ Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, a church structure built in the colonial period. Abington Baptist Church is a colonial design very similar to ours.

The Sacraments are quite different from liturgical appointments. While candles, icons, and many other items in our sanctuary aid our worship and can bring us closer to the ever-present God, the Sacraments are means of grace, physical signs given by Christ's command to impart forgiveness of sins and create and strengthen faith in Christ. In the Sacrament of the Altar we receive the heavenly and ubiquitous (everywhere) body of Christ both orally and by faith. In this belief we differ from all other Protestants with the exception of certain churches of the Anglican Communion.

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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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Incense, mentioned at the beginning of this article, is an external appointment that draws us in worship to the presence of God. It adds the olfactory (smell) to the visual (sight), gustatory (taste), tactile (touch) and auditory (hearing) experience of worship. Yet another of our senses is engaged in doxology, which means praise of God.

Some people are allergic to incense, composed largely of frankincense and myrrh. But, our anxiety at its use may also be a factor. Come and see how incense is used in worship.

Incense is now being used in Evening Prayer and will be used in this prayer office throughout Lent. The *Lutheran Book of Worship* suggests its use at this service. For now, the thurible, the utensil in which the incense burns, will remain on its stand during Evening Prayer. Later, we will use the thurible in other ways. We will also eventually use incense at festival services of Holy Communion like Easter and Pentecost. It will not be used every week. Notice will be given when we are about to expand our use of incense. The pastors will write more articles of explanation. Incense has biblical precedent as was mentioned in previous articles on the subject. It is a symbol for the prayers of the people, for purification from sin, and for the presence of God. It is another appointment of worship among many others that draw us to the worship of the true God.

In *On the Christian Faith (De Fide)*, the great Saint Ambrose, Bishop of Milan and mentor of Saint Augustine, writes, "In one God did the Magi believe, and they brought, in adoration, gold, frankincense, and myrrh to Christ's cradle, confessing by the gift of gold, His Royalty, and with the incense worshipping Him as God. For gold is the sign of kingdom, incense of God, myrrh of burial." It is now time for the observance of Lent that concludes with the recollection of Christ's death and burial and the celebration of the Paschal feast of the Resurrection of our Lord.

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 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.

Prayer List

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, Alicia, Allyson, Althea, Amy, Anna, Antoinette, Augusto, Barbara, Betty, Bill, Bob, Brandy, Brian, Brianna, Carol, Carole, Cheri, Chris, David, Derek, Don, Drew, Ellsworth, Eric, Erin, George, Gerald, Gloria, Hazel, Heidi, Helen, Herb, Jackie, Jason, Jeanne, Jennifer, Joanne, John, Judy, Julianne, Julius, Kevan, Linda, Lori, Maralyn, Maryanne, Matt, Max, Megan, Nate, Nancy, Pat, Peck, Rick, Scarlet, Scott, Suzy, T.J., Tony, Tyler, Wanda, 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:

Arrue, Bell, Bell-Powell, Benincasa, Berkovitz, Biehl, Dewald, Eisenmann, Frame, Kennedy, Koehler, Langan, Lee, McKelvey, Powell, Praschil, Ryan, Seas, Selman, Singrella, Timson, Walker 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.

Treasurer's Report

January 31, 2014

	Holy Trinity Ministries	Wider Church
Year to date received for current income	\$34,822.88	\$3,777.76
Carry over Benevolence from 2013		\$ 398.26
Expenses paid to date	\$37,416.54	\$2,250.00
Surplus/(Deficit) 2014	\$(2,593.66)	\$ 1,926.02

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:

- cereal, oatmeal, peanut butter, jelly, juice, powdered milk
- pasta, sauce, rice, macaroni & cheese
- tuna, canned meats chili, stew, crackers, hearty soups
- cake mixes, icing

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





**YOUNG ADULT LUTHERANS
AND FRIENDS**

7:00 pm — March 2, 2014

**Come see what this new group is
all about.**

Brings your friends.

FIRST Sunday of Every Month

*Please remember your Church
in your will.*

**Men's Devotional Group
March 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 March 13.



Memorials

Memorials have been received in the names of Susan Doodan, Nancy Kopenhaver, and Don Lee.



During your Lenten devotions, stop by the library book cart in Fellowship Hall for a book to help you prepare for Easter. Don't forget to bring your children — we have books for every age.

**Adult Christian Breakfast
Fellowship**

March 1, 2014 — 8:00 A.M.

Topic:

Service to the World
through the NALC and
Holy Trinity Church



February 3, 2014

Dear Holy Trinity Family,

How fortunate I am to have so many different people to thank during my recent convalescence. Thanks to Pastor Mandy and Tina for visiting me in the hospital and at home. It was so great to see someone other than Don and the dog. Thanks to the Women's Prayer Group for lifting me up on their prayers and to the Ladies Sewing Group and Joy Alderfer for the lovely prayer shawl. It's like being wrapped in a warm hug. I also appreciated the cards, especially the humorous and vintage ones and the phone calls.

I truly felt all of your support and love and it definitely expedited the healing process.

Sincerely,
Heidi Simmons

P.S. I promise not to recall any of the offers of help when it's time to weed the garden.



February 7, 2014

Dear Ladies of Holy Trinity's Sewing Group,

Thank you so much for the beautiful prayer shawl you created for me. I feel your kindness and love and support during this difficult time of my Dad's passing. What a lovely remembrance.

Many thanks,
Linda Kreisich



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March 5, 2014 — Noon

Brownbag your own lunch.

Speaker:

Mark E. Barnard, D.C., C.C.S.T.



Topic:

**Adding Years to Your Life and
Life to Your Years**

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.





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.

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

Ash Wednesday Soup Supper – All Invited

Wednesday March 5, 2014

(Prior to Ash Wednesday service)

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM



Soup, Salad, Bread, Dessert and Beverages will be provided.

There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex

Free will offering will be taken.

World Day of Prayer – Friday March 7, 2014

Hosted by:

Abington Friends Meeting

520 Meeting House Road

Jenkintown

Service begins at 12:00 PM

Lunch to follow at 1:00 PM

All are welcome to attend.



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 March 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.

March Topic:
Long-Range Planning

One of the great themes of Scripture is that God is moving through human history toward the achievement of his will and purposes. Joseph's story now slowly moves him into a position of power where he will be used of God to save not only the people of Egypt but also the twelve tribes of Israel and, in the long-term purposes of God, the lineage of the Messiah.

People who make an impact on others are usually long-term people; that is, the effect of their life, their character or their integrity is neither momentary nor instant, but over a long period. As we begin our Lenten journey this month, we will read Genesis 41:33-57 and continue with Chapter 7 of our Bible study. The purpose of this chapter is to demonstrate that the life of integrity and character functions with a long-term view – both in terms of planning ahead and in terms of seeing God's long-term purpose.

In preparation for your circle, reflect if there are areas of your life that have ever suffered because of poor long-term planning or the unwillingness to think long-term. Identify these and ask God to use Joseph's example to help you overcome procrastination and start planning.

March Meetings:

EVE: Thursday, March 13, 7:30 P.M., the Parlor.
Circle leader, Sue Tolton: 215-659-7054.

HANNAH: To Be Determined, watch for email,
Circle leader, Cindy Biehl: 267-475-5435

MIRIAM: Monday, March 10, 12:30 P.M., in Fellowship Hall,
Circle leader, Ruth McCandless: 215-682-2034.

RUTH: Wednesday, March 12, After the Lenten service in the Parlor,
Circle leader, Nancy Necker, 215-884-2123.

SARAH: Thursday, March 13, 12:00 noon, the Parlor,
Circle leader, Judi Reeder: 215-431-7265



"Son is Risen" breakfast – April 20, 2014

Come celebrate Easter starting with a Pot Luck breakfast

Time: 7:30 AM

Place: Fellowship Hall

Bring your favorite breakfast food to share.

Beverages provided

Easter Service begins at 9:00 AM

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.



Ash Wednesday – March 5, 2014

11:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary
Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes at both services

Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study

1:00 p.m. – Bible-in-90- Days (Parlor)

Tuesday Evening Worship and Bible Study

7:00 & 7:30 p.m. – 2 Bible Studies (Fellowship Hall & Parlor) 8:30 p.m. – Compline (Chapel)

Wednesday Worship and Devotional Study

9:30 a.m.: Mid-Morning Prayer (Terce) and Devotional Study

7:30 p.m.: Evening Prayer (Vespers) and Devotional Study .

Sunday Morning Lenten Worship Services

Lent 1 — March 9, 2014 (The Great Litany with Handbells)

Lent 2 - 5 — March 16, 23, 30 and April 6, 2014

Stations of the Cross for Families – Sunday, April 6, 2014

Meet at 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for potluck supper & explanation

Sunday of the Passion – April 13, 2014

9:00 a.m. -- Palm Procession and Chanting of the Entire Passion with Holy Communion

7:00 p.m. — Passion Sunday Concert — Benefit for Birthright

Holy Wednesday – April 16, 2014

7:00 pm – Prayer Walk (Meet in Narthex)

Maundy Thursday – April 17, 2014

7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary — Holy Communion followed by Draping of the Altar

Good Friday – April 18, 2014

12:00 Noon – Ecumenical Service at St. David Roman Catholic Church

6:30 p.m. -- Stations of the Cross for Adults – Meet in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m. – Tenebrae -- Reading of the Passion according to St. John (John 18:1 – 19:42)

Holy Saturday – April 19, 2014

1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall – Easter Egg Hunt

5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary – Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday – April 20, 2014

7:30 a.m. – Easter Breakfast (Potluck Breakfast)

9:00 a.m. – Holy Communion



Why are Lilies the Flower of Easter?

More than any other flower, the Easter lily is the traditional, time-honored flower of Easter. Symbolic of the resurrection, Easter Lilies rise from earthly graves as scaly bulbs, and bloom into majestic flowers that embody the purity, virtue, innocence, hope and resurrection they symbolize.

Dating back to Biblical times, the lily is mentioned numerous times in the Bible. One of the most famous Biblical references is in the Sermon on the Mount, when Christ told His listeners: "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they toil not, neither do they spin; and yet ... Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these."

Tradition has it that when Eve left the Garden of Eden, she shed real tears of repentance, and from those remorseful tears sprang up the lilies of Easter. These lilies sprang up to remind Eve that God would never forget that He had promised Adam and Eve that He would send the Messiah to defeat "that ancient serpent" who had deceived them into disobedience.

The pure white lily has long been associated with the baby Jesus and Mary, his mother. In ancient paintings, the Angel Gabriel is pictured extending to the Virgin Mary a branch of pure white lilies, announcing that she is to be the mother of the Christ Child. In other paintings, saints are pictured bringing vases full of white lilies to Mary and the infant Jesus, prefiguring His resurrection.

Often called the "white-robed apostles of hope," lilies were found growing in the Garden of Gethsemane after Christ's agony. Tradition has it that the beautiful white lilies sprang up where drops of Christ's sweat fell to the ground in His

final hours of sorrow and deep distress. Churches continue this tradition at Easter time by banking their altars and surrounding their crosses with masses of Easter Lilies, to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and hope of eternal life.

The majestic white flower has so thoroughly come to symbolize the Resurrection of Christ, that the phrase "to gild the lily" has come into common usage meaning "a foolish attempt to improve on perfection." To many artists and poets it has seemed that, if any flower could have one, the Easter lily would have a soul.

Enjoy Your Lilies for Years to Come!

Once all danger of frost has passed, you can move your lilies to a sunny location outside.

To plant your Easter lilies, prepare a well-drained garden bed in a sunny location with rich organic matter (one part soil, one part peat moss, one part perlite). Good drainage is the key for success with lilies. Plant your bulbs 3 inches below ground level, and at least 12-18 inches apart in a hole sufficiently deep that the bulbs can be placed in it with the roots spread out and down. Spread the roots and work the prepared soil around the bulbs and roots, leaving no air pockets. Water immediately and thoroughly after planting.

As the original plants die back, cut the stems back to the soil surface. New growth will soon emerge. Your lilies will bloom again **NEXT YEAR IN JULY**. It is possible that they could bloom again later this summer, but most likely you will have to wait until the summer after this one to see your lilies bloom again. (It is only under controlled greenhouse conditions that these bulbs can be forced to bloom in March or April.)

The Easter Lily is surprisingly hardy, even in cold climates. Just be sure to provide winter protection for your bulbs by mulching them generously. Remember: Lilies like their roots in the shade (mulch) and their heads in the sun.



ORDER FOR EASTER LILIES

Place Orders by 9:00 a.m.,

Monday, April 7, 2014

(Easter is April 20, 2014)

_____ Lilies (6 Bloom) @ \$12.00

TOTAL \$ _____

() In memory of _____

() In honor of _____

() Other _____

Your Name _____

Do you wish to have your name included in your dedication?

Circle one: Yes No

Enclose your order and payment in a brown pew envelope. Write "Lilies" on the envelope and place in the offering plate. Make checks payable to "Holy Trinity".



"...to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. " (Ephesians 3:20-21, NKJV)

January 2014

Greetings in Christ Jesus!

The North American Lutheran Church has just finished its third full year as a church body. God has continued to bless us exceedingly abundantly in these early days.

A quick look at the NALC today reminds us of how much we have been blessed in our new church body:

- The NALC now includes more than 370 congregations and more than 140,000 baptized members, from Alaska to Florida, from British Columbia to Puerto Rico.
- As many as 59 newer congregations are part of the NALC, some of them mission starts, others recently-formed but already self-sufficient and rapidly growing.
- NALC missionaries are now serving the Lord in Ecuador, South Sudan, India and Mongolia.
- We made further progress towards our vision of being a truly North American church. By now, more than 20 congregations in Canada have joined the NALC, with more on the way.
- The new North American Lutheran Seminary, approved by the NALC Convocation last summer, is already in operation, with future pastors pursuing their studies both at the Seminary Center in Pennsylvania and at the Lutheran House of Studies in North Carolina.
- This year, the NALC House Church Movement will launch with six regional church planting workshops and our annual Missions Festival in the fall.

In all these things, we see clearly how our Heavenly Father is able to do far more than we could ask or think on our own. None of what has been accomplished in the short life of the NALC is due to our own effort or skill or creativity. It is all by the grace of God, through His power at work in us. And so we give thanks to our Heavenly Father for His grace and care, that all glory might indeed be ascribed to Him in the church.

We also thank you for your support. You and many others have contributed generously out of the resources entrusted to you by our Lord, so that the NALC might live out its ministry priorities and serve its rapidly-growing membership. Thanks to you, the NALC ends its third full year in solid financial shape.

Please continue to pray for our church body, its members, and our common life, as we will continue to pray for God's richest blessings on your ministries.

In His service,

Ryan M. Schwarz
Treasurer

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River's Edge Ministries

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you so much for your gifts and contributions to *River 's Edge Ministries/REM* (and our parent organization, *River of Life*) this past year. We are incredibly grateful for your prayers and support. It is encouraging to know that we are not standing alone in this mission. *REMBas* been involved in much outreach this year. Here are just a few highlights of the ministry you're supporting:

- A small group "church'\missional community that meets weekly in the Moorman's home. This group has grown to nearly 20 adults and a few children and youth.
- *Fire on the Mountain*, a monthly youth gathering at our home, reaching 25-60 churched and unchurched kids hungry for meaning and truth in their lives. It has become a vibrant, safe, and Spirit-driven event each time we meet.
- Worship and maintenance gatherings on the thirteen acres owned by *River of Life*, which is cared for and stewarded by *REM*, including 3 larger gatherings of 35-50.
- Upkeep, mowing, and real estate taxes for the thirteen acres mentioned above.
- Craig has spent much time and prayer writing and finishing his book, *The Awe-full Privilege: This Thing Called Parenting*, which was published by Thomas Nelson in March of this past year. As an outreach of *REM*, he has led parenting seminars in Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Maryland.
- During 2013 we took the first steps in making a decision in how the 13-acre land base may be used for future mission. We invested approximately \$2,500.00 and did an environmental analysis/land assessment through a land consultant company who met with the leadership of *REM* on a regular basis. We are still determining constraints in how to plan an initial layout of eventual needs, evaluating accessibility challenges, buildings, parking, well and septic areas, and preliminary storm water management. After this initial work, we'll have a better grasp on how we can more faithfully and effectively proceed.
- Plans for 2014 include: Continuing to grow in all of the above with the hope of launching another missional community in a different location; leading a disaster relief/rebuilding team to NJ during Holy Week in April; and expanding the Kingdom work through other creative means.

Our financial support base remains small, so your contributions are an essential part of helping these ministries continue. It is a joy to be *a family on mission* with you! Many blessings to you and yours ...

In Christ's love,



K. Craig Moorman/astor/Mission Developer
River's Edge Ministries



William A. Collinge, President
River of Life Lutheran Fellowship

"Wherever the River flows, life will flourish ... " (Ezekiel 47:9)

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March Worship Assistants Schedule

March 2

Usher	5	Greeter	Judi Reeder and Kevan Berkovitz	Presenters of Gifts	Don and Ruth Lewis and Jeanne Blacoe
Count	4	Acolyte	Sophia LaRocca	Gate	Gil Zimmermann
Christophers	2	Crucifer	Linda Frezza	Cushion	Tom Schied
Prayer Ministry Team	3	Lay Reader-Sat	Katie Beyer	Communion Assistants	Heidi Simmons and Linda Bell-Powell
		Lay Reader-Sun	Judi Reeder	Setup	Bob Berger

March 5 **Ash Wed. 11:00 AM & 7:30 PM**

Usher	1	Greeter		A.M. Presenters of Gifts	
		Acolyte AM		P.M. Presenters of Gifts	Charles & Sue Tolton and Barbara Harvey
		Acolyte PM		A.M. Communion Assistants	
		Crucifer AM		P.M. Communion Assistants	Deanna Dudenbostel & Charles Tolton
		Crucifer PM			
		Lay Reader-AM			
		Lay Reader-PM	Tina Bednarczyk		

March 9

Usher	2	Greeter	Schied Family	Presenters of Gifts	Pam and Al Eisenmann and Ruth McCandless
Count	1	Acolyte	Lauren Caputo	Gate	
Christophers	3	Crucifer	Rob Ischinger	Cushion	
Prayer Ministry Team	4	Lay Reader-Sat	Bill Riehm	Communion Assistants	Sue Tolton and Dean Lawrence
		Lay Reader-Sun	Al Schmidt	Setup	Tina Bednarczyk

March 16

Usher	3	Greeter	Chris and Tony Quici	Presenters of Gifts	Martina Smith, Samantha Mumford and Brendan Rowley
Count	2	Acolyte	Nicole Miller	Gate	
Christophers	4	Crucifer	Brian McDaniel	Cushion	
Prayer Ministry Team	5	Lay Reader-Sat	John Maieron	Communion Assistants	Terry Rowley and Danielle Rowley
		Lay Reader-Sun	Kevan Berkovitz	Setup	Sue Tolton

March 23

Usher	4	Greeter	Sandra and Karen Powell	Presenters of Gifts	Maryann Leventhal, Martin and Eleanor Murphy
Count	3	Acolyte	Charlotte Whipple	Gate	
Christophers	5	Crucifer	Heather Lee Whipple	Cushion	
Prayer Ministry Team	1	Lay Reader-Sat	Linda Cassady	Communion Assistants	Linda Frezza and Deb Mumford
		Lay Reader-Sun	Arthur Zbinden	Setup	Michele Muller

March 30

Usher	5	Greeter	Rowley Family	Presenters of Gifts	Kevan Berkowitz, Barbara Harvey and Janice Donnelly
Count	4	Acolyte	Michael LaRocca	Gate	
Christophers	1	Crucifer	Jim Necker	Cushion	
Prayer Ministry Team	2	Lay Reader-Sat	Katie Beyer	Communion Assistants	Ann Frey and Jean Raiguel
		Lay Reader-Sun	Eliz. Zimmermann	Setup	Maryann Leventhal

March 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8:00 Adult Christian Breakfast Fellowship 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
2 TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD 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 7:30 Coram Deo	4 1:00 & 7:00 - Bible in 90 Days 6:45 Private Confession 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 Compline	5 ASH WEDNESDAY 11:00 & 7:30 — Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes Noon 39RS Council Meeting after 7:30 Service	6 6:30 Handbell Choir	7 7:30 AA	8 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
9 LENT 1 9:00 Holy Communion (The Great Litany with Handbells) 10:30 Pre-K & Adult SS 12:30 M.C. Rehearsal	10 12:30 Miriam Circle 7:30 Coram Deo	11 1:00 & 7:00 - Bible in 90 Days 6:45 Private Confession 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 Compline	12 9:30 Mid-Morning Prayer (Terce) and Devotional Study 7:30 Evening Prayer (Vespers) and Devotional Study 7:30 Ruth Circle	13 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 LENT 2 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Pre-K & Adult SS 11:30 Society of the Hours 12:30 M.C.R rehearsal 5:00 Supper Club/Family Choir	17 6:00 Daisy Troop 7:30 Women's Prayer Group 7:30 Coram Deo 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 9:30 Mid-Morning Prayer (Terce) and Devotional Study 7:30 Evening Prayer (Vespers) and Devotional Study	20 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	21 7:30 AA	22 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
23 LENT 3 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Pre-K & Adult SS 12:30 M.C. Rehearsal 7:00 — Handbell Concert- Springhouse Estates	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 9:30 Mid-Morning Prayer (Terce) and Devotional Study 7:30 Evening Prayer (Vespers) and Devotional Study	27 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	28 7:30 AA	29 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
30 LENT 4 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Pre-K & Adult SS 7:30 — M.C. Concert — Anne's Choice	31 Coram Deo					

Special dates

- Ash Wednesday, *March 5, 2014*
- World Day of Prayer, *March 7, 2014*
- Daylight-Saving Time begins, *March 9, 2014*
- First Day of Spring, *March 20, 2014*