

HOLY TRINITY

Evangelical Lutheran Church

ECHOES NEWSLETTER

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From the Pastors

Dear Parish Family,

The pastor is ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament and holds the Office of the Keys. *The Small Catechism* describes the Office of the Keys as “that special authority which Christ has given to His church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.” (*The Small Catechism, Concordia, 1986 Edition*, p. 11) The basis for this authority is the command of Jesus Himself. To the disciples the resurrected Jesus said, “If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.” (John 20: 23 ESV) These words are quoted in the Catechism.

The pastor is ordained to announce the forgiveness of sins in the worship of the Church. Every Sunday the shepherd declares God’s forgiveness to the congregation. The sins of those who do not repent are not forgiven. In the Catechism in response to the question “What do you believe according to these words?” (of Jesus in John 20:23), “I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.” (p. 11)

In the absolution, the pastor represents Christ to the people. Hear the words of absolution in our liturgy. “Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” (*Lutheran Book of Worship*)

In private confession the pastor has the same authority. In the *LBW* service of “Individual Confession and Forgiveness” after the person confesses the sins that trouble him, the pastor with both hands on the head of the penitent says, “God is merciful and blesses you. By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” (*LBW*) Private confession serves those who are so troubled in conscience that they need to hear absolution from the pastor after confessing to him the sins that trouble them.

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Pastors

The Rev. Dr. 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. Deborah Mumford,
Parish Secretary

Worship Services

Saturday at 5 pm

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*

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In "Corporate Confession and Forgiveness," a service used on Maundy Thursday at Holy Trinity, the pastor is instructed to lay his hands on each penitent and say, "In obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins." Of course, the pastor is not the one who forgives. God through Christ forgives sins by means of the ministry of the pastor.

When we are in the midst of our daily affairs, the word of forgiveness that we hear in our hearts and minds is the forgiveness that comes from Christ through the ministry of the Church. There is no forgiveness of sins for us outside Christ. There is no forgiveness of sins for us outside the Church.

The word of forgiveness from a brother or sister in Christ is also part of this ministry. Another Christian may announce God's forgiveness to a person with a troubled conscience. But, in the public worship of the Church it is the pastor's role to do this. The pastor has been called to this specific task along with preaching the Word and administering the Sacraments.

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

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.



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.



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:

Healing Prayer Ministry



After the 5:00 P.M. Saturday Service, and after the 9:00 A.M. Sunday Service, trained 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.



Womens' Prayer group

The Holy Trinity Women's Prayer Group resumes on Monday, October 6th and will continue to meet the first and third Mondays of each month onward. We gather at 7:30 pm in the room over Rosemary Hinkle's garage. (See church directory for phone number and address) This space offers privacy. Coffee, tea, and dessert are served! Every woman is welcome, please come as you are able. Questions contact Rosemary@Rosemaryhinkle@comcast.net
[2014 Schedule](#)
Nov. 3 & 17
Dec dates TBD

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, Alicia, Allan, Allyson, Althea, Amanda, Amber, Amy, Angelika, Aniah, Anna, Anne, Antoinette, Art, Augusto, Barbara, Becca, Betty, Bill, Bob, Brandy, Brian, Brianna, Bridget, Bruce, Callie, Carol, Cassidy, Cheri, Chris, Clyde, Colleen, Dave, David, Derek, Don, Doug, Drew, Earl, Elaine, Ellsworth, Eric, Erin, F. Joseph, Foster, Frank, Gary, George, Gene, Gerald, Gloria, Hannah, Harry, Hazel, Heidi, Helen, Herb, Holly, Ingrid, Jackie, Jason, Jean, Jeanne, Jen, Jennifer, Jill, Joanne, Joe, John, Joshua, Judy, Julianne, Julius, Kathy, Kevan, Larry, Linda, Lee, Lori, Lucia, Maralyn, Marge, Mariah, Mariliz, Marlene, Maryanne, Mary Ann, Maureen, Matt, Max, Megan, Nate, Nancy, Nedra, Pat, Paul, Rebecca, Reed, Renee, Rick, Roopa, Rudi, Ruth, Samantha, Sean, Sheila, Sue, Suzy, Scarlett, Scott, Stephanie, Steven, Tara, Terri, Tim, TJ, Tony, Tyler, Vern, Wanda, Wayne, 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: The Anderson, Arrue, Bell, Bell-Powell, Berkovitz, Biehl, Benincasa, Borger, Del Vecchio, Dewald, Drobish, Eisenmann, Eley, Foley, Frame, Hanzlick, Heeter, Johnson, Kennedy, Koehler, Langan, Lee, Powell, Matteo, MacErlean, McKelvey, Praschil, Reeder, Ryan, Sayles, Sears, Selman, Schmidt, Shippon, Singrella, Timson, Walker, Wilson 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 that He would please send workers into the Harvest.
For all who are chronically ill and/or shut-in. For the sick and the grieving, For all congregations of the NALC. For all travelers and for the dying.
For the military and their families. The unemployed, the 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 the faith throughout the world. For the 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

September 30, 2014

	Holy Trinity Ministries	Wider Church
Year to date received for current income	\$287,731.69	\$32,598.64
Carry over Benevolence from 2013		\$ 398.26
Expenses paid to date	\$315,807.24	\$30,595.00
Surplus/(Deficit) 2014	\$(28,075.55)	\$ 2,401.90

Please remember your Church in your will.



NOTE TO SELF:

While shopping, pick up items for Interfaith Food Pantry:
Rice, beef stew, canned meats and canned fruit.
As well as items for a Thanksgiving meal like mashed potatoes & gravy, stuffing, corn, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie and non-food items such as paper towels, toilet tissue, tooth paste, body wash, soap and laundry soap.

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 @ alanhinkle@comcast.net

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

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





**Our Hearts
go out to...**



Our Christian Sympathy to

Kevan and Nancy Berkovitz
and the entire Berkovitz family
on the death of Kevan's mother Shirley.

Psalm 112:6

"For the righteous will never be moved; they will
be remembered forever."



In Memory of...



Memorials have been received

In memory of Herb Selman

THANKSGIVING SERVICE



Join us Wednesday, November 26, 2014

7:30 pm

Remember to please bring your food donations
for the Interfaith Food Cupboard.

Where There's a Will ...



It doesn't take a large gift to make a big difference.

This is why Holy Trinity encourages you to remember your church in your will.

With your gift, you leave a wonderful legacy and invest in the future of the congregation that you and I value and that tomorrow's generations deserve.

When you remember your church in your will, you continue to make a difference to the church you love for years to come.

In the past several years, this church has been the recipient of numerous, loving bequests, and each one has come at a time of great need in the life of this congregation.

We hope that everyone who is of age has a will. If you do not, there is no time like the present to ensure that what you leave behind goes where you wish it to go.

If you do have a will, the legal profession advises reviewing it for updates every five years.

Whether you are about to make a will for the first time or review your current will, we invite you to join the Holy Trinity saints who have gone before you and have left a gift for God's continued work in this church.

Those gifts have truly made a difference in our financial wellbeing.

Commitment Weekend is coming up here at Holy Trinity.

As you pray about what your regular pledge should be for the coming year, please also take a moment to pray about the difference you could make by including your church in your will. Please remember your church in your will.



A Testimonial for Simply Giving

One Holy Trinity couple would like to share anonymously how and why they decided to give to Holy Trinity through Simply Giving.

“For us, it was initially a convenience as we pay many different bills in our daily life. However, one day we noticed that our church giving ranked farther down the list than we felt it should. We realized that we wanted to move the church up the list and that committing to Simply Giving would make that happen. Of course Simply Giving is an automated program that allows Holy Trinity members to have their contributions withdrawn automatically from a specified account either weekly, twice monthly, or monthly.”

This couple continues, “We reflected on all our church has done for us—spiritually, emotionally, and even tangibly—and felt that becoming regular, faithful givers through Simply Giving was the least we could do in return. In a sense, it is like paying forward those blessings God has bestowed on us.”

“We thought about all the bills we have scheduled for automatic payment and how handling a church contribution in this way made so much sense. Fortunately, our financial life has been fairly consistent and has afforded us the opportunity to increase our giving. However, we understand that if our circumstances would change, Simply Giving allows us the option of making immediate changes.”

“Sometimes, our plans with friends and family take us out of town on Sundays. We appreciate that Simply Giving enables us to continue our regular support while we are away.”

This couple concludes: “We all need to realize that a church has operating expenses just like any business or family budget, and that having people participate in Simply Giving makes church planning and budgeting much easier.”

This year, won't you please consider how signing up for this Simply Giving program can help you be a committed, consistent giver to Holy Trinity.



STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Commitment Weekend will be November 8 & 9, 2014

What do we mean by the term *Commitment Weekend*? It is the name we use for the Weekend on which we return our *Pledge Card* for the support of the church program in the New Year beginning in January.

How do I get a *Pledge Card*? You will get one via e-mail during October. Others will be available in the narthex.

Why should I return a *Pledge Card*? Can't I just put my offering in the offering plate at worship? The church has many expenses for curriculum materials, heat, light, building upkeep, salaries, insurance and other things. These expenses must be budgeted in order that we may know what kind of program of worship, fellowship, education, music, evangelism and other parts of our witness can be carried out -- and what we can do for others. Unless our members decide in advance the amount they can give we can't plan an effective ministry.

What if I return a *Pledge Card* and then suffer financial reverses during the year that make it impossible to pay that amount? The Church is the Body of Christ; it is not a loan company. If circumstances you did not foresee make it necessary to reduce or even cancel the amount you thought you could give, all you need to do is to tell God. True Christians also make adjustments upward when their incomes are increased or they receive unexpected additional income during the year.

Will I be solicited personally in my home? No. You will never receive a telephone call or visitor soliciting you for money. You will receive e-mails that we hope you will read carefully and prayerfully.

Does this church talk about money all the time? No. This church is not always talking about money. The church is always talking about Jesus Christ. It is only with money that the program of the church as we know it today can continue to exist.

Why does the church ask for an increase in giving from each of us every year? Every year deeply committed Christians who gave substantially either die, experience grave financial reverses, or move to other communities. It is only with new and increased pledges that we can replace this loss. We especially hope that those who give \$5 a week or less will increase their giving by \$2 or more a week.

How much should I give? Did you know that Holy Trinity presently receives offerings from approximately 320 households. Of these, 240 households give \$1 - \$25 per week. If each of these households were to increase their giving by \$2.00 per week, Holy Trinity would have \$20,000 more per year. The remaining 80 households give more than \$25 per week. If each of these households were to increase their giving by \$5.00 per week, we'd have another \$20,000. A small amount from many families would make a huge difference to Holy Trinity for next year's budget.

When is Commitment Sunday? Commitment Sunday is the Second Sunday in November. Please prayerfully consider increasing the amount you give to Holy Trinity by just \$2 to \$5 a week. Please also think about participating in Simply Giving.



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November 5, 2014

Lunch: Brownbag your own lunch
Speaker: Irene Reiter
Topic: Charlotte Salomon, Holocaust Painter,
painted during hiding

December 3, 2014

Lunch: Christmas Party
Covered Dish- bring your favorite dish or dessert
Gift Exchange: Bring a wrapped gift-
either edible or consumable (price limit \$2 - \$5)

January 7, 2015

Lunch: Brownbag your own lunch
Speaker: Susan Adler
Topic: The Singing Revolution-Baltics struggle
for Independence 1987-1991

February 4, 2015

Lunch: Brownbag your own lunch
Speaker: George Powell
Topic: Civil War in Movies- The Reel Civil War

March 4, 2015

Lunch: Brownbag your own lunch
Speaker: Deborah Olcese/ Colleen Rosica
Topic: Ann's Choice

April 1, 2015

Lunch: Brownbag your own lunch
Speaker: Judi and Earl Reeder
Topic: Israel

May 6, 2015

Lunch: Brownbag your own lunch
Speaker: Lynn Watters
Topic: Remarkable American Women-
A Woman's Place

June 3, 2015

Lunch: Brownbag your own lunch
Topic: Murder Mystery Game
"Cross your Heart and Hope to die"

NOTES OF THANKS



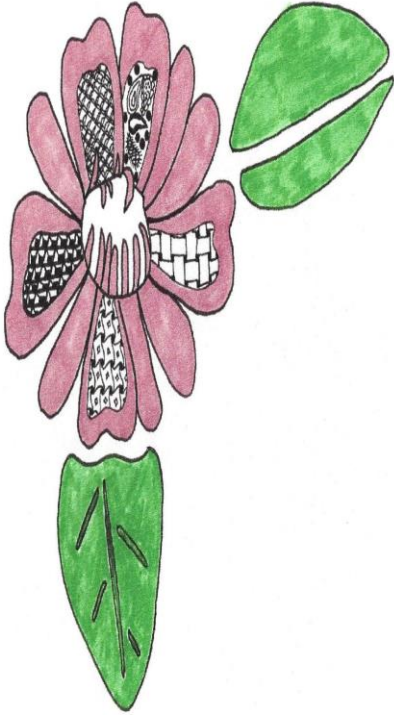
Monday, October 6, 2014

Dear Pastor Mandy, Pastor Mike, and my Holy Trinity Family,

I feel God and our entire Selman family felt looked in your loving care, concern and prayers during the time of Herb's declining health. We never felt out of touch with you all because your telephone calls, cards, altar flowers, visits, food deliveries and prayers were always with us. Thank you for those expressions of concern for us. We treasured every one of them, as you ministered to us these many months. With Herb's death we can say, as one of his devoted D's said, "Heaven's gain is our loss." He will be very missed. Thank you, dear church family from

Barbara & our Selman family

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Pink Flower Original by Carole Marcotte 2012

Dear Holy Trinity Family,

Thank you for the beautiful fall flowers that Earl Reeder brought to us. Thinking about us is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Craig and Ingrid Fisher



Dear Holy Trinity Friends,

Thank you for all your thoughts and prayers, and lovely cards sent for our loss of our wonderful Father. A special thank you to my Saturday night worshipers who were so faithful with their prayers for my family. And to Pastor Mandy for the time she spent with me when I got back from my home.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."

Sincerely,

Marsha Humphreys





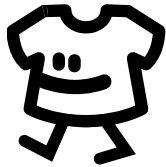
Women of Holy Trinity

Save the date:

May 1- May 3, 2015

LCW Retreat at Mother Boniface
Retreat Center

Additional Information will be forthcoming.



Holy Trinity Shirts

Shirts are available 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.

They make wonderful Christmas gifts!

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



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.

2014 Social Ministry Holiday Appeals



Brighten the holiday season for those who will be receiving Inter-Faith food by contributing money to purchase food certificates to be added to the bags distributed between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Please place contributions in the pew envelopes and mark **"Food Baskets"**.



Make a wish come true for a **child** living at the Silver Springs/Martin Luther School or meet a *Heart's Desire* for a resident at Artman Home. A monetary contribution toward a gift would be welcomed. Please place in a pew envelope and mark **"SS/Artman Christmas Gift"**. Lois Hamilton and Katie Beyer will shop for the gifts. Please have all contribution in by November 9.



Add Holy Trinity's warmth and cheer for children with parents in prison (Angel Tree) by giving to the annual Christmas Appeal. Please place your offerings in a **pew envelope** by Sunday, November 23rd and mark **"Christmas Appeal"**.



We invite you to share your love and care by picking up a suggestion in the Narthex and purchasing the suggested item for the Good Behavior Store at SS/ML School. Purchases should be placed in the narthex by December 25th. Contributions provide positive motivation for the children to learn appropriate ways of acting.

Thank you so very much for extending God's love to others...
may your holidays be ones of love, joy and peace
as you acknowledge this blessed Season.



Join us for the Kick off of our New Sewing Project
(see next ad)

Directions for the “Diane Throws” Rectangles

- Rectangles will measure 8 inches by 55 inches
- Each row uses a knit stitch
- Please make sure that the length is measured on a flat surface to ensure its size
- Use size 8 knitting needles
- Use 4 ply yarn
- Cast on 40 stitches
- Adjust # of stitches so the 40 stitches=8 inches



On the first Monday of each month at 10 A.M. Our next meeting is Monday, October 6th The Ladies of Holy Trinity meet to enjoy each other’s company and work on various sewing projects including putting Diane throws together for Martin Luther Silver Springs School. Come and learn something new. This is fun — you don’t need to be a skilled seamstress. These projects benefit both children and adults.

Bring your friends and neighbors with you. All are welcome.

Any questions, please contact Maryjane Singley at gmomsingley@comcast.net.

Sewing Spectacular Saturday
Special Event

Saturday, November 15th

9:00 am – 12:00 noon

Kick off for New Sewing Project



Come enjoy a Continental breakfast of fresh fruit, muffins, coffee & tea

- Learn to knit or crochet
- Taught by expert craftspeople
- Crocheting blankets & connecting blanket panels
- Sew the bags for Shoeboxes
(bring sewing machines)
- Cut and package kits for Shoebox bags
- Fellowship- working & sharing to help others
 - Come & bring a friend
 - Look for sign-up in the Narthex



Men's Devotional Group

Please join us for the Men's Devotional Group Meeting for November. The Men's Devotional Group meets the second Thursday of every month Thursday, November 13th, 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.

Please join us for our next



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Hop Angel Brauhaus

7980 Oxford Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111

Sunday, November 9th 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm in the Upper Room

Invite your friends and bring your voice and your thirst.

L.C.W. of Holy Trinity invites you to:

Advent Family Night – December 7, 2017

4:00 PM: In the Sanctuary - Advent Vespers for the whole family, followed by a period of Lectio Divina which Pastor Mike will lead.

5:00 PM: Dinner in Fellowship Hall

6:00 PM: Tuckers Tales in the Sanctuary



Come join your Holy Trinity Family to celebrate the start of Advent. Come enjoy Advent Vespers for the whole family, and then move to Fellowship Hall for dinner.

Dinner includes baked ziti, salad and dessert.

Cost: \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per family

After dinner stay and enjoy the Tucker Tales Puppet Show at 6:00 PM

Look for a flyer in the Narthex to sign up for this fun event



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 November 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.

This year's topic will be on:

DANIEL

Spiritual Living in a Secular World

With the exception of a special Christmas story and two Lenten studies, the Lutheran Church Women of Holy Trinity will be studying the book of Daniel in their circles during the 2014-15 activity year. Each month the focus will be on two inspiring topics as they read and discuss how the words in this part of Scripture relate to and underscore their lives today.

NOVEMBER TOPIC

Our God Reigns

We will read the 4th chapter of Daniel and read how God allowed Nebuchadnezzar, a great and powerful king, to be humiliated and then restored. We will be asked to consider a humbling experience we might have had along the way and discuss the positive changes that came about from this experience. When do we really rely on God and when do we act as if He is less necessary?

The Handwriting on the Wall

Now there's a common expression! How many people know that it comes from the 5th chapter of Daniel? How often do we underestimate what God can do through us or others individually, in other words through just one person? In this part of the Bible, it would seem that Daniel has been all but forgotten, yet when the king encounters problems, he remembers Daniel and calls for him. Does Daniel make a difference for God? What do we do each day to make a difference?

November Circles:

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

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

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

Circle leader, Cindy Biehl: 267-475-5435

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

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

RUTH: Wednesday, Nov. 12, 7:30PM at the home of Donna Zar,

104 Loney St., Rockledge, Pa. 215-663-8042

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

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

Circle Leader, Judi Reeder, 215- 431-7265



Lutheran Church Women

Invite Holy Trinity Members & Friends!

Shoebox Packing Party
& Buffet Breakfast

Saturday, November 8, 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

Two decades and more than 100 million boxes after it started, Operation Christmas Child continues to deliver shoebox gifts and the Good News of Jesus Christ to boys and girls in need around the world. For many years, Holy Trinity has been a part of this joyful ministry.

Many hands make fun work! Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Women invite you to join us for a buffet breakfast and shoebox packing party. We will see a quick video highlighting the growth of Operation Christmas Child in the past year and presenting inspiring stories from children who have received these boxes. Then everyone will be ready to grab boxes and have fun filling them with items from a wide assortment of toys, school supplies, toiletries, and other collected goodies.

If you choose: Bring a picture of yourself! Bring a file card with your address! Bring notepaper! You'll have an opportunity to write notes to be included in the boxes you pack. Think about sharing a photo so a child can see who cares. Think about sharing your address and opening the opportunity to receive a letter from the child who received your shoebox. It's a thrill!

Provided: We will have the shoeboxes and items that have been collected since the summer, but we welcome any last-minute additions you have collected...maybe leftovers that did not fit in the boxes you packed at home. A list of items can be found in the September and October *Echoes* newsletters available at www.holytrinity.net/newsletter or at Samaritan's Purse www.samaritanaspurse.org.

Join us for fellowship in this hands-on ministry to help children around the world experience God's love through the power of simple shoebox gifts.

Eat! Pack! Pray!

Women, please remember Thank Offerings.

They will help defray shoebox shipping costs.

L.C.W. will follow the event with a short general meeting.

Coming later this year:



On Tuesdays after Christmas, Pastor Mandy will be offering a 10 Week course on **The Bible as the Source of Faith.**

This course will meet **Jan 20 – March 24, 2015**

at 1:00 p.m. with repeat at 7:00 p.m.

In this course, we will look at the nature of God's Word in the broadest sense, applying it specifically to how we understand the nature of the Bible as the written Word of God.

By focusing on a functional definition of Scripture's power, we will look at what the Bible IS, based on what it DOES – in particular, how the Scriptures convey the promise of Jesus Christ, and how God uses His Word to create faith by the power of the Holy Spirit.



On Tuesdays after Easter, **(April 21 – May 19, 2015)**

Pastor Mandy will offer a 5 week course on

The Basics of Liturgical Worship,

on **Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. with repeat at 7:00 p.m.**

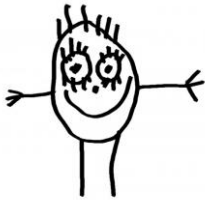
Have you ever wondered why we don't sing

"Contemporary Praise Songs" during worship at Holy Trinity?

Have you ever wondered why we follow the Church Year or the Lectionary?

Have you ever wondered why the Liturgy follows the "set pattern" that it does?

Come to Pastor Mandy's five sessions on Liturgical worship.



YOUTH MINISTRY

- Reminders for the month of November-

Sunday, November 2th

5-7 pm

Youth Group

Saturday, November 8th

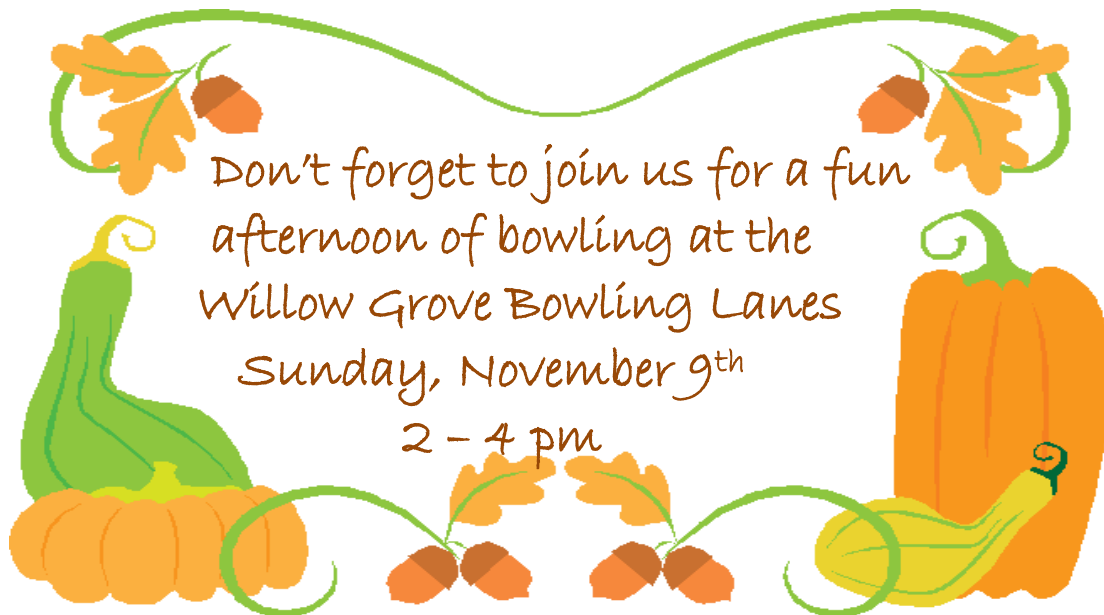
9 am

Shoebox Packing
Party

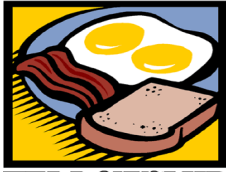
Sunday, November 16th

5-7 pm

Supper Club



BREAKFAST



FELLOWSHIP

Adult Christian Breakfast Fellowship

(All Adults Invited)

When: First Saturday of the Month

Time: 9:00 A.M.

Topics and Speakers:

Nov. 1st "Protest and Lamentation Songs Throughout History"

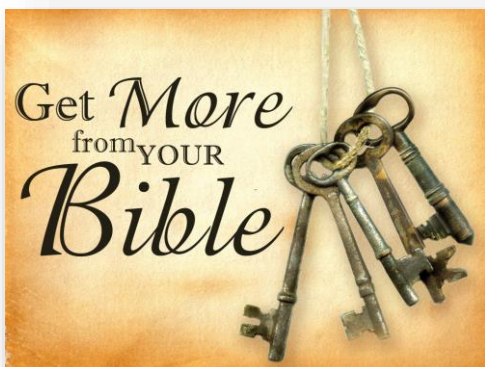
Dec. 6th "Hope for Hurting Hearts"

Interested in a specific subject? Care to share it?

Email Allan Shikhvarg at allan.shikhvarg@gmail.com

or call (215) 885-1772 with your ideas. We'd love to hear from you.

Join us for breakfast and fellowship.



Searchers Bible Study

Tuesday evenings 7:30 pm in the Parlor followed by Compline in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd

Topic: The Pastoral Epistles:

I and II Timothy and Titus

(except for Tuesday, Nov. 25th)



Join us in honor of Veteran's Day (Nov. 11th)

Sunday, Nov. 9th at 1 pm in the parlor

Special presentation by Don Lewis

"World War II- Adventures of a B17 Ball Turret Gunner"

November Worship Assistants Schedule

Nov. 2nd

Usher	2	Greeter	Linda & Don Borkowski	Presenters of Gifts	Sue Schied and Elly & Terri Nilsen
Count	3	Acolyte	Matthew Schied	Gate	Frank Ganther
Christophers	2	Crucifer	Charlie Tolton	Cushion	Erica Ganther
Prayer Ministry Team	5	Lay Reader-Sat	John Maieron	Communion Assistants	Alan Hinkle and Dean Lawrence
		Lay Reader-Sun	Ann Frey	Setup	Maryann Leventhal

Nov. 9th

Usher	3	Greeter	Betty Lee and Ruth McCandless	Presenters of Gifts	Sue & Charlie Tolton and Linda Frezza
Count	4	Acolyte	Tyler Dewald		
Christophers	3	Crucifer	Dan Dewald		
Prayer Ministry Team	1	Lay Reader-Sat	Bill Riehm	Communion Assistants	Linda Bell-Powell and Linda Frezza
		Lay Reader-Sun	Linda Bell-Powell	Setup	Tina Bednarczyk

Nov. 16th

Usher	4	Greeter	Nancy and Jim Necker	Presenters of Gifts	Kevan Berkovitz, Ann Frey, and Janice Donnelly
Count	1	Acolyte	Sophia LaRocca		
Christophers	4	Crucifer	Michael LaRocca		
Prayer Ministry Team	2	Lay Reader-Sat	Clem McLaughlin	Communion Assistants	Maryann Leventhal and Deb Mumford
		Lay Reader-Sun	Erica Ganther	Setup	Sue Tolton


Nov. 23rd

Usher	5	Greeter	Nancy Myers and Sandra Powell	Presenters of Gifts	Pam & Al Eisenmann and Ruth McCandless
Count	2	Acolyte	Lauren Caputo		
Christophers	5	Crucifer	Jim Necker		
Prayer Ministry Team	3	Lay Reader-Sat	Linda Cassady	Communion Assistants	Marilyn Murphy and Tony Quici
		Lay Reader-Sun	Eric Gregg	Setup	Michele Muller

Nov. 30th

Usher	1	Greeter	Pam and Albert Eisenmann	Presenters of Gifts	Terry, Dani & Brendan Rowley
Count	3	Acolyte	Nicole Miller		
Christophers	1	Crucifer	William Breslin		
Prayer Ministry Team	4	Lay Reader-Sat	Katie Beyer	Communion Assistants	Jim and Nancy Necker
		Lay Reader-Sun	Barbara Harvey	Setup	Maryann Leventhal

November 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Special Dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Saints' Day, November 1, 2014 Daylight-Savings Time ends, November 2, 2014 (set clocks back at 2 am) Veteran's Day, November 11, 2014 Christ the King Sunday, November 23, 2014 Thanksgiving, November 27, 2014 First Sunday of Advent, November 30, 2014 						1 9:00 Adult Christian Breakfast Fellowship 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
2 All Saints Day 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Pre-K thru Adult SS 11:30 New Member Class 5:00 – 7:00 Youth group	3 10:00 Sewing Group 6:00 – 7:00 Brownies 7:30 Coram Deo 7:30 Women's prayer group	4 Election Day 1 pm Crusades Course 7 pm Crusades Course 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 Compline	5 Noon 39'RS 7:30 Council Meeting	6 9:30 Theology w/bagels 4:15 Choristers 6:30 Handbell Choir 7:30 Theology w/cake 8:00 Chancel Choir	7 7:30 AA	8 9:00 Shoebox packing party and General Meeting 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
9 PENTECOST 22 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Pre-K thru Adult SS 1:00 Veteran's Day presentation 2:00-4:00 Youth group Bowling party 6:30-9:00 Hymns & Beer @ Hop Angel Brauhaus	10 12:30 Miriam Circle 6:00 – 7:00 Brownies 7:30 Coram Deo	11 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 Compline	12 7:30 Ruth Circle @ Donna Zar's home.	13 12:00 Sarah Circle 4:15 Choristers 6:30 Handbell Choir 7:00 Men's Devotional Group 7:30 Eve Circle 8:00 Chancel Choir	14 7:30 AA	15 9:00 – 12:00 Sewing Group Special Event 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
16 PENTECOST 23 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Pre-K thru Adult SS 11:30 First Communion Bread Baking 5:00-7:00 Supper Club	17 SHOP & COOK FOR AIDS 6:00-7:00 Brownies 7:30 Coram Deo 7:30 Women's prayer group	18 DELIVER AIDS DINNER 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 Compline	19 7:00 Evangelism meeting 7:30 Hannah Circle	20 4:15 Choristers 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	21 7:30 AA	22 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
23 CHRIST THE KING 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Pre-K - Adult SS	24 6:00-7:00 Brownies 7:30 Coram Deo	25 No Bible Study/Compline	26 7:30 Thanksgiving Eve Service	27 	28 7:30 AA	29 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
30 ADVENT 1 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Pre-K- Adult SS  <small>First Sunday in Advent</small>						