

# HOLY TRINITY

## Evangelical Lutheran Church

# ECHOES NEWSLETTER

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## From the Pastors

**October, 2014**

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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*

Dear Parish Family,

We have just returned home from our trip to Yellowstone. It was wonderful! Neither of us remembers from previous trips to Montana and Wyoming how high, broad, and open the land is. It is truly big sky country. In Yellowstone we traveled on roads that were built next to sheer cliffs. Mountains loomed above us.

It is easy to feel insignificant in the face of the grandeur of nature. In the view of Taoism, a Chinese religion, the natural environment, which dwarfs human beings, manifests our insignificance in the scheme of things. Chinese Taoist art often shows small human figures in a huge landscape. The idea is that we must fit into the rhythm and flow of nature, peripheral to the drama of the world. We are not at the center of things, but minor players in the natural process.

Our reaction to the magnitude of the environment was not Taoist. It is true that we felt small in this magnificent natural setting. The mountains were high. The eroded volcanic formations exhibited dizzying drops. The water in Yellowstone Canyon roared out our fragility. In places the land stretched out to a distant horizon. We did not perceive the Tao, but the wonderful creation of the true God. We saw the marvelous works of the Creator. In the Song of the Three Young Men, creation is called on to burst forth in praise. "Bless the Lord, all works of the Lord, sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever." (RSV)

Human beings are tiny in the face of creation. Think of our galaxy. Think of the millions of galaxies. We are a speck. But, our specialness is not based on a comparison of the size of nature and our size. It is based on our being made in the image of God. We have a special relationship with God that no other being on our planet has.

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# 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.

## From the Pastors

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In his book, *Orthodoxy*, G. K. Chesterton writes, "Why should a man surrender his dignity to the solar system any more than to a whale? If mere size proves that man is not the image of God, then a whale may be the image of God; a somewhat formless image; what one might call an impressionist portrait. It is quite futile to argue that man is small compared to the cosmos; for man was always small compared to the nearest tree." (G.K. Chesterton. *Orthodoxy*. Image Books, Doubleday, New York, 1990, p.61)

Human beings are important; because, out of the plentitude of His love, God created us for a special relationship with Him. As big as it is, a galaxy does not have this kind of relationship.

Creation is beautiful and magnificent, but its grandeur does not pre-empt the special place humans have in it. It is not that humanity is at the center of the world. It is rather that God is at the center of the world. He has determined our place as special and unique. We were important to Him even before we fell from grace in the Garden of Eden, so important that He sent His Son to save us. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. (Ephesians 1: 3-4 ESV)

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

**October 26, 2014**



# 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Rosemaryhinkle@comcast.net)

2014 Schedule

Oct. 6 & 20

Nov. 3 & 17

Dec dates TBD

## 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 Holy Trinity together with those they love, including: Albert, Alex, Alicia, 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, David, Derek, Don, 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, Jeanne, 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, Peck, Rebecca, Reed, Renee, Rick, Roopa, Rudi, Ruth, Samantha, Sean, Sheila, Suzy, Scarlett, Scott, Stephanie, 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, Del Vecchio, Dewald, Drobish, Eisenmann, Foley, Frame, Hanzlick, Heeter, Johnson, Kennedy, Koehler, Langan, Lee, Powell, Matteo, MacErlean, McKelvey, Praschil, Reeder, Ryan, Sayles, Sears, Selman, Schmidt, Shippon, 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 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](http://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

August 31, 2014

	Holy Trinity Ministries	Wider Church
<b>Year to date received for current income</b>	\$259,432.63	\$29,431.02
<b>Carry over Benevolence from 2013</b>		\$ 398.26
<b>Expenses paid to date</b>	\$285,503.84	\$27,453.00
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) 2014</b>	\$(26,071.21)	\$ 2,376.28

## 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](mailto: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



### NOTE TO SELF:

While shopping, pick up items for Interfaith Food Pantry: crackers, granola bars, pancake mix (complete), syrup, flour, sugar, pasta sauce, tuna, canned meats, corn, rice, Hamburger Helper, assorted condiments (esp. mayo.), canned fruit, Ensure, hot chocolate, coffee (regular, decaf or instant), paper towels, toilet tissue, tooth paste.

**Please remember your Church in your will.**



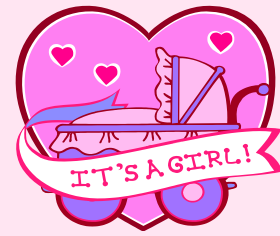
Our Christian Sympathy to  
Barbara Selman and the entire Selman family on  
the death of Herb Selman.

Marsha Humphreys and her family on  
the death of Marsha's father, Austin Corwell.

Dottie Shields and family on the death of  
her brother, The Rev. Edward C. Schmidt.

Psalm 112:6

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



**Congratulations**  
and welcome to God's world  
little Haley Nicole Peterson  
born September 18, 2014

Daughter to  
Jeff and Devin Peterson

Granddaughter to  
Bill and Sharon Wright



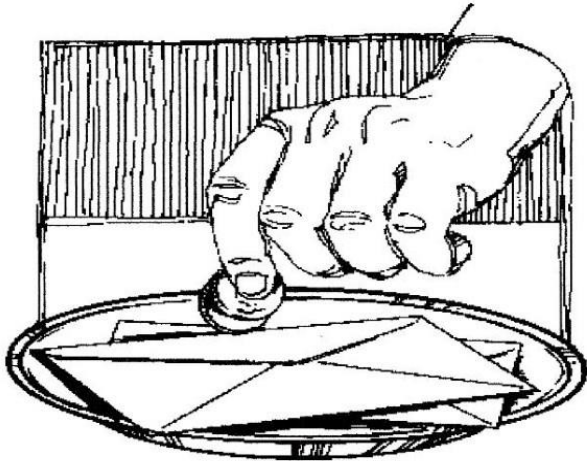
Memorials have been received

...In honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of  
Arthur and Angelika Zbinden

...In memory of Herb Selman



## The Right Time



# A TIME FOR GIVING

There are all sorts of very good reasons why **now** is just not the right time to give to the Church.

When people are kids, they don't have any money except the little bit they earn at home or at minimum wage. So that's not the right time to give.

Once the kids are in school and college, people **definitely** don't have any money, so that's not the right time to give.

Even after the kids are out of college and the house is paid for, people still can't give because they're saving for retirement.

And once people are retired, they're living on a fixed income. That means there's less to live on every year. So that's not the right time to give either.

In fact, it's never the right time.

But on the other hand, there are all sorts of reasons why it's **always** the right time to give.

When people are kids, they're filled with idealism. Since they know the Church is working to make the world a better place, they give.

And when people are just starting out, they believe you can live on love -- and the Church teaches about that kind of love loose in the world. So they give.

When the kids are in school and college, worship is the only place where people can find some time to get in touch with God and their real selves. So they give.

Once the kids are grown and gone, people think a lot about the meaning of life and what they're going to do with what's left of their own. Through the church, God keeps reminding them there's life after mid-life. So they give.

And after people retire, they have the time to act on the idealism of their youth. By now, they've known God for a long time. They are grateful for the way God has walked with them through the trials they have had to face. It's the Church that has always lifted up the goodness and love of God. So they give.

In fact, for some people, it's **always** the right time to give. But I guess that's the way time works for most of us -- either it's never the right time to give or it's always the right time to give ... What time is it for you?



## ***Simply Giving***

**What is *Simply Giving*?** It is a convenient, safe, and simple way for you to handle church offerings through electronic fund transfers directly from your checking or savings account. This automated program allows payments to be deposited directly into Holy Trinity's account on a steady, uninterrupted basis, providing the church with greater financial stability, less bookkeeping, and more confidence in meeting financial obligations. Many people already know how convenient electronic fund transfers are in paying bills and simplifying their records.

**How does *Simply Giving* work?** Church members who wish to give their offering through electronic transfer fill out a Member Enrollment and Authorization Form, indicating the amount they wish to have withdrawn and

the frequency B weekly (Monday), semi-monthly (1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>), or monthly (1<sup>st</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>). They also attach a voided check or savings deposit slip. These forms may be placed in the Jehoiada Chest at a service on the second Sunday in November, turned in to the church office, or placed in the offering plate at any time. The church submits this information to Vanco Services, LLC, a Minnesota-based financial-technology services company.

**Who sees the information on the Member Enrollment and Authorization Form?** The church secretary and financial secretary process these forms for Holy Trinity and keep this information confidential. Vanco Services, LLC employees who process the information at their end are bonded and have signed confidentiality agreements. None of the participant information is shared with any other organization.

**How much does this program cost?**

All *Simply Giving* transaction fees are paid by Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Donors pay nothing to use this service.

**Is there a minimum amount?** Yes. \$5 is the minimum amount per transaction.

**If participants have a joint signature account, do both parties need to sign the form?** Only one signature is required.

**How do participants change the amount, account and/or frequency of their contribution, and how quickly is it processed?** You can change the amount, the account from which it is withdrawn, and/or the frequency of withdrawal by completing a new authorization form. You request this form from the church office, fill it out, and return it. If you are changing the account, you must



also attach a voided check or withdrawal slip. Within a week, your request is faxed and processed.

**When and where should I turn in my Member Enrollment and Authorization Form?**

You may bring your completed form with the attached voided check or deposit slip to one of the worship services during Commitment Weekend, the second weekend in November. A time will be provided at each worship service to place your information in the Jehoiada chest. Or you may place your information in the offering plate at any worship service that is convenient for you. Or you may bring it to the church office at any time.

**How do participants keep a record of the amounts they have contributed?**

The participant's bank statement will include an itemized list of all electronic fund transfers from their account. A record of these transactions will also be provided on annual offering statements.

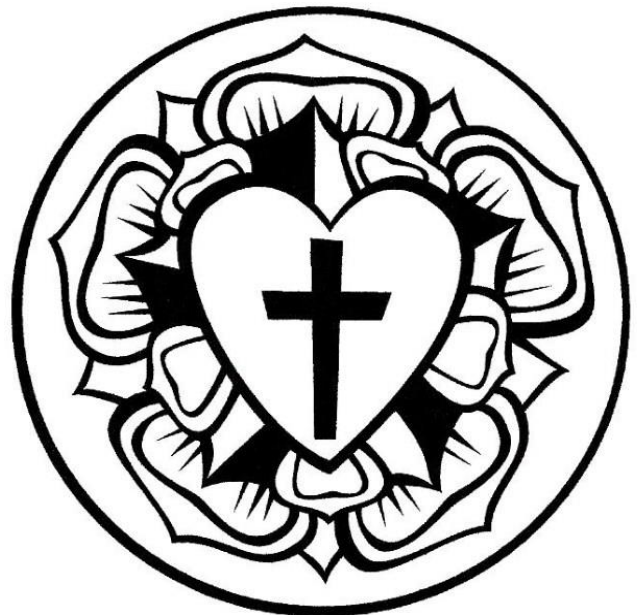
**What if a transaction is rejected due to non-sufficient funds, closed account, etc.?** This information will be e-mailed or faxed to the congregation immediately after Vanco Services, LLC receives notification from the bank. The church financial secretary will contact the person to determine together how to proceed.

**What are some banking advantages for using electronic fund transfers for church contributions?** Electronic fund transfers are safe, reliable, and convenient. All such transfers are governed by

strict national rules and guidelines set by the Automated Clearing House Network and governed by Regulation E of the Federal Reserve. More than four billion electronic fund transfers are processed annually in the United States. This process is more efficient, more secure, and less expensive than credit card transactions and more efficient and timely than check collection.

Some years ago, our Church Council and finance-people examined this program and found it to be a good one. Since then *Simply Giving* has been offered as a way that members could support Holy Trinity's ministries.

Our financial gifts through the Church are a response to God's abundant gifts to us. Ministries flourish at Holy Trinity because of your faithful giving in response to the gifts of God.





## 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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## 2014-2015



October 1, 2014	Lunch: Brownbag your own lunch Speaker: Abington Hospital Speakers Bureau Topic: Balancing Act
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: To be announced.
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"



## A NOTE OF THANKS

Dear Holy Trinity Family,

Thank you for your generous support of the school supply collection. The children at the People's Emergency Center are off to a great start to the school year thanks to you. We also received financial gifts that will be used to purchase school uniforms.

Thank you from the Social Ministry Committee.

Items that were donated:

8 backpacks	17 glue packs
4 pencil cases	4 highlighters
8 erasers	5 markers
4 compasses	15 pens
1 protractor	2 colored pencil packs
6 rulers	5 packs of sharpeners
4 boxes of tissues	2 mechanical pencils
5 packs of 3x5 cards	13 pencils
1 small notepad	1 calculator
5 hand sanitizers	2 loose leaf binders
2 Dictionaries	1 Thesaurus
30 composition books	8 loose leaf paper
3 book covers	2 dividers
19 spiral notebooks	16 crayons
9 scissors	



## 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](mailto:judireeder@hotmail.com) for further information.

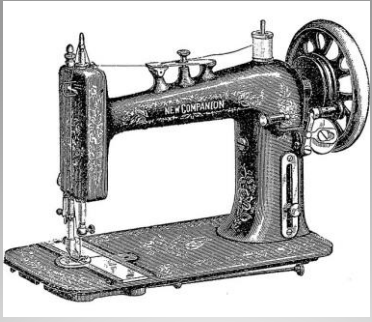


## GIFT CARDS

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.



Mark your calendars for  
**Sewing Saturday**  
Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am- 12:00 pm

hosted by the  
Monday Sewing Group  
beginning with a  
continental breakfast

presenting two programs  
for the price of one!

More details in  
November Echoes...



On the first Monday of each month at 10 A.M. Our next meeting is Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:gmomsingley@comcast.net).

### 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





## **Men's Devotional Group**

Please join us for the Men's Devotional Group Meeting for October. The Men's Devotional Group meets the second Thursday of every month Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 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.



## **Women of Holy Trinity**

Save these dates:

**Saturday, November 8**

Fall General Meeting & Shoebox packing party and breakfast

**Sunday, December 7**

Vespers/Advent Family Night Dinner/Tuckers Tales

**May 1- May 3, 2015**

LCW Retreat at Mother Boniface Retreat Center

Additional Information will be forthcoming.



*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 October 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.

**OCTOBER TOPIC**

**Facing the Future and Bow or Burn!**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter of our study begins with an interesting activity. You are asked to make a predictions about the next twelve months of your life and then consider the probability of them coming to pass. As you read Daniel 2, you will be considering predictions about God's future for His people and discuss what you can learn about God's activity in the unfolding of human history.

In the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter, we read Daniel 3 in which three men had to face death for their commitment to the Lord. This timely topic asks you to ponder what it might be like to face death or persecution for your commitment to Jesus Christ. Where have you felt pressured to compromise or not speak your beliefs? What resources can help you resist those pressures?

**October Circles:**

**EVE:** Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 P.M., the Parlor.  
Circle leader, Sue Tolton: 215-659-7054.

**HANNAH:** Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 P.M., the Parlor.  
Circle leader, Cindy Biehl: 267-475-5435

**MIRIAM:** Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 P.M., in Fellowship Hall,  
Circle leader, Ruth McCandless: 215-682-2034.

**RUTH:** Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:30PM at the home of Audrey Ruddy,  
2545 Martin Road, Willow Grove, 215-659-3157  
Circle leader, Nancy Necker, 215-884-2123.

**SARAH:** Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 noon, the Parlor,  
Circle Leader, Judi Reeder, 215- 431-7265



**Care Packages...**  
**A little love from home**

**Do you have a family member that is away at college  
or away from home serving in the Military?**

**If you do, give their name and address to Cindy Biehl  
at church or send their name and address to  
Cindy Biehl at [cindybiehl@msn.com](mailto:cindybiehl@msn.com).**

**You can also give the information to Deb in the church office.  
We would like to send them a care package  
to remind them that their Holy Trinity family  
is thinking about them.**

**(Please include any dietary restrictions with the information)**

**We would like to get these packages in the mail by  
Thanksgiving week so they can enjoy them as they study  
for finals or celebrate the holidays, so please have the  
information to the church office or to Cindy  
by November 9<sup>th</sup>.**

**Thank you,**

**The Care Package Team**

## 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.



# October Contributions to the Shoebox Packing Party



## Good News. Great Joy.

**6 things** that light up the world  
of a child in poverty

- ✓ something to **love**
- ✓ something to **wear**
- ✓ something for **personal hygiene**
- ✓ something for **school**
- ✓ something **special**
- ✓ something to **play** with



Australia  
1800 684 300  
www.samaritanpurse.org.au

New Zealand  
0800 684 300  
www.samaritanpurse.org.nz

## We hope you are packing your own shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child!

In addition, we are asking for contributions to the boxes that were collected during the summer.

We as a church will pack those boxes at a Shoe Box Packing Party on **Saturday, November 8.**

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Women are sponsoring a covered dish breakfast at 9:00 am, and everyone is invited to attend. The more boxes we can fill, the more children and their families we can reach with the love of Jesus and an invitation to walk with Him every day of their life through *The Greatest Journey*. This 10-week discipleship program is offered everywhere shoeboxes are distributed. During September we focused on school supplies and toiletries. Now in October, we are offering different suggestions for your contributions. But, do not feel limited. Bring whatever the spirit moves you to donate.

### October Suggestions: Toys and Accessories

**(No liquids such as bubbles or lotions. No military/war toys. Small water guns are accepted.)**

**You are asked to supply two rounds of batteries for any item that requires them.**

These are suggestions. **Be Creative!**

Balls, marbles, yoyos, jump ropes, balloons, small Etch-a-Sketches, puzzles, Lego kits, small dolls, stuffed animals, (such as Beanie Babies, My Little Pony, etc.), plastic animals, dinosaurs, etc., coloring books, flashlights with second set of batteries, all kinds of vehicles, such as cars, trucks, engines, boats, etc., jewelry for all three age groups (2-4, 5-9, 10-14); bead making kits, T-shirts, socks, gloves, scarves/bandanas, small purses or cosmetic-size cases

**No Candy & Snacks due to customs problems in some countries.**

### Shoebox FAQ

Many want to know what age/gender for whom Samaritan's Purse receives the most/fewest boxes. In general, they receive more boxes for girls than boys. Overall, they receive the most shoebox gifts for girls 5-9 and **the fewest number of boxes for boys 2-4 and 10-14.**



**Atlantic Mission District of the NALC Convocation  
at Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**Discipleship- Acting As If We Believe It**

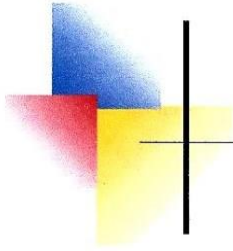
**Saturday, October 18, 2014**

**Registration opens at 8:45 am**

**Convocation runs 10:00 am to 4:00 pm**

**The Reverend Mark Chavez**

**Preacher and Key Note Speaker**



**ATLANTIC MISSION DISTRICT**



**NALC**

North American Lutheran Church

***Discipleship: Acting As If We Believe It!***

*2014 Annual Convocation*

*Atlantic Mission District*

*October 18, 2014*

*Registration Form*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please check one:

Clergy       Delegate       Visitor

What special congregational celebrations or anniversaries would you like to share with others in the Atlantic Mission District?

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Cost: \$10.00/person (includes continental breakfast and lunch)  
Fee can be paid on October 18 upon arrival at the convocation.

To Register:  
Please complete attached form and e-mail it to: [kfilley@comcast.net](mailto:kfilley@comcast.net)  
or mail completed form to:

Kathaleen Lilley, Treasurer  
1380 Twigg Ave  
Lebanon, PA 17046

**Please register on or before October 4, 2014  
so sufficient materials and food can be ordered.**

Please contact Kathaleen Lilley at 717-926-8614 if you need additional information.



# Discipleship in a Post-Modern Age

## A Study of Matthew

### & Related Texts with Practical Application

This discipleship course will be offered  
Thursdays at 9:30 am (Theology with Bagels)  
& 7:30 pm (Theology with Cake)  
beginning October 2<sup>nd</sup> thru Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>

The course will focus on the Gospel of Matthew with readings from other passages. We will also look at the Apostolic Fathers, the Church Fathers, Luther, and *The Small Catechism*.

Examples from popular culture will also be included.

Weekly assignments will focus each participant on his/her everyday life and commitment to discipleship.

Meet in Chapel for the Daily Office and the parlor for class.

Look for January study on “The Cruelty of Heresy”

by C. FitzSimons Allison

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| Session 1 | “He will save his people from their sins”          |
| Session 2 | “Follow me”  |
| Session 3 | “I am sending you as sheep in the midst of wolves” |
| Session 4 | “Seventy times seven”                              |
| Session 5 | “Go therefore and make disciples”                  |
| Session 6 | “A Pearl of Great Price”                           |





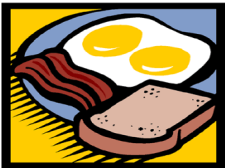
- Reminders for the month of October-

Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> 5-7 pm Youth Group  
(with special guests)

Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> 5-7 pm Supper Club

Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> 2-4 pm Hosting a Fall Fair for  
Martin Luther/Silver Springs School

**BREAKFAST**



**FELLOWSHIP**

### **Adult Christian Breakfast Fellowship**

*(All Adults Invited)*

**When:** First Saturday of the Month

**Time:** 9:00 A.M.

**Topics and Speakers:**

**Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>** Film on Yellowstone National Park

**Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>** "Protest and Lamentation Songs Throughout History"

**Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>** "Hope for Hurting Hearts"

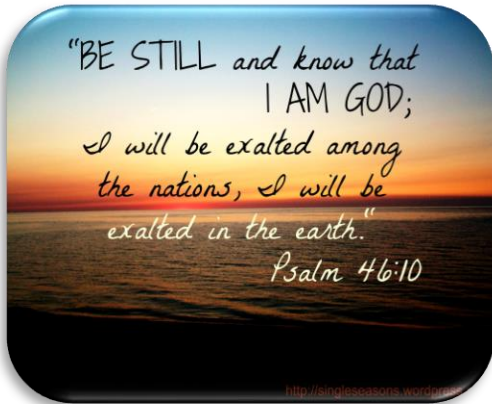
Interested in a specific subject? Care to share it?

Email Allan Shikhvarg at [allan.shikhvarg@gmail.com](mailto: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.*

## The Society of the Hours



Invites you to take a day off from the chaos that is our world and simply be in the presence of God.

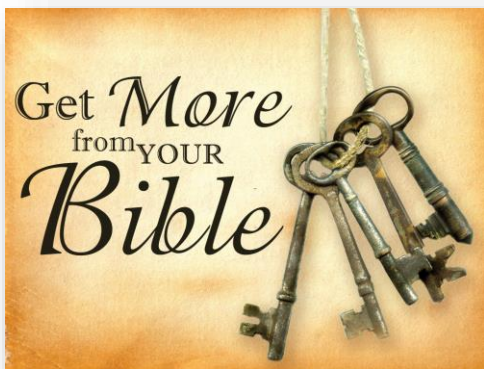
Join us for a **One Day Retreat**

**Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>** 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M

**Topic** "Reflections on Luther's Fourteen Consolations"

Holy Eucharist;

The Daily Office — Morning Prayer, Sext, and None



## 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



Join us in honor of **Veteran's Day** (Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>)

**Sunday, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>** at 1 pm in the parlor

Special presentation by Don Lewis

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

# October Worship Assistants Schedule

## Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>

<b>Usher</b>	3	<b>Greeter</b>	The Ischinger Family	<b>Presenters of Gifts</b>	Martina Smith, Claire Brown and Brendan Rowley
<b>Count</b>	3	<b>Acolyte</b>	Charlotte Whipple	<b>Gate</b>	Mark Affleck
<b>Christophers</b>	3	<b>Crucifer</b>	Heather Lee Whipple	<b>Cushion</b>	Erica Affleck
<b>Prayer Ministry Team</b>	4	<b>Lay Reader-Sat</b>	John Maieron	<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Tina Bednarczyk and Kevan Berkovitz
		<b>Lay Reader-Sun</b>	Linda Borkowski	<b>Setup</b>	Maryann Leventhal

## Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>

<b>Usher</b>	4	<b>Greeter</b>	Ann Frey & Linda Frezza	<b>Presenters of Gifts</b>	Maryann Leventhal, Ella and Martin Murphy
<b>Count</b>	4	<b>Acolyte</b>	Audrey Brown		
<b>Christophers</b>	4	<b>Crucifer</b>	Erica Ganther		
<b>Prayer Ministry Team</b>	1	<b>Lay Reader-Sat</b>	Bill Riehm	<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Linda Borkowski and Deanna Dudenbostel
		<b>Lay Reader-Sun</b>	Heide Caputo	<b>Setup</b>	Tina Bednarczyk

## Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>

<b>Usher</b>	5	<b>Greeter</b>	Heidi Caputo & family	<b>Presenters of Gifts</b>	Kevan Berkovitz, Barbara Harvey, Janice Donnelly
<b>Count</b>	1	<b>Acolyte</b>	Hannah Mumford		
<b>Christophers</b>	5	<b>Crucifer</b>	Connor Breslin		
<b>Prayer Ministry Team</b>	2	<b>Lay Reader-Sat</b>	Clem McLaughlin	<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Albert and Pam Eisenmann
		<b>Lay Reader-Sun</b>	Dorothy Erb	<b>Setup</b>	Sue Tolton

## Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>

<b>Usher</b>	1	<b>Greeter</b>	Bob Berger & Glenn Harvey	<b>Presenters of Gifts</b>	Nancy & Rob Ischinger and Ken Tredinnick
<b>Count</b>	2	<b>Acolyte</b>	Gia Berkovitz		
<b>Christophers</b>	1	<b>Crucifer</b>	Kevan Berkovitz		
<b>Prayer Ministry Team</b>	3	<b>Lay Reader-Sat</b>	Linda Cassidy	<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Ann Frey and Eric Gregg
		<b>Lay Reader-Sun</b>	Nancy Berkovitz	<b>Setup</b>	Michele Muller

## October 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Noon 39'RS  7:30 Council meeting	2 9:30 Theology w/bagels  4:15 Choristers 6:30 Handbell Choir 7:30 Theology w/cake 8:00 Chancel Choir	3   7:30 AA	4 9:00 Adult Christian Breakfast Fellowship  5:00 Holy Communion  7:00 AA
5 PENTECOST 17 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Pre-K thru Adult SS 11:30 New Member class   5:00 – 7:00 Youth group	6  10:00 Sewing Group   6:00 – 7:00 Brownies 7:30 Coram Deo 7:30 Women's prayer group	7  1 pm Crusades Course 7 pm Crusades Course   7:30 Bible Study 8:30 Compline	8     7:30 Ruth Circle @Rosemary's	9 9:30 Theology w/bagels 11 am Sarah Circle  4:15 Choristers 6:30 Handbell Choir 7:00 Men's Devotional Group 7:30 Theology w/cake 7:30 Eve Circle 8:00 Chancel Choir	10   7:30 AA	11     5:00 Holy Communion  7:00 AA
12 PENTECOST 18  9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Pre-K thru Adult SS 11:30 New Member class   5:00 – 7:00 Supper Club	13  12:30 Miriam Circle  SHOP & COOK FOR AIDS  6:00 – 7:00 Brownies NO Coram Deo meeting	14  1 pm Crusades Course 7 pm Crusades Course  DELIVER AIDS DINNER  7:30 Bible Study 8:30 Compline	15    7:00 Confirmation Class trip to Temple Beth Am 7:30 Hannah Circle 7:30 Evangelism Meeting	16 9:30 Theology w/bagels  4:15 Choristers 6:30 Handbell Choir 7:30 Theology w/cake 8:00 Chancel Choir	17   7:30 AA	18 Atlantic Mission District NALC Convocation 8:45 am – 4:00 pm  5:00 Holy Communion  7:00 AA
19 PENTECOST 19  9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Pre-K thru Adult SS 11:30 New Member class  2:00 pm Fall Fair, hosting Martin Luther/Silver Springs	20    6:00-7:00 Brownies 7:30 Coram Deo 7:30 Women's prayer group	21  1 pm Crusades Course 7 pm Crusades Course   7:30 Bible Study 8:30 Compline	22       	23 9:30 Theology w/bagels  4:15 Choristers 6:30 Handbell Choir 7:30 Theology w/cake 8:00 Chancel Choir	24   7:30 AA	25 Society of the Hours hosts "One Day Retreat" 8:00 – 4:00  5:00 Holy Communion  7:00 AA
26 Reformation Sunday  9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Pre-K - Adult SS 11:30 New Member class	27   6:00-7:00 Brownies 7:30 Coram Deo	28  1 pm Crusades Course 7 om Crusades Course  7:30 Bible Study 8:30 Compline	29       	30 9:30 Theology w/bagels  4:15 Choristers 6:30 Handbell Choir 7:30 Theology w/cake 8:00 Chancel Choir	31   7:30 AA Halloween	

### Special dates

- World Communion Sunday, October 5, 2014
- Columbus Day Observance, October 13, 2014
- Reformation Sunday, October 26, 2014
- Reformation Day, October 31, 2014

