

HOLY TRINITY

Evangelical Lutheran Church

ECHOES NEWSLETTER

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The Rev. N. Amanda Grimmer

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The Rev. John Bradosky,

*Bishop of the North American
Lutheran Church*

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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*

From the Pastors

Dear Parish Family,

In the early 1950's H. Richard Niebuhr wrote a book entitled *Christ and Culture*. Many other books about this relationship have been written by theologians and other scholars. In a contemporary environment in which the gap (actually the gap has become a chasm) between the church and American culture has widened greatly, disciples need to have their eyes wide open about what we are facing as we attend to our vocation in the world.

Saint Augustine's *magnum opus* is the *City of God* in which he traces the City of God and the City of the World through time. The Church represents the City of God in history. We are a people traveling towards its full realization. We shall dwell in the New Jerusalem which will come down from heaven at a time when God will bring about a new heaven and a new earth. (Revelation 21)

In his first letter Saint Peter identifies Christians as "elect exiles." We are chosen of God; and, though the world was created good for us to live in and to have dominion over (Genesis 1), our permanent home is the heavenly city. We are resident aliens in a hostile culture and world.

Today it is easy for a Christian disciple to experience a tremendous alienation from the culture we live in. We are called to exercise our discipleship in this environment. We are called to witness to Christ in a culture that promotes the Self at the expense of worshipping the true God. Many are rendered helpless by this trust in themselves rather than trust in God. They worship a terrible and voracious idol whose devotees are destroyed by their trust in it. (See Luther, *The Large Catechism*, The First Commandment) Many people are thoroughly trapped in this bog and may suffocate in it. Our witness is a means to their being rescued.

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From the Pastors

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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 small white pew envelope checked, "Altar Flowers." If you know it, indicate your envelope number.

We are in great danger as the culture actively entices us to the "passions of the flesh." Peter writes, "Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your souls. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation." (1 Peter 2: 11-12 ESV)

Our conduct is to be good and our words are to be gentle as we make a case for Christian faith. "...but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil." (1 Peter 3: 15-17 ESV)

We are approaching Easter, the Queen of Feasts. Let us celebrate His triumph on our behalf and rededicate ourselves as Christ's disciples who are to witness to a troubled society with the life-giving Gospel. Remember the words of Saint Paul, "Cleanse out the old yeast to make yourselves fresh dough, new unleavened bread! For Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed. Therefore let us celebrate the feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth." (1 Corinthians 5:7-8 Offertory for The Resurrection of Our Lord, *Lutheran Book of Worship*) By God's grace in Christ we travel daily in this world, where we have no permanent home, to the New Jerusalem where the gates will be wide open to receive us because of the Lamb who was slain.

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





Healing Prayer Ministry

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.

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, Allan, Allyson, Althea, Amanda, Amber, Angelika, Aniah, Anna, Anne, Antoinette, Art, Augusto, Barbara, Becca, Beth, Betty, Beverly, Bill, Bob, Bonnie, Brandy, Brian, Brianna, Bridget, Brielle, Bruce, Callie, Carol, Cassidy, Cheri, Chris, Christopher, Clyde, Colleen, Dalilah, David, Dean, Derek, Don, Dot, Doug, Drew, Earl, Ed, Edward, Elaine, Elijah, Ella, Ellsworth, Eric, Erin, F. Joseph, Foster, Frank, Gary, George, Gene, Gerald, Gloria, Hannah, Harry, Hazel, Heide, Heidi, Helen, Holly, Ingrid, Jackie, Jason, Jean, Jeanne, Jen, Jennifer, Jill, Joanne, Joe, John, Joshua, Judi, Judy, Julianne, Julius, Kathy, Kevan, Larry, Levern, Linda, Lisa, Lois, Lori, Lucia, Maralyn, Marge, Mariah, Mariliz, Marlene, Marsha, Maryanne, Mary Ann, Maryjane, Maureen, Matt, Max, Megan, Melanie, Michael, Mina, Nate, Nancy, Nedra, Nicky, Nik, Pat, Paul, Randy, Rebecca, Reed, Renee, Rick, Rob, Roopa, Rudi, Russell, Ruth, Samantha, Sandy, Sean, Sheila, Sue, Suzy, Scarlett, Scott, Stephanie, Steven, Tara, TC, 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, Borgia, Boyer, Breslin, Croce, Del Vecchio, Dewald, Drobish, Eisenmann, Elsey, Favorin, Foley, Frame, Hanzlick, Heeter, Johnson, Kelly, Kennedy, Koehler, Lee, Powell, Matteo, MacErlean, McKelvey, Moletzsky, Necker, Ness, Prashil, Reeder, Ryan, Sawick, Sayles, Sears, Selman, Schmidt, Shippon, Singrella, Stanton, Strange, Timson, Trickel, Walker, Wilson, Wray 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.



Women's Prayer Group

The Holy Trinity Women's Prayer Group begins 2015 with intercessory prayer. Join us on the first and third Monday of each month. We gather at 7:30 pm in the room over Rosemary Hinkle's garage. (See church directory for address and phone number) This space offers privacy. Coffee, tea and dessert are served! Every woman is welcome, please come as you are able. Questions contact Rosemary at Rosemaryhinkle@comcast.net

2015 Schedule

April 6, 20

May 4, 18

June 1, 15



Annual Ecumenical Community
Good Friday Service

12 Noon, Friday, April 3, 2015

All are invited to attend at
Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
2086 Parkview Avenue
Abington, PA 19001
(215) 659-2642
www.holytrinity.net

Sponsored by:
The Willow Grove Ministerium.



We are having a prayer vigil from **6:00 am to 6:00 pm**

Please use the sign-up sheet in the Narthex so we may know how many people are in the church.

You are welcome to come anytime during the day and pray as long as you feel the need.

The Son is Risen Breakfast



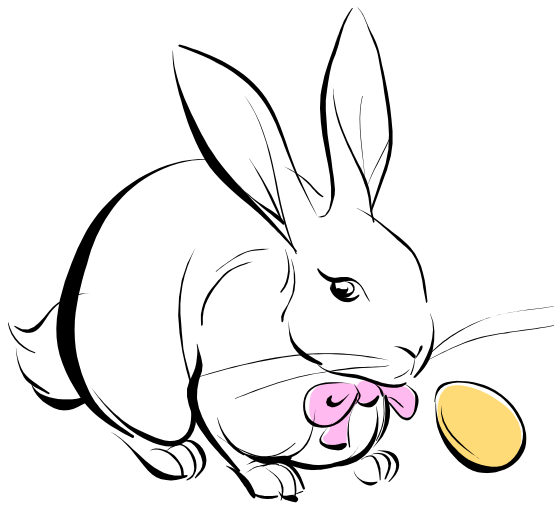
Easter Sunday, April 5th

7:30 am – 8:45 am

Potluck breakfast before worship, Sign - up sheet in the Narthex

Last year we had so much food... please, even if you don't sign up or don't have an item to bring come anyway! Come early - Come later

Join us as we celebrate our Savior & break bread with our church family



Holy Trinity Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 4th

1:00 – 2:30 PM

Come join us for our 6th Annual Easter Egg Hunt. The kids will be hunting for Easter Eggs, making a craft and playing games.

Please have your child bring an Easter basket with them to collect the eggs. Some of the eggs will be filled with surprises!!

The egg hunt will take place on the lawn next to the church.
In case of rain, we will hold the egg hunt in fellowship hall.

We are asking for donations of filled plastic eggs. Donations should be in the kitchen no later than Sunday, March 29th.

If you have any questions, please contact either Dani Rowley @ 215-830-0177 or Susan Schied @ 215-517-5505

Thank you

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

February 28, 2015 (For the Year 2015)

	Holy Trinity Ministries	Wider Church
Year to date received for current income	\$ 67,356.92	\$ 7,751.32
Carry over Benevolence from 2013		\$ 68.34
Expenses paid to date	\$ 66,762.23	\$ 5,887.00
Surplus/(Deficit) 2015	\$ 594.69	\$ 1,932.66

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:

Christopher Biehl
Michael Boerner
Shaun Hall
Eric Henderson
John Quici
Nathan Quinlan
Vikas Shah

Please remember your Church in your will.



NOTE TO SELF

Interfaith Food Pantry is very low on:
canned chicken, salmon, oatmeal, pancake mix & syrup
coffee, tea & hot chocolate, toilet tissue, paper towels,
plastic & paper bags.

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Holy Wednesday – April 1, 2015

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

Maundy Thursday – April 2, 2015

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

Good Friday – April 3, 2015

12:00 Noon – Ecumenical Service at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

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 4, 2015

1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall – Easter egg Hunt

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

Easter Sunday – April 5, 2015

7:30 a.m. – The Son is Risen Easter Breakfast (Potluck Breakfast)

9:00 a.m. – Holy Communion

 **Jesus Christ
is Risen!
Happy Easter!**



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April 1, 2015

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

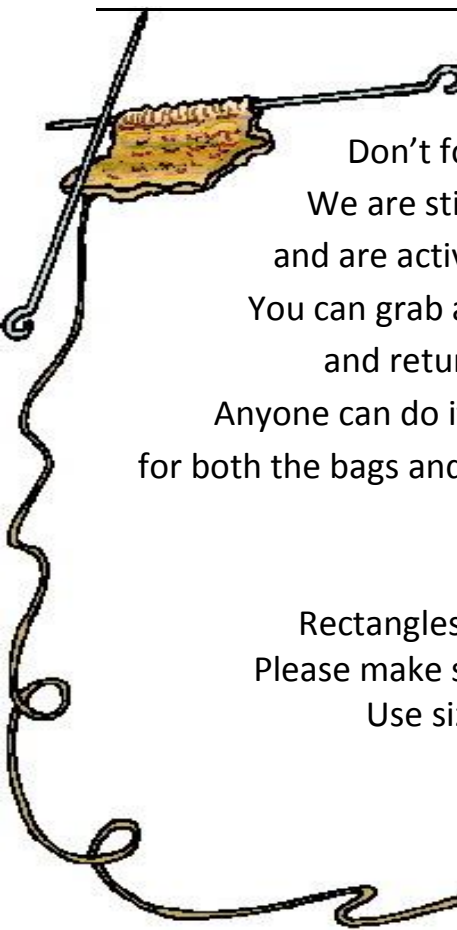
May 6, 2015

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

June 3, 2015

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


MONDAY SEWING GROUP:



Don't forget our monthly meeting on **Monday, April 6th at 10:00 am**
We are still working on drawstring bags for Operation Christmas Child
and are actively seeking partners to work with us from home or wherever...
You can grab a kit out of the 3rd grade classroom closet, follow the instructions
and return your completed bags to the same closet – it's that simple!
Anyone can do it – but if you can't, remember that we accept donations of material
for both the bags and the drawstrings! Drop your donations off at the same spot as the kits!

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





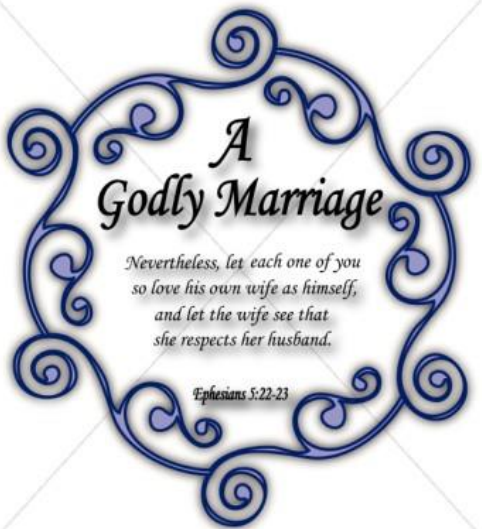
To all those on Social Security and Medicare, and those who have health insurance that doesn't cover "Durable Medical Equipment". The cuts made to Medicare to fund the Affordable Health Care Act, involve "Durable Medical Equipment". These items include walkers, canes, wheelchairs, crutches, commodes, even portable oxygen concentrators, some diabetic and nebulizer supplies, feeding tube supplies and various other items. There is a Non-Profit, Non-Government Agency that can help you either gain access to these

items or donate items you may have. You can get in touch with them and they will put you in touch with someone who has what you need, and vice versa for things you need to get rid of. I was able to help several people with Ed's feeding tube supplies, his cans of food etc. after he passed away. You can call me if you have questions, the name of the agency is called:

The Oley Foundation. They have a web page www.oley.org or call toll free at 800-776-OLEY

In Christ,
Patsy Heller.

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Congratulations to

*Jody Davis & Michael Cheeseborough II
on their wedding at Holy Trinity*

April 11, 2015

God's blessings on the happy couple!



NOTES OF THANKS

March 11, 2015

Dear Holy Trinity Family,

My heart is overflowing with gratitude for the many calls, texts, emails, cards, visits, gifts, flowers, plants, meals, hugs and most importantly, the prayers that have been sent and continue to be sent heavenward on my behalf during my recent surgeries and now, treatments. I have never been on the receiving end of such an avalanche of caring and I can tell you that I am overwhelmed with the blessing of being part of such a loving congregation. Your prayers are working! I feel the power of them every day and give thanks to God for all of you. I know that God has a plan for all of us. My prayer for all of you is that you feel the power of God's love, as I have, through your powerful prayers and thoughtful actions.

May God's Blessings flow upon all of you!

In Christ,

Nancy Necker



*This letter came in to the church office with money for a lily and the note was unsigned with no return address save a postmark from New Jersey.

March 12, 2015

Dear Rev. Tavella:

Just a little note to say thank you for coming to my aid while I was stuck in the ice on March 4, 2015 on my way to a viewing for my friend that morning. As I think back over the incident it reminded me of the story of the Good Samaritan, and how you took the time to give me assistance. As the oncoming Easter season is fast approaching, I hope the Risen Lord will bless you in abundance. Please accept this small token and purchase an Easter lily for your church. Although we are different in denomination I will remember you and your family with thanks on Easter morning.

God Bless you,

P.S. Please excuse the penmanship, at 78 I am happy to still be able to write.

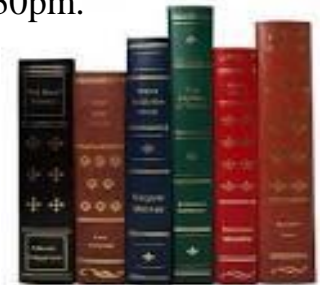
Your dedicated staff of volunteers invite you to check out Holy Trinity's



We have a nice selection for all ages so don't forget to stop by the Library Book Cart in Fellowship Hall & feed your brain!

Coram Deo

Join us this year for lively discussions of literature and living life in *Coram Deo*, in the presence of God. Our meetings are in the parlor most Mondays at 7:30pm. Please bring your own copy of the reading selection, except April 13.



Spring 2015

April 13- WWI Poetry- (Copies will be provided, no advance reading required)

April 20-*Dracula*- Bram Stoker

April 27- *Being There*- Jerzy Kozinski

May 4- *Salome*- Oscar Wilde

The Beggar Boy at Christ's Christmas Tree – Foedor Dostoevsky

May 11- *Tevye's Daughters*- read three short stories:

The Bubble Bursts, If I Were a Rothchild,

Modern Children- Shalom Alechem

May 18- *Father Brown Mysteries*- (TBA) - G.K.Chesterton

June 15- *The Handmaid's Tale*- Margaret Atwood

July 15- *Lolita*-Vladimir Nabokov



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 April 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 years' 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 years. 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.

April

Superpowers in Conflict

From time to time, especially during trying times, we flirt with the idea of getting a glimpse into our future. We do that always with the hope that we will be reassured and given hope. As we study chapter 8 of Daniel, we will consider how a long-term view of history might affect us in view of Daniel's visions.

Kneeling on God's Promises

As we read Daniel 9, we are invited to consider our prayer life, especially regarding our boldness in asking for miraculous healing. We will be asked to ponder times when we have prayed more intently than usual. We will discuss God's absolute authority and how our good God can permit evil in view of what Daniel shares.

APRIL CIRCLES:

EVE: Thursday, April 9th, 7:30 P.M., the Parlor
Circle leader, Sue Tolton: 215-659-7054.

HANNAH: Wednesday, April 15th, 7:30 P.M., the Parlor
Circle leader, Cindy Biehl: 267-475-5435

MIRIAM: Monday, April 13th, 12:30 P.M., in Fellowship Hall,
Circle leader, Ruth McCandless: 215-682-2034.

RUTH: Wednesday, April 8th, 7:30PM at home of Pat Minges
3003 Stephensen Way, Huntingdon Valley, 215-322-5149
Circle leader, Nancy Necker, 215-884-2123.

SARAH: Thursday, April 9th, 12:00 noon, the Parlor,
Circle Leader, Judi Reeder, 215- 431-7265



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Women Retreat

May 1 – May 3, 2015

Location: Mother Boniface Retreat Center

Topic:

“Journeying to God”

Cost: \$140.00 per person.

(Scholarships are available, contact Pastor Mandy)

Deposit due asap; balance due by April 5, 2015

(Money can be given to Joy Alderfer or your circle leader)

(Checks should be made payable to HTLCW)

We will once again start our retreat with a Friday evening
pizza party and fellowship.

If attending the retreat, please return the bottom portion of this slip with your deposit/payment. Thank you.

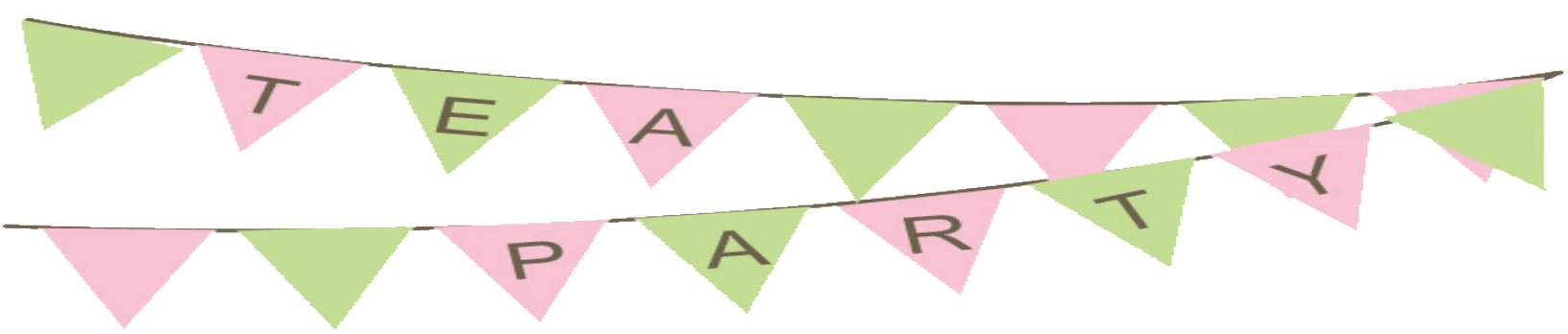
HTLCW Retreat – May 1-3, 2015. I would like to attend:

Name: _____

Deposit paid: _____

Balance due: _____

Pizza Party Friday: Yes _____ No _____



**ALL ARE INVITED!
NOT JUST CIRCLE MEMBERS** **ALL CHURCH WOMEN,
WE ALSO WELCOME OUR MEN**

Women of Holy Trinity are hosting a Spring Tea Luncheon
with Sister Rita and the Ladies of Wayne Hall
(women's arm of Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission)
Sunday, April 26 at 12 Noon in Fellowship Hall
Special Guest: Milly Mbriwa
who will share her testimony of her journey
from Africa to America
her personal challenges...her walk with the Lord

Collecting for Wayne Hall

We would like to send much needed items to Wayne Hall. Please consider contributing one or more of the following items. We will place a collection basket in the Narthex **AFTER** Easter. You may also bring your items to the luncheon.

Bleach, Windex, & Pledge/Endust The ladies must clean daily.

Food Storage Containers with lids, of course (Rubber Made, Tupperware, etc.)
They simply disappear!

A general meeting of the church women will take place after our program.
Ladies, please **REMEMBER** to bring your **THANK OFFERINGS**.

VERY IMPORTANT: Please sign up in the Narthex. We would very much appreciate your taking a moment to sign our sheet so we can prepare for you. Your commitment is extremely helpful in our planning.





Cradle of Hope Sunday

Sunday, May 17, 2015

**The Lutheran Church Women of Holy Trinity
will be collecting the items to benefit**

Household Supplies:

Toilet paper, paper towels, kitchen sponges, Lysol, Mr. Clean, Soft Scrub, disinfectant wipes, Windex, Brillo Pads, anti-bacterial hand soap, Purell, liquid dish detergent, liquid laundry soap, printer paper, tin foil, saran wrap, food storage bags.

Personal:

Gift cards in small amounts, (\$15, \$20, \$25) for Target, Wal-Mart, CVS, Giant, Acme. (Please write the amount on the card and hand to Katie or the office. Do not put in the offering plates.)

Baby Supplies:

Pampers in size 3, 4 and 5, baby wipes, Crib sheets, (blue, pink and yellow)

There will be a box in the Narthex to collect items.

Thank you for your support and generosity!

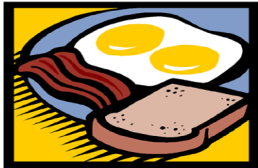


GIFT CARDS

Holy Trinity LCW 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.

BREAKFAST



FELLOWSHIP

Adult Christian Breakfast Fellowship

(All Adults, young and old are invited)

When: First Saturday of the Month

Time: 9:00 A.M.

Topics and Speakers:

April 11th – Unfortunately cancelled due to scheduling conflict.

May 2nd “The Art of Aquascaping” by Barry Shikhvarg

Have a subject that you are passionate about? 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.



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

Pastor Mandy will offer a 5 week course on

The Basics of Liturgical Worship

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.



Love. Grow. Serve.

YOUTH MINISTRY

The remaining 2015 Youth Schedule looks like this:

- April 12, 2015** **Supper Club (5 pm - 7 pm) – Junior High Youth take charge tonight.**
Tonight's Cooks: **Junior High Youth**
Tonight's Story: Junior High Youth (Mary Encounters the Risen Jesus)
- April 25, 2015** **Confirmation Retreat**
8:00 am – 6:00 pm
- May 3, 2015** **Junior High Youth Group (5:00 – 7:00 pm)**
- May 17, 2015** **Last Supper Club of the Season (5 pm - 7 pm)**
Place: Fellowship Hall
Time: 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Tonight's Cooks: Everyone – It's a Picnic Potluck
Tonight's Story: The Spirit Comes At Pentecost
- May 24, 2015** **Pentecost – Confirmation of 8th Graders**
- June 7, 2015** **Last Junior High Youth Group (5:00 – 7:00 pm)**
- July 27-31, 2015** **Vacation Bible School – (see next page)**
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Holy Trinity Youth (5th grade and above)
at Martin Luther – Silver Springs School
Games, food, and fellowship with the Silver Springs kids!

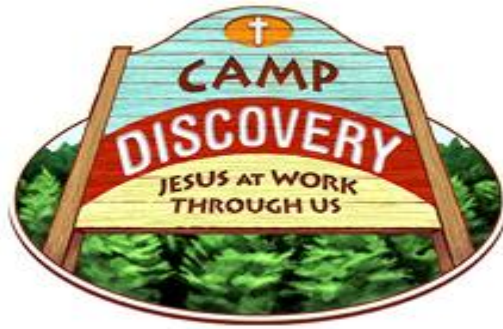
Sunday, April 19th

We'll leave from Holy Trinity at 1:30 pm & return about 4:00 pm.
Drivers, parents and other adults are welcome!

Please join us & contact Ann Frey if you would like to donate snacks.

215-885-1543

annfrey@comcast.net



2015 Vacation Bible School

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

Our theme for VBS 2015 is "Camp Discovery, Jesus at Work through Us!"

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

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

VBS Dates: July 27th to July 31st 9:00AM to 12:15 PM

***Be a Vacation Bible School Volunteer!
Don't miss the fun!!***

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Full Address: _____

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

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

HOLY TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
2015 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
REGISTRATION FORM

STUDENTS' NAME: _____

BIRTH DATE: _____ AGE _____ SCHOOL GRADE IN FALL: _____

ALLERGIES, MEDICAL CONCERNS OR SPECIAL NEEDS: _____

PARENT'S NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

TOWN: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT (name and number): _____

PARENT'S CHURCH: _____

BROTHER'S & SISTER'S: _____

HOLY TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
2015 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
REGISTRATION FORM

STUDENT'S ANME: _____

BIRTH DATE: _____ AGE _____ SCHOOL GRADE IN FALL: _____

ALLERGIES, MEDICAL CONCERNS OR SPECIAL NEEDS: _____

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Men's Devotional Group

Please join us for the Men's Devotional Group Meeting for April. The Men's Devotional Group meets the second Thursday of every month. This month, Thursday, April 9th, 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.



The Mens Devotional Group of Holy Trinity will be visiting the facility to serve a meal, & have fellowship with the residents at the mission.

Date: Saturday, May 9th

Time: 4:30 pm – Meet at Holy Trinity to carpool

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission is the 3rd oldest Rescue Mission in the country. Founded in 1878, they have reached out to the homeless in Philadelphia for more than 130 years.

Rescue Missions are similar to a traditional homeless shelter, but focus on caring for the spiritual needs in addition to the practical needs of people.

Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission serves the homeless through two locations in Philadelphia: a meal service program serving three meals a day to anyone in need and men's shelter in Center City and a transitional home for women in the Germantown neighborhood of Philadelphia (Wayne Hall).



The Center City shelter also houses a long-term recovery program for men. Their mission is to minister in the name of Jesus Christ to the physical and spiritual needs of homeless and disadvantaged people in the Philadelphia area.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for all those who are interested in going. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Tom Schied at 215-517-5505. Hope to see you all there!

April Worship Assistants Schedule

April 2		Maundy Thurs.			
Usher 2				Presenters of Gifts	Nancy & Jim Necker, and Tina Bednarczyk
				Gate	Alan Hinkle
Lay Reader-	Kevan Berkovitz			Cushion	Dee Dudenbostel
				Communion Assistants	Pam & Albert Eisenmann
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April 3		Good Friday	Usher 4		
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April 4		Holy Saturday		Communion Assistants	Danielle & Terry Rowley
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April 5		Easter Sunday			
Usher 3		Greeter	Albert & Pam Eisenmann	Presenters of Gifts	Cindy Biehl, Ann Frey and Janice Donnelly
Count 1		Acolyte	Lauren Caputo		
Christophers 1		Crucifer	Rob Ischinger		
Prayer Team 4		Lay Reader-	Linda Borkowski	Communion Assistants	Charles Tolton and Marilyn Murphy
				Setup	Maryann Leventhal
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April 12					
Usher 4		Greeter	Karen & Sandra Powell	Presenters of Gifts	The Nilsen Family
Count 2		Acolyte	Gia Berkovitz		
Christophers 2		Crucifer	Kevan Berkovitz		
Prayer Team 5		Lay Reader-Sat	John Maieron	Communion Assistants	Kevan Berkovitz and Allan Shikhvarg
		Lay Reader-Sun	Deb Mumford	Setup	Tina Bednarczyk
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April 19					
Usher 5		Greeter	The Caputo Family	Presenters of Gifts	Tina Bednarczyk, Nancy Ischinger & Barbara Harvey
Count 3		Acolyte	Audrey Brown		
Christophers 3		Crucifer	Erica Ganther		
Prayer Team 1		Lay Reader-Sat	Clem McLaughlin	Communion Assistants	Dean Lawrence and Alan Hinkle
		Lay Reader-Sun	Heide Caputo	Setup	Sue Tolton
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April 26					
Usher 1		Greeter	Don & Ruth Lewis	Presenters of Gifts	The Cuff Family
Count 4		Acolyte	Annie Wray		
Christophers 4		Crucifer	Jared Ickler		
Prayer Team 2		Lay Reader-Sat	Katie Beyer	Communion Assistants	Tony Quici and Maryann Leventhal
		Lay Reader-Sun	Ann Frey	Setup	Michele Muller

April 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Easter's a seven-week season, not just one day. So, happy Easter! And welcome to the Lord's house.</p>			<p>1 HOLY WEDNESDAY</p> <p>Noon- 39'RS</p> <p>7:00 Prayer Walk 7:30 Council meeting</p>	<p>2 MAUNDY THURSDAY</p> <p>7:30 Holy Communion/ Draping of the Altar</p>	<p>3 GOOD FRIDAY</p> <p>6 am — 6 pm Prayer Vigil Noon — Ecumenical Service at Holy Trinity 6:30 Stations of the Cross for Adults 7:30 Tenebrae — Reading of the Passion according to St. John 7:30 AA</p>	<p>4 HOLY SATURDAY</p> <p>1:00 Easter Egg Hunt</p> <p>5:00 Easter Vigil Service</p> <p>7:00 AA</p>
<p>5 RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD</p> <p>7:30 Easter Potluck Breakfast 9:00 Holy Communion</p> 	<p>6 OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>10:00 Sewing Group</p> <p>6:00 — 7:30 Brownies 7:30 Women's Prayer Group</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:30 Bible Study 8:30 Compline</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7:00 Evangelism Meeting 7:30 Ruth Circle at home of Pat Minges</p>	<p>9 Noon Sarah Circle</p> <p>4:15 Choristers 6:30 Handbell Choir 7:00 Men's Devotional 7:30 Eve Circle 8:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:30 AA</p>	<p>11 Davis/Cheesborough Wedding</p> <p>5:00 Holy Communion</p> <p>7:00 AA</p>
<p>12 EASTER 2</p> <p>9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 SS Pre-K thru Adult</p> <p>5:00 — 7:00 Supper Club</p>	<p>13</p> <p>12:30 Miriam Circle</p> <p>6:00 — 7:30 Brownies 7:30 Coram Deo</p> <p>PASTORS ON VACATION</p>	<p>14</p> <p>PASTORS ON VACATION</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:30 Hannah Circle</p> <p>PASTORS ON VACATION</p>	<p>16</p> <p>4:15 Choristers 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir</p> <p>PASTORS ON VACATION</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:30 AA</p> <p>PASTORS ON VACATION</p>	<p>18</p> <p>5:00 Holy Communion</p> <p>7:00 AA</p> <p>PASTORS ON VACATION</p>
<p>19 EASTER 3</p> <p>9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 SS Pre-K thru Adult</p> <p>1:30 — 4:00 ML — SS Party</p> <p>PASTORS ON VACATION</p>	<p>20 SHOP & COOK FOR AIDS DINNER</p> <p>6:00-7:30 Brownies 7:30 — Coram Deo 7:30 Women's Prayer Group</p> <p>PASTORS ON VACATION</p>	<p>21 DELIVER AIDS DINNER</p> <p>1:00 and 7:00 Basics of Liturgical Worship 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 Compline</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>4:15 Choristers 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:30 AA</p>	<p>25 Confirmation Retreat 8:00 am — 6:00 pm</p> <p>5:00 Holy Communion</p> <p>7:00 AA</p>
<p>26 EASTER 4</p> <p>9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 SS Pre-K thru Adult</p> <p>12 Noon — LCW Spring Tea & Luncheon</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6:00 — 7:30 Brownies 7:30 — Coram Deo</p>	<p>28</p> <p>1:00 and 7:00 Basics of Liturgical Worship 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 Compline</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>4:15 Choristers 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir</p>		

Special dates

- Maundy/Holy Thursday, April 2, 2015
- Good Friday, April 3, 2015
- Holy Saturday, April 4, 2015
- Easter Sunday, April 5, 2015
- Administrative Professionals Day, April 22, 2015

