

HOLY TRINITY

Evangelical Lutheran Church

ECHOES NEWSLETTER

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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*

From the Pastors

Dear Parish Family,

Last month, we wrote that the verb **to follow** defines the noun **disciple**. Christians are to follow Jesus, each bearing his own cross. We are to go wherever He leads. In Matthew another verb defines **disciple**. It is found in the Great Commission at the end of the Gospel. Our Lord commanded the disciples **to make disciples. To follow Jesus** means to be committed **to make disciples**. How do we do this?

It is easy. When we have an opportunity, we are to share Jesus with those who do not believe in Him as Lord and Savior. What would that opportunity be? In the course of conversations with family, friends, acquaintances, and strangers, we are to find that moment when it is appropriate to begin or deepen talk of the Lord Jesus. We are not to avoid an obvious opportunity to witness. We will usually, if not always, know when that opportunity arises.

It is hard. We may have fears about witnessing. We need to overcome those fears. We are under a command to evangelize the nations. Holy Trinity Church has and will offer training in interpersonal witness. When it is offered again, think about attending the class.

I (Pastor Mike) have committed myself to a ministry in the Willow Grove Mall. On two occasions I have walked one of the floors of the Mall in my clerics anticipating that I will be approached. I have been. As a discipline, I will walk the Mall for Jesus at least once a week. We not only await an opportunity for witness, but also seek out opportunities.

We invite you to let us know what experiences you have had with witnessing to others. We pray that you may be emboldened **to make disciples**.

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

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Mission Statement

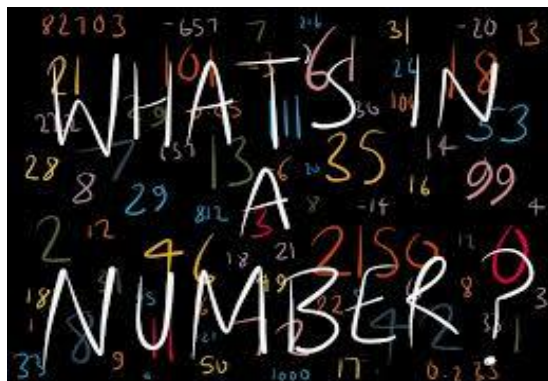
Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is a congregation of people of God, bound together in love for the purpose of glorifying God in worship and in fulfilling His will through spreading the Gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ to all humankind.



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

From The Financial Secretary



With regards to the **OFFERING ENVELOPES:**
It has become necessary to begin a **NEW NUMBER** system.
For a **NUMBER** of reasons:

- Saving the church money on unused envelopes
- Organizing and alphabetizing the envelope system
- Streamlining the process of preparing the envelopes

Your 2016 envelopes will be available in Fellowship Hall by December 13th along with your **NEW NUMBER!**

At the risk of sounding redundant we remind you that beginning the first Sunday in January **YOUR OLD NUMBER CAN NO LONGER BE USED!**

So attend a shredding event, start a bonfire or just recycle the envelopes to help save the trees- whatever feels right.

Just do not use them as offering envelopes!

Please contact the office if you have any difficulty finding your box of offering envelopes or if you are new and haven't been assigned a number yet. (215)659-2642 or email secretary@holyltrinity.net





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.



† Women's Prayer Group

The Holy Trinity
Women's Prayer Group
1st & 3rd Mondays
of each month.
We gather at **7:30 pm**
in the room over
Rosemary Hinkle's garage.
(See church directory for
phone # and address)
This space offers privacy.
Coffee, tea, and dessert
are served!
Every woman is welcome,
come as you are able.
Questions contact Rosemary
@
Rosemaryhinkle@comcast.net
2015 Schedule
Dec. 7
Resume Jan. 4, 2016

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: Adelaide, Alani, Albert, Alex, Alicia, Allan, Allyson, Althea, Amanda, Amber, Andy, Angela, Aniah, Anna, Anne, Antoinette, Art, Augusto, Barbara, Becca, Ben, Benjamin, Beth, Betty, Beverly, Bill, Bob, Bonnie, Brandy, Brian, Brianna, Bridget, Brielle, Bruce, Callie, Carol, Carole, Cassidy, Cheri, Chris, Christopher, Cindy, Clyde, Colleen, Dalillah, Dallas, Dan, David, Dean, Derek, Don, Dot, Doug, Drew, Earl, Ed, Edward, Elijah, Ella, Eric, Erin, F. Joseph, Flo, Foster, Frank, Gary, George, Gene, Gerald, Ginger, Gloria, Gray, Guy, Hannah, Harry, Heide, Heidi, Helen, Holly, Hope, Ingrid, Jackie, James, Jason, Jean, Jeanne, Jen, Jennifer, Jill, Joanne, Joe, John, Joshua, Judi, Judy, Julianne, Julius, Kathy, Katie, Kayla, Keith, Keegan, Kevan, Kim, Kristin, Larry, Laura, Lauren, LeVern, Linda, Lisa, Lois, Lori, Lorraine, Lucia, Lynn, Maralyn, Marge, Mariah, Mariliz, Marissa, Mark, Marlene, Marsha, Maryanne, Mary Ann, Maryjane, Maureen, Matt, Max, Megan, Melanie, Michael, Mike, Mina, Nate, Nancy, Nedra, Nicky, Nik, Nikki, Nyssa, Pat, Paul, Phillip, Randy, Rebecca, Reed, Renee, Rick, Rob, Roopa, Rudi, Russell, Ruth, Sam, Samantha, Sandy, Sean, Sheila, Sue, Suzy, Scarlett, Scott, Shonna, Stephanie, Steven, Tara, TC, Terri, Thelma, Tim, TJ, Tony, Tyler, Vern, Vicki, Wanda, Warren, 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 Anderson, Arrue, Bauer, Bell, Bell-Powell, Berkovitz, Bertsch, Biehl, Benincasa, Borger, Borgia, Boyer, Breslin, Campbell, Croce, Delano, Del Vecchio, Dewald, Drobish, Drumm, Eisenmann, Elsey, Fahy, Favorin, Foley, Frame, Gettmann, Hanzlick, Heeter, Johnson, Kelly, Kennedy, Koehler, Langan, Lee, Petrunis, Powell, Matteo, MacErlean, McKelvey, Medveckus, Mitchell, Moletzsky, Necker, Ness, Paolone, Praschil, Reeder, Ryan, Sawick, Sayles, Sears, Selman, Schmidt, Shippon, Singrella, Stanton, Strange, Taggart, Timson, Trickel, Walker, Wilson, Wray, Young, Zar and Zaroli 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 & that He would please send workers into the Harvest.
For all who are chronically ill and/or shut-in.
For all who struggle with addiction to drugs and alcohol.
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.



Baptized
into the
Faith

Congratulations on your Baptism

Welcome to the Lord's Family
Steven Glenn Roeper

Baptized November 8, 2015
Son of Steven & Caitlyn (Doyle) Roeper

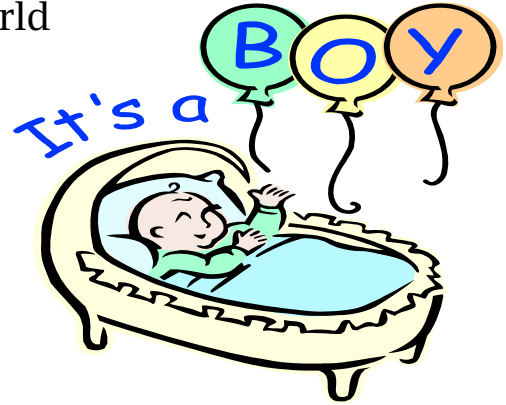
Congratulations and Welcome to God's World

Little Henry Francis Simmons

Born Tuesday, **November 10, 2015**

Weighing 8lbs., 7 oz.

To Parents Monica and Nate Simmons and
Grandparents Heidi and Don Simmons



Our Christian Sympathy to

Donna Lee and Barbara Lee
and family on the death of
Betty Lee
November 4, 2015

Psalm 112:6

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

Memorials have been received



In Memory of...

*Miriam Alderfer
Earl Reeder
Hazel Ferguson
Albert W. Diener
Betty Lee*



Welcome
to Our
Church New Members:

Otis Bricker

**912 Laburnam Lane
Wyncote, PA 19095
(215)885-2672**

Scott Cuff

**139 Allison Road
Willow Grove, PA 19090
(610) 457-7461**

Sherri Gregg

**1620 Conquest Way
Fort Washington, PA 19034
(215) 630-7730**

Larry & Ginny Guenzel

**300 Carpenter Lane
Lansdale, PA 19446
(215) 855-6004**

Ernie & Sharon Koch

**1304 Hi View Drive
Southampton, PA 18966
(215) 355-7875**

Steve & Kelly Wyszomierski

**36 Mulberry Lane
Elkins Park, PA 19027
(724)493-5177**

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

October 31, 2015 (For the Year 2015)

	Holy Trinity Ministries	Wider Church
Year to date received for current income	\$ 325,186.46	\$ 37,738.11
Carry over Benevolence from 2013		\$ 68.34
Expenses paid to date	\$ 332, 297.98	\$ 33,296.75
Surplus/(Deficit) 2015	(\$7,111.52)	\$ 4,509.70

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
 Phillip Gettmann
 Shaun Hall
 Eric Henderson
 John Quici
 Nathan Quinlan
 Vikas Shah
 Jonathan Skilton, MD



NOTE TO SELF

Interfaith Food Pantry is very low on:
 Jelly, Canned chicken, canned salmon & tuna,
 Rice, potatoes (boxed & canned) gravy,
 canned tomatoes, corn muffin mix, canned fruit
 Pancake mix & syrup, coffee & condiments,
 toilet tissue and paper towels.

Please remember your Church in your will.

Christmas Eve Worship



*Celebrate with us
the joyous occasion of
our Lord and Savior's birth*

Worship at
6:30 pm- Family Service
Holy Communion
and Blessing of the Creche
9:00 pm- Holy Communion



Mark your calendar!

The Sunday after Christmas Day, **December 27th** is

Bell Sunday

Bring a small bell with you from home.

Any kind of bell is OK.

The Sunday after Christmas Day is **Bell Sunday**. Everyone is encouraged to bring a small bell from home. These bells are to be rung throughout the liturgy and the hymns of the worship service on the first Sunday following Christmas. The ringing of bells during Christian worship is an ancient custom. We ring bells in obedience to God's command to "make a joyful noise," as a sign that something supernatural is happening in our midst, and as a way to celebrate the defeat of evil through the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. You are encouraged to ring your bells every time you hear (or sing) Gloria, "Holy, holy, holy", Praise, or any reference to joy, bells, singing, ringing, angels, celebration, or Jesus Christ.

Don't forget your Bells!



It's that time of year again!

Holy Trinity will begin the drive to stock the shelves of the Martin Luther-Silver Springs Positive Behavior store

Beginning Sunday, November 29th the Christmas tree will be out in the Narthex and wrapped presents will be available for everyone to take home. Within the wrapped present are the typical suggestions for purchase such as: stuffed animals, basketball and footballs, puzzles, crayons and coloring books, board games and card games. The wish list from Martin Luther-Silver Springs also included some more expensive options that may be a perfect match for some members of the congregation. If any member is interested in giving one of these items, please contact Ann Frey at any time. These items are not under the tree with the other suggestions, but are still welcomed throughout this collection.

Merry Christmas!

Nicole Miller

Ella Murphy

Save the Date!

Holy Trinity is hosting a Blood Drive

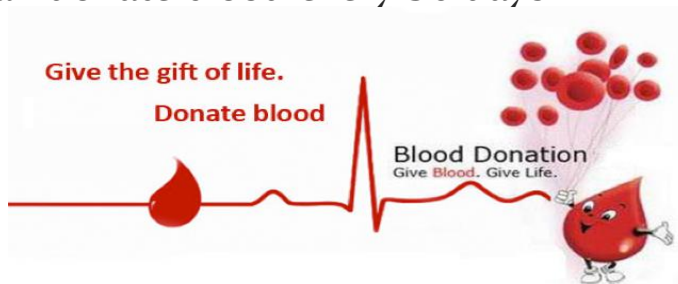
January 22, 2016

1:30 PM to 6:30 PM



Did you know...

- That every 2 seconds, someone in the US needs blood
- That every unit donated can save up to three lives
- That type O blood is the blood that hospitals request most
- That 16 year-olds can donate blood with their parent's permission
- That you can donate blood every 56 days



MUSICA CONCORDIA

Jacqueline Smith, director

presents

MUSIC FOR THE ADVENT SEASON



Music of Brahms, Gibbons, Praetorius, Willcocks, Wood, and others
with guest artist
Elena Smith, cello

Two performances:

Saint Cecilia Church
535 Rhawn St., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19111
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2015 4:00 PM

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
2086 Parkview Ave., Abington, PA 19001
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2015 7:00 PM

No tickets required Free will offering will be received



COOKIE WALK

HOME-MADE CHRISTMAS COOKIES

\$5 PER DOZEN OR \$8 A POUND

CHOOSE YOUR OWN FROM A VARIETY
CONTAINERS PROVIDED

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2015

TIME: 9 AM TO 12 PM

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

2086 PARKVIEW AVENUE

ABINGTON, PA 19001

(215) 659-2642



PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT INTERFAITH
FOOD CUPBOARD & PARISH RELIEF





NOTES OF THANKS

Oct. 21, 2015

Dear Wonderful Holy Trinity friends,

Thank you very much for hosting another fantastic fall fair for the boys and girls in the residential treatment program at Silver Springs. They had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed themselves! We are so grateful for your ongoing friendship and support of our ministry!

With your help we are helping children learn, heal, and reach for bright futures! On behalf of the boys and girls, thanks again

Sincerely,

Amanda Bryant



Oct. 28, 2015

Dear Congregation of Holy Trinity,

Thank you for your generous support of Blanket Sunday. We raised \$412.00 which will buy 60 blankets to be sent to Lutheran World Relief. We also received an adorable baby blanket that we donated to a lucky little girl at the Cradle of Hope.

Thanks again,
Katie Beyer.



Nov. 1, 2015

Dear Ladies of the Saturday Sewing/Arts & Crafts Group,

I was so great to get your note with all the good news!! And I don't know why I was surprised to see our goal was met and then some. That's the Holy Trinity Spirit at work doing what God calls us to do!

Tomorrow, Monday November 2nd, I will attend the first meeting of a knitting group at my new church, St. Phillip Lutheran Church. I plan to take Herta's picture and pattern for the Diane throws for show and tell and also the picture of the 200 bags on the pew backs of Holy Trinity. I just became a member last Sunday, Reformation, so yes, I'm getting ready to help. I also joined the Bell Choir. I, too, miss you all very much and think of all the good times at Holy Trinity.

Love, Carol Renne





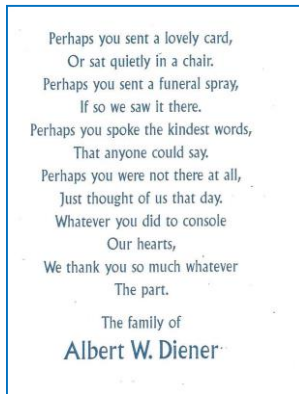
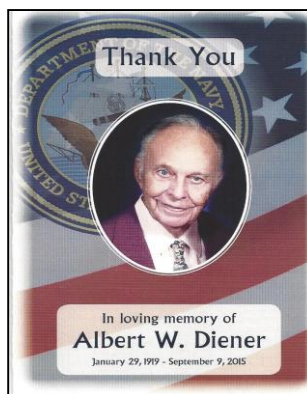
NOTES OF THANKS (cont...)

Dear Pastors and Holy Trinity Family,

Thank you so very much for all your support, prayers, and concerns during those difficult times leading up to the passing of our dad Al Diener. He always loved the flowers and the pastors visits when he could not get out anymore. Thanks to everyone for your cards and well wishes. He is now at peace and in God's hands.

Thanks again and God bless all of you.

The family of Al Diener.



A Brimming Shoe Box Full of Thank You's

Holy Trinity, you outdid yourselves! As a church, both at our packing party and individually, **we contributed 346 Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes.** There will be 346 children, 346 families and orphanage workers, who will be touched by these gifts and the love of Jesus. There will be 346 opportunities for children and parents/caregivers to hear the Gospel story and experience that love. They will hopefully both sign up for *The Greatest Journey* Bible study program AND be drawn to attend a local church regularly to grow in their faith.

There are so many thank you's to go around for this great sending.

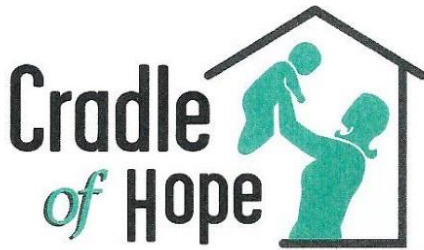
- The Mission Committee for granting \$1,500 to fill in gaps with school supplies, toiletries, and toys as well as shipping costs.
- The Lutheran Church Women who once again put together a packing party
- The Men's Devotional Group for making purchases of toys specifically for boys
- The Youth Group for making items such as jump ropes and hackey sack balls
- The Saturday Sewing Group for over 200 drawstring bags and a myriad of hair & jewelry items
- For those who sewed clothes, created stuffed animals, crocheted hats, etc.
- Those who contributed the 200+ needed shoe boxes
- YOU, who lovingly made personal contributions and lovingly packed these boxes
- All who brigaded the boxes out of the church
- Rob Ischinger for delivering 346 boxes to Covenant Church in Hatboro...perfect size van, Rob!
- And finally, those who made generous contributions toward shipping all of our packed shoeboxes.

What a list! What a church!

Remember, this is a year-round project, so begin collecting now for 2016.

Your Shoe Box Committee





A Home for Single Mothers and Children

October 19, 2015

Katie Beyers
Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
2086 Parkview Ave
Abington PA 19001

Dear Ms. Beyers & Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your generous contribution of a cozy blanket to the Cradle of Hope. It is our joy to partner with you in this way to provide safe housing for mothers who choose life for their children. Your support is vital and we are thankful for you.

One of our current mothers, Porshea, is enrolled in online school and pursuing a degree in psychology. She is working towards getting her driver's license and caring for her young daughter. Our newest mother, Keyana, works part-time and has a certificate in culinary arts. Her dream is to one day have her own restaurant. These mothers are examples of young women making investments in the future, to provide a life for their child marked by stability, security, and love.

The women in our program work hard and make sacrifices every day to put their children first and do the hard work of parenting. They face significant challenges and strive to overcome them and find a better future. Here at the Cradle of Hope we seek to come alongside them offering hope, encouragement, prayer, rides, diapers, and more. Your gifts enable us to do that and for that we are eternally grateful. You are investing in the life of a young mother and her child and the benefits of that will be reaped for years to come.

Thank you for joining us in this work.

Sincerely,

Betsy Stoltzfus
Director, Cradle of Hope

Board Members: Eileen Britton, Cornell Davis III, Mershon Hinkel, Maureen Krueger, Esq.,
Michelle Nejman, Connie Schandein, Cheryl Sumitra, Terri Supka

"In the day of my trouble, I will call on you, because You answer me.

(Psalm 86:7)

Cradle of Hope is a 501-(c)(3) charitable organization. Your gift is tax-deductible. You did not receive any goods or services in exchange for your contribution. The official registration and financial information of the Cradle of Hope, Inc. may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, 1 (800) 732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement

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Why are Poinsettias the Flower of Christmas?

Bright, flaming red, star-shaped Poinsettias are known as “The Flower of the Holy Night” or the “Flame Leaf Christmas Star” in the United States.

One of the most popular flowers in Central America, it was brought here by Dr. Joel Poinsett, the first US ambassador to Mexico, over 100 years ago. The legend of the Poinsettia also comes from Mexico and explains how this flower came to represent the deep love of innocent hearts shown, by poor children, for the Baby Jesus.

Once upon a time, two very poor children lived in a village in Mexico. They were a brother and sister named Maria and Pablo. Just like all the other children in the village, Maria and Pablo looked forward to the special Christmas parade and the annual Nativity play. During this Nativity play, a large manger scene was set up in the village church. All the children of the village marched in the Christmas parade to bring their presents to the Baby Jesus on Christmas Eve.

Maria and Pablo loved Jesus and the season of His birth very much, but they had no money to buy a gift for Him. That evening as they walked to join the other children in the Christmas parade, they took the long route in hopes that they might be able to find some flower blossoms to lay before the manger of the Christ Child. But they couldn’t find any.

Although they were sad at heart and quite disheartened by their poverty, they picked the prettiest green leaves they could find, squared their shoulders, and joined the parade of children. The other children teased them cruelly for bringing “weeds” to the Christ Child, yet Pablo and Maria braved their way to the Nativity Scene, knelt in worship, and placed the greenery carefully around the manger. As the children lifted their heads, a miracle occurred. Bright red star-shaped flowers burst forth from the greens and were the most beautiful of all the gifts that the Christ Child had received that day.

Poinsettia Order for Christmas Eve

Deadline - December 13, 2015

___ Red Poinsettias @ \$10.00 apiece ___ White Poinsettias @ \$10.00 apiece

Amount enclosed: \$ _____ Dedicate or memorialize as follows (if desired):

Your Name: _____ Envelope Number (If known) _____

Please enclose order and payment in small pew envelope marked “Poinsettias” and place in offering plate.

Make checks payable to: Holy Trinity

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

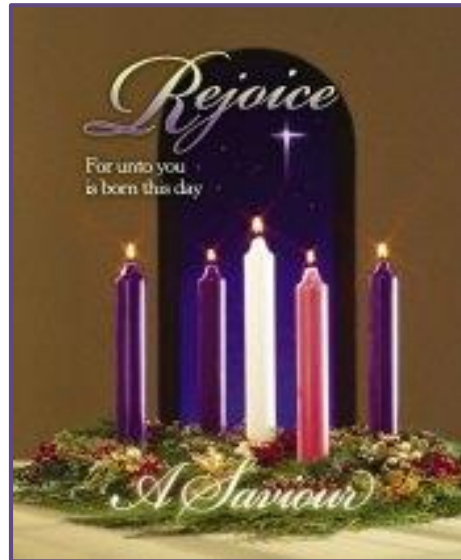
Advent Family Night - December 6, 2015

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

white glove service provided by the Sons of Thunder Youth Group

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
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





THE SATURDAY SEWING GROUP

Is taking a much needed rest for the month of December!

Enjoy your families and the joy of Jesus' birth

Look for our announcement in January's Echoes

for the next Arts & Crafts Saturday!

In the meanwhile...for you knitters out there...

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

GIANT GIFT CARDS make wonderful Christmas Gifts

Quality. Selection. Savings. Every Day.

Holy Trinity LCW have Giant Food Stores Gift Cards for purchase. 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. It 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 "Holy Trinity Giant". 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 goes to 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*

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Women
Save this date**

April 22 - April 24, 2016

LCW Retreat at Mother Boniface Retreat Center

Additional Information will be forthcoming.



Lutheran Church Women's Circle Bible Study



The Beatitudes Matthew 5:3-10

Holy Trinity Church Women are studying the Beatitudes in their Circles. These teachings come from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount found in Matthew. We are exploring how these seemingly simple statements of what Jesus values in us can be quite complex and challenging, even unsettling as they speak to a way of thinking and acting that we need to cultivate. We will discuss the difficulties and rewards of trying to live according to these teachings of Jesus. Ultimately, we hope that through this study and practicing what we learn, we will dwell more deeply in the blessed life that Jesus has promised.

DECEMBER CIRCLES

“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.”

This third Beatitude presents another character quality that Jesus wants us to have as His disciples. Is being meek the opposite of being powerful? Or, does it mean something a bit different? We will delve into what it means to be meek and discuss how you think meekness in doing the will of God differs from your daily experiences in the world.

Here is the listing of the Circles, when and where they meet in December, and the Circle leader with contact information. Do not hesitate to contact a Circle leader to find out more about an individual Circle.

Miriam Circle - Monday, December 14 at 12:30 pm in the SS Peter & Andrew Study
Leader: Ruth McCandless (215) 682-2034 ruthmccandless4@gmail.com

Ruth Circle - Wednesday, December 9 at 7:30 pm at home of Rosemary Hinkle
1164 Wheatsheaf Lane, Abington 215-887-4954
Leader: Nancy Necker (215) 884-2123 nnecker52@gmail.com

Sarah Circle - Thursday, December 10 at 12:00 pm in the SS Peter & Andrew Study
Leader: Judi Reeder (215) 431-7265 judireeder@hotmail.com

Eve Circle - Tuesday, December 15 at 6:30 pm in the SS Peter & Andrew Study
Potluck dinner
Leader: Sue Tolton (215) 659-7054 suetolton@comcast.net

Hannah Circle - Tuesday, December 15 at 6:30 pm at the home of Maryann Leventhal
509 Preston Lane, Hatboro (215) 441-0224
Leader: Cindy Biehl (267) 475-5435 cindybiehl@msn.com

Special note: For December



Please mark your calendars and be sure to join us for Advent Family Night
Sunday, December 6th beginning with Vespers at 4:00 PM





Coram Deo

Join us this year for lively discussions of literature and living life in the presence of God. Our meetings are at 7:30 pm in the SS Peter & Andrew Study most Mondays. Please bring your own copy of the reading selection

December 2015

December 7 - Short stories of O. Henry

The Gift of the Magi

The Ransom of the Red Chief

December 14 - Short stories of James Thurber

The Secret Life of Walter Mitty


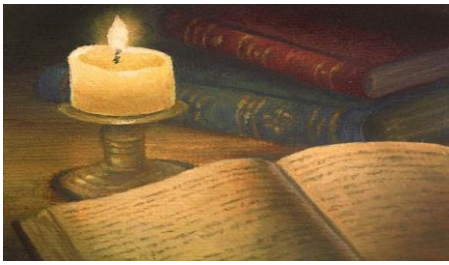
Sitting in the Catbird Seat



The Library Staff wishes you & your family
a blessed Christmas!

The Library cart has a display of
Christmas themed books.

Please peruse at your leisure & borrow some!



The Free Library of Philadelphia's Rare Book Department is hosting "Sacred Stories: The World's Religious Traditions" through January. Religious texts dating to medieval times are on display, including Martin Luther's first German New Testament, printed in 1522.

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LIBRARY OF
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The Fellowship of Christian Educators in Public Schools

A national nonpolitical, nondenominational organization will hold its monthly meeting (part Bible Study /part support) at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Abington on the second Wednesday of most months.

Our next meeting is **Wednesday, December 9th at 7:30 pm.**

If you are interested, you are welcome.

(Not an educator: We also welcome support staff, custodians, and nurses!)

Questions? Concerns? Please email nckb520@verizon.net

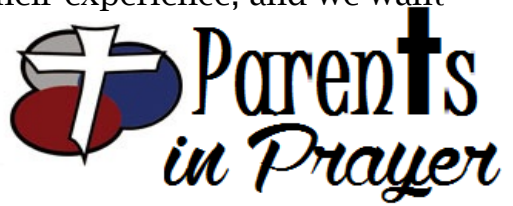
New Prayer Group for Parents of Students in Abington School

Group meets the first Sunday of the month. Next meeting **Sunday, Dec. 6, 7:00 pm**

Come to the office lobby of New Life Presbyterian Church, 427 N. Easton Road, Glenside.

Hosted by Abington parent Bethany Serridge. The goal of this group is to intercede for our families, our children, and our schools. "We want the promises of God in Christ to be more real to our children than the media, their circumstances, and their experience; and we want God to bring great glory to Himself in our public schools."

Questions: Contact Bethany Serridge at serridges@verizon.net



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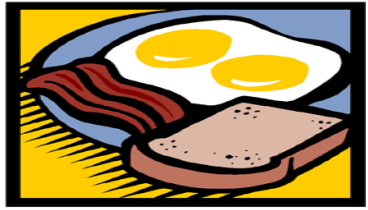
Beginning the week of November 29th Pastor Tavella will be taking a stroll once a week in the Willow Grove Mall in full black clerics in order to provide an opportunity for witness to those who approach him. He has already done this twice. If you would like to walk with him, let him know.

A Bible Study for use when driving with two or more occupants...

Stay tuned!



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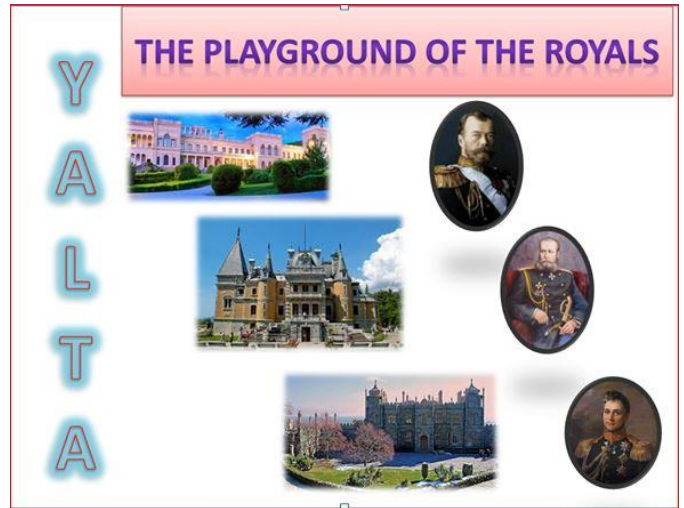


FELLOWSHIP

Adult Christian Breakfast Fellowship

(All Adults Young & Old are invited)

When: **Saturday, December 5, 2015**
Time: 8:30 A.M.
Topic: Final Installment on Ukraine Trip Series
Speaker: Allan Shikhvarg



Join us for breakfast & fellowship.



Men's Devotional Group

Mark your calendar & don't miss out on the Men's Devotional Group Meeting.

They meet the second Thursday of every month.

Join us **Thursday, December 10th at 7:00 P.M.**

in the Sons of Thunder 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.

Drivers Needed



**JOIN OUR
DELIVERY
TEAM**

Can you spare one Tuesday morning a month?
You have been faithful to help fund this vital ministry of providing a meal to those in need through the Aids dinner.
We are seeking volunteers to deliver the meal.
Contact the office if you are interested and available
(215) 659-2642



Youth Ministry

All events are on SUNDAY unless otherwise noted

December 6, 2015 ADVENT FAMILY NIGHT

This event supercedes both Sons of Thunder Youth Group and Supper Club for the month of December

Don't miss out on the fun beginning at:

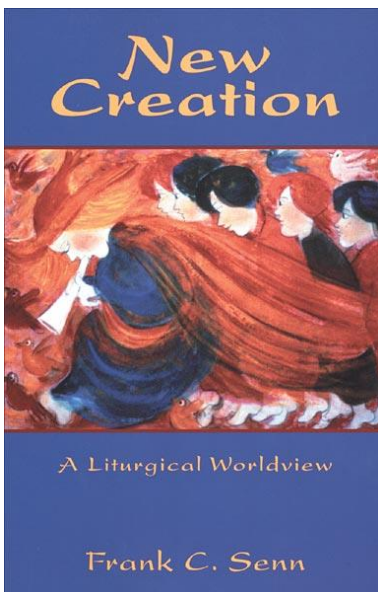
4:00 PM Vespers service

4:30 PM All Youth Servers meet in kitchen for dinner

★ Remember to wear all black with your new ★
Sons of Thunder Youth Group Tee-Shirt!

5:00 PM Dinner Served (White Glove service)

6:00 PM Tucker's Tales Puppet Show



A Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex for Pastor Mandy's
8 week Tuesday course beginning **January 5th**

New Creation: A Liturgical Worldview

By Frank Senn

This course speaks to how liturgy celebrates a reality or worldview – a new creation – that can inform all Christian life.

Download a copy for your e-reader, buy a used paperback from Amazon or Pastor Mandy can order you a copy for \$16.00

*Please note when you sign up if you would like
Pastor Mandy to order a book for you.

There is a need at Wayne Hall

Will you donate ONE HOUR OF YOUR TIME ONCE A MONTH?

That's all it would take to provide entertainment for the children while their mothers are in Bible Study.

7:30 - 8:30 pm EITHER Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday night whatever works best. Be a part of a team that serves those in need.



Contact Rosemary at rosemaryhinkle@comcast.net or call (215) 887-4954



Ushers Needed! No qualifications necessary other than a heart to serve God & others! Consider joining as a family! Willing congregants contact Phil Diener (215)657 - 3867 or call Or call the church office (215) 659 - 2642 email secretary@holyltrinity.net

To All Committee Chairpersons

If you haven't already please submit your Annual Report to Deb in the office



To All Committee Chairs

Budget #s for 2016 are now being accepted. Let the church office, Rich Hamilton or Alan Hinkle know secretary@holyltrinity.net



December Worship Assistants Schedule



December 6

Usher	4	Greeter	Nancy & Jim Necker	Presenters of Gifts	Nancy & Jim Necker and Linda Frezza
Count	4	Acolyte	Audrey Brown		
Christophers	4	Crucifer	Charlie Tolton		
Prayer Team	2	Lay Reader- Sat	George Powell	Communion Assistants	Ann Frey and Jean Raiguel
		Sun	Eric Gregg	Setup	Maryann Leventhal

December 13

Usher	5	Greeter	Nancy, Gloria & Rob Ischinger	Presenters of Gifts	Nancy & Rob Ischinger and Ken Tredinnick
Count	1	Acolyte	Hannah Mumford		
Christophers	5	Crucifer	Rob Ischinger		
Prayer Team	3	Lay Reader- Sat	Linda Cassidy	Communion Assistants	Jim & Nancy Necker
		Sun	Deb Mumford	Setup	Tina Bednarczyk

December 20

Usher	1	Greeter	Kevan Berkovitz & Ann Frey	Presenters of Gifts	Sue & Charlie Tolton and Tina Bednarczyk
Count	2	Acolyte	Tyler Dewald		
Christophers	1	Crucifer	Dan Dewald		
Prayer Team	4	Lay Reader-Sat	John Maieron	Communion Assistants	Deb Mumford and Eric Gregg
		Sun	Barbara Harris	Setup	Sue Tolton

December 24

Usher	6:30 2	Greeter	The Schied Family	Presenters of Gifts	6:30 The Gregg Family 9:00 The Mumford Family
	9:00 3	Acolyte	6:30 Jayden Butler		
		Crucifer	6:30 Kevan Berkovitz	Communion Assistants	6:30 Eric Gregg
Lay Reader- 6:30	Sherri Gregg	Acolyte	9:00 Ellie Nilsen	Assistants	Linda Borkowski
	9:00 John Ickler	Crucifer	9:00 Lauren Caputo	Communion Assistants	9:00 Frank & Erica Ganther







December 27

Usher	4	Greeter	Ruth McCandless Nancy Myers	Presenters of Gifts	Don & Ruth Lewis and Jeanne Blacoe
Count	3	Acolyte	Sophia LaRocca		
Christophers	2	Crucifer	Michael LaRocca		
Prayer Team	5	Lay Reader-Sat	Clem McLaughlin	Communion Assistants	Maryann Leventhal and Tony Quici
		Sun	Barbara Harvey	Setup	Deb Mumford

If you cannot serve please contact someone on the list for that particular service team and find a replacement.
If you cannot find a replacement simply contact the office (215) 659-2642 or email Deb at secretary@holytrinity.net

Called to *Serve*

December 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 First Sunday in Advent		1 7:30 Searcher's Bible Study 8:30 Compline	2 7:30 Council	3 3:30- Choristers 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	4 7:30 AA	5 8:30 Adult Breakfast Fellowship 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
6 ADVENT 2 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult Advent Family Night 4 pm Vespers 5 pm Dinner 6 pm Tucker's Tales	7 6 – 7:30 Brownies 7:30 Coram Deo 7:30 Women's Prayer Group	8 No Bible Study/Compline	9 7:00 Evangelism 7:30 Ruth Circle at the home of Rosemary Hinkle.	10 12:00 Sarah Circle 3:30 Choristers 6:30 Handbell Choir 7:00 Men's Group 8:00 Chancel Choir	11 7:30 AA	12 9:00 – 12:00 Cookie Walk 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
13 ADVENT 3 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult	14 12:30 Miriam Circle 6 – 7:30 Brownies 7:30 Coram Deo	15 6:30 Eve Circle Potluck dinner 6:30 Hannah Circle at the home of Maryann Leventhal. No Bible Study/Compline	16	17 3:30- Choristers 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	18 7:30 AA	19 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
20 ADVENT 4 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 7:00 Musica Concordia Advent Concert	21 SHOP & COOK AIDS DINNER 	22 DELIVER AIDS DINNER No Bible Study/Compline	23	24  SERVICES 6:30 AND 9:00	25 	26 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
27 Bell Sunday 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult	28 6 – 7:30 Brownies	29 No Bible Study/Compline	30	31 		

Special Dates:

Second Sunday of Advent, *December 6, 2015*
 Third Sunday of Advent, *December 13, 2015*
 Fourth Sunday of Advent, *December 20, 2015*
 First Day of Winter, *December 21, 2015*
 Christmas Eve, *December 24, 2015*
 Christmas Day, *December 25, 2015*
 New Year's Eve/Watch Night, *December 31, 2015*

Merry Christmas

