

HOLY TRINITY

Evangelical Lutheran Church

ECHOES NEWSLETTER

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From the Pastors

Dear Parish Family,

First of all, the forgiveness of sins makes the Christian and applies to him throughout life. In the narrative of Jesus' birth, we are told that His name means "He will save his people from their sins." (Matthew 1:21b) Indeed, He has. The Words of Institution at the Last Supper tell us of His sacrificial death. Jesus said, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." (Matthew 26:27b ESV) The cross is the most powerful symbol of God's forgiveness. The cross stands at the beginning of the Christian life and applies throughout.

Second of all, the disciple, saved by Christ's death and resurrection, walks the way of the cross. At Caesarea Philippi, Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." (Matthew 16:34 ESV) What does this mean? Let us give just one example.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus instructs His disciples, "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..." Non-believers love those who love them. If we love only those who love us, we are not any different from those outside the Christian community. This text in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:43ff) ends with Jesus' commanding the disciples to "be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect." (Matthew 5:48 ESV) Now here's a challenge! Perfection includes love of our enemies. Isn't it good that God forgives our many debts (see Matthew 18:31ff ESV) We pray, "forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors." (Matthew 6:12 ESV) We, whose debts have been forgiven, are to forgive others, even our foes.

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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

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.

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So how do we do what is impossible? We know how hard it is to love our enemies. It so rarely happens. We have no really sound advice outside the wisdom of the Scriptures. We must rely on God's forgiveness for our failures and pray that what is impossible for us is accomplished in what is possible for God. We must rely on God working for good in us.

Jesus told the rich young man to give away all that he possessed, if he wished to be perfect and inherit eternal life. The man walked away sorrowful. After Jesus told the disciples that it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God, they responded, "Who then can be saved?" We leave you with Jesus' answer, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." (See Matthew 19:16ff)

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

OBSERVE THE START OF LENT
WITH
WORSHIP & IMPOSITION OF ASHES
Morning Worship Service at 11 AM
FEBRUARY 18TH AT 7:30 PM



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.



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

February 2, 16 March 2, 16
April 6, 20 May 4, 18
June 1, 15

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

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.



Holy Trinity Shirts

Shirts are available with the Holy Trinity logo in embroidery.

All shirts are royal blue with white logo.

Both golf shirts and dress shirts may be ordered.

Cost is less than \$30 depending on type of shirt.

They make a wonderful gift!

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

Support Us

Please consider a gift of appreciated securities to Holy Trinity as you do your tax planning for this year. You may direct questions about how to do this to Alan Hinkle @ alanhinkle@comcast.net

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

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



NOTE TO SELF

Interfaith Food Pantry is very low on:
Rice, canned meats, spaghetti sauce, and condiments,
jelly, juice, pop tarts and toilet tissue.

Please remember your Church in your will.



*Memorials have
been received*

In Memory of...

Pastor Alvin O. Shiffer

Robert and Margaret Stoeffler

Carl A. Musse

Warren B. and Doris Shinn

Catherine Cook

Paul Hendricks

Truman and Betty Gregg

Virginia Gregg

Mark Freas

Margaret C. Phipps



FASTNACHT '15



THE SLAPSTICK WRITING TEAM OF CRACK, UM-UP AND HOW
HAVE BEEN HARD AT WORK FOR YOUR ENTERTAINMENT

JOIN US **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH AT 7:00 PM**
ON STAGE IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
AS HOLY TRINITY PRESENTS FASTNACHT '15
“SUPERHEROES & VILLAINS”

COST IS \$2 PER PERSON \$5 PER FAMILY
DONUTS & BEVERAGES AFTER THE SHOW



Ash Wednesday Soup Supper- All Invited

Wednesday, February 18th

(prior to the Service)

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM



Soup, salad, bread, dessert and beverages will be provided.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex

A free will offering will be taken.



Ash Wednesday- February 18, 2015

11:00 am & 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary

Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes at both services

Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study

1:00 pm- "Bible As Source of Faith"

Tuesday Evening Worship and Bible Study

7:00 & 7:30 pm- 2 Bible Studies (Fellowship Hall & Parlor)

8:30 pm- Compline (Chapel)

Wednesday Worship and Devotional Study

(beginning Wednesday, February 25th)

9:30 am: Mid-Morning Prayer (Terce) and Devotional Study, "Singing with the Exiles"

7:30 pm: Evening Prayer (Vespers) and Devotional Study, "Singing with the Exiles"

Sunday Morning Lenten Worship Services

Lent 1 – February 22 (The Great Litany with Handbells)

Lent 2 – 5 – March 1, 8, 15, 22

Stations of the Cross for Families – Sunday, March 15th

Meet at 5:00 pm in Fellowship Hall for potluck supper & explanation

...Continuing Lenten Worship Schedule to be posted in March Echoes...





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February 4, 2015

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

March 4, 2015

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

April 1, 2015

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



NOTES OF THANKS



December 30, 2014

Dear Holy Trinity,

Thank you so much for the care package during finals time! It came at the perfect time.

Thank you so much,
Brian Poe



January 2, 2015

Dear Holy Trinity family,

Thank you so much for the care package- all of the goodies were a blessing during finals week! I hope everyone has a happy and healthy 2015.

Sincerely,
Nellie Smith



January 2, 2015

My Dear Church Family,

Thank you again Pastor Mandy and Pastor Mike for all you did for me. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all your prayers, cards, and phone calls. Your thoughts and prayers helped me through the surgery and recuperation. Thanks especially to our Saturday evening service worshippers for everything. I am very proud to be a member of Holy Trinity congregation.

Fondly,
Helen W. Williams





Letters continued...

January 5, 2015

Dear Holy Trinity Family,
Thank you for your
generous support of Blanket Sunday.
We raised \$333.00 and sent a new
blanket to Cradle of Hope.

Sincerely,
Katie Beyer



January 7, 2015

Dear Friends at Holy Trinity,
We thank all our friends at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Abington, for your December 31, 2014 gift of \$268 to Silver Springs-Martin Luther School through the Harvest Home offering. Your kindness is another example of your commitment to the welfare of children and families. It is no secret-something I know you have heard throughout the years- that in an era of tight budgets and extensive governmental regulation, it is the partnership of caring friends that enables Silver Springs-Martin Luther School to continue providing crucial services for vulnerable and wounded children in a nurturing and healing environment. On behalf of our children and families, we thank you for helping us in this work!

Sincerely,
Joan M. Piasecki
Gift Coordinator



A big thank you to the Christophers (esp. Chris Quici) for delivering the Altar flowers to me. It was thoughtful and greatly appreciated.

Best regards,
LeVern Dudenbostel.

The Monday morning Sewing Circle needs your help

We are beginning a new project

Bags for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

In addition to our next meeting, **Monday, February 2nd at 10:00 am**

We are looking for interested stay-at-home volunteers

We have kits prepared in gallon size bags
with all the necessary supplies & instructions

Just come to the closet in Al Schmidt's Sunday School classroom and take one
from the box labeled "**Kits to be made**" once it's done return it to the closet
and place in the empty box labeled "**Completed Kits**".

...It's that simple...it's that easy...

Can't participate? We are always in need of supplies for the kits
Prayerfully consider donating any amount of good fabric (100% Cotton)
or supplies for the cords to tie the bags together.

We also accept monetary donations in a pew envelope marked "Sewing group"

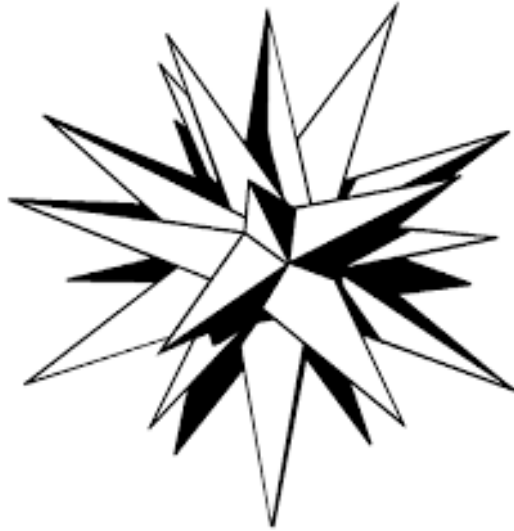
Many thanks,
Holy Trinity Sewing Group

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



Handbell Extravaganza!!



Transfiguration Sunday
February 15, 2015 at 7:00 pm

Cairn University Handbell Choir
The Bells of Holy Trinity
The Keystone Youth Choir Bell Choirs
Catie McLain, flute and piccolo

under the direction of
Kenneth Borrmann, Esther Kulp, and Jacqueline Smith

A free-will offering will be received for the benefit of Cairn University.

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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



February 2- *The Crucible*- Arthur Miller Acts 1, 2

February 9- *The Crucible* Acts 3, 4, 5

February 23- *Pudd'in Head Wilson* – Mark Twain

March 2- *The Man That Corrupted Hadleyburg*- Mark Twain

March 9- *Winesburg, OH*- Sherwood Anderson (read up to and including *The Thinker*)

March 16-*Winesburg, OH*- (the remaining short stories in this book)

March 23 *Daisy Miller* - Henry James

March 30- NO MEETING

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

May18- *Father Brown Mysteries*- (TBA) - G.K.Chesterton

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

July 15- *Lolita*-Vladimir Nabokov



Men's Devotional Group

Please join us for the Men's Devotional Group Meeting for February. The Men's Devotional Group meets the second Thursday of every month Thursday, February 12th, 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.



GIFT CARDS

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Women 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.

Community NEWS

You can use from
the Abington Police



Safe T Zone: This is a Safe Transfer Zone that has been designated especially for citizens who transact business online and then plan to meet in person to complete a sale or transfer property. Since those meetings often involve strangers and have sometimes ended in robbery or worse, the Abington Police have designated their lobby for this purpose. The lobby is located in the Abington Township Building 1166 Old York Road, Abington and is open and monitored 24/7 as is the parking lot.

Coffee with A Cop: The Abington Police will hold Coffee with A Cop on Saturday, January 31, 9:00-11:00 AM at Whole Foods Market, The Fairway, Jenkintown. This is your opportunity to stop by and ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know your officers. This event will be held each month in a different location. Most people typically have contact with police in emergencies or other situations of duress. This unique opportunity allows citizens to chat with officers in an easily approachable, friendly environment.

Citizens Police Academy: This 8-week program (every Tuesday, March 3-April 28, 7:00-9:00 PM) gives citizens a chance to learn the inner workings of the Abington Police Department from crime scene processing, accident investigation, and K-9s to SWAT and use of force. To register, contact Ofc. Roger Gillispie at 267.536.1077 or Rgillispie@abington.org.

Give Kids A Smile Day: The Abington Police Athletic League, in conjunction with the Montgomery Bucks Dental Society, is sponsoring a FREE dental day, Saturday, March 14, for boys and girls ages 6-18. Appointments are being taken now between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM and will take place in one of two local dentists' offices. Screenings and sealants or treatments (X-rays, filling cavities) will be offered. Space is limited to the first 50 to call: Melissa in Abington Community Policing at 267.536.1072

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Was quite a success!

170 Shoeboxes from Holy Trinity!

Thank you to each and every person who participated in Operation Christmas Child through Holy Trinity. Maybe you contributed empty shoeboxes to be filled; maybe you brought needed items to fill these boxes, maybe you came to the packing party in November and thoughtfully packed gifts and necessities; maybe you quietly filled your own boxes at home and asked friends and neighbors to participate and added their boxes to our collection.; maybe you helped carry all these boxes from the church to the Hamilton's van; and maybe you were Lois and Rich who delivered them to the relay center for transport to Maryland.

Whatever you did, you participated in making a difference in the lives of both children and their families because when you love a child in this way, your love spills over to their grateful families and they can see Jesus. You also bring the Gospel to children and families around the world, following Jesus in His Great Commission so that others may know and accept Him as the Savior.

Let Us Know Where Your Boxes Land

For those who chose the online option "Follow Your Box," please let us know as you receive destination emails from Samaritan's Purse. We would like to post a list for all to see. Please send your country results to Rosemaryhinkle@comcast.net.





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 February 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.

We will suspend our study of Daniel for Lent
February
Lent

When you hear the word Lent, what are the first thoughts that come to mind?

Come hear a little of the history and meaning of Lent and explore what this church season can mean going forward in your life. We will share some of our own past Lenten experiences and discuss how they have brought us closer to God as we prepare to observe and celebrate once again Christ's crucifixion, death, and resurrection. We will be asked to consider some ideas of how we might observe Lent this year as well.

February Circles:

EVE: Thursday, Feb.12th, 7:30 P.M., the Parlor
Circle leader, Sue Tolton: 215-659-7054.

HANNAH: Wednesday, Feb.11th, 7:30 P.M., the Parlor
Circle leader, Cindy Biehl: 267-475-5435

MIRIAM: Monday, Feb.9th, 12:30 P.M., in Fellowship Hall,
Circle leader, Ruth McCandless: 215-682-2034.

RUTH: Wednesday, Feb.11th, 7:30PM at the home of Lydia Peterson
2150 Willow Brook Drive, Huntingdon Valley 215-657-4034
Circle leader, Nancy Necker, 215-884-2123.

SARAH: Thursday, Feb.12th, 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 in January 2015; 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 _____

**The Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Women Present:
Personal Care Kit and Fabric Kit Collection**

The entire month of February, 2015

**The Women of Holy Trinity will once again be assembling personal care kits for
Lutheran World Relief**

Each personal care kit contains the following:

- 1 – New, light to medium weight bath size towel (approximately 52" X 27" or smaller, dark colors recommended)**
- 2 – Bath size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in original packaging.**
 - 1 – Adult size toothbrush, in original packaging.**
 - 1 –Sturdy Comb, remove packaging.**
- 1 – Metal nail clipper, with or without attached file, remove packaging.**

NEW THIS YEAR – Fabric Kits:

Each kit contains:

- 2 - Spools of matching or neutral colored general purpose thread, 200-300 yards each.**
- 2 – Pieces of cotton or cotton blend fabric (no knits or 100% polyester). Each piece should match one of the following sizes:**
 - 2 ¼ yards of 60" wide fabric, or**
 - 3 yards of 44" wide fabric, or**
 - 4 yards of 36" wide fabric**

If you would like to donate items for either type of kit, there will be a collection basket in Fellowship Hall. Monetary contributions can be placed in a brown pew envelope marked "personal care/fabric kits".

Thank you for your generosity!



Society of the Hours

Sunday, February 15th

Meeting in Fellowship Hall

At 11:30 am

Bring a light potluck lunch to share

ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES:

Have you signed up for your spring Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend? **NOW** is the time to register for this opportunity to rekindle the romance and realize the full potential of your marriage with all the joy and beauty that God intended. Weekends run from Friday evening at 8 PM to Sunday afternoon around 4 PM.



The 2015 Pennsylvania Weekends are:

- **March 13-14, 2015** at the lovely Sheraton Pittsburgh Airport Hotel located in a peaceful setting 6 miles from the Pittsburgh Airport.
- **April 10-12, 2015** at Toftrees Golf Resort and Conference Center nestled in 1500 wooded acres in State College, PA.

Registrations are also being accepted for the September 18-20, 2015 Weekend at Spruce Lake Retreat Center in Canadensis, PA in the Poconos and the October 16-18, 2015 Weekend at the Heritage Hotel in Lancaster, PA. Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all the supplies are included with your \$45 registration plus a contribution of whatever amount you wish to make at the end of the Weekend toward the continuation of the program. To sign up online go to:

www.GodLovesMarriage.org and pay the \$45 fee using your credit card, or mark the option to mail in a check. For questions, or if you would like a brochure mailed to you, contact Pennsylvania Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or email: fjschamber@comcast.net.



-Reminders for the month of February -

Sunday, February 1st Superbowl Sunday - NO Youth Group

Sunday, February 8th after Confirmation Classes test

12:30 pm * Important parent meeting for youth attending
the Quake Youth Retreat Feb.20-22

Sunday, February 8th 5-7 pm Supper Club

Tonight's story- Daniel in the Lion's Den

Friday, February 20 - Sunday, February 22 Quake Retreat



Allentown Quake

February 20-22, 2015

*A transformational weekend for grades 6-9
where lives will be renewed and faith will become real!*



Speaker: Bill Yonker



*Don't let anyone look down on you
because you are young, but set an
example for the believers in speech,
in conduct, in love,
in faith and in purity.*
1 Timothy 4:12



Musician: Echelon



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The new Youth Schedule looks like this:

February 1, 2015 SUPERBOWL Sunday

Feb. 8, 2015 Supper Club (5-7 pm) Tonight's Theme: Doing Lent as a Family
Tonight's Cooks: Moritz & Ischinger
Tonight's Story: Daniel in the Lion's Den

Be sure everything is lined up for families to carry in Alleluia Banners on Transfiguration Sunday on February 15, 2015
Ash Wednesday is February 18 (The palms should already be burned)
Be sure to mention Family Stations of the Cross & the services of Holy Week
Craft: something "Lent-y"

February 14-16, 2015 PRESIDENT'S DAY WEEKEND
(President's Day – Monday, Feb 16, 2015)
(Note: Valentine's Day, Transfiguration Sunday & President's-Day-Observed all fall this weekend in 2015)

February 15, 2015 -- Transfiguration

February 17, 2015 -- Fastnacht Night – 7:00 pm

Feb 18, 2015– Ash Wednesday – 11:00 am & 7:30 pm

March 8, 2015– Daylight Savings Time Begins (Lent 3)

March 15, 2015 – Family Stations of the Cross (Lent 4)

March 29, 2015 – Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday

April 2, 2015 – Maundy Thursday – 7:30 pm

April 3, 2015 – Good Friday —7:30 pm

April 4, 2015 – Easter Egg Hunt – 1:00 pm
Easter Vigil – 5:00 pm

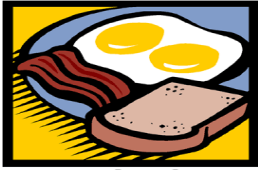
April 5, 2015 – Easter Worship Service (9:00 am)

Feb 20 – 22, 2015 QUAKE at Allentown (Junior High Youth Group Retreat)

- March 1, 2015 Junior High Youth Group (5:00 pm – 7:00 pm)
- March 15, 2015 Potluck, Supper Club, & Family Stations of the Cross – 5-7pm**
(Potluck at 5:00; Stations at 6:00 pm)
 Tonight is Lent 4 in 2015
 Tonight's Cooks: This is a Potluck Supper
 Tonight's Story (before Stations of the Cross begins): Parable of the Forgiving Father
 Sign-ups for people to participate in the Palm Procession carrying palms
 Sign-ups for Families to carry their Alleluia banners in the Easter procession
Note: Families “group together” in the chancel after carrying up the Alleluia Banners.
Families then call out the first 3 “Alleluia! Christ is Risen!”
as Congregation responds: “Christ is Risen Indeed. Alleluia.”
 Talk: Stations of the Cross and the Services of Holy Week
 6:00 – Stations of the Cross begins
- March 29, 2015 Passion Sunday Benefit Concert – 7:00 pm
- 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
- 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 -- Watch your Bulletin, Echos, & the HT Website



BREAKFAST



FELLOWSHIP

Adult Christian Breakfast Fellowship *(All Adults Invited)*

When: First Saturday of the Month

Time: 9:00 A.M.

Topics and Speakers:

Feb. 7th “The Trip to Ukraine” Allan Shikhvarg

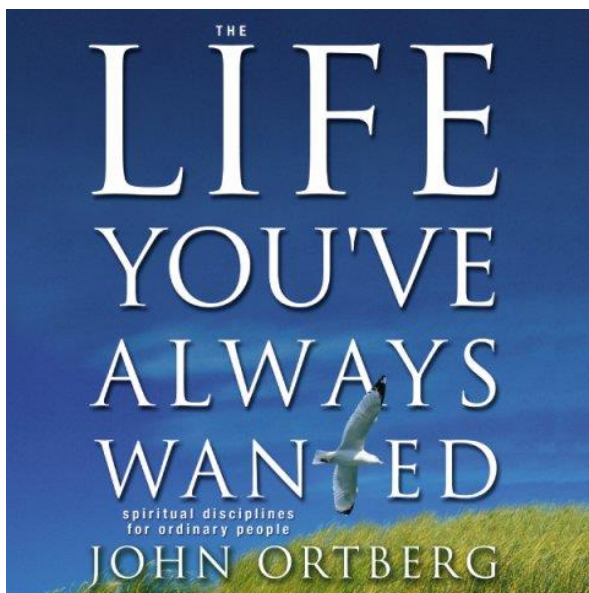
March 7th “Morgan Log House in Towamencin” Pastor Guenzel

Interested in a specific subject? Care to share it?

Email Allan Shikhvarg at allan.shikhvarg@gmail.com

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

Join us for breakfast and fellowship.



What does true spiritual life really look like?
What keeps you from living such a life?
How can you pursue it?

If you have ever pondered the above
Please join us in the parlor for Adult Sunday School
10:30 am beginning Sunday, February 8th
Randy & Carole Gettmann will facilitate
“The Life You’ve Always Wanted” by John Ortberg
This is a 6 week course (Feb.8th through March 15th)
(please don’t feel you have to attend all 6)
Each class will have a short video & group discussion

February Worship Assistants Schedule

Feb.1st

Usher	2	Greeter	Linda & Don Borkowski	Presenters of Gifts	Nancy & Rob Ischinger and Ken Tredinnick
Count	4	Acolyte	Matthew Schied	Gate	Alan Hinkle
Christophers	1	Crucifer	Charlie Tolton	Cushion	Tony Quici
Prayer Ministry Team	3	Lay Reader- Sat	John Maieron	Communion Assistants	Frank and Erica Ganther
		Lay Reader- Sun	Judi Reeder	Setup	Maryann Leventhal

Feb.8th

Usher	3	Greeter	Betty Lee & Ruth McCandless	Presenters of Gifts	Pam & Al Eisenmann and Ruth McCandless
Count	1	Acolyte	Tyler Dewald		
Christophers	2	Crucifer	Dan Dewald		
Prayer Ministry Team	4	Lay Reader-Sat	Katie Beyer	Communion Assistants	Linda Bell-Powell and Linda Frezza
		Lay Reader- Sun	Nancy Necker	Setup	Tina Bednarczyk

Feb.15th

Usher	4	Greeter	2 nd , 3 rd , & 4 th Grade SS Classes	Presenters of Gifts	The Schied Family
Count	2	Acolyte	Sophia LaRocca		
Christophers	3	Crucifer	Michael LaRocca		
Prayer Ministry Team	5	Lay Reader-Sat	Linda Cassidy	Communion Assistants	Maryann Leventhal and Deb Mumford
		Lay Reader- Sun	James Roeder	Setup	Sue Tolton




Feb. 18th Ash Wednesday

Usher	5			Presenters of Gifts	Sue & Charlie Tolton and Barbara Harvey
Lay Reader	7:30	Albert Schmidt		Gate	Deanna Dudenbostel
				Cushion	Linda Borkowski
				Communion Assistants	Mark and Erica Affleck

Feb.22nd

Usher	1	Greeter	Nancy Myers & Sandra Powell	Presenters of Gifts	The Gregg Family
Count	3	Acolyte	Ella Murphy		
Christophers	4	Crucifer	Jim Necker		
Prayer Ministry Team	2	Lay Reader- Sat	Clem McLaughlin	Communion Assistants	Tina Bednarczyk and Charlie Tolton
		Lay Reader- Sun	Allan Shikhvarg	Setup	Michele Muller

February 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Epiphany 4 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Pre-K thru Adult SS SUPERBOWL OF CARING	2 10:00 Sewing Group 6:00 — 7:30 Brownies 7:30 Coram Deo 7:30 Women's Prayer Group	3 1:00 and 7:00 Bible as Source of Faith 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 Compline	4 Noon- 39'RS 7:30- Council Meeting	5 9:30 Theology w/bagels 4:15 Choristers 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	6 7:30 AA	7 9:00 Adult Christian Breakfast Fellowship 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
8 Epiphany 5 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Pre-K thru Adult SS 11:30 Confirmation Classes Test 12:30 Parent meeting For Quake Retreat 5:00 — 7:00 Supper Club	9 12:30 Miriam Circle 6:00 — 7:30 Brownies 7:30 — Coram Deo	10 1:00 and 7:00 Bible as Source of Faith 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 Compline	11 7:30 Ruth Circle @ home of Lydia Peterson 7:30 Hannah Circle 7:30 Evangelism Meeting	12 9:30 Theology w/bagels 12:00 Sarah Circle 4:15 Choristers 6:30 Handbell Choir 7:00 Men's Devotional 7:30 Eve Circle 8:00 Chancel Choir	13 7:30 AA	14  5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
15 Transfiguration of Our Lord 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Pre-K thru Adult SS 11:30- Society of The Hours	16 PRESIDENT'S DAY OFFICE CLOSED SHOP & COOK FOR AIDS 6:00 — 7:30 Brownies 7:30 — Women's Prayer Group	17 DELIVER AIDS DINNER  7:00 — FASTNACHT	18 11:00 Ash Wednesday Service  6:00 — 7:00 Soup Supper 7:30 Ash Wednesday Service	19 9:30 Theology w/bagels 4:15 Choristers 6:30 Handbell Choir	20 "Quake" Youth Retreat Meet at HT at 5:00 PM 7:30 AA	21 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
22 Lent 1 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Pre-K thru Adult SS Return from Youth Retreat to HT at noon.	23 6:00-7:30 Brownies 7:30 — Coram Deo	24 1:00 and 7:00 Bible As Source of Faith 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 Compline	25 9:30 Terce Worship and Devotional Study 7:30 Vespers Worship and Devotional Study	26 9:30 Theology with Bagels 4:15 Choristers 6:30 Handbell Choir 7:30 Theology with Cake 8:00 Chancel Choir	27 7:30 AA	28 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA

Special dates

- African-American History Month
- Boy Scout Sunday, *February 8, 2015*
- Valentine's Day, *February 14, 2015*
- Transfiguration of Our Lord, *February 15, 2015*
- Presidents Day, *February 16, 2015*
- Ash Wednesday, *February 18, 2015*
- First Sunday in Lent, *February 22, 2015*

*Greater love hath
no man than this,
that a man lay down
his life for his friends*
John 15:13