

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,

Communication is an essential human activity. By it we express our love, our hopes, our needs, our wishes, our plans, our likes and dislikes, our opinions, our knowledge, our thoughts, and so on. Not to be able clearly to speak and write so as to be understood is frustrating. Important in our education is to be able better to communicate with others. When we fall short, we become frustrated. Human relationships require the ability to communicate so that we may have communion with one another. We are to communicate Christ so that others may have communion with Him.

God spoke to bring all creation into existence out of nothing. The Word is necessary for the communication of salvation in Jesus Christ. The Lord Jesus Himself is the Word embodied in a human person, but also is the Word, the Second Person of the Trinity, from all eternity. Through Him all creation came into existence. "...yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist." (1 Corinthians 8:6 ESV) Through Christ we have received the definitive revelation of God to all of humanity. God has spoken in the Word made flesh. He has communicated with us.

We believe in Christ and confess before the world in our worship that He is Lord. As a Church and as individual disciples we are to articulate our faith to those who do not believe. As God has revealed Himself to us through others, we are to reveal Him to others. The problem is that we are often insecure about sharing our faith and may have difficulty expressing it. Our faith is to radiate from the inmost recesses of our being to expression. But, we may have trouble verbalizing our belief. What are some reasons for this? 1. Timidity. 2. Fear of rejection. 3. Not necessary to witness. 4. Need for training in interpersonal witness. 5. Lack of opportunity. Without words we cannot reveal Christ to others. As Christ has been revealed to us through other people, we must reveal the Lord through our words. Revelation is a making known that which has not been known. We are called to make Christ known to those who do not know Him. This is an important way God reveals Himself.

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From the Pastors

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In an environment of difference we must defend our faith with gentleness and respect. (1Peter 3:15) In an environment of difference we must reveal God's Word through which the Holy Spirit works to change the heart of those who do not believe. How do we learn to do this? We realize that the Holy Spirit is working in us. (Mark 13:11) We pray for strength. We understand that witness is fundamental to our vocation as disciples. We are fervent in our commitment that the Gospel spreads through us. We take opportunities to learn better how to witness. We pray, and we pray ceaselessly.

To whom should we witness? To everyone. But, one person cannot witness to everyone, so each of us witnesses to those whom we encounter, family members, friends, acquaintances and fellow workers.

Many people are not baptized. Many do not attend Church. Many do not know the Lord Jesus Christ. We are the mouthpiece of God. Through us Jesus Christ is revealed to others. We need to speak when opportunity arises.

Discipleship has many facets. One of them involves witnessing to others. Let us pray that we may be true witnesses so that unbelievers may come to "proclaim the excellencies of him" who called us out of darkness into His light. (1 Peter 2:9b)

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.





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 will meet Monday, June 1 and then break until September. If anyone has prayer needs over the summer, please contact Rosemary Hinkle at Rosemaryhinkle@comcast.net She will gladly convene the prayer group whose members would be honored to lift up any in need in intercessory prayer.

“All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.” Acts 1:14

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, Anthony, Antoinette, Art, Augusto, Barbara, Becca, Ben, Beth, Betty, Beverly, Bill, Bob, Bonnie, Brandy, Brian, Brianna, Bridget, Brielle, Bruce, Callie, Carol, Cassidy, Cheri, Chris, Christopher, Clyde, Colleen, Dalillah, 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, Kristin, 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, Bertsch, Biehl, Benincasa, Borger, Borgia, Boyer, Breslin, Croce, Del Vecchio, Dewald, Drobish, Drumm, Eisenmann, Eley, Favorin, Foley, Frame, Hanzlick, Heeter, Johnson, Kelly, Kennedy, Koehler, Langan, Lee, Powell, Matteo, MacErlean, McKelvey, Moletzsky, Necker, Ness, Praschil, 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.

You're
Invited..



Holy Trinity is hosting a blood drive

On Friday, June 5, 2015

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

If you are able and willing to donate
please call Marilyn Murphy at 215-885-2141 for an appointment.



Commitment Task Force is now formed.

Holy Trinity has been blessed with a generous bequest from the Hettlers. 25% of this bequest has been earmarked for Mission work in the amount of \$240,000. That is where YOU come in.

A first meeting for individuals interested in putting forth a proposal is scheduled for **Rally Day, Sunday, September 13, 2015** after the Continental Breakfast in Fellowship Hall.

- This first meeting will serve a two-fold purpose -

1. To give individuals an opportunity to share their ideas with others.
2. To distribute the form which is to be completed and returned by October 11, 2015.



Tuesdays at 7:30 pm
Beginning September 15, 2015

Study: The Four Gospels
Pastor Tavella taught this course at the Reformed Episcopal Seminary

Books needed for the course:

The Bible

Four Gospels, One Jesus

Gospel Parallels

ESV Comprehensive Concordance of the Bible

Richard Burridge

Burton Throckmorton

William D. Mounce

You can find these books on Amazon.

- Pastor Mike.



Our Christian Sympathy to

Robin Frizinger and her family
on the death of her mother
Jean Roberts, April 24, 2015

Lynne Falgout and Jack Larson and their
families on the death of their mother,
Joan Larson, April 27, 2015

Elaine Melair on the death
of her brother, Russell Crouthers
May 15, 2015

Arthur Zbinden and family
on the death of Angelika,
May 27, 2015

Psalm 112:6

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

Memorials have been received



In Memory of...

*Gary Smith
Paul Drumm
Doris E. Shinn
Margaret C. Stoeffler*



Congratulations Class of 2015

High School

Conor William Breslin, Abington
Devin MacKenzie Langan, Central Bucks
Samantha Phebe Ariel Mumford, Hatboro Horsham
Brendan William Rowley, Abington
Hannah Alina Seaver, Archbishop Wood
Martina Elizabeth Smith, Home Schooled

College

Victoria Caitlyn Langan, West Chester University

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.

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

Treasurer's Report

April 30, 2015 (For the Year 2015)

	Holy Trinity Ministries	Wider Church
Year to date received for current income	\$ 138,685.79	\$ 17,434.71
Carry over Benevolence from 2013		\$ 68.34
Expenses paid to date	\$ 140,203.85	\$ 13,705.75
Surplus/(Deficit) 2015	(\$ 1,518.06)	\$ 3,797.30

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
 Jonathan Skilton, MD



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.

Please remember your Church in your will.



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Join us for our next gathering in the fall

June 3, 2015

★ Unfortunately this month's ★
scheduled program has been cancelled.

Please look for our schedule of Topics/Speakers in the July/August Echoes.

MONDAY SEWING GROUP:

Don't forget our monthly meeting on **Monday, June 1st at 10:00 am**

We are still working on drawstring bags for Operation Christmas Child

★ See next page for exciting opportunities to sew with us ★
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





In conjunction with our Sewing Group we are holding four
Arts-N-Crafts Saturdays this summer/fall.

The third Saturday of each month: **June 20, July 18, Aug.15 & Sept.19**

Join us from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm (brunch will be provided)

Mittens • Scarves • Gloves • Necklaces • Bracelets • Hair Decorations

Wooden Vehicles • Terrycloth Puppets • Tie-Dye/Sports emblem T-Shirts

In an effort to expand our Operation Christmas Child shoebox ministry we'd like your assistance in making this a year-round project.

We're asking that you get busy doing what you like to do – knitting, crocheting, sewing, wood working, jewelry making or any other talent you have in order to make some small gifts that will delight boys and girls throughout the world.

The age range is 2 – 14, so there are hundreds of items that fit in a shoebox.

You don't have to produce enough for all of the boxes, but we're hoping to have a least one special item for each box.

If you have skills but no ideas, please talk to Rosemary Hinkle, Nancy Ischinger, or Heidi Simmons and they'll have some suggestions and help you find instructions.

We are especially looking for men with ideas for boys.

At our **Arts-N-Crafts Saturdays**, in addition to sewing up our drawstring bags, we will be making a variety of items. One of our projects is creating girls' hair decorations.

If you have unused fabric ribbons (not paper) buttons or lace, please donate them for this project.

We will place a crafters collection box in the Narthex.

Please mark your calendar for these dates and join us in our crafting!

✦ If you sew and have your own sewing machine ✦
please bring it with you!

DATES: JUNE 20 – JULY 18 – AUGUST 15 – SEPTEMBER 19

TIMES: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm (Brunch provided)

PLACE: FELLOWSHIP HALL



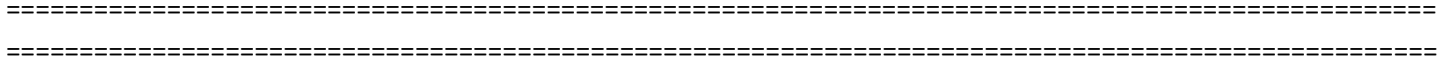
NOTES OF THANKS

May 4, 2015

Since December, when Earl was diagnosed with aggressive prostate cancer, we have been upheld in prayers, visits, flowers, emails, cards and hugs by our Holy Trinity Church Family. Words cannot express how much this support has meant to us.

Earl is now getting chemo every three weeks, so he lives an up and down existence that will continue as long as the chemo is doing its job. In the meantime, we do as much as his energy level allows. We look forward to being in church as often as possible.

Earl and Judi Reeder.



April 21, 2015



Dear Holy Trinity friends,
Thank you for hosting a party for the children in the Residential Program and spending your Sunday afternoon with the boys and girls. They had a wonderful time! Thank you, also, for the fantastic collection of items for the good behavior store.

The crayons, coloring books, games, goggles, bells and more are sure to encourage the children to achieve their behavior goals. We are grateful for your support of our ministry and all you do for the children we serve!

Sincerely,
Amanda Bryant
Silver Springs – Martin Luther School

Philadelphia, PA
May 3, 2015

Dear Holy Trinity Family,
Thank you so much for the care package. I survived all of my finals and am now halfway through my degree! Wishing everyone a great summer.

Sincerely, Nellie.





NOTES OF THANKS (continued...)

May 11, 2015

Dear Holy Trinity family,

Thank you kindly for the cards, calls, texts, meals, and visits during my recent emergency surgery and continual recovery. Thank you to Al and Sandy Schmidt for the nice hospital visit and delivery of the beautiful altar flowers. Most of all, Randy and I thank you for your thoughts and prayers, as this is what has sustained us through this "side step" in life. As you have demonstrated a servant's heart and rendered healing to the hurting, I am reminded of John 13:14..."And since I, the Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet."



Blessings and thanks to you all,
Carole Gettmann



Thanks to your generosity, Cradle of Hope is able to stay on budget and because of that they were able to purchase a second home. Thanks to your generosity we collected the following for Cradle of Hope:

- \$35 in gift cards
- 5 bottles of hand soap
- 1 pkg. of hand sanitizer
- 26 rolls of toilet paper
- 4 pkgs. of wipes
- 2 bottles of Windex
- 2 boxes of Brillo
- 4 bottles of dish soap
- 1 roll of plastic wrap
- 3 pkgs. of gallon bags
- 2 pkgs. of sandwich bags
- 2 pkgs. of diaper rash cream
- 4 packs of diapers
- 9 pkgs. of diaper wipes
- 13 rolls of paper towels
- 11 pkgs. of sponges
- 6 bottles of bathroom cleaner
- 4 bottles of laundry soap
- 4 rolls of aluminum foil
- 3 pkgs. of quart bags
- 1 pkg. of snack bags
- 1 roll of packing tape



Monday, May 25, 2015

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus,

I want to express my thanks to God who sustained us during the 3 and a half years of our mission in Ecuador and also thanking all of you for your prayers and financial support that helped us to be present in this country and share the love of Jesus to the poor, the voiceless and the powerless. You moved with us being the feet, the hands and the voice of Jesus Christ as we were able to travel from city to city equipping Christian leaders, members of communities where the violence and sexual abuses occur causing fear and terror to those living there.



Paz y Esperanza (Peace & Hope) from 2011 to 2014 served 118 children in sexual abuses, 39 perpetrators were condemned to 4 to 35 years in prison and 92 children are in emotional rehabilitation and spiritual restoration.

Also around 40 women in domestic violence situations were helped by Paz y Esperanza. 18 of their abusers are sentenced and 36 of those women are in psychological treatment and spiritual restoration. We played an important role here as Christian counselors and participated in some decision making within the foundation as it proclaims the Gospel to the people of God here in Ecuador.

Out of the work that related to justice, we also trained over 800 leaders and members from Christian churches regarding “Family Well Being” and prevention of domestic violence and children sexual abuses. We also trained over 1,900 men and women of different sectors of Guayaquil about prevention of children sexual abuses and the change within the family in dysfunction. Most of our principal teaching came from the Bible in showing how the Bible applied the word justice, and how God wants us to live as blessed people in doing what is good and correct and loving each other in the same way Jesus loves us.

We had also the opportunity to visit some offenders who are incarcerated and brought the Word of salvation to them teaching them that Jesus loves them but doesn’t love their behavior and expecting change in their lives. We do have some who have already come out of jail and show good change in their lives and some are now serving as activists to defend the cause of those in vulnerable situations.

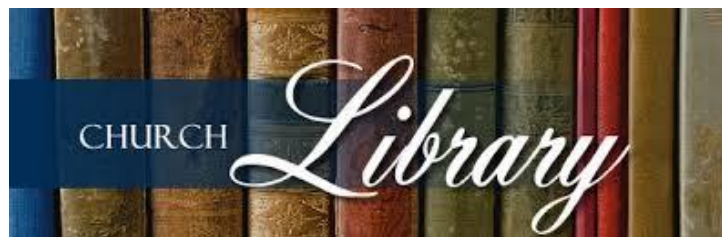
I can confirm that the three and a half years spent in Ecuador are worthy rewarded and we are feeling so painful to leave the country and people we know during this period of time and to those we built close relationship considering them as part of our family. As we read Proverbs 16: 1 – 3 that says “To man belong the plans of the heart, but from the LORD comes the reply of the tongue. All a man’s ways seem innocent to him, but motives are weighed by the LORD. Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.” We understand that if we leave Ecuador it is God’s plan even though we thought that we may stay for a little longer. We hope that God will open another door for us. Seraphina and Sarah are already in the USA since April 20, 2015 and I am returning to the USA on Monday, June 1, 2015. God willing I may have a chance to see many of you.

May the Lord bless each of you. Pray for me for travel mercy.

Yours in the Lord,

Didi, Seraphina & Sarah

CHECK IT OUT



COME - READ - BE INSPIRED

The library cart is now featuring books by Max Lucado. He is a best-selling NY Times author who writes inspiring books in short, easy to read chapters, usually 30 to a book. So this could be an interesting addition to your daily devotions.

Coram Deo

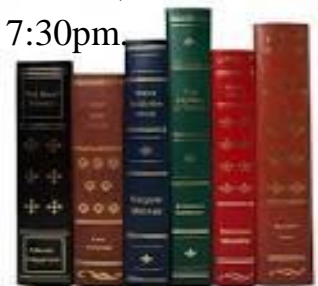
Join us this year for lively discussions of literature and living life in *Coram Deo*, in the presence of God. Our meetings are in the parlor most Mondays at 7:30pm.

Please bring your own copy of the reading selection.

Spring/Summer 2015

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

July 15- *Lolita*-Vladimir Nabokov



GIFT CARDS

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 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 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.



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 June 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.

In June, our topic is:

Fun and Fellowship

We wrapped up our Bible Study in May and now it is time to celebrate the end of another terrific year of fellowship.

We give thanks for each member of the Women's Bible Study Groups (called Circles). The women in these groups study, pray, and laugh together and support one another. Be a part of one of these groups. You'll be thankful you did!

Please join us in this celebration in a Circle that is convenient for you.

JUNE CIRCLES:

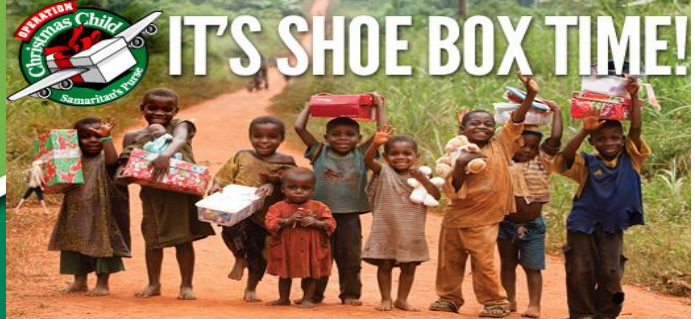
EVE: Thursday, June 11th, 7:30 P.M., the Parlor
Circle leader, Sue Tolton: 215-659-7054.

HANNAH: Wednesday, June 17th, 6:30 P.M. Tony's Place,
1297 Greely Ave., Ivyland, Circle leader, Cindy Biehl: 267-475-5435

MIRIAM: Monday, June 8th, 12:30 P.M., in Fellowship Hall,
Circle leader, Ruth McCandless: 215-682-2034.

RUTH: Wednesday, June 10th, 7:30PM at home of Vicki Coleman,
2073 Parkview Ave., Abington, 215-657-0162 (Pot Luck)
Circle leader, Nancy Necker, 215-884-2123.

SARAH: Thursday, June 11th, 12:00 noon, the Parlor,
Circle Leader, Judi Reeder, 215- 431-7265



Two things to keep in mind...

1. Contribute your empty shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child

WE NEED SHOEBOXES to fill with school supplies, toiletries, accessories & toys for children in need throughout the world. From now on, every time you make a shoe purchase, please consider donating your box for our annual Operation Christmas Child shoebox packing party in November. We hope to fill twice as many shoeboxes this year. Maryjane Singley has set a goal of 200!

Remember, these shoeboxes not only bring children items they can use and enjoy but for many, these are the first gifts they have *ever* received. Very importantly, they are also distributed with the Gospel story in each child's language. For many children and their families, these gift-filled shoeboxes bring the love of Jesus in a new and exciting way and lead them to a relationship with the Savior and worship at their local church.

Please begin placing your shoeboxes in the Narthex preferably on the shelves over the coat area to the left as you enter.

2. What to put in a shoebox

Do Not Include: Toys of war (army figures, weapons, etc.), chocolate or any candies that would melt in heat, storybooks written in English, lotions/liquids.

Do Include: 2 sets of batteries with any item requiring batteries.

School Supplies

notebooks (up to 9"x 6") pads & post-its pencils (regular & colored)
 sharpeners & erasers pens for older children crayons, markers
 scissors, rulers scotch tape & glue sticks (NO containers of glue)
 water color paints w/brush 6"x9" pads of plain & construction paper
 coloring books, maze pads stickers, stencils
 container/baggie of rubber bands, paper clips, etc.

Toys

stuffed animals - Beanie baby sized dolls with assorted clothes plastic dinosaurs, insects, etc.
 balls - bouncy, hackey sack, blow-up balloons, marbles musical instruments (kazoo's, horns,
 beach balls play doh harmonicas, mini keyboards, etc.)
 novelty plastic ware: cups, plates, jewelry making kits puzzles, Lego sets
 bowls, spoons & forks (NO knives) glow sticks, bracelets color forms books or sets
 matchbox & tension-release cars, Slinkys, yoyos, jump ropes small tools for older boys
 trucks, trains, planes (screwdrivers, hammers, etc.)

Toiletries

toothbrush, cover/case & paste soap in Ziploc bag washcloth, small towel w/fun design
 emery boards or nail file Band-Aids (fun designs & colors for younger kids)
 chap sticks/lip balms tissue packs, esp. fun prints combs, brushes
 sewing kits small candles

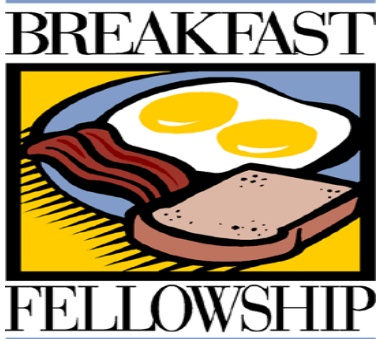
Accessories

backpacks, purses, zipper bags gloves, mittens, scarves T-shirts, sweatshirts
 socks hair ties, barrettes, etc. ball caps, bandanas
 jewelry, watches non-breakable mirrors sunglasses



Men's Devotional Group

Please join us for the Men's Devotional Group Meeting for June. The Men's Devotional Group meets the second Thursday of every month. This month, **Thursday, June 11th, 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 Adult Fellowship Breakfast

Would like to extend wholehearted thanks for the wonderful 2014 - 2015 season we just had!

Especially a big thanks to Bob Miller and "the breakfast crew"

As well as all our presenters and of course to all who attended.

We are eagerly looking forward to our 2015 - 2016 season that will kick off **Saturday, September 12th at 9:00 am.**

With that season we would like to welcome our YOUNG Adults as well!

Ideas for a topic of interest? Email Allan Shikhvarg at allan.shikhvarg@gmail.com or call (215) 885-1772

We'd love to hear from you.

Join us for breakfast & fellowship



Cookie Walk – Attention All Bakers –

We are actively going forward with this fundraising project. As background, there are some churches in the area who participate in a “Cookie Walk”. This is held on a Saturday in December where cookies that were previously baked, are sold and the funds go to a specific cause or causes in the church. It is open to all, including other churches and neighborhoods, and at this time we have received a good number of volunteers interested in baking but we could always use more.

The amount of cookies to be baked is between 9 – 12 dozen, they should be cookies not usually baked such as chocolate chips. The cookies are sold by the pound and people go from table to table and select what they want. It will involve the youth and many other people to weigh and keep things going. I hope you noticed that I didn’t specifically say women as men are wonderful bakers as well!

If you are interested in helping in any way, please let Deb Mumford or myself know. Contact the church office at (215) 659 – 2642 or email secretary@holyltrinity.net and get on the list.

Thank you,
Tina Bednarczyk



ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES: Fall is the perfect time to fall in love with your spouse all over again! That is what couples overwhelmingly report is the result of attending a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend. Now is the time to sign up for one of the fall Weekends to be sure you get the one of your choice. The fall Weekends are:

- **September 18-20, 2015** at Spruce Lake Retreat Center, Canadensis, PA, a new, hotel-style facility on Spruce Lake in the heart of the Pocono Mountains – an hour north of Allentown.
- **October 16-18, 2015** in Lancaster, PA, at the all newly-renovated Heritage Hotel Lancaster, home of the unique treehouse-inspired restaurant, “Loxley’s.”

Weekends run from Friday at 8 PM to Sunday around 4 PM and are designed to help you make your marriage a more intimate, loving, Christian union. Currently, the registration fee is \$45 per couple; however, starting September 1, the registration fee will be going up to \$100 per couple, so register now to qualify for the lower registration fee. Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included with your registration fee, plus toward the end of the weekend you will be given an opportunity to make a confidential contribution of whatever amount you wish toward the continuation of the program. Registrations are limited, so sign up today by going to the website: www.GodLovesMarriage.org and pay the \$45 registration with your credit card, or mark the option to mail a check. For questions, or if you would like a brochure with registration form mailed to you, contact Pennsylvania Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at fjschamber@comcast.net or 724-325-3166.

Celebrate with the Youth Group



Join us at UltraZone for our last outing

Sunday, June 7th 6:00 pm – 7:45 pm

Laser Tag, food, drinks, & fun!

Meet at UltraZone

4201 Neshaminy Blvd. #130

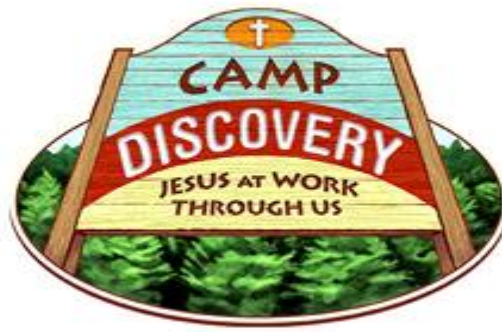
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Tickets are \$15 per person and you can invite friends.
That includes 2 games of Laser tag and private party room
with 2 slices of pizza and unlimited drinks.
Our minimum number must be 10 maximum of 30

Questions or concerns email me or call (215) 675-3129

RSVP to Deb at debssam@msn.com

by Wednesday, June 3rd.



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 busy planning 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: _____

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June Worship Assistants Schedule

June 7

Usher 2	Greeter Nancy and Jim Necker	Presenters of Gifts	The Gregg Family
Count 2	Acolyte Lauren Caputo		
Christophers 3	Crucifer Rob Ischinger		
Prayer Team 3	Lay Reader- Sat John Maieron	Communion Assistants	Eric Gregg and Tom Schied
	Sun Marilyn Hagey	Setup	Maryann Leventhal

June 14

Usher 3	Greeter Nancy and Rob Ischinger	Presenters of Gifts	Don & Ruth Lewis and Jeanne Blacoe
Count 3	Acolyte Matthew Schied		
Christophers 4	Crucifer Erica Ganther		
Prayer Team 4	Lay Reader- Sat Linda Cassidy	Communion Assistants	Gil and Betsy Zimmermann
	Sun Barbara Harvey	Setup	Tina Bednarczyk

June 21

Usher 4	Greeter The Rowley Family	Presenters of Gifts	Marilyn & Ella Murphy and Martina Smith
Count 4	Acolyte Nicole Miller		
Christophers 5	Crucifer Jim Necker		
Prayer Team 5	Lay Reader-Sat Clem McLaughlin	Communion Assistants	Jim and Nancy Necker
	Sun Barbara Harris	Setup	Sue Tolton

June 28

Usher 5	Greeter The Schied Family	Presenters of Gifts	The Ickler Family
Count 1	Acolyte Gia Berkovitz		
Christophers 1	Crucifer Charlie Tolton		
Prayer Team 1	Lay Reader-Sat George Powell	Communion Assistants	Terry and Danielle Rowley
	Sun Sherri Gregg	Setup	Michele Muller

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@holyltrinity.net

Called to *Serve*



June 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 10:00 Sewing Group 6:00 – 7:30 Brownies 7:30 Women's Prayer Group (last until fall)	2	3 7:30 Council meeting	4	5 Blood drive 1:30 pm – 6:30 pm 7:30 AA	6 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
7 PENTECOST 2 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Bible In 20+ years celebration 6:00 – 7:45 Jr. High Youth Group Laser Tag & Pizza Party	8 12:30 Miriam Circle 6:00 – 7:30 Brownies	9	10 7:30 Ruth Circle at home of Vicki Coleman	11 Noon Sarah Circle 7:00 Men's Devotional 7:30 Eve Circle	12 7:30 AA	13 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
14 PENTECOST 3 9:00 Holy Communion 	15 6:00 – 7:30 Brownies 7:30 Coram Deo	16	17 6:30 Hannah Circle at Tony's Place in Warminster	18	19 7:30 AA	20 ARTS & CRAFTS DAYZ 10:00 am – 1:00 pm (brunch included)  5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
21 PENTECOST 4 9:00 Holy Communion HAPPY FATHER'S DAY  	22 SHOP & COOK FOR AIDS DINNER	23 DELIVER AIDS DINNER	24	25	26 7:30 AA	27 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
28 PENTECOST 5 9:00 Holy Communion	29	30	<p>Special dates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flag Day, June 14, 2015 • Father's Day, June 21, 2015 • First day of summer, June 21, 2015 			

