

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,

Life is stormy whether one is a Christian or not. Life is much stormier if one is a Christian. Imagine yourself in a boat on a stormy sea. On account of their following Jesus, disciples always find themselves on stormy seas.

In an essay entitled, "The Stilling of the Storm in Matthew," New Testament scholar Günther Bornkamm shows that in his version of Jesus' stilling of the storm, Matthew emphasizes the theme of discipleship. (Günther Bornkamm, "The Stilling of the Storm in Matthew," in *Tradition and Interpretation in Matthew*, Günther Bornkamm et al. Philadelphia: The Westminster Press, 1963, pp. 52-57) What follows is some of Bornkamm's analysis.

In the story of the stilling of the storm, Matthew uses the verb, "to follow", a key word that applies to discipleship ("And when he (Jesus) got into the boat, his disciples followed him." Matthew 8:23). Unlike Mark and Luke, Matthew places the story of the stilling of the storm after a passage that describes encounters with individuals that highlight the meaning of discipleship and its radical demands. (see Matthew 8: 18-22)

The evangelist also places Jesus' question, "Why are you afraid, O men of little faith?" before the Lord's calming of the sea. In Mark and Luke Jesus calms the sea before He asks the question. In Matthew Jesus challenges the disciples about their little faith in the midst of the storm.

Bornkamm notes that when the disciples cry to Jesus to save them, they address him as Lord while the other two Synoptics do not use this divine title. He explains that the disciples' cry to the Lord is a prayer and a confession of discipleship.

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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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The Greek word, seismos, which Matthew uses to describe the storm, refers more appropriately to the upheavals of the end time than to a storm at sea. Bornkamm observes that while the Son of Man has no place to lay His head, He rebukes and overcomes the demonic powers and brings about the Kingdom of God. Jesus demands that the would-be disciple give up earthly ties and rewards such sacrifice. Bornkamm concludes that the story of the stilling of the storm show "the danger and glory of discipleship." (Bornkamm, p.57)

Discipleship is a stormy business. The Church is beset by many dangers, not the least of which is the hostility of the demonic powers. Therefore, the disciple must realize what accepting the call of Jesus means. We are not to take our discipleship lightly. We face strong opposition in our vocation to extend the Kingdom, but we can be confident that the Lord will overcome all of the threats of the devil and his underlings. The Church prays, "deliver us from evil." And He will. By God's grace, may our faith be increased. At least, we hope that our little faith not become no faith at all. May Lent be a time when we meditate on "the danger and glory of discipleship." O Lord, may we be your faithful disciples.

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



*Keeping
a Holy Lent*



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

March 2, 16 May 4, 18
April 6, 20 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 :

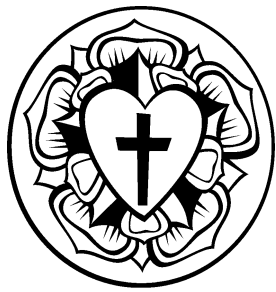
(we cannot add last names or initials) The families of the members of Holy Trinity together with those they love, including: Albert, Alex, Alicia, Allan, Allyson, Althea, Amanda, Amber, Amy, Angelika, Aniah, Anna, Anne, Antoinette, Art, Augusto, Barbara, Becca, Beth, Betty, Beverly, Bill, Bob, Bonnie, 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, Elijah, Ella, Ellsworth, Eric, Erin, F. Joseph, Foster, Frank, Gary, George, Gene, Gerald, Gloria, Hannah, Harry, Hazel, Heide, Heidi, Helen, Holly, Ingrid, Jackie, Jason, Jean, Jeanne, Jen, Jennifer, Jill, Joanne, Joe, John, Joshua, Judi, Judy, Julianne, Julius, Kathy, Kevan, Larry, Lee, Levern, Linda, Lisa, Lois, Lori, Lucia, Maralyn, Marge, Mariah, Mariliz, Marlene, Marsha, Maryanne, Mary Ann, Maureen, Matt, Max, Megan, Melanie, Michael, Mina, Nate, Nancy, Nedra, Nicky, Nik, Pat, Paul, Randy, Rebecca, Reed, Renee, Rick, Rob, Roopa, Rudi, Russell, Ruth, Samantha, Sandy, Sean, Sheila, Sue, Suzy, Scarlett, Scott, Stephanie, Steven, Tara, TC, Terri, Tim, TJ, Tony, Tyler, Vern, Wanda, Wayne, Xavier

Please pray for the following families:

All of the families of Holy Trinity, together with those they love and pray for; especially we pray for the: The Anderson, Arrue, Bell, Bell-Powell, Berkovitz, Biehl, Benincasa, Borger, Borgia, Boyer, Breslin, Croce, Del Vecchio, Dewald, Drobish, Eisenmann, Elsey, Favorin, Foley, Frame, Hanzlick, Heeter, Johnson, Kelly, Kennedy, Koehler, Lee, Powell, Matteo, MacErlean, McKelvey, Moletzsky, Necker, Ness, Praszil, 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.



January 25, 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During 2014, Holy Trinity's Council and a specially formed task force reviewed our communion procedure and determined the need for several changes. The first change, the use of yellow communion request cards for those wishing to commune from the pew, is already in practice. The second and final set of changes will affect the way we commune at the altar rail, typically the first Sunday of the month. The final changes will not affect our continuous communion, performed on most Sundays by the pastors at the baptismal font.

The primary motivation for the church leaders implementing these changes was to address the steps leading to the altar, which are posing an obstacle to a growing number of our congregation. In some cases, the steps have resulted in some of our church family not receiving communion on the first Sunday of the month, and this is unacceptable.

The simplest resolution would have been to eliminate rail communion in its entirety, going to continuous communion for all Sundays and special weekday services. However, our church leaders understand Holy Trinity's tradition of altar rail communion, and the special place this practice holds in some of our hearts.

The following is the resolution to this issue and will be the procedure followed for all services where the altar rail is included for the distribution of communion:

PROCEDURE:

- One (1) pastor will be stationed in front of the pulpit.
- One (1) pastor will be stationed behind the altar rail.
- The ushers will direct congregants to form one queue extending down the center aisle.
- As they approach the baptismal font, congregants will have a choice to either receive communion by the pulpit or at the altar rail.

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- Those choosing the pulpit will step towards that direction, receive communion and depart towards the right, walking back down the right (pulpit) aisle.
- Those choosing the rail will wait for an opening at the front rail, and then proceed up the right set of steps. After receiving communion, each will depart, coming down the left (lectern) stairs and walking back down the left aisle. This opens a single spot for the next person queued.
- Ushers will receive communion after the congregation.
- Choir and Jackie will receive communion.
- Finally, yellow card congregants in the pews are served communion.

KEY CHANGES:

- Single aisle approaching communion
- Two communion stations
- Only the front altar rail will be used for communion
- Continuous rail communion – individual congregants depart the rail after receiving communion

The first service the new procedures will be followed will be **March 1, 2015**. The Council and task force are confident these changes strike the necessary balance between the needs and traditions of Holy Trinity's worship service.

With Praises to our Savior,

Tony Quici

Communion Task Force

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

January 31, 2015 (For the Year 2015)

	Holy Trinity Ministries	Wider Church
Year to date received for current income	\$38,902.51	\$3,885.56
Carry over Benevolence from 2013		\$ 68.34
Expenses paid to date	\$34,755.95	\$2,750.00
Surplus/(Deficit) 2015	\$(4,146.56)	\$ 1,203.90

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

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

Please remember your Church in your will.



NOTE TO SELF

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



Our Christian Sympathy to:

*Family and friends of Teresa Mitchell
who went home to be with her Lord
on January 27, 2015*

*Mark and Teresa Affleck and family
on the death of Mark's father, G. Frank Affleck
May 31, 1935 - January 29, 2015*

*Family and friends of Bonnie (Christensen) Jones
on her passing February 9, 2015*



Psalm 112:6

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

The logo features the word "Lenten" in a large, green, cursive font at the top. Below it, the word "Worship" is written in a smaller, purple, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the word "Schedule" is written in a white, sans-serif font on a purple rectangular background.

**Lenten
Worship
Schedule**

“The Bible: The Source of Faith”

Tuesdays at 1:00 pm in the Parlor

7:00 pm in Fellowship hall

Tuesday Evening Worship and Bible Study

7:30 pm- Bible Study

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 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

Sunday of the Passion – March 29, 2015

9:00 a.m. -- Palm Procession and Chanting of the Entire Passion with Holy Communion

7:00 p.m. — Passion Sunday Concert — Benefit for Birthright

Holy Wednesday – April 1, 2015

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

Maundy Thursday – April 2, 2015

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

Good Friday – April 3, 2015

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

Stations of the Cross for Adults – Meet in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m. – Tenebrae -- Reading of the Passion according to St. John (John 18:1 – 19:42)

Holy Saturday – April 4, 2015

1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall – Easter egg Hunt

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

Easter Sunday – April 5, 2015

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

9:00 a.m. – Holy Communion





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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
Speaker: George Powell
Topic: Civil War in Movies- The Reel Civil War



NOTES OF THANKS



This letter is a heartfelt thank-you from Caleb Douglas for the gift Council approved and sent to pay the tuition for Caleb's first year of seminary at Trinity School of Ministry, Ambridge, Pennsylvania. Caleb is a member of our congregation and is studying to become a Lutheran pastor.

January 26, 2015

Dear Holy Trinity family,

Greetings in Christ Jesus our Lord! Lynnae and I would like to express our deep gratitude for the generosity that you have shown us this past semester. Your gift to us is a wonderful reminder of the love and favor that our Father continues to show and give us, ever in his Son, Jesus Christ. I am reminded of Paul's letter to the Phillipians: Paul was in need, and the church at Philippi supported him. In this letter Paul is thanking them for what they did, but then he does something rather radical. He tells them that it was not just a gift to him, but a 'fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God' (4:18). Though they may have thought that they were simply giving to Paul, that was not the case: their gift was an offering and a sacrifice which God accepts and is pleased with.

We know from elsewhere in Scripture that there is only *one* sacrifice, only *one* offering which God accepts and is pleased by, that is the offering which his Son gave, the sacrifice which his Son offered: himself. Jesus Christ offered up himself for us, sacrificed himself for us, and the Philippian gift is a *participation* in Christ's *one* offering and sacrifice. I think I can say with confidence that your gift to Lynnae and Elias and me is no different, it is nothing other than a participation in Christ Jesus, which our Father receives and is pleased with in his Son. And just as Paul rejoices that God will supply the needs of the church at Philippi and rejoices in the 'fruit that increases to (their) credit', so do Lynnae and I. We rejoice in the work that our Father has begun in you and eagerly look forward to the completion of that work, in Christ through his Spirit. And, all of this is to say, we praise the Lord for blessing us through your generosity, and we are deeply grateful to you. Thank you.

As Lynnae has already said in our letters and updates, Trinity School for Ministry is a wonderful place. We could not ask for better professors than David Yeago and Amy Schifrin and the rest of the professors at TSM. We have come to appreciate and love our common heritage in the historic church, and in our common entry into this historic church, the Lutheran tradition. Your grace-gift will undoubtedly go towards the spreading and furthering of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are deeply blessed by your love for us, and we eagerly await the day when we can commune together once again, together celebrating our common Life.

Until then, may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Caleb, Lynnae and Elias.





Letters continued...



January 11, 2015

To Holy Trinity,

I just wanted to send you all a letter to say how thankful I am for the care package you sent me in December. Sorry it took me so long, I didn't get it from the mail room until after break! All of the food and candy was delicious and I got it just as I was running low!

Thanks again and I hope you all have a wonderful year!

Love,
Greg DiSario



January 26, 2015

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your 2014 gift of \$451.00 to Inter-faith Housing Alliance. Your support is deeply appreciated.

Inter-faith Housing Alliance helps families with children move toward self-sufficiency by working with them to set and reach goals through intensive case management, in-house programming, and referrals to appropriate services. With your help, Inter-faith continues to meet the growing needs of the many families with children who are experiencing homelessness in our community. We thank you for being a partner in this work.

In 2013, Inter-faith provided ninety-eight people with safe, affordable housing; **sixty-three of them were children**. Our food cupboard in Abington filled over one thousand requests for food and our emergency assistance program helped prevent homelessness for twenty-two families by providing help with heating oil, utility expenses, and rental assistance.

Your gift is tax deductible. The Internal Revenue Service requires us to state that you received no benefit, goods, or services in exchange for your contribution; but when families with children in our community have a safe place to call home, we all benefit!

Thank you again for your continued support. Please be assured that we take our responsibility to be good stewards very seriously.

Sincerely,

Marsha Eichelberger
Executive Director



February 6, 2015

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We want to say thank you very much for your love and kindness in support of our work here in Ecuador. Your prayers and financial support are spreading the Gospel around Ecuador through our services. Without you we couldn't accomplish what we already did for the glory of God. Since the beginning of the year 2015, we are busy training church leaders about the prophetic role that is found in Proverbs 31: 8-9, 8 "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. 9 Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy."

The Church in Ecuador had difficulty embracing the subject of defending those in sexual abuse and domestic violence and preferred to keep silent and protect the dignity of the church. But we find that this was not true because many churches are being sued because of sexual assault and brokenness within the body of Christ. Paz y Esperanza decided to train efficiently church leaders to understand the danger that churches are facing, making a right decision to reverse those mentalities.

For now over 300 leaders are trained to serve as change agents who are in the services of the most vulnerable people. Your prayers helped us to accomplish this work. I will be sending to you as soon as possible our prayer news that contain the details about this training.

Pray for us as we are packing and being ready for our return to the USA. My wife Serafina and our daughter Sarah will be traveling on April 20 and I will be following them at the end of May after wrapping up my last agenda.

Pray the God may open the door and give to us the discernment as we are willing to serve him in Africa/Angola for the next field assignment.

Pray the God may send another missionary to Pas y Esperanza and all the support the Foundation needs for the effectiveness to their services to the most vulnerable people.

Again thank you so much and may the Lord continue to bless you in His mercy.

Your servants in Christ,

Didi, Serafina & Sarah

The Monday morning Sewing Circle needs your help

We are actively engaged in our latest project
Bags for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

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

This is great 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





WORLD DAY
of PRAYER 2015
Written by the women of the Bahamas

YOU ARE INVITED TO
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

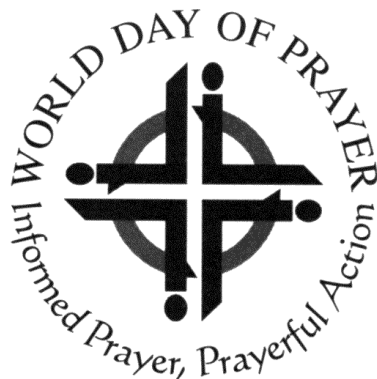
MARCH 6, 2015
written by women of the Bahamas

Prayer Service 12 Noon

Lunch follows at 1 pm

Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

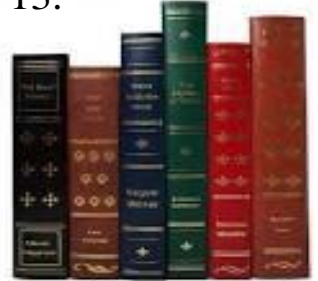
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Coram Deo

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



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 (Holy Week)

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

Music for Passiontide



Musica Concordia

Jacqueline Smith, director

Psalms and anthems of Christiansen, Ippolitov-Ivanov,
Mendelssohn, Morley, Shephard, Smith, and others

Two performances:

Saint Cecilia Church
535 Rhawn St., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19111
SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2015 4:00 PM

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
2086 Parkview Ave., Abington, PA 19001
SUNDAY, MARCH 29 , 2015 7:00 PM

No tickets required

A free-will offering will be received to benefit

Birthright

a crisis pregnancy center in Fox Chase, Philadelphia.

For further information, please call 215-659-2642

or visit www.holytrinity.net



Please join us on Good Friday, April 3rd

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

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

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

The Son is Risen Breakfast

Easter Sunday, April 5th

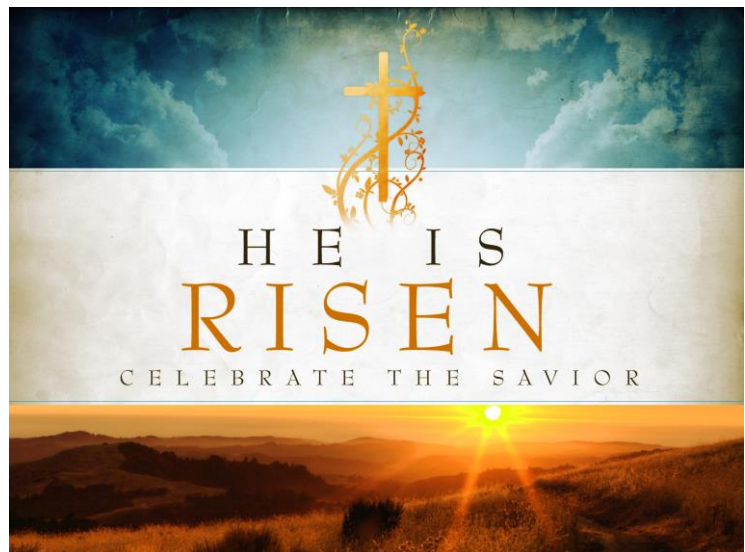
7:30 am

Potluck breakfast before worship

Sign - up sheet in the Narthex

Last year we had so much food please, even if you don't sign up or don't have an item to bring

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



GIFT CARDS

Holy Trinity LCW have Giant Food Stores Gift Cards for purchase. The cards are available in denominations of \$5.00, \$10.00, \$20.00, \$25.00, \$50.00 and \$100.00. If you are interested in obtaining Giant Gift Cards, there is an order form in the Narthex that can be completed and left in the box or turned into the Church office. (No money with order form please). Joy Alderfer is coordinating this project for HTLCW. She will complete your orders. Cash purchases are welcome, all checks for gift cards should be made payable to HTLCW. Joy will be available in Fellowship Hall after Church to take orders, payment and deliver cards. HTLCW receives a 5% cash back award for each card sold which will go into our scholarship fund. Our scholarship fund is utilized to offset the cost of any LCW related function for any Church women who may want to attend but needs financial assistance.

Thank you for your support.



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

March

The March topic is entitled Almsgiving: One of Lent's Three Pillars

March Circles:

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

HANNAH: Wednesday, March 18, 7:30 P.M., the Parlor
Circle leader, Cindy Biehl: 267-475-5435

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

RUTH: Wednesday, March 11th, 7:30PM in the parlor
after the Lenten Service
Circle leader, Nancy Necker, 215-884-2123.

SARAH: Thursday, March 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 asap; balance due by April 5, 2015

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

(Checks should be made payable to HTLCW)

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

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

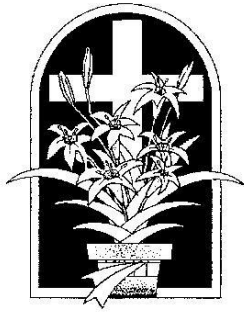
HTLCW Retreat – May 1-3, 2015. I would like to attend:

Name: _____

Deposit paid: _____

Balance due: _____

Pizza Party Friday: Yes _____ No _____



Why are Lilies the Flower of Easter?

More than any other flower, the Easter lily is the traditional, time-honored flower of Easter. Symbolic of the resurrection, Easter Lilies rise from earthly graves as scaly bulbs, and bloom into majestic flowers that embody the purity, virtue, innocence, hope and resurrection they symbolize.

Dating back to Biblical times, the lily is mentioned numerous times in the Bible. One of the most famous Biblical references is in the Sermon on the Mount, when Christ told His listeners: "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they toil not, neither do they spin; and yet ... Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these."

Tradition has it that when Eve left the Garden of Eden, she shed real tears of repentance, and from those remorseful tears sprang up the lilies of Easter. These lilies sprang up to remind Eve that God would never forget that He had promised Adam and Eve that He would send the Messiah to defeat "that ancient serpent" who had deceived them into disobedience.

The pure white lily has long been associated with the baby Jesus and Mary, his mother. In ancient paintings, the Angel Gabriel is pictured extending to the Virgin Mary a branch of pure white lilies, announcing that she is to be the mother of the Christ Child. In other paintings, saints are pictured bringing vases full of white lilies to Mary and the infant Jesus, prefiguring His resurrection.

Often called the "white-robed apostles of hope," lilies were found growing in the Garden of Gethsemane after Christ's agony. Tradition has it that the beautiful white lilies sprang up where drops of Christ's sweat fell to the ground in His final hours of sorrow and deep distress. Churches continue this tradition at Easter time by banking their altars and surrounding their crosses with

masses of Easter Lilies, to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and hope of eternal life.

The majestic white flower has so thoroughly come to symbolize the Resurrection of Christ, that the phrase "to gild the lily" has come into common usage meaning "a foolish attempt to improve on perfection." To many artists and poets it has seemed that, if any flower could have one, the Easter lily would have a soul.

Enjoy Your Lilies for Years to Come!

Once all danger of frost has passed, you can move your lilies to a sunny location outside.

To plant your Easter lilies, prepare a well-drained garden bed in a sunny location with rich organic matter (one part soil, one part peat moss, one part perlite). Good drainage is the key for success with lilies. Plant your bulbs 3 inches below ground level, and at least 12-18 inches apart in a hole sufficiently deep that the bulbs can be placed in it with the roots spread out and down. Spread the roots and work the prepared soil around the bulbs and roots, leaving no air pockets. Water immediately and thoroughly after planting.

As the original plants die back, cut the stems back to the soil surface. New growth will soon emerge. Your lilies will bloom again **NEXT YEAR IN JULY**. It is possible that they could bloom again later this summer, but most likely you will have to wait until the summer after this one to see your lilies bloom again. (It is only under controlled greenhouse conditions that these bulbs can be forced to bloom in March or April.)

The Easter Lily is surprisingly hardy, even in cold climates. Just be sure to provide winter protection for your bulbs by mulching them generously. Remember: Lilies like their roots in the shade (mulch) and their heads in the sun.



ORDER FOR EASTER LILIES

Place Orders by 9:00 a.m.,
Monday, March 23, 2015
(Easter is April 5, 2015)

_____ Lilies (6 Bloom) @ \$12.00

TOTAL \$ _____

In memory of

In honor of

Other

Your Name

Do you wish to have your name included in your dedication?

Circle one: Yes No

Enclose your order and payment in a small pew envelope. Write "Lilies" on the envelope and place in the offering plate. Make checks payable to "Holy Trinity".

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.



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

Pastor Mandy will offer a 5 week course on

The Basics of Liturgical Worship

Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. with repeat at 7:00 p.m.

Have you ever wondered why we don't sing

“Contemporary Praise Songs” during worship at Holy Trinity?

Have you ever wondered why we follow the Church Year or the Lectionary?

Have you ever wondered why the Liturgy follows the “set pattern” that it does?

Come to Pastor Mandy's five sessions on Liturgical worship.



Love. Grow. Serve.

YOUTH MINISTRY

-Reminders for the month of March -

Sunday, March 1st 5:00 - 7:00 pm Youth group

Sunday, March 15th 5:00 - Potluck Supper

6:00 - Family Stations of the Cross



We were blessed not only to attend the Quake youth gathering in February but to be able to offer assistance to the East Coast Captive Free Ministry Team for a few days after the retreat. Many thanks to Pastors Mike and Mandy for providing showers and a wonderful meal to Stephen, Sam, Charley, Rachel and Becca. When they departed for their next event they left this note-

“Thank you for a relaxing time here at your church and for feeding us so well. God Bless, Captive Free EC.”



The new Youth Schedule looks like this:

March 1, 2015 Junior High Youth Group (5:00 pm – 7:00 pm)

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

**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

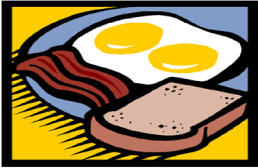
May 24, 2015 **Pentecost – Confirmation of 8th Graders**

June 7, 2015 Last Junior High Youth Group (5:00 – 7:00 pm)

July 27-31, 2015 Vacation Bible School -- Watch your Bulletin,
Echoes, & 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:

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

April 11th (second Saturday due to Easter)

“Trip to Ukraine – Part 2” Allan Shikhvarg

Have a subject that you are passionate about? Care to share it?

Email Allan Shikhvarg at allan.shikhvarg@gmail.com
or call (215) 885-1772 with your ideas. We’d love to hear from you.

Join us for breakfast and fellowship.

What does true spiritual life really look like? What keeps you from living such a life?

How can you pursue it?

If you’ve ever pondered the above join us in the parlor
for Adult Sunday School at 10:30 am

Randy & Carole Gettmann will facilitate

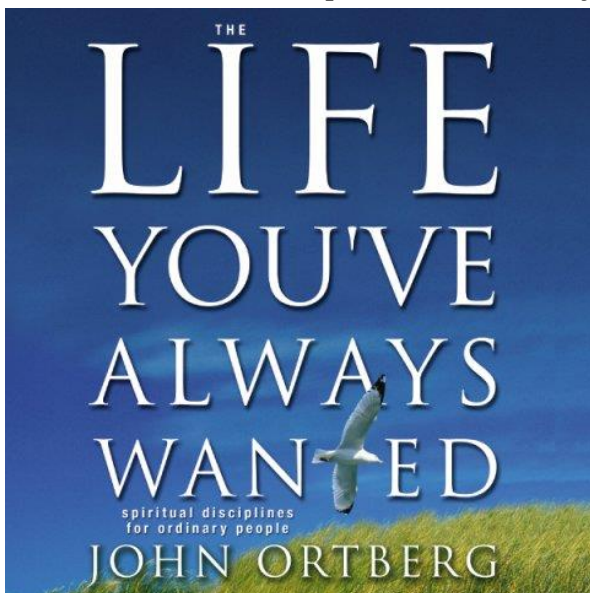
“The Life You’ve Always Wanted” by John Ortberg

March 1 – Meditating on Scripture and seeking guidance

March 8 – Practicing servanthood, finding freedom

March 15 – Going the distance with a well-ordered heart

Each class will have a short video & group discussion





Men's Devotional Group

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



Women of Holy Trinity - Save the date.
Mark your calendar for a Spring Tea!

Holy Trinity Church Women's Tea
With

The Ladies of Wayne Hall
Sunday, April 26 at 12 Noon
Fellowship Hall

Special Guest: Milly Mbriwa

Who will share her testimony of her journey
from Africa to America

Her personal challenges...her walk with the Lord

Additional information will follow in the April Echoes.

March Worship Assistants Schedule

March 1st

Usher	2	Greeter	Pam & Albert Eisenmann	Presenters of Gifts	Ruth & Don Lewis and Jeanne Blacoe
Count	4	Acolyte	Nicole Miller		
Christophers	5	Crucifer	Charles Tolton		
Prayer Team	3	Lay Reader- Sat Clem McLaughlin Sun James Roeder		Communion Assistants	Ann Frey and Eric Gregg
				Setup	Maryann Leventhal

March 8th

Usher	3	Greeter	Anita & John Ickler	Presenters of Gifts	Pam & Albert Eisenmann and Tina Bednarczyk
Count	1	Acolyte	Anne Wray		
Christophers	1	Crucifer	Rob Ischinger		
Prayer Team	4	Lay Reader- Sat John Maieron Sun Carole Gettmann		Communion Assistants	Tom Schied and Alan Hinkle
				Setup	Tina Bednarczyk

March 15th

Usher	4	Greeter	Ruth & Don Lewis	Presenters of Gifts	Ella & Marilyn Murphy and Martina Smith
Count	2	Acolyte	Charlotte Whipple		
Christophers	2	Crucifer	Earl Whipple		
Prayer Team	1	Lay Reader- Sat Linda Cassady Sun Betsy Zimmermann		Communion Assistants	Dani & Terry Rowley
				Setup	Sue Tolton




March 22nd

Usher	5	Greeter	Very Pre-K and Kindergarten	Presenters of Gifts	Kevan Berkovitz, Janice Donnelly and Barbara Harvey
Count	3	Acolyte	Matthew Schied		
Christophers	3	Crucifer	Jared Ickler		
Prayer Team	2	Lay Reader Sat Katie Beyer Sun Tina Bednarczyk		Communion Assistants	Betsy & Gil Zimmermann
				Setup	Michele Muller

March 29th

Usher	1	Greeter	The Cuff Family	Presenters of Gifts	Dotty Erb, Linda Frezza and Ruth McCandless
Count	4	Acolyte	Hannah Mumford		
Christophers	4	Crucifer	Heather Lee Whipple		
Prayer Team	3	Lay Reader- Sat Clem McLaughlin Sun Sue Tolton		Communion Assistants	Nancy & Jim Necker
				Setup	Deb Mumford

March 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Lent 2 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Pre-K thru Adult SS 5:00 — 7:00 Youth Group	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	4 9:30 Terce Worship and Devotional Study Noon- 39'RS 7:30- Vespers Worship and Devotional Study 8:00- Council Meeting	5 9:30 Theology w/bagels 4:15 Choristers 6:30 Handbell Choir 7:30 Theology w/cake 8:00 Chancel Choir	6 12 Noon World Day of Prayer 7:30 AA	7 9:00 Adult Christian Breakfast Fellowship  5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
8 Lent 3 Daylight Savings Time 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Pre-K thru Adult SS	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 9:30 Terce Worship and Devotional Study 7:30 Ruth Circle in parlor after Lenten service 7:30 Evangelism Meeting 7:30 Vespers Worship and Devotional Study	12 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 Lent 4 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Pre-K thru Adult SS 5:00 — Potluck Supper 6:00 — Family Stations of the Cross	16 SHOP & COOK FOR AIDS 6:00 — 7:30 Brownies 7:30 — Coram Deo 7:30 — Women's Prayer Group	17  St. Patrick's Day DELIVER AIDS DINNER 1:00 and 7:00 Bible as Source of Faith 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 Compline	18 9:30 Terce Worship and Devotional Study 7:30 Hannah Circle at home of Dani Rowley 7:30 Vespers Worship and Devotional Study	19  The First Day Of Spring 4:15 Choristers 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	20 7:30 AA	21 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
22 Lent 5 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Pre-K thru Adult SS 4:00 Musica Concordia Passion Concert at Saint Cecilia's	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 4:15 Choristers 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	27 7:30 AA 7:30 AA	28 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
29 Passion/Palm Sunday 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Pre-K thru Adult SS 7:00 Musica Concordia Passion Concert	30 HOLY WEEK	31 HOLY WEEK 1:00 and 7:00 Bible as Source of Faith				

Special Dates:

- World Day of Prayer, March 6, 2015
- Daylight-Saving Time begins, March 8, 2015
- First Day of Spring, March 20, 2015
- Palm/Passion Sunday, March 29, 2015
- Holy Week, March 29, 2015

