

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,

Our theme in recent pastors' letters has been discipleship. In the Church certain subjects become paramount at certain times. Discipleship is the primary talk these days. This is said not to discount the importance of discipleship at all times in the life of the Church. In fact, discipleship is always an important topic. It should not only be an item of discussion, but a way of life.

Christians are disciples. We follow the Lord Jesus. Peter writes in his first letter, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." (1 Peter: 3-5 ESV) How well Peter expresses our salvation in Christ. Later in the letter, Peter describes our identity as "a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." (1 Peter 2:9 ESV) We are to let others know of the hope that we have found in Jesus Christ.

Further on in the letter, Peter tells the "elect exiles of the dispersion" (the Christians to whom he writes) that the Christian people are to have no fear of hostile opposition, but are to make a defense (apology) "for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect." We are to witness to others about our Lord Christ, even in hostile circumstances. Encouragement to witness to others is essential to the message that the Church proclaims.

When we were young pastors at Saint Andrew Lutheran Church in Hurst, Texas, the Lutheran Church in America, a predecessor body of the ELCA, published a course entitled Word and Witness. This material included both Bible study and witnessing components. It was commonly observed at the time that Lutherans were not good at sharing the faith with others. Pastor Mandy taught the course at Saint Andrew. It had good effect in the life of the congregation.

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Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Mission Statement

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



Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers have been presented to the Glory of God by the people of Holy Trinity.

Altar Flowers must be ordered no later than the Tuesday afternoon preceding the Sunday they are presented. They may be ordered through the Church Office (215-659-2642). You may pay by placing \$20.00 in a small white pew envelope checked, "Altar Flowers." If you know it, indicate your envelope number.

From the Pastors

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At the last meeting of the Willow Grove Ministerium, also known as Pastors Praying Together, we hosted guests who described a program that encourages interpersonal witness. In these challenging times of growing secularism, declining church membership, and difficulty in reaching the younger generation, the Church continues its emphasis on the importance of sharing the Gospel with others. It is always the task of the Church and Christian disciples to reach out with the Gospel.

In this Easter season when we focus on Christ's triumph over the grave, we urge you to make witnessing to others a prominent part of your discipleship. During 2015 we will provide a new opportunity for training in the area of interpersonal witness. As you consider your discipleship, keep prayer at the center. Jesus said to seventy-two of his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to send out laborers into his harvest." (Luke 10:2b ESV) May each of you be one of these laborers as you live out your life as an "elect exile."

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

Important Church Meeting

Sunday, May 17th after Sunday School

11:30 am in Fellowship Hall

Who should attend:

If you work with youth through the ministries of Sunday School, VBS, Youth Groups, Choristers, Nursery & Staff. Please make every effort to attend this meeting re: Holy Trinity's Youth Protection Policy.





Healing Prayer Ministry

After the 9:00 A.M. Sunday Service, trained members of the Healing Prayer Team are available in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd to meet with you for healing prayer. Prayers are offered for your physical, emotional, and spiritual health.

Prayer List



One of the beautiful aspects of Christian Fellowship is that we can share one another's concerns through prayer. Please pray for the following:

Please pray for the following individuals & their families :

(we cannot add last names or initials) The families of the members of Holy Trinity together with those they love, including: Albert, Alex, Alicia, Allan, Allyson, Althea, Amanda, Amber, Angelika, Aniah, Anna, Anne, 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, 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, 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, Elsey, 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.



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

May 4, 18 June 1, 15



/ Commitment Task Force is now forming...

Why? 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. Your Church Council would like as much congregational input as possible on the most effective utilization of this money. To that end a task force is being put together to review congregational proposals and allocate the spending of this fund.

Any interested congregation members please contact Deb in the church office, Mon. thru Thurs., 8:30 am to 3:30 pm (215)659-2642 or send an email to secretary@holyltrinity.net by June 1, 2015.

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.

In the interest of transparency and education, below is a detailed description of Separate Funds currently maintained by the Church.

The Congregation Fund - is designated to benefit Holy Trinity's ministries. Each year 100% of the income is available as deemed needed by and directed by the Congregational Council. With the approval of the Congregation, up to 10% of principal may also be withdrawn to reduce or eliminate a deficit for the year.

The Outreach Fund - is designated for benevolence purposes beyond the synod apportionment. Only the income from the fund is available and is distributed annually.

The Parking Lot Fund - is holding money to eventually be used to construct a parking lot for the church.

The Mission/Evangelism Fund - is designated for evangelism or mission projects.

The Building Maintenance Fund - is designated for major additions or repairs to the church property.

The Music and Organ Fund - is designated for improvements or repairs to the organ as well as other musical activities of the church.

The Supplemental Fund - is designated to supplement current fund receipts on a monthly basis. The budget that was approved assumed that \$3,000 per month would be used for 2015.

★ The Mission/Commitment Fund - is to provide gifts and grants to organizations outside the scope of the regular benevolence distributions.

Other separate funds set up by the Congregational Council are all short term in nature and contain minimal amounts.



Our Christian Sympathy to

Carole Renne, Kile Smith and family
on the death of son, brother and uncle
Gary Smith, March 28, 2015

Kristin Drumm and family on the death of
Paul Drumm, April 12, 2015

Mark Beltz and family on the death of
Dorothy Beltz, April 15, 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



Congratulations Class of 2015

Lauren Elizabeth Caputo

Nicole Mary Miller

Eleanor Louise Murphy

Matthew Thomas Schied


Confirmation



For Miriam Alderfer

3455 Davisville Road

Room #117

Hatboro, PA 19040

Her phone # is the same.

Join the Conversation!

We want to hear from you! Pastor Mandy has a blog on which she posts regularly. This blog is embedded right in our website at www.holytrinity.net. Your feedback is wanted! Please come on in and check us out. At the bottom of each blog there is space for your comments. Let us hear from you.

Treasurer's Report

March 31, 2015 (For the Year 2015)

	Holy Trinity Ministries	Wider Church
Year to date received for current income	\$ 104,766.53	\$ 11,308.01
Carry over Benevolence from 2013		\$ 68.34
Expenses paid to date	\$ 97,422.63	\$ 8,777.00
Surplus/(Deficit) 2015	\$ 7,343.90	\$ 2,599.35

Support Us

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

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

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



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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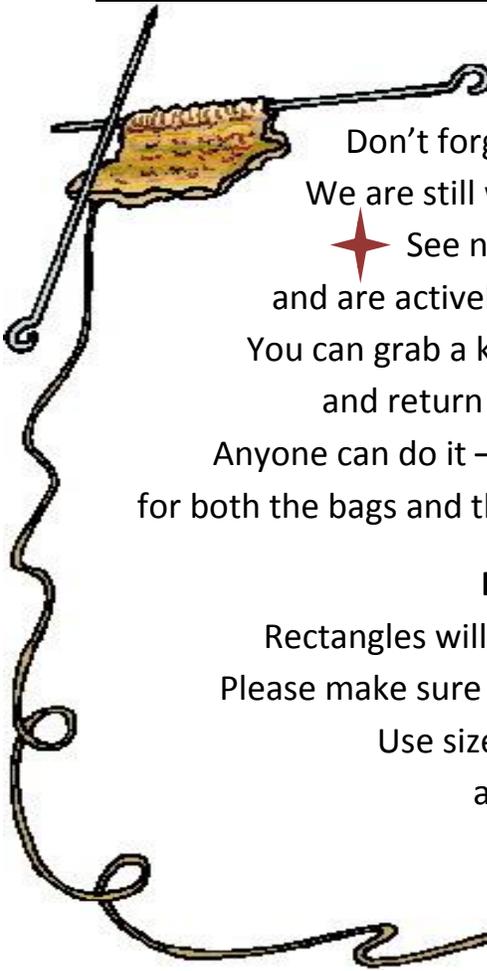
May 6, 2015

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

June 3, 2015

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

MONDAY SEWING GROUP:



Don't forget our monthly meeting on **Monday, May 4th 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

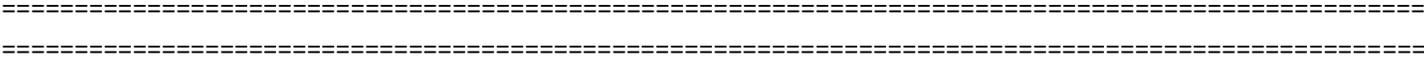
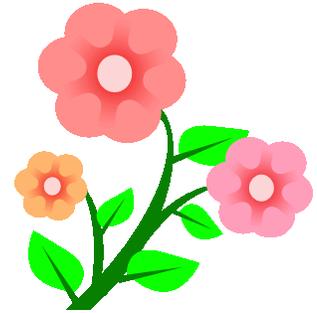
March 20, 2015

Dear Holy Trinity Family,

Thank you so much for all your cards, phone calls, visits and most especially your prayers. A special thank you to the beautiful Altar flowers delivered by Al & Sandy Schmidt and Jim & Nancy Necker. Thanks for the visit by my good luck charm (A.H.) and most of all to my Pastor Mandy for her visits and prayers in the hospital and at home. I just love this family!

Sincerely,

Maryjane Singley



Heartfelt Thanks from Jill Trickel.

I am deeply grateful for all the love and support shown to me by my Holy Trinity family in the past six months.



During this time I underwent successful heart surgery and cancer surgery. I am currently receiving chemotherapy. Thanks to Pastor Mandy for sharing communion with me and to my church family for meals, continual prayers and cards of encouragement. Most of all, praise to our loving God for His healing mercies.

Thank you Holy Trinity for your generous support of the Health and Fabric Kit collection. We collected 24 Health Kits and 12 Fabric Kits as well as \$45. The kits and money will go to Lutheran World Relief to help people all over the world.

Also, thank you to the 7th and 8th grade Sunday School, Noreen Weld, Lois Hamilton and Cindy Biehl for helping with the packing. Thank you also to Rob and Nancy Ischinger for helping with the delivery.

Thanks again,

Katie Beyer.





Kile and Jacqueline Smith
invite the Holy Trinity church family to

Martina's
Senior Recital

in Holy Trinity's sanctuary
Music for

solo horn, horn duets, brass quintet

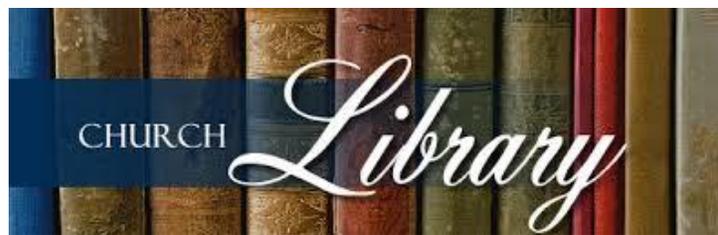
followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall



Please come out and help Martina celebrate her high school graduation and hear some great music for brass!

Friday, May 15, 2015
7:30 pm

CHECK IT OUT



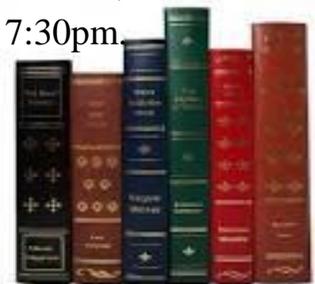
COME - READ - BE INSPIRED

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 2015

May 4- *Salome*- Oscar Wilde

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

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

The Bubble Bursts, If I Were a Rothchild,

Modern Children- Shalom Alechem

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

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

July 15- *Lolita*-Vladimir Nabokov



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 May gatherings. If you are new to Holy Trinity or have not yet visited a circle, then we hope you will select a circle to visit this month. You will enjoy lively discussions of Bible-based topics, refreshments and social time. For more information, contact any of the circle leaders listed below.

This years' topic will be on:

DANIEL

Spiritual Living in a Secular World

With the exception of a special Christmas story and two Lenten studies, the Lutheran Church Women of Holy Trinity will be studying the book of Daniel in their circles during the 2014-15 activity years. Each month the focus will be on two inspiring topics as they read and discuss how the words in this part of Scripture relate to and underscore their lives today.

MAY

A World Out of Control

How often do we watch or read current events and world news of so many evils afoot and feel powerless to effect change? In the 10th chapter of Daniel, the prophet has begun to see God's hand in the world.

We will explore how these writings can encourage us to persist in prayer.

Darkness before Deliverance

As we conclude our study of Daniel, it is hoped that we will have a new appreciation for the majesty and authority of God who can describe the future, raise up or end kingdoms, and mightily protect us, even when we find ourselves in our own lion's den. In reading chapter 11, we will be asked to consider our strengths and weaknesses in comparison to Daniel.

MAY CIRCLES:

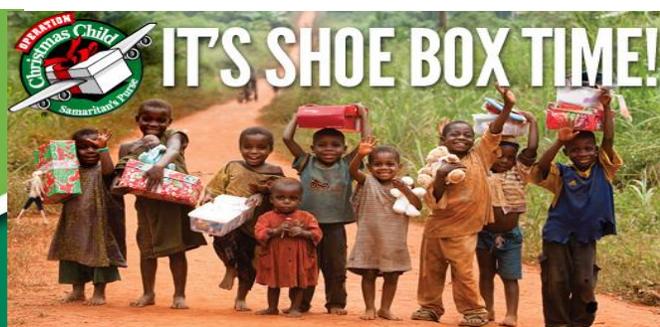
EVE: Thursday, May 14th, 7:30 P.M., the Parlor
Circle leader, Sue Tolton: 215-659-7054.

HANNAH: Wednesday, May 20th, 7:30 P.M., the Parlor
Circle leader, Cindy Biehl: 267-475-5435

MIRIAM: Monday, May 11th, 12:30 P.M., in Fellowship Hall,
Circle leader, Ruth McCandless: 215-682-2034.

RUTH: Wednesday, May 13th, 7:30PM at home of Katie Beyer
500 West Ave., Apt. A-9, Jenkintown, 215-572-6864
Circle leader, Nancy Necker, 215-884-2123.

SARAH: Thursday, May 14th, 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 (kazoos, horns, harmonicas, mini keyboards, etc.)
beach balls	play doh	puzzles, Lego sets
novelty plastic ware: cups, plates, bowls, spoons & forks (NO knives)	jewelry making kits	color forms books or sets
matchbox & tension-release cars, trucks, trains, planes	glow sticks, bracelets	small tools for older boys (screwdrivers, hammers, etc.)
	Slinkys, yoyos, jump ropes	

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



I resided at the Cradle of Hope in 2004 with my son Quadir. I was a teenage mother with a young sick child and still in high school. (My son was 4 months premature.) At the Cradle I finished my high school education at Cheltenham High School and I learned more parenting and life skills along the way that I carry with me forever. When I left the Cradle, I got my own apartment in Germantown that the Cradle helped me to furnish through IMPACT thrift shop. I began taking courses to get a certificate as a nursing assistant while I volunteered part time at a daycare and worked at a clothing store. Life hasn't been easy but I have tons of support and my faith which has helped me make it to where I am today. Another big help was the foundation set from living at the Cradle of Hope in regards to parenting and life skills. Today Quadir is 10 and is as healthy as can be. I now live in Montgomery County because I want to give him a great education as my mother did for me. I pride myself on being a great mother to my son! I will be graduating in May of next year with my associates in behavioral health and a year later with my bachelors in social work. Currently, I am a certified domestic violence counselor and I intern at the Women's Center of Montgomery County. The Cradle has helped me and now I want to help other women who are struggling in our community.

Cradle of Hope Sunday

May 17, 2015

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

Household Supplies:

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

Personal:

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

Baby Supplies:

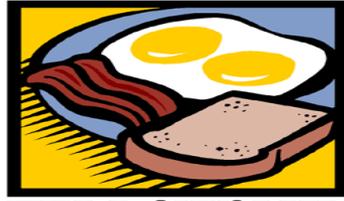
Pampers in size 3, 4 and 5, baby wipes, Crib sheets, (blue, pink and yellow)

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

Thank you for your support and generosity!

Adult Christian Breakfast Fellowship

BREAKFAST



FELLOWSHIP

(All Adults, young and old are invited)

When: First Saturday of the Month (**Saturday, May 2**)

Time: **9:00 A.M.**

Topics and Speakers:

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

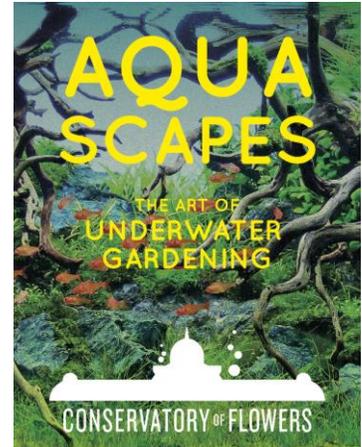
Have a subject that you are passionate about?

Care to share it?

Email Allan Shikhvarg at allan.shikhvarg@gmail.com

or call (215) 885-1772 with your ideas.

We'd love to hear from you. *Join us for breakfast & fellowship.*



Men's Devotional Group

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

This month, **Thursday, May 14th, 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.



Without your help, she might go hungry.

Your Social Ministry Committee is collecting for **Baby Manna**
Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10th

- 12,000 children are born into poverty in the Delaware Valley each year.
- Often raised by caregivers, not their mothers, who must purchase expensive formula. If they cannot afford this formula, babies receive watered-down formula or sugar water. Or worse yet, solid foods before their bodies can process it.
- Young children, too may receive less expensive “junk” foods that are less nutritious, putting them at risk for malnutrition, the negative effects of which are lifelong.
- Baby Manna has been collecting money to support these babies & children for 13 years and has raised over half a million dollars to help them succeed in the early years of life.

Won't you find it in your heart to be a part of this life giving effort to the most vulnerable in need?

Least incarnate

a hospitality ministry for those affected by HIV/AIDS

Is the official name for the outreach known as “Aids Dinner”

(Although this ministry also serves the homeless and working poor)

You may have noticed it on our monthly calendar when we shop for the food, prepare & deliver the meal to University Lutheran in Philadelphia once a month. Holy Trinity has been faithfully providing this meal to approximately 120 people for over 25 years thanks to the hard work and generous donations of dedicated individuals.

Unfortunately many of the congregants who donated consistently to this cause are no longer with us. This ministry needs your support. Currently the fund is so depleted, without badly needed donations, we will not be able to provide a meal for the month of June. We ask you to prayerfully consider any amount of donation, one time or ongoing.

In addition to funding our biggest need at the moment is in help delivering the food. We have two dedicated volunteers who could certainly use help loading the food in the car and accompanying them to University Lutheran on the third Tuesday morning of the month. Your Social Ministry team, Aids Dinner Team and Stewardship Committee would love to see Holy Trinity be able to provide this ministry for another 25 + years... with your help we can!



Cookie Walk - Attention All Bakers -

We are trying to get a project off the ground which will aid in supplying funds in a few areas. There are some churches in the area who participate in a "Cookie Walk". This is 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 are just trying to get an idea of how many people would be interested in participating.

The amount of cookies to be baked is about 12 dozen, and 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!

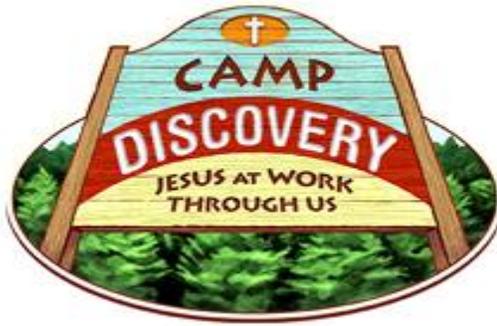
If you are interested in helping in any way, please let Deb Mumford or myself know as I need to get started on this. My friend from Grace Lutheran in Somers Point, New Jersey, has volunteered to help us this first time. Her church has been doing this for 9 years now and last year they made over \$4,000. Many areas not currently funded could be helped by this project.

Thank you,
Tina Bednarczyk



The remaining 2015 Youth Schedule looks like this:

May 3, 2015	Junior High Youth Group (5:00 – 7:00 pm)
May 17, 2015	Last Supper Club of the Season (5 pm - 7 pm) Place: Fellowship Hall Time: 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Tonight's Cooks: Everyone – It's a Picnic Potluck Tonight's Story: The Spirit Comes At Pentecost
May 24, 2015	Pentecost – Confirmation of 8th Graders
June 7, 2015	Last Junior High Youth Group (5:00 – 7:00 pm)
July 27-31, 2015	Vacation Bible School – (see next page)



2015 Vacation Bible School

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

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

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

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

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

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

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Full Address: _____

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

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

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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: _____

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

Date: Saturday, May 9th

**Time: 4:30 pm – Meet at Holy Trinity to carpool
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm**

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

Rescue Missions are similar to a traditional homeless shelter, but focus on caring for the spiritual needs in addition to the practical needs of people. Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission serves the homeless through two locations in Philadelphia: a meal service program serving three meals a day to anyone in need and men's shelter in Center City and a transitional home for women in the Germantown neighborhood of Philadelphia (Wayne Hall).

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

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

Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission is in desperate need of furniture



Your donations of furniture provide crucial funding through sales, or donations to benefit those in need. Please consider donating gently used pieces while you are gearing up for spring cleaning. If you need help transporting anything you'd like to donate, please reach out to your closest store location.

Locations:

7136 Rising Sun Avenue, Philadelphia, PA (215) 742-5060

71 Bellevue Avenue, Penndel, PA (215) 741-1010

Hours:

Mon-Fri: 10 am to 5 pm Sat: 10 am to 4 pm



May Worship Assistants Schedule



May 3

Usher 2	Greeter Linda & Don Borkowski	Presenters of Gifts	The Rowley Family
Count 1	Acolyte Audrey Brown		
Christophers 3	Crucifer Charlie Tolton		
Prayer Team 3	Lay Reader- Sat John Maieron	Communion Assistants	Frank & Erica Ganther
	Sun Erica Ganther	Setup	Maryann Leventhal

May 10

Usher 3	Greeter Betty Lee & Ruth McCandless	Presenters of Gifts	Sue & Charlie Tolton and Maryann Leventhal
Count 2	Acolyte Hannah Mumford		
Christophers 4	Crucifer Connor Breslin		
Prayer Team 4	Lay Reader- Sat Clem McLaughlin	Communion Assistants	Linda Bell-Powell and Linda Frezza
	Sun Linda Bell-Powell	Setup	Tina Bednarczyk

May 17

Usher 4	Greeter Karen & Phil Bertsch	Presenters of Gifts	Nancy & Rob Ischinger and Ken Tredinnick
Count 3	Acolyte Tyler Dewald		
Christophers 5	Crucifer Dan Dewald		
Prayer Team 5	Lay Reader-Sat Linda Cassady	Communion Assistants	Deanna Dudenbostel and Deb Mumford
	Sun Nancy Berkovitz	Setup	Sue Tolton

May 24

Usher 5	Greeter Ann Frey & Linda Frezza	Presenters of Gifts	The Mumford Family
Count 4	Acolyte Charlotte Whipple		
Christophers 1	Crucifer Heather Lee Whipple		
Prayer Team 1	Lay Reader-Sat Katie Beyer	Communion Assistants	Mark & Erica Affleck
	Sun Dorothy Erb	Setup	Michele Muller

May 31

Usher 1	Greeter Anita & John Ickler	Presenters of Gifts	The Schied Family
Count 1	Acolyte Sophia LaRocca		
Christophers 2	Crucifer Michael LaRocca		
Prayer Team 2	Lay Reader-Sat George Powell	Communion Assistants	Tina Bednarczyk and Ann Frey
	Sun Eric Gregg	Setup	Deb Mumford

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

Called to *Serve*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 7:30 AA	2 9:00 Adult Fellowship Breakfast 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
3 EASTER 5 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 SS Pre – K thru Adult 5:00 – 7:00 Jr. High Youth Group	4 10:00 Sewing Group 6:00 – 7:30 Brownies 7:30 Coram Deo 7:30 Women's Prayer Group	5 1:00 and 7:00 Basics of Liturgical Worship 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 Compline	6 Noon- 39'RS 7:30 Council meeting	7 4:15 Choristers 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	8 7:30 AA	9 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
10 EASTER 6 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 SS Pre – K thru Adult Happy Mother's Day! 	11 12:30 Miriam Circle 6:00 – 7:30 Brownies 7:30 Coram Deo	12 1:00 and 7:00 Basics of Liturgical Worship 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 Compline	13 7:30 Ruth Circle at Katie Beyer's house	14 Noon Sarah Circle 4:15 Choristers 6:30 Handbell Choir 7:00 Men's Devotional 7:30 Ascension Vespers 7:30 Eve Circle 8:00 Chancel Choir	15 7:30 Martina Smith's Senior Recital 7:30 AA	16 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
17 EASTER 7 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 SS Pre – K thru Adult  11:30 Important Youth Protection Policy Meeting 5:00 – 7:00 Supper Club	18 SHOP & COOK FOR AIDS DINNER 6:00 – 7:30 Brownies 7:30 Coram Deo 7:30 Women's Prayer Group	19 DELIVER AIDS DINNER 1:00 and 7:00 Basics of Liturgical Worship 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 Compline	20 7:30 Hannah Circle	21 4:15 Choristers 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	22 7:30 AA	23 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
24 PENTECOST CONFIRMATION 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 SS Pre – K thru Adult	25 HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY! OFFICE CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY  <small>Thank you to all our soldiers who give of themselves for our freedom! © 2014, Boardman, Inc. 04/17/14</small>	26 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 Compline	27	28 4:15 Choristers 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	29 7:30 AA	30 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
31 TRINITY 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 SS Pre –K thru Adult Last day of SS until Sept.	Special Dates: National Day of Prayer, <i>May 7, 2015</i> Mother's Day, <i>May 10, 2015</i> Ascension of our Lord, <i>May 14, 2015</i> Armed Forces Day, <i>May 16, 2015</i> Pentecost, <i>May 24, 2015</i> Memorial Day, <i>May 25, 2015</i> Trinity Sunday, <i>May 31, 2015</i>					