

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,

The Theological Conference, along with the Convocation of the North American Lutheran Church, was an incredible experience. This year's theme for Conference and Convocation was martyrdom. The word, martyr, in Greek literally means witness. In its Christian use the word means one who witnesses to faith in Christ unto death. The early Church was a Church of the Martyrs and so is the Church of today.

During both events speakers addressed the theme of martyrdom. One speaker related the story of Augustinian monks who during the Reformation were executed for their support of the evangelical teachings of Luther. Luther himself escaped their fate, largely because he was protected by the Elector of Saxony, but was ready to be a martyr. The most compelling speaker was an Assyrian Christian woman who resides in the United States and works for an organization that extends help to the persecuted Assyrian Christian Church in Iraq and elsewhere. She described the plight of these Christians and the murder and dislocation that ISIS has wrought against them. Their situation is desperate.

The Arabic letter nun has been placed on the doors of Assyrian Christians living in ISIS held areas of Iraq. Nun is the first letter in the name Nazarani, meaning Nazarenes or Christians. These Christians have had the choice of paying the tax imposed on non-Muslims, called Jizya, leaving their homes, or being killed. They will not renounce their Christian faith.

Fundamental questions at issue are whether Islam is inherently violent and whether there are moderates within it. In recent decades what we have experienced is violent Islam. Well-known scholar and speaker Robert Spencer, who spoke to the delegates and visitors at Dallas where we met, denied that moderate Islam exists. The Quran, the Muslim scriptures, encourages violence against those who oppose Islam. Spencer himself required body guards and the police to protect him while speaking to the Convocation.

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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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What then should be the Christian attitude toward Islam? Luther's teaching of the two kingdoms helps us out here. The kingdom of the right is the Church; the kingdom of the left is the civil government. In this context left and right have nothing to do with political ideology. The kingdom of the right, the Church, must boldly witness to Jesus Christ, non-violently. We must witness even in the face of threat. We must not respond violently to Islamic aggression. We may become martyrs for our witness. Empowered by God Himself to protect its citizens, the kingdom of the left is given the responsibility to use force against the violence of internal and external enemies. The use of violence to protect against aggression is not the Church's task, but the government's.

The Church can do many things in the face of this crisis. We can provide aid to persecuted Christians; we can pray for them; and we can witness to Christ, as they do, no matter what the consequences. In a few weeks pins purchased from Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church, Naples, Florida, will be distributed after worship. On them is the letter nun with the words, "I too am a Nazarene." We hope every one of you will wear a pin as part of your witness to Christ.

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

"The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us."

- Psalm 67:6





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 is scheduled to begin again **Monday, September 21st** and will continue to meet the **1st & 3rd Mondays** of each month. We gather at **7:30 pm** in the room over Rosemary Hinkle's garage.

(See church directory for phone # and address)

This space offers privacy.

Coffee, tea, and dessert are served!

Every woman is welcome, please come as you are able.

Questions contact Rosemary @ RosemaryHinkle@comcast.net

2015 Schedule

Sept. 21

Oct. 5 & 19

Nov. 2 & 16

Dec dates TBD

Prayer List



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

Please pray for the following:

Please pray for the following individuals & their families: *(we cannot add last names or initials)* The families of the members Holy Trinity together with those they love, including:

Albert, Alex, Alicia, Allan, Allyson, Althea, Amanda, Amber, Andy, Angela, Aniah, Anna, Anne, Antoinette, Art, Augusto, Barbara, Becca, Ben, Beth, Betty, Beverly, Bill, Bob, Bonnie, Brandy, Brian, Brianna, Bridget, Brielle, Bruce, Callie, Carol, Carole, Cassidy, Cheri, Chris, Christopher, Cindy, Clyde, Colleen, Daliliah, Dallas, Dan, David, Dean, Derek, Don, Dot, Doug, Drew, Earl, Ed, Edward, Elaine, Elijah, Ella, Eric, Erin, F. Joseph, Foster, Frank, Gary, George, Gene, Gerald, Gloria, Guy, Hannah, Harry, Hazel, Heide, Heidi, Helen, Holly, Hope, Ingrid, Jackie, James, Jason, Jean, Jeanne, Jen, Jennifer, Jill, Joanne, Joe, John, Joshua, Judi, Judy, Julianne, Julius, Kathy, Katie, Kayla, Keith, Kevan, Kim, Kristin, Larry, Laura, Lauren, LeVern, Linda, Lisa, Lois, Lori, Lorraine, Lucia, Lynn, Maralyn, Marge, Mariah, Mariliz, Marissa, Marlene, Marsha, Maryanne, Mary Ann, Maryjane, Maureen, Matt, Max, Megan, Melanie, Michael, Mike, Mina, Nate, Nancy, Nedra, Nicky, Nik, Nikki, Nyssa, Pat, Paul, Phillip, Randy, Rebecca, Reed, Renee, Rick, Rob, Roopa, Rudi, Russell, Ruth, Sam, Samantha, Sandy, Sean, Sheila, Sue, Suzy, Scarlett, Scott, Shonna, Stephanie, Steven, Tara, TC, Terri, Tim, TJ, Tony, Tyler, Vern, Vicki, Wanda, Warren, Wayne, Xavier

Please pray for the following families:

All of the families of Holy Trinity, together with those they love and pray for; especially we pray for: The Anderson, Arrue, Bauer, Bell, Bell-Powell, Berkovitz, Bertsch, Biehl, Benincasa, Borger, Borgia, Boyer, Breslin, Campbell, Croce, Delano, Del Vecchio, Dewald, Drobish, Drumm, Eisenmann, Eley, Fahy, Favorin, Foley, Frame, Hanzlick, Heeter, Johnson, Kelly, Kennedy, Koehler, Langan, Lee, Powell, Matteo, MacErlean, McKelvey, Mitchell, Moletsky, Necker, Ness, Praschil, Reeder, Ryan, Sawick, Sayles, Sears, Selman, Schmidt, Shippon, Singrella, Stanton, Strange, Timson, Trickel, Walker, Wilson, Wray, Young, Zar and Zaroli families.

Please pray for the following petitions:

That God would bless and protect all members of Holy Trinity, together with those they love and pray for.
That God would guide each of us to grow in grace & that He would please send workers into the Harvest.
For all who are chronically ill and/or shut-in. For 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.

Rally Day '15

All Are Invited!!

*September 13, 2015
Continental Breakfast
at 10:30 a.m.*

in Fellowship Hall



*Come join the fun
as we kick off
another great year
of Sunday School!!!*



/Commitment Task Force needs your input

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.



VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

> **ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

> **CHARACTER BUILDING**

> **GOD HONORING**

Over the years, several families in our church have sent their children to Valley Christian School. Consequently, we are helping them advertise the following openings:

Valley Christian School 2015 – 2016 positions:

- Elementary general music/Middle school music elective teacher (part time)
- Elementary general art/Middle school art elective teacher (part time)
- Instrumental teacher (part time)
- Middle school Spanish teacher (part time)
- Middle school language arts teacher (part time)

Interested parties may contact Susan Caler at calers@vcskids.com
or at (215) 947 – 4581.

Adult Sunday School Study/Parlor Class

Join us beginning **Sunday, September 20, 2015**

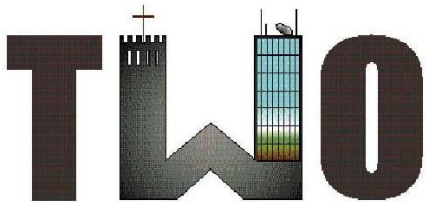
During the Sunday School Hour **(10:30 – 11:30 am)**

For a 6-week video series led by Martin Marty on how Christians struggle with faith & their everyday lives.

Weekly discussions following the videos will be lead by Randy Gettmann and Tom Schied

You don't have to attend all 6 sessions to benefit from this series.
Come when you can – all are welcome.

B E T W E E N



A L T A R S



BIBLE STUDY

**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”

Richard Burridge

“Gospel Parallels”

Burton Throckmorton

ESV Comprehensive Concordance of the Bible

William D. Mounce

You can find these books on Amazon.

- Pastor Mike.



Adult Sunday School Class in Fellowship Hall

Sunday Morning Adult Study

September 20 Dr. Ed Gross will talk to us about discipleship and the upcoming two Saturday course on this theme. Come even if you do not intend to take the course.

September 27 A report by delegates to the NALC Convocation in Dallas.

Beginning October 4 Continuation of course on Church History. The Catacombs is the first topic.

Pray to see you there.
- Pastor Mike.



Our Christian Sympathy to

Joy Alderfer, Janet Estrin, Lois Hamilton
and their families on the death of
Miriam Alderfer, June 17, 2015
Beloved mother, grandmother
and great-grandmother.

Judi Reeder and family
on the death of
Earl Reeder, July 15, 2015
Beloved husband,
father and grandfather.

Donna, Chuck, Jeremy & Julie Zar
on the death of
Hazel Ferguson, August 23, 2015
Beloved mother & grandmother.

Psalm 112:6

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

Memorials have been received



*Angelika Zbinden
Miriam Alderfer
Paul Drumm
Earl Reeder*

Congratulations to Chris & Delilah
Freer



on the birth of daughter
Adelina Dequevedo
Wednesday, July 15th
8 lb., 8 oz. 20 ½ inches
God bless their new family
and newly made Grandparents



We welcome you into the Lord's family:
Benjamin William Dailey
Baptized Sunday, July 26, 2015
Congratulations to the proud parents,
Robert & Patricia Dailey and big sister Alyssa.

Adelina Dequevedo Freer
Baptized Sunday, August 16, 2015
Congratulations to parents Chris & Delilah
and grandparents Bruce & Maureen Freer.

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

July 31, 2015 (For the Year 2015)

	Holy Trinity Ministries	Wider Church
Year to date received for current income	\$230,931.79	\$27,431.34
Carry over Benevolence from 2013		\$ 68.34
Expenses paid to date	\$236,433.23	\$24,402.75
Surplus/(Deficit) 2015	(\$5,501.44)	\$3,096.93

Support Us

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

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

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



NOTE TO SELF

Interfaith Food Pantry is very low on:
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.

MONDAY SEWING GROUP:

We are still working on drawstring bags for Operation Christmas Child

At our first few Arts –N – Crafts Saturdays we completed 51 kits!

Please feel free to grab a kit from the Narthex, follow the instructions & return your completed bags to the Completed Bags Box (also in the Narthex)

– 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 in the 3rd grade Sunday School room.

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



Join us at our final Arts-N-Crafts Saturday this month.

Saturday, September 19th

10:00 am – 1:00 pm (brunch provided)

This summer, we got a good start on several projects making not only the bags but also dolls,

handmade hair barrettes & jump ropes made of tee – shirts.

Mark your calendar & make a point to join us at our final Saturday
In an effort to expand our Operation Christmas Child shoebox ministry we'd like to provide every shoebox we pack with one homemade item in addition to the drawstring bags!

✦ Have a crafty idea you'd like to share? Come out and join the fun ✦
Saturday, September 19

If you have unused fabric ribbons, buttons or lace, please donate them for this project.

A crafters collection box is in the Narthex.





NOTES OF THANKS

July 10, 2015

Dear Holy Trinity Saints,

Thank you so much for your labor of love. The funeral lunch for my brother Richard was delicious as usual – so many delicious desserts. Claire and I especially appreciate what you did.

Sincerely,
Barbara Harvey.



A big Thank You to Brendan Rowley
for his dedication & devotion to the Good Behavior Store
at Silver Springs/ Martin Luther School
Brendan has been a blessing to the children at Silver Springs
and we wish him well in his upcoming college career.
Thanks be to God!

– The Social Ministry Committee



Vacation Bible School – Thank You

The theme for this year's Vacation Bible School was **"Camp Discovery, Jesus at Work through Us"**. At Bible School this year we visited 6 rotation centers. They heard wonderful stories at Bible Story, they explored the story at Bible Challenge, and played exciting games at the Games area. The kids also enjoyed a delicious snack, created fun and beautiful crafts in Art and performed some lively new songs in our Music Center.

At VBS this year we had an average attendance of 90 students and 50 volunteers per day. We want to extend a thank you to everyone who has helped and supported VBS this year. This important part of Holy Trinity's ministry would not be possible without your dedication. Many thanks to Pastor Mandy for leading us in Worship, our Pre-School and Kindergarten teachers, Kathy Ingerson, Linda Borkowski and Sherry Gregg and their assistants, our wonderful youth helpers some of whom acted as group guides, and our center leaders, Nancy Necker & Cindy Biehl in Bible Story, Nancy Ischinger in Bible Challenge, Sandy Powell & Barbara Harvey in Arts & Crafts, Jackie & Nellie Smith in Music, Janice Donnelly in Games, and Tina Bednarczyk & Katie Beyer in the Snack Center. A special thank you to everyone who helped create the wonderful decorations that brought our theme to life. Our Vacation Bible School would not have been the huge success it was without each and every one of you.

Next year's Vacation Bible School will run from July 25th through July 29th and the theme is **"Barnyard Round-Up, Jesus Gathers Us Together."** We hope to see you all next year.

Yours in Christ,

Dani Rowley
Susan Schied
VBS Coordinators

HOLY TRINITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL STAFF

Tina Bednarczyk
Katie Beyer
Cindy Biehl
Linda Borkowski
William Breslin
Audrey Brown
Alyssa Dailey
Janice Donnelly
Ann Frey
Sherry Gregg
Pastor Mandy
Barbara Harvey
Kathy Ingerson
Devin Langan

Deb Mumford
Hannah Mumford
Sami Mumford
Ella Murphy
Nancy Necker
Sandra Powell
Dani Rowley
Matthew Schied
Ryan Schied
Sue Schied
Jacqueline Smith
Martina Smith
Nancy Ischinger
Charlotte Whipple

CHECK IT OUT



- Explore the world of C.S. Lewis -

we are featuring the complete series in the library book cart in Fellowship Hall.

Also, be sure to check out new arrivals in our library.

SELECT - READ - ENJOY

Return at your convenience.



New Address!



Frances Zerbe

OBT West 212

728 Norristown Road

Lower Gwynedd, PA 19002

(215) 283 - 0203



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 "Holy Trinity Giant". Joy will be available in Fellowship Hall after Church to take orders, payment and deliver cards. HTLCW receives a 5% cash back award for each card sold which goes to our scholarship fund. Our scholarship fund is utilized to offset the cost of any LCW related function for any Church women who may want to attend but needs financial assistance. Thank you for your support.

**Interpersonal Witnessing – One day event
at Holy Trinity**

Wednesday, September 9

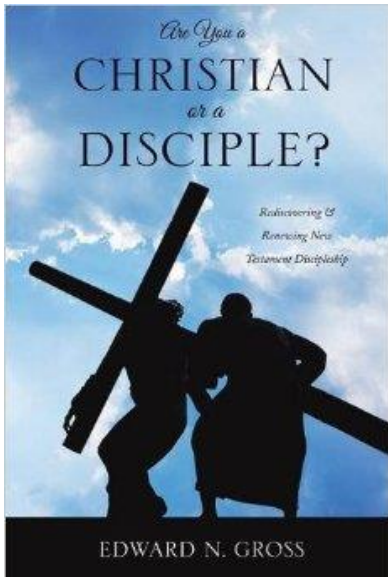
Morning Session 10 am – 1 pm with lunch

OR

Evening Session 6 pm – 9 pm with pizza

The theme is to sharpen skills for witnessing to Christ among family, friends, and acquaintances.

A sign - up sheet is in the Narthex



Are you a Christian or a Disciple?

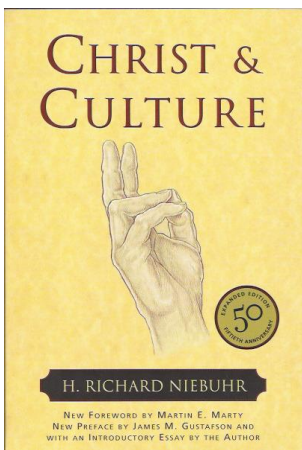
Author Dr. Edward N. Gross will be leading training in Discipleship & Discovery Bible Study Leadership

Saturday, October 3rd 11:00 am – 1:30 pm

Saturday, October 10th 11:00 am – 1:30 pm

Lunch will be provided

Sign - up sheet is in the Narthex



THEOLOGY WITH BAGELS

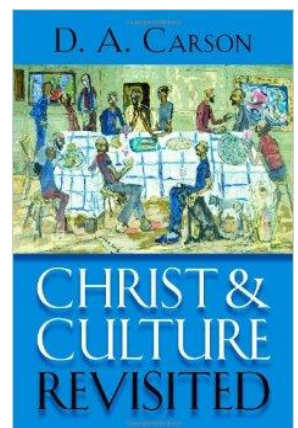
beginning Thursday, October 1 9:30 AM

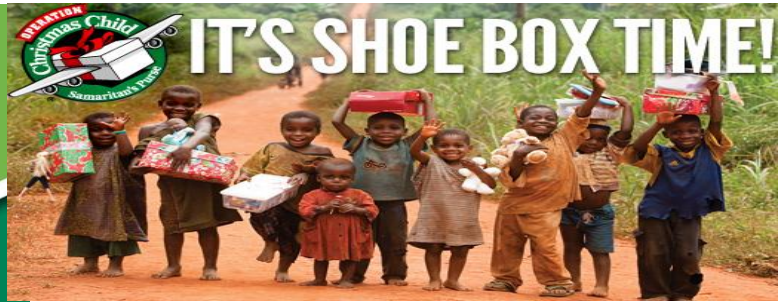
In the Study/Parlor

Topic: Christ and Culture

Books: H. Richard Niebuhr “Christ and Culture”

D. A. Carson “Christ and Culture Revisited”





Collection of Shoebox Items Begins

With more than 100 boxes waiting to be filled at our November packing party and our goal still set for 200, we turn our focus to needed items.

General Needs

These are general items that go into every well-packed box. We will need in bulk:

150 washcloths and 150 bars of soap

200 combs and 100 brushes

140 packs of 8"x11" notebook paper or computer paper OR notebooks or pads up to 6"x9"

840 pencils

140 pencil sharpeners and 140 erasers

140 children's toothbrushes - We already have enough adult-sized ones.

200 tubes of toothpaste

140 boxes of crayons CRAYOLA ONLY

140 coloring books

100 small stuffed toys, dolls or puppets

100 pairs boys socks - various sizes for ages 2 - 14

100 pairs of girls socks - various sizes for ages 2 - 14

The numbers vary because some items are age specific; plus, we have already received certain items.

We also hope to include toys, puzzles, hair ornaments, balls, balloons, small vehicles, etc.

In addition to the bulk items listed above, here is our September wish list.

These are suggestions. Be Creative!

School Supplies & Toiletries (NO liquids or lotions)

Colored pencils, pens

Childproof scissors, rulers, glue sticks (no bottles), scotch tape

Stencils & Stickers (best without words; think animals, flowers, shapes)

Color forms, Connect the Dots and Maze books

Backpacks for older boys and girls that can be folded compactly

Small purses or sacks for younger children

Nail files, clippers, emery boards, especially with fun designs

Band-Aids, regular and those with fun designs for the younger children.

Please consider these contributions BEYOND the boxes you choose to pack individually.

We do not want to take anything away from your personal, loving efforts.

We hope you will consider also having the joy of participating in packing the general boxes on Saturday, November 14th beginning at 9:00 AM in Fellowship Hall. Brunch will be served!



As you have read on the previous page it is time to start thinking about filling our shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Maybe you are wondering how to manage this financially.

The answer is....



YOUR CHANGE!

Most items on the list can be purchased at the dollar store. So start looking for spare change!

- 20 nickels = \$1**
- 10 dimes = \$1**
- 100 pennies = \$1**



Put a

by the



and see what you find in all the

Soon you will have enough to buy quite a few items!



Thank you,

The Operation Christmas Child Committee



Blanket Sunday, September 20

Winter can be especially difficult when you don't have even a warm blanket
The Lutheran Church Women of Holy Trinity need your help in providing just that

Blanket Sunday is Sunday, September 20th

If you would like to donate a new blanket in its original packaging
we will gladly donate it to the Cradle of Hope

Or you can simply donate \$10 to cover the cost of a new blanket

Cash in a white pew envelope marked Blanket Sunday or a check made out to LCW

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 at 7:30 pm in the Study/Parlor most Mondays.
Please bring your own copy of the reading selection, except for the first meeting.

September 2015

September 21 - *The Book Thief* - Markus Zusak

September 28 - *Breakfast at Tiffany's* - Truman Capote



Be looking for our complete Fall/Winter schedule in the October Echoes.

Lutheran Church Women's Circle Bible Study



The Beatitudes Matthew 5:3-10

During the 2015-16 activity year, Holy Trinity church women will be studying the Beatitudes in their Circles. These teachings come from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount found in Matthew. We will begin with an overall introduction to them in September and then delve into each of the eight Beatitudes, one at a time, in succeeding months.

We will see how these seemingly simple statements of what Jesus values in us can be quite complex and challenging, even unsettling as they speak to a way of thinking and acting that we need to cultivate. We will discuss the difficulties and rewards of trying to live according to these teachings of Jesus. Ultimately, we hope that through this study and practicing what we learn, we will dwell more deeply in the blessed life that Jesus has promised.

Every woman is cordially invited to be part of one of Holy Trinity's five women's circles. We meet once a month. Four Circles meet at the church while one meets in members' homes. There are both day-time and evening choices. If you have not previously attended a Circle, we encourage you to visit one or more and find your comfortable place. Our gatherings include our Bible study, prayer time, refreshments, and fellowship. Circles are wonderful opportunities to get to know a group of women, your sisters in Christ, more intimately.

To learn more, contact either Janice Donnelly 215.669.1086 or Deb Mumford in the office: 215.659.2642. Or ask the women you know at Holy Trinity.

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

Eve Circle - Thursday, September 10 at 7:30 pm in the Study/Parlor

Leader: Sue Tolton (215) 659-7054 suetolton@comcast.net

Hannah Circle - Wednesday, September 16 at 7:30 pm in the Study/Parlor

Leader: Cindy Biehl (267) 475-5435 cindybiehl@msn.com

Miriam Circle - Monday, September 14 at 12:30 pm in the Study/Parlor

Leader: Ruth McCandless (215) 682-2034 ruthmccandless4@gmail.com

Ruth Circle - Wednesday, September 9 at 7:30 pm at home of Nancy Matteo

2060 Kenmore Ave., Glenside, PA 19038 (215) 88402153

Leader: Nancy Necker (215) 884-2123 nnecker52@gmail.com

Sarah Circle - Thursday, September 10 at 12:00 pm in the Study/Parlor

Leader: Judi Reeder (215) 431-7265 judireeder@hotmail.com



Youth Ministry -- Schedule 2015 / 16

All events are on SUNDAY unless otherwise noted

- September 13, 2015 **Rally Day Breakfast** (Continental Breakfast served at 10:30 am)
- September 13, 2015 **Youth "Kick Off" (5:00 – 7:00 pm)**
 (Note: Youth group ordinarily meets the First Sunday of the Month)
- September 20, 2015 **High School Bible Study "Kick Off" for 9th – 12th Graders**
 10:30 – 11:30 am
Place: Youth room
 Meets weekly during the Sunday School hour.
- September 20, 2015 **Supper Club "Kick Off" (5:00 – 7:00 pm)**
Place: Fellowship Hall
Tonight's Cooks: Call out for pizza, eat together, hear a story, do a craft, and play "Hide & Seek".
Tonight's Story: Adam & Eve's Temptation
Craft: Lead Us Not Into Temptation
 Sign-up: Families to bring up the Communion elements/ Cooks for Supper Club
 Worship Tie-in: Become an Usher-family/Bringing up the Gifts/ Bell Sunday
 (1st Sunday of Christmas)
- October 4, 2015 Youth Group (5:00 – 7:00 pm)
- October 11, 2015 **Supper Club (5:00 – 7:00 pm)**
 Tonight's Cooks: Pastor Mandy – That means the menu will be Kentucky Fried Chicken, Blue-box Macaroni & Cheese, Green Salad, & assorted dressings, and cookies.
 Tonight's Story: The Tower of Babel
 Craft: The Whole Armor of God
- Bulletin in October: Publicity for All Saints Processional
 (people bring candles for saints whose light still shines before God)
- November 1, 2015 Youth Group (5:00 – 7:00 pm)
- November 8, 2015 **Supper Club (5:00 – 7:00 pm)**
 Tonight's Cooks: Cuff/Tolton
 Tonight's Story: Jacob Tricks His Father Isaac
 Craft: Cross Sun Catchers
Sign-up: GET VOLUNTEERS TO LIGHT THE ADVENT WREATH
 Worship Tie-in: Bring canned food to the Thanksgiving Eve Service
- Bulletin in Advent: Everyone should be sure to notice the small "box" announcement encouraging people to bring bells from home on the First Sunday of Christmas (Dec.27, 2015). These bells will be used during worship.
- December 6, 2015 **Advent Family Night Vespers & Supper Club (4:00 pm) 2nd Sunday of Advent**
 Tonight's Vespers Service will offer a quiet time of contemplation and reflection on all that it means to us that just as Christ came as promised on that first

Christmas, so He will come again. This service will be very low-key. After the Vespers we will have supper, prepared by the LCW. Watch the bulletin for details

Note: There's a baby Jesus craft if we have time.

December 6, 2015 Advent Family Night Puppet Show (6:00 pm) 2nd Sunday of Advent

Place: Holy Trinity (Sanctuary)

Time: Puppet Show begins at 6:00 pm & lasts about an hour.

Cost: a freewill offering will be accepted to help defray the cost of the puppet show.

Sign-up: Family Ushering/Bringing up the Gifts/ Don't forget Bell Sunday and Transfiguration.

December 20, 2015 Advent Concert (7:00 pm)

January 3, 2016 Youth Group (5:00 - 7:00 pm)

January 10, 2016 Supper Club (5:00 - 7:00 pm)

Tonight's Cooks: The Gregg Family

Tonight's Story: Joseph and His Dreams in Prison

Craft: Color Your Own Pharaoh Headbands

Be sure to sign up families who will be carrying **Alleluia Banners on Transfiguration Sunday**
Sunday, February 7, 2016

Note: Mike has to bring fire pit from home for burning the palms.

Be sure all is ready for the Alleluia Banners to be carried in and out.

Note: Ash Wednesday is February 10, 2016 (4 weeks away)

Be sure to mention Family Stations of the Cross & services of Holy Week.

January 16 - 18, 2016 Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, January 18, 2016)

January 31, 2016 **"The Big One" Youth Sunday - 9:00 am (Kids lead the Service)**
Annual Congregational Meeting - right after the worship service.
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY

February 7, 2016 Superbowl Sunday
Youth Group (5:00 - 7:00 pm) watch bulletin for details!

February 14 - 16, 2016 PRESIDENT'S DAY WEEKEND (President's Day, Monday, February 15, 2016)
(Note: Valentine's Day & President's Day observed this weekend)

February 7, 2016 - Transfiguration

February 9, 2016 - Fastnacht Night - 7:00 pm

February 10, 2016 - Ash Wednesday - 11:00 am & 7:30 pm

February 14, 2016 - Lent 1

March 6, 2016 - Family Stations of the Cross (Lent 4)

March 20, 2016 - Sunday of the Passion/ Palm Sunday

March 24, 2016 - Maundy Thursday - 7:30 pm

March 25, 2016 - Good Friday - Noon & 7:30 pm

March 26, 2016 - Easter Egg Hunt - 1:00 pm

Easter Vigil - 5:00 pm

March 27, 2016 - 7:30 am - Son is Risen Potluck Breakfast
9:00 am - Easter Worship Service

February 21, 2016 **Supper Club (5:00 – 7:00 pm) Tonight’s Theme: Doing Lent as a Family**
Tonight’s Cooks: Ischinger & Moritz Families
Tonight’s Story: The Parting of the Red Sea
Craft: The Parting of the Red Sea Craft

Be sure to mention Family Stations of the Cross & the services of Holy Week.

March 6, 2016 Youth Group (5:00 – 7:00 pm)

March 6, 2016 **Potluck Supper Club & Family Stations of the Cross – 5:00 – 7:00 pm**
Potluck at 5:00 pm
Stations of the Cross at 6:00 pm (**tonight is Lent 4**)
Tonight’s Story: (before Stations begins) Pilate has Jesus Crucified (Cross craft)
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 the congregation responds: “Christ is Risen Indeed. Alleluia!”
Talk: Stations of the Cross and the Services of Holy Week

March 20, 2016 Passion Sunday Benefit Concert – 7:00 pm

April 3, 2016 Youth Group (5:00 – 7:00 pm)

April 10, 2016 **Supper Club (5:00 – 7:00 pm)**
Tonight’s Cooks: Schied & Nilsen Families
Tonight’s Story: Jesus is Risen
Craft: Jesus is Risen Pop-up Craft Kit

April 23, 2016 Confirmation Retreat

May 1, 2016 Youth Group (5:00 – 7:00 pm)

May 8, 2016 Mother’s Day

May 15, 2016 **Pentecost – Confirmation of 8th Graders**

May 15, 2016 **Last Supper Club of the season (5:00 -7:00 pm)**
Tonight’s Cooks: everyone, it’s a picnic potluck!
Tonight’s Story: Peter Tries to Walk on Water
Craft: Jesus Walks on Water

June 5, 2016 Last Youth Group of the season (5:00 – 7:00 pm)

July 25 – 29, 2016 Vacation Bible School – Watch your Bulletin, Echoes, and Holy Trinity’s website.



Adult Christian Breakfast Fellowship

(All Adults Young & Old are invited)

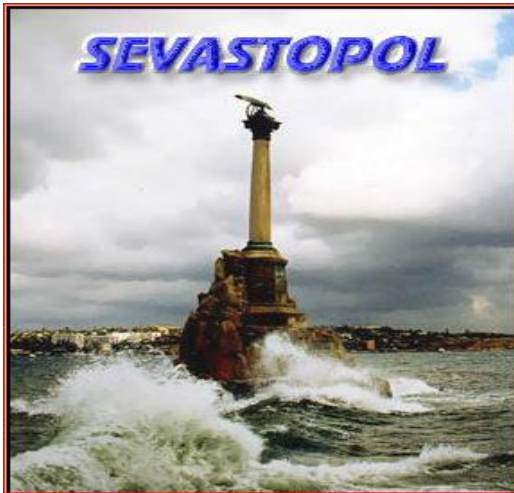
When: First Saturday of the Month

Except in September due to Labor Day Weekend Holiday,
we are meeting 2nd Saturday of the month, September 12th

Time: 9:00 A.M.

Topic: Trip to Ukraine Part II: Crimea with spotlight on Sevastopol.

Speaker: Allan Shikhvarg



Join us for breakfast and fellowship.



Musical Opportunities at Holy Trinity

Please speak to Jacqueline Smith, Director of Music about any of the opportunities below, write her at Jacquelinesmith@earthlink.net, or call her through the church office.

For Children

Our **Choir School** is for children from Holy Trinity or the community who are in grades K - 5. We meet on Thursdays from 3:30 to 5:30 pm. After some time for snack and homework, we sing and ring chimes, learn to read music, and have some time for knitting, crocheting, or playing board games as well.

For teenagers and adults

Our **Chancel Choir** is the choir which sings at 9:00 am worship. We rehearse on Thursday nights from 8:00 to 9:15 pm. All are welcome to join.

Musica Concordia is our ecumenical choir. We perform four sacred concerts a year and rehearse for these on a TBA schedule. All are welcome.

Concordia Men's Choir is a new ensemble of male singers. We sang a concert in Northeast Philadelphia this past summer, will perform at a mission banquet in Franconia this November, and are excited to see what else will develop for this group. All men are welcome. Rehearsals are scheduled as needed.

The Bells of Holy Trinity is our handbell choir. We do have a couple openings this fall, due to life transitions of some of our younger ringers. Rehearsal is Thursday evening from 6:30 to 7:45 pm. Basic music-reading skills are needed to ring in the bell choir, or a spirit willing to learn how to count!

For everyone who plays an instrument

Our **Holy Trinity Instrumental Ensemble** is an intergenerational group which plays for certain services throughout the year. We always are eager to have new instrumentalists.



Men's Devotional Group

Mark your calendar & don't miss out on the
Men's Devotional Group Meeting.
Starting in the fall the Men's Devotional Group
meets the second Thursday of every month.

Thursday, September 10th 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.



GIRL SCOUTS

Brownies Troop Meeting

When: Monday nights 6 – 7:30 pm
beginning September 21st

Where: Holy Trinity's Fellowship Hall

Who is invited: Any girl in grades 2-3

Interested: Contact Troop Leader

Christy Finazzo or Karen Darreff
at (215) 443-5585 or email

Klasssykat@comcast.net

Faith like a Mountain
by Joseph Brickey

By Faith,
I've climbed to the mountain top,
And now my troubles all look small.
They're so far down below me,
I can hardly see them now at all.

I put my faith in the Lord,
And what a relief it has been.
I don't worry about tomorrow;
I am trusting now in Him.

This old world is full of trouble,
And sometimes my faith gets low.
But there is comfort on the mountain
Where God's cooling breezes blow.

Now, I am looking at the sunset
As the night shadows fall.
But I'm not concerned about the darkness;
Christ is ever close beside me
And will always hear my call.

So, I'll stay here on the mountain
And keep my doubts and fears below -
Because the Lord is always with me
When to the mountain top I go.



Cookie Walk

- Hear Ye, Hear Ye -

The Walk of the Cookies is on! This will be held on **Saturday, December 12th**. Our volunteer bakers will provide cookies that were previously baked, then sold here 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 need people to help with the set - up, weighing of orders, ringing purchases up and clean up. Our youth group is invited to participate!

Bakers - 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.

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

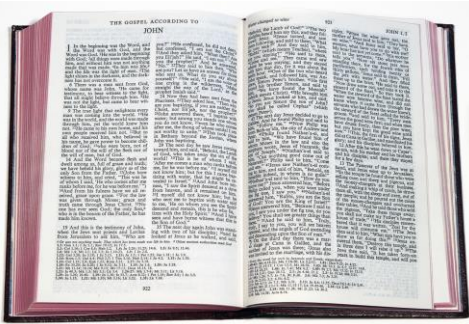


ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES: Fall is the perfect time to fall in love with your spouse all over again! That is what couples overwhelmingly report is the result of attending a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend. Now is the time to sign up for one of the fall Weekends to be sure you get the one of your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

Upcoming Adult Courses for 2015/16 (taught by Pastor Mandy)



The Bible as The Norm of Faith

On Tuesdays, Pastor Mandy will be offering a 7 week course on *The Bible as The Norm of Faith*. **This course will meet September 22 – November 3, 2015 at 1:00 pm with repeat at 7:00 pm.** In this course, we will look at how an active view of the Word informs and guides our understanding and interpretation of what Scripture says. In other words, we will look at what the Bible *means* based on what it *does*.

When we speak of Scripture as the “norm of faith” that means it is the standard against which we measure our theology and proclamation. This is the partner course to last year’s much-enjoyed *The Bible as the Source of Faith*. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex and textbook/workbooks will cost \$10.00.



New Creation: A Liturgical Worldview

From January 5 - March 22, 2016 Pastor Mandy will be offering an 8 week course on how liturgy celebrates a reality or worldview – a new creation – that can inform all Christian life. The liturgy itself generates an **alternate culture** that the Christian is invited to live within, rather than simply accommodating to the reigning consumer culture. Our textbook will be Frank Senn’s *New Creation: A Liturgical Worldview*. You can download a

copy of this book for your e-reader for \$13.29 or you can buy a used paperback copy from Amazon. Pastor Mandy will happily order a copy for you, but I can only procure hard copies for \$16.00. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex where you can sign-up for the course and tell Pastor Mandy whether or not you want her to order the book for you. (Note: Yes, I know 1/5 – 3/22 is more than 8 weeks. If we have no snow, the class will end early; if we DO have snow, snow days won’t make me crazy.)



Sabbath Keeping: The Gift of Rest

Let’s face it: our times of rest need work! When we fail to rest we do more than burn ourselves out. We misunderstand the God who calls us to rest – who created us to be people of rest. **From April 12 – May 17, 2016** Pastor Mandy will offer a 6-week course using Lynn Baab’s book *Sabbath Keeping*. This course will encourage us all to slow down and enjoy our relationship with the God of the universe. There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex; the books cost \$13.00 and Pastor Mandy will order them for everybody.



September Worship Assistants Schedule



September 6

Usher	5	Greeter	Nancy & Jim Necker	Presenters of Gifts	The Schied Family
Count	3	Acolyte	Gia Berkovitz		
Christophers	1	Crucifer	Jim Necker		
Prayer Team	1	Lay Reader- Sat	Linda Cassady	Communion Assistants	Frank Ganther and Dean Lawrence
		Sun	Al Schmidt	Setup	Maryann Leventhal

September 13

Usher	1	Greeter	Nancy & Rob Ischinger	Presenters of Gifts	The Gregg Family
Count	4	Acolyte	Hannah Mumford		
Christophers	2	Crucifer	Connor Breslin		
Prayer Team	2	Lay Reader- Sat	George Powell	Communion Assistants	Gil Zimmermann and Tom Schied
		Sun	Allan Shikhvarg	Setup	Tina Bednarczyk

September 20

Usher	2	Greeter	Kevan Berkovitz & Nancy Myers	Presenters of Gifts	Don and Ruth Lewis and Jeanne Blacoe
Count	1	Acolyte	Audrey Brown		
Christophers	3	Crucifer	Erica Ganther		
Prayer Team	3	Lay Reader-Sat	Clem McLaughlin	Communion Assistants	Linda Bell-Powell and Linda Frezza
		Sun	Nancy Necker	Setup	Sue Tolton

September 27






Usher	3	Greeter	The Cuff Family	Presenters of Gifts	Martina Smith and Eleanor & Marilyn Murphy
Count	2	Acolyte	Annie Wray		
Christophers	4	Crucifer	Kevan Berkovitz		
Prayer Team	4	Lay Reader-Sat	John Maieron	Communion Assistants	Dani & Terry Rowley
		Sun	Charles Tolton	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*



September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 7:30 Council	3	4 7:30 AA	5 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
6 PENTECOST 15 9:00 Holy Communion	7 OFFICE CLOSED  HAPPY LABOR DAY	8	9 Interpersonal Witnessing 10 am - 1 pm 6 pm - 9 pm 7:30 Ruth Circle at home of Nancy Matteo	10 12:00 Sarah Circle 7:00 Men's Group 7:30 Eve Circle	11  Patriot Day 7:30 AA	12 9:00 Adult Breakfast Fellowship 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
13 PENTECOST 16 9:00 Holy Communion 11:30 Mission/Commit. Fund Meeting  5:00 - 7:00 Youth Group	14 12:30 Miriam Circle SHOP & COOK AIDS DINNER	15 DELIVER AIDS DINNER 7:30 Searcher's Bible Study 8:30 Compline	16 7:30 Hannah Circle	17 3:30- Choristers 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	18 7:30 AA	19 ARTS & CRAFTS DAYZ 10:00 am - 1:00 pm  (brunch included) 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
20 PENTECOST 17 9:00 Holy Communion Blanket Sunday 5:00 - 7:00 Supper Club	21 6 - 7:30 Brownies 7:30 Coram Deo 7:30 Women's Prayer Group	22 1:00 Bible as Norm 7:00 Bible as Norm 7:30 Searcher's Bible Study 8:30 Compline	23  First Day of Autumn	24 3:30 Choristers 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	25 7:30 AA	26 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
27 PENTECOST 18 9:00 Holy Communion	28 6 - 7:30 Brownies 7:30 Coram Deo	29 1:00 Bible as Norm 7:00 Bible as Norm 7:30 Searcher's Bible Study 8:30 Compline	30			

Special Dates:

- Labor Day, *September 7, 2015*
- Patriot Day, *September 11, 2015*
- National Grandparents Day, *September 13, 2015*
- First Day of Autumn, *September 23, 2015*

