

HOLY TRINITY

Evangelical Lutheran Church

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The Rev. N. Amanda Grimmer

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The Rev. John Bradosky,
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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 boundary of our present physical life is death. It is a boundary that we all must eventually cross. We may suppress thought of this reality, but there are times when it arises in consciousness, causing us grief. We think of the loss of those whom we have loved, those who have gone before us into the "undiscovered country" (Shakespeare) of death. We too must enter that country and cope with its presence as we live out our lives.

The story of death and its relationship to sin begin shortly after Adam and Eve are created and placed in the Garden of Eden. The time it took them to fall may have been less than a day. They disobeyed God's command not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, resulting in their expulsion from the Garden. "You may surely eat of every tree in the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." (Genesis 2: 16 ESV)

Adam and Eve ate of the fruit and were then cast out of the Garden after God told Adam, "By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return." (Genesis 3: 19 ESV) On Ash Wednesday, we hear similar words when ashes are applied to our foreheads in the sign of the cross: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Saint Paul reflects on the story of the Fall. "Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned..." In contrast to the arrival of sin and death in the world is the free gift. "...the free gift is not like the trespass, For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many..." (Romans 5:12ff) In Adam there is death; in Christ there is life.

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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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Death came into the world at the very beginning of the human race, but Christ has brought justification of the sinner and life. For those who believe, death is superseded by life in Jesus Christ. We pass from life to death to life. The serpent's evil work has been undone in Christ. The Preface for the Eucharist in Passion Week tells the story, "It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on the tree of the cross gave salvation to all, that, where death began, there life might be restored, and that he, who by a tree once overcame, might by a tree be overcome. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:" (LBW, Ministers Desk Edition, p.212) Death began at the tree of the knowledge of good and evil where the serpent tempted Adam and Eve. But, the serpent was overcome by the tree of the cross. Life and salvation have come through the cross of Christ.

We are about to begin the Lenten season – a time of repentance in anticipation of the celebration of the Pascal mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. During this time we reflect on the fact that we are dust and ashes. At the boundary of life is death. But, we also look beyond death to life with God and resurrection. We cross the boundary of life into death. Yet, in death we are greeted by Christ into life eternal. When the ashes are applied on Ash Wednesday, they are applied in the sign of the cross.

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





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
1st & 3rd Mondays
of each month.

We gather at **7:30 p.m.**
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,
come as you are able.

Questions contact Rosemary
@

Rosemaryhinkle@comcast.net

2016 Schedule

Feb. 1 & 15 March 7 & 21*

April 4 & 18 May 2 & 16

June 6 & 20

* group will gather at Holy
Trinity to participate in the
annual Prayer Walk @ 7:30 PM

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: Adelaide, Albert, Alex, Alicia, Allan, Amy, Andrea, Art, Barbara, Beth, Bill, Bob, Brandy, Brian, Brianna, Cassidy, Christopher, Dallas, David, Debby, Drew, Eda, Ed, Edward, Eric, Fima, George, Gloria, Hannah, Harry, Helen, Jason, Jeanne, Jennifer, Jill, Joan, John, Judy, Kayla, Kiran, Laura, Lauren, Linda, Lorraine, Maggie, Marilyn, Marissa, Maryanne, Marylou, Matthew, Megan, Michael, Missy, Nancy, Nathaniel, Nicky, Nikki, Noreen, Paul, Patty, Peg, Peter, Rachel, Rick, Roger, Samantha, Sean, Shelli, Solomon, Stephen Sr., Suzanne, Thelma, Theresa, Tina, Tony, Trudy, Tyler, Vera, Vicki, Wanda, 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: Bednarczyk, Bertsch, Burns, Cheri, Costello, Cuff, Dobes, Drobish, Eisenmann, Fahy, George, Guckin, Keane, Kennedy, Mackintosh, Martin, Melair, Natvin, Pickwell, Ragg, Rieco, Schmidt, Spalding, Steinmetz, Taggart, Weld 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 all who struggle with addiction to drugs and alcohol.

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.

FASTNACHT '16



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

JOIN US **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH** AT 7:00 PM

ON STAGE IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

AS HOLY TRINITY PRESENTS FASTNACHT '16

“ELECTION, WHAT ELECTION?”

COST IS \$2 PER PERSON \$5 PER FAMILY

DONUTS & BEVERAGES AFTER THE SHOW



Ash Wednesday Soup Supper- All Invited

Wednesday, February 10th

(prior to the Service)

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

2 homemade soups, salad, bread
dessert & beverages will be provided.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex

A free will offering will be taken.



Followed by...



Ash Wednesday Services

11:00 AM

and

7:30 PM

With Imposition of Ashes





Lenten Worship Services & Special Events – 2016

Fastnacht 2016 – Tuesday, February 9, 2016

7:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Ash Wednesday – Wednesday, February 10, 2016

11:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary

Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes at both services

Tuesday Evening Worship and Bible Study

7:30 p.m. – Bible Study (SS Peter and Andrew Study) 8:30 p.m. – Compline (Chapel)

Wednesday Worship and Devotional Study

Wednesday Dates in 2016: February 17, 24, March 2, 9, 16

9:30 a.m.: Mid-Morning Prayer (Terce) and Devotional Study (Chapel)

7:30 p.m.: Evening Prayer (Vespers) and Devotional Study (Chapel)

In 2016 the Devotional Study will center around Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book ***Psalms: The Prayer Book of the Bible***. You can order this book yourself on www.Amazon.com for \$7.56 for your Kindle or [\$9.99 + postage] for the paperback, or the pastors can order the paperback for you for [9.99 + postage] .. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Sunday Morning Lenten Worship Services (Sanctuary)

Lent 1 — February 14, 2016 (The Great Litany with Handbells)

Lent 2 - 5 — February 21, 28, March 6, 13, 2016

Stations of the Cross for Families – Sunday, March 6, 2016 (Lent 4)

Meet at 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for potluck supper & explanation

Sunday of the Passion – March 20, 2016

9:00 a.m. – Palm Procession and Chanting of the Entire Passion with Holy Communion (Sanctuary)

7:00 p.m. — Passion Sunday Concert — Benefit for Heart for Lebanon (Syrian Refugees) (Sanctuary)

Monday Night Prayer Walk – Monday, March 21, 2016

7:30 pm – Prayer Walk (Meet in Sanctuary)

Mundy Thursday – March 24, 2016

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

Good Friday – March 25, 2016

6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. – Prayer Vigil in Sanctuary

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

The Passion According to St. John (John 18:1 – 19:42)

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

7:30 p.m. – A Meditative Tenebrae -- (Sanctuary)

Holy Saturday – March 26, 2016

1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall – Easter Egg Hunt

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

Easter Sunday – March 27, 2016

7:30 a.m. – "The Son in Risen" Breakfast (Potluck Breakfast)

9:00 a.m. – Holy Communion (Sanctuary)



Wednesday Lenten Worship and Devotional Study

Ash Wednesday -- On February 10, 2016

What: Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes at both services

When: 11:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Where: Sanctuary

Wednesday Worship and Devotional Study – This year we are trying something very different from years past. Our focus this Lent will be “**The Christian Witness of Dietrich Bonhoeffer.**” The book we will be discussing on March 2, 9, and 16 will be *Psalms: The Prayer Book of the Bible*. You can order this book yourself on www.Amazon.com for \$7.56 for your Kindle or [\$9.99 + postage] for the paperback, or the pastors can order the paperback for you for [\$9.99 + postage]. **If you want Pastor Mandy to order a book for you, please sign up by Transfiguration Sunday, February 7, 2016.**

On February 17, 2016

from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m., we will first worship in the chapel (using Terce / LBW Responsive Prayer #1) and then move to the study to look at four poems that Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote while he was in prison. These four poems will be looked at in much greater depth at this evening’s concert. This year Pastor Mandy will be leading our devotional study for Lenten Wednesdays.

at 7:30 p.m. we will spend **An Evening with Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Stations on the Road to Freedom.** This will be a devotional mini-concert. We will listen to four poems by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, which he wrote while he was in prison. Kile Smith has set these poems to music, and wrote this music for soprano, tenor sax, and piano.

Who: The artists who will be performing this evening are Jacqueline Smith, soprano; Brian Freer, tenor saxophone; and Kenneth Borrmann, piano. Kile Smith will offer introduction to this music, Bonhoeffer, his Christian witness and these poems.

Where: Sanctuary

On February 24, 2016

At both 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. we will first worship (in the chapel or sanctuary) and then move to the study to watch the movie “*Bonhoeffer: Agent of Grace.*” This is the touching true story of Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who is under pressure by the Gestapo in Germany, during World War II. His choice is either to hold firmly to his Christian convictions or to submit to the Nazi regime. He joins the secret services of the Reich, with the intention of stopping Adolph Hitler. This true story of love, courage and sacrifice won several awards, including “Best Film” at the Monte Carlo Television Festival.

On March 2, 9, and 16, 2016

At both 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. we will first worship (in the chapel or sanctuary) and then move to the study to discuss this week’s chapters from *Psalms: The Prayer Book of the Bible.*

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

December 31, 2015 (For the Year 2015)

	Holy Trinity Ministries	Wider Church
Year to date received for current income	\$ 400,510.09	\$ 48,907.36
Carry over Benevolence from 2014		\$ 15,300.97
Expenses paid to date	\$ 396,526.28	\$ 49,130.53
Surplus/(Deficit) 2015	\$ 3,983.81	\$ 15,077.80

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
C.J. Hess
John Quici
Nathan Quinlan
Vikas Shah
Jonathan Skilton, MD



Our Christian Sympathy to

John Robinson and family on the death of
Elizabeth Athans Robinson
January 9, 2016
Beloved mother and grandmother

Psalm 112:6

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

**Please remember your
Church in your will.**



NOTES OF THANKS

January 17, 2016

Dear Holy Trinity Church,

Thank you so much for the care package that you sent me before my final exams. Everything was great, and it helped for the late nights of studying. I greatly appreciate the thought and care that was put into it.

From,
Eric Barlow



Hello!

Thank you very much for the kind care package you sent my way. I loved the snacks and goodies! That was so thoughtful of you.

Happy holidays from me and my parents!

Love,
Dana Zimmermann



January 2, 2016

Dear Parish Family,

I want to thank everyone for their prayers and cards during my recent recovery from gall bladder surgery. I prayed that you all will be greatly blessed. Your prayers helped me recover sooner. God bless you all!!

Pastor Mike



THE SATURDAY SEWING GROUP

Continues to meet the third Saturday of every month.

Join us **Saturday, February 20th 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

In addition to our ongoing sewing/knitting projects we invite anyone with a crafty idea for items to be included in our

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

such as drawstring bags, tee-shirt jump ropes, stuffed penguins, hair ornaments, etc...

Light refreshments & fellowship always provided!

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



GIANT GIFT CARDS are a great way to shop!

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.

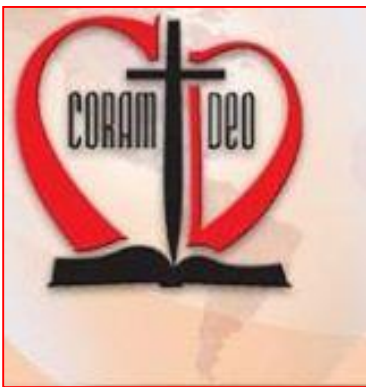
If you are interested in obtaining Giant Gift Cards, there is an order form in the Narthex.

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.



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 SS Peter & Andrew Study most Mondays at 7:30 p.m.

Please bring your own copy of the reading selection, except February 15.

Spring 2016

February 1 – *That Hideous Strength* – C.S. Lewis (discuss the first half)

February 8 – *That Hideous Strength* – C.S. Lewis (discuss the second half)
– *The Abolition of Man* – C.S. Lewis

February 15 – A selection of poetry (copies provided, no advance reading required)

February 22 – *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie* – Muriel Spark

February 29 – Selected short stories (to be determined) by Dorothy Parker

March 7 – *Babette's Feast* – Isak Dinesen

March 21 & 28 – NO MEETING

April 4 – *Master and Margarita* – Mikhail Bulgakov (discuss the first half)

April 11 – *Master and Margarita* – Mikhail Bulgakov (discuss the second half)

April 25 – *The Tragedy of Hamlet, Act II* – William Shakespeare
– Romans; Chapter 12 & 13

May 2 – *Interpreter of Maladies* – Jhumpa Lahiri (discuss the first half)

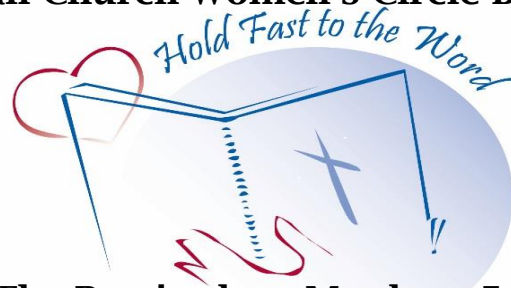
May 9 – *Interpreter of Maladies* – Jhumpa Lahiri (discuss the second half)

May 16 – *The Merchant of Venice* – William Shakespeare
– *Concerning the Jews* – Mark Twain

** Coming up in Fall 2016: *East of Eden* – John Steinbeck**



Lutheran Church Women's Circle Bible Study



The Beatitudes Matthew 5:3-10

Holy Trinity Church Women are studying the Beatitudes in their Circles. These teachings come from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount found in Matthew. We are exploring 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.

FEBRUARY CIRCLES

“Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy.”

This fifth Beatitude, at first glance, seems fairly straight forward. However, it presents a challenge to anyone who wants to be a follower of Jesus. Our Lord takes seriously our intentionality in extending mercy to others. He knows us all too well as He has told us we must love our enemies. Similarly, He expects us to extend mercy not just to our family and friends or those we happen to like but also and especially to those He loves and cares about, to those people who are in need, to those who seem difficult or downright maddening to us. Come explore both the corporal and spiritual works of mercy to which Jesus calls us.

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

Miriam Circle - Monday, February 8th at 12:30 pm in the SS Peter & Andrew Study
Leader: Ruth McCandless (215) 682-2034 ruthmccandless4@gmail.com

Ruth Circle - Wednesday, February 17th at 8:15 pm at home of Donna Zar
104 Loney Street, Rockledge (215) 663-8042.
Leader: Nancy Necker (215) 884-2123 nnecker52@gmail.com

Sarah Circle - Thursday, February 11th at 12:00 pm in the SS Peter & Andrew Study
Leader: Judi Reeder (215) 431-7265 judireeder@hotmail.com

Eve Circle - Thursday, February 11th at 7:30 pm in the SS Peter & Andrew Study
Leader: Sue Tolton (215) 659-7054 suetolton@comcast.net

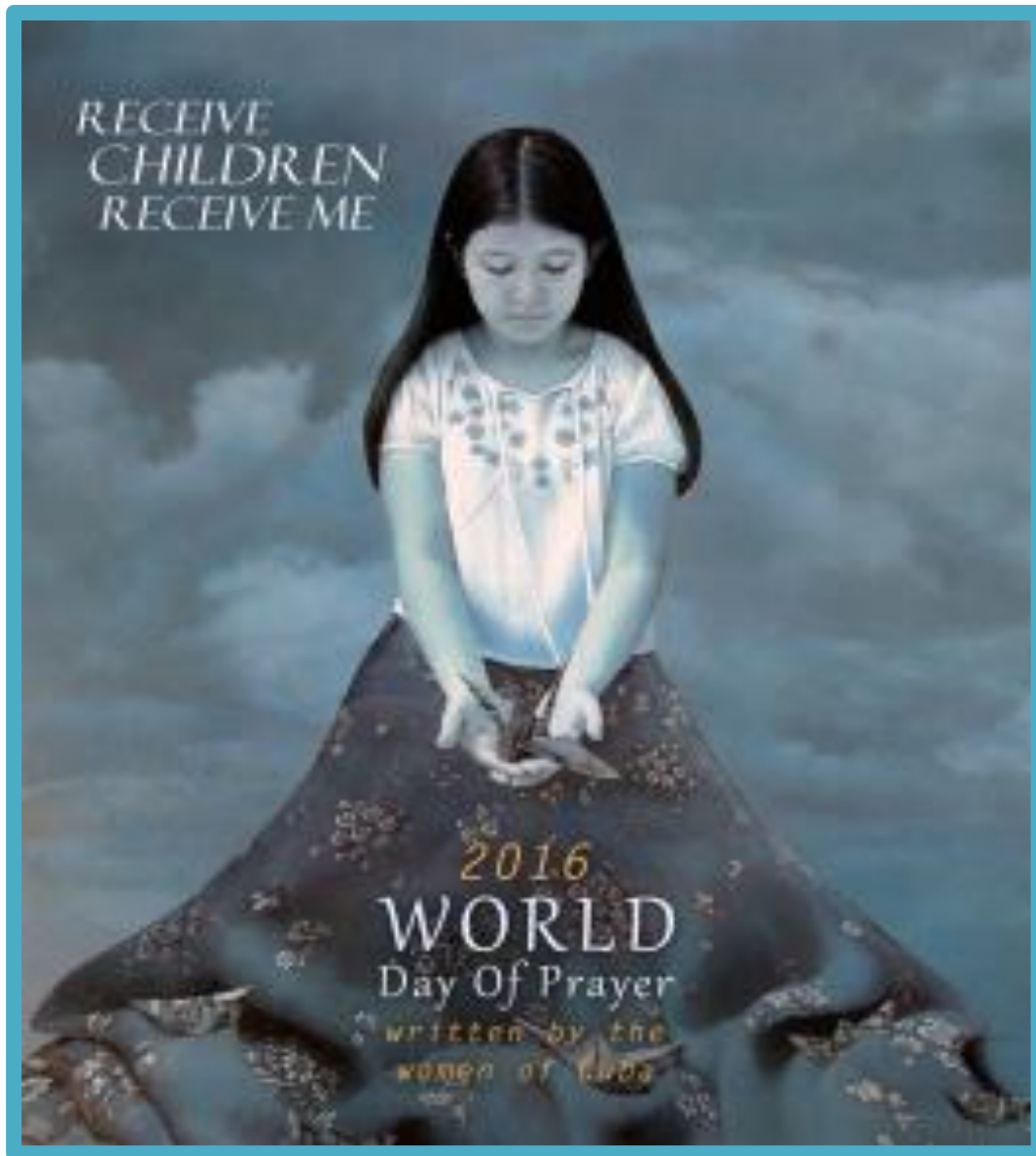
Hannah Circle - To be announced...look for email.
Leader: Cindy Biehl (267) 475-5435 cindybiehl@msn.com



If you haven't turned in your deposit for the Retreat please do so this month
(Remember Scholarship money is available...speak to Pastor Mandy)

2016 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2016



The program this year was written by the
Women of the World Day of Prayer Committee of Cuba
The theme is “Receive Children, Receive Me”
and will be held **Friday, March 4**
Salem Baptist Church
Summit & Leedom Avenues in Jenkintown
The service begins at **11:00 AM**
Luncheon to follow.

Save the Date

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Women

General Meeting ~ Luncheon ~ Police Program

When: Sunday, April 3 following Sunday School

Where: Held in Fellowship Hall

Featured Guest:

Abington K-9 Officer Jennifer Doyle and K-9 Bella

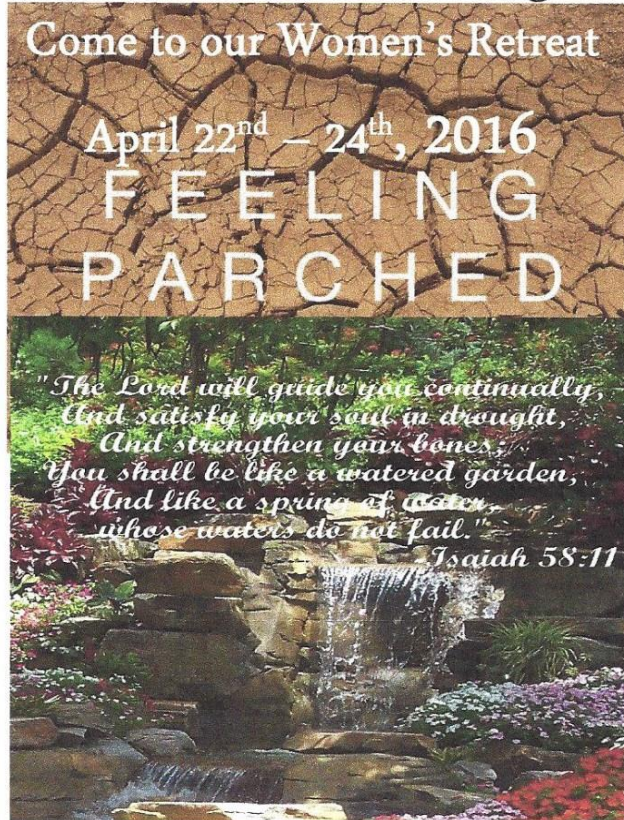
Details to follow in March Echoes

ALL ARE INVITED!



**LCW 2016 Spring Retreat
"Be God's Well Watered Garden"**

Feeling parched, women of Holy Trinity?
Need some watering?



WHERE: The Mother Boniface Spirituality Retreat Center
RETREAT LEADER: Jessica Hansford;
Graduate of the Biblical Theological Seminary
Master of Arts in Ministry & Counseling
COST: \$150 per person. (Scholarships available; see Pastor Mandy)
Deposits due by end of January, balance due by April 3, 2016
(Checks made out to HTLCW; payment can be given to Joy Alderfer or your circle leader)

HTLCW Retreat April 22 - 24, 2016

NAME: _____

DEPOSIT PAID: _____

BALANCE DUE: _____

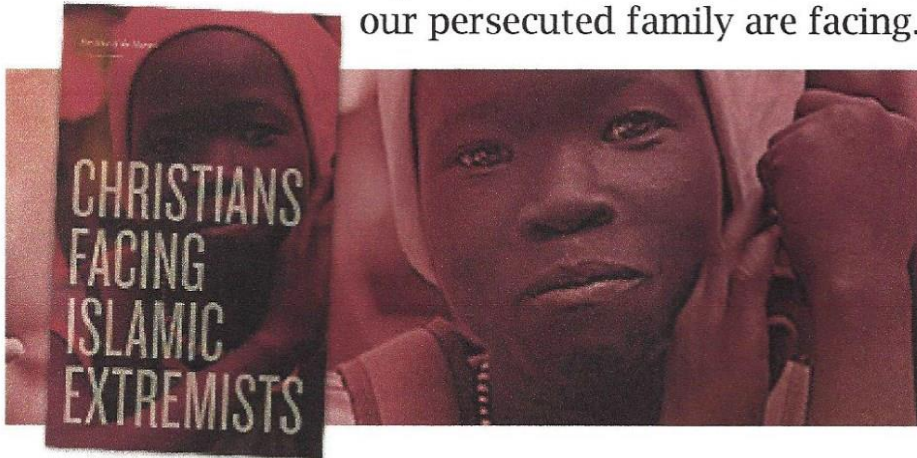
FRIDAY NIGHT PIZZA PARTY: YES _____ NO _____

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



Voice of the Martyrs

Give others a deeper understanding of the Islamic extremists our persecuted family are facing.



The Voice of the Martyrs has identified nine of the most active Islamic extremist groups and highlighted them in a new 22-page foldout guide. You will learn about each of the groups and where they are most active. This guide also provides key prayer points.

Islamic extremism has grown exponentially over the past 20 years, and we need to be informed. While the news media focus on the self-proclaimed Islamic State (ISIS), this extremist group is just one of many persecuting our family members.

We encourage you to use this resource in your devotions, Sunday school classes or your entire church. This prayer guide may be used as a resource alongside your Bible, or even hung on a wall to help you remember our Christian family members who are standing strong in their witness for Christ.

50 booklets have been ordered & will be in the Narthex shortly.

If you would like to order a complimentary copy visit the Voice of the Martyrs website at

www.persecution.com



Men's Devotional Group

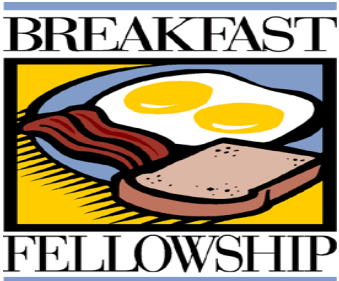
Mark your calendar & don't miss out on the
Men's Devotional Group Meeting.

They meet the second Thursday of every month.

Join us **Thursday, February 11th at 7:00 P.M.**

in the Sons of Thunder 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.



Adult Christian Breakfast Fellowship

(All Adults Young & Old are invited)

When: Saturday, February 6th at 9:00 AM

Topic: The Smith's Trip to Germany

Eins zwei drei meets *Do-Re-Mi*

Die Familie Smith im Deutschland



2016

Youth Ministry

All events are on SUNDAY unless otherwise noted
February 7, 2016 NO SOT Youth Group
due to Superbowl Sunday

*Note: Special event Tuesday, Feb. 23rd *

February 21, 2016 5:00 – 7:00 PM Supper Club
Tonight's Cooks: The Ischinger & Moritz Families
Tonight's Story: The Parting of the Red Sea
Craft: The Parting of the Red Sea Craft

* Talk about upcoming Family Stations of the Cross *

Tuesday night, February 23, 2016 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Special SOT Youth Group program featuring
Captive Free East Coast Band





**YOUR CAR YOUR MARRIAGE
BOTH RUN SMOOTHER WITH A TUNE UP!**

Attention Married Couples

So you've done maintenance for your car—how about your marriage?
Make 2016 the year you decide to attend a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend
to learn how to make your marriage a more intimate, loving, Christian union.

Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends run from Friday night at 8 PM to Sunday around 4 PM and have been enriching marriages of couples of all ages for 40 years! In addition to the \$100 per couple registration fee, you will be given an opportunity near the end of the weekend to make a confidential contribution of whatever amount you wish toward the continuation of the program. Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included.

The 2016 Pennsylvania Weekends are:

- **April 8-10, 2016** in Lancaster, PA, at the all newly-renovated Heritage Hotel Lancaster, home of the unique tree-house-inspired restaurant, "Loxley's"
- **April 22-24, 2016** at the Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel, State College, PA, Happy Valley's premier conference center located on a quiet hillside with views of Nittany Mountain
- **September 16-18, 2016** 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 21-23, 2016** at Olmsted Retreat Center, Ludlow, PA, a stunning, hotel-style retreat center adjacent to the Olmsted Mansion situated on a hillside in the Allegheny National Forest, an hour north of DuBois

**Registrations are limited, so act today
to ensure that you can attend the Weekend of your choice.**

To sign up online, go to: www.GodLovesMarriage.org
pay the registration 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.



February Worship Assistants Schedule



February 7

Usher 5	Greeter 1 st thru 5 th grade SS classes	Presenters of Gifts	The Schied Family
Count 1	Acolyte Ryan Schied		
Christophers 3	Crucifer Rob Ischinger		
Prayer Team 5	Lay Reader- Sat Linda Cassady	Communion Assistants	Jim and Nancy Necker
	Sun Jim Necker	Setup	Maryann Leventhal

February 10 Ash Wednesday

Usher 3	Lay Reader - Allan Shikhvarg	Presenters of Gifts	Dani Rowley, Janice Donnelly & Deb Mumford
		Communion Assistants	Linda Borkowski Ann Frey
		Setup	Tina Bednarczyk

February 14

Usher 1	Greeter Allan Shikhvarg Charles Tolton	Presenters of Gifts	The Gregg Family
Count 2	Acolyte Elli Nilsen		
Christophers 4	Crucifer Eleanor Murphy		
Prayer Team 6	Lay Reader-Sat John Maieron	Communion Assistants	Maryann Leventhal Deb Mumford
	Sun James Roeder	Setup	Sue Tolton

February 21

Usher 2	Greeter Albert & Pam Eisenmann	Presenters of Gifts	Ann Frey, Ruth Lewis and Jeanne Blacoe
Count 3	Acolyte Jayden Butler		
Christophers 5	Crucifer Nicole Miller		
Prayer Team 1	Lay Reader- Sat Clem McLaughlin	Communion Assistants	Linda Bell-Powell Linda Frezza
	Sun George Powell	Setup	Tina Bednarczyk

February 28

Usher 3	Greeter Anita & John Ickler	Presenters of Gifts	Cindy Biehl and George & Sandra Powell
Count 4	Acolyte Michael Caputo		
Christophers 1	Crucifer Lauren Caputo		
Prayer Team 2	Lay Reader-Sat George Powell	Communion Assistants	Frank & Erica Ganther
	Sun Nancy Necker	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@holytrinity.net

Called to *Serve*



FEBRUARY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6 – 7:30 Brownies 7:30 Coram Deo 7:30 Women's Prayer Group	2 New Creation Class 1 PM/Repeat 7 PM 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 Compline	3 7:30 Council	4 3:30- Choristers 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	5 7:30 AA	6 9:00 Adult Breakfast Fellowship 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
7 Transfiguration of Our Lord 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult	8 12:30 Miriam Circle 6 – 7:30 Brownies 7:30 Coram Deo	9  7:00 FASTNACHT	10 11:00 Service  ASH WEDNESDAY 6:00 Soup Supper 7:30 Service	11 12:00 Sarah Circle 3:30- Choristers 6:30 Handbell Choir 7:00 Men's Group 7:30 Eve Circle 8:00 Chancel Choir	12 7:30 AA	13 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
14 Lent 1 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult  Valentine's Day	15 SHOP & COOK AIDS DINNER Office Closed Presidents Day 6 – 7:30 Brownies 7:30 Coram Deo 7:30 Women's Prayer Group	16 DELIVER AIDS DINNER New Creation Class 1 PM/Repeat 7 PM 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 Compline	17 11:00 Service 7:30 Lenten Service & Devotional Study 8:15 Ruth Circle at the home of Donna Zar	18 3:30- Choristers 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	19 7:30 AA	20 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Sewing Group Arts & Crafts 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
21 Lent 2 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 5:00 – 7:00 Supper Club	22 6 – 7:30 Brownies 7:30 Coram Deo	23 New Creation Class 1 PM/Repeat 7 PM <i>Captive Free Event</i> 6:00 – 8:00 PM 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 Compline	24 11:00 Service 7:30 Lenten Service & Devotional Study	25 3:30- Choristers 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	26 7:30 AA	27 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
28 Lent 3 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult	29 6 – 7:30 Brownies 7:30 Coram Deo					

Special dates

- African-American History Month
- Boy Scout Sunday, *February 7, 2016*
- Transfiguration of Our Lord, *February 7, 2016*
- Fastnacht Night, *Tuesday, February 9, 2016*
- Ash Wednesday, *February 10, 2016*
- Presidents Day, *February 15, 2016*
- Valentine's Day *February 14, 2016*
- First Sunday in Lent, *February 14, 2016*



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

