

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,

“Joy to the World” is one of the most favored of Christmas hymns. On the last Sunday in Advent we greet the Nativity by singing the carol’s mirthful words. All of creation repeats “the sounding **joy**.”

This great **joy** began with the angel’s announcement of the birth of John the Baptist. Zechariah, the priest, who would be the father of this child, received the word from the heavenly messenger in the Temple in Jerusalem while he was burning incense. “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. And you will have **joy** and gladness, and many will **rejoice** at his birth, for he will be great before the Lord. (Luke 1: 13 - 15a ESV) The response of neighbors and relatives to the birth of John was **rejoicing** with his mother, Elizabeth.

Later, an angel came to Mary, Elizabeth’s cousin, and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” When Mary visited Elizabeth, the Virgin’s cousin exclaimed, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!” (Luke 1: 42 ESV) Yet unborn, John leaped for **joy** in Elizabeth’s womb. Mary responded with what we call *The Magnificat*, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit **rejoices** in God my Savior;” Again, we hear of great **joy** at the coming of the Savior. The angel announced to the shepherds, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great **joy** that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.” (Luke 2: 10 - 11 ESV) The good news of great **joy** is Christ, the Savior of the world. The response to the birth of Jesus was praise of God by angels and shepherds.

In the series of parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the prodigal son heaven **rejoices** at the repentance of the sinner. **Rejoicing** is an appropriate response for our salvation in Jesus Christ. **Rejoicing** is an appropriate response at the coming of the Lord.

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From The Pastors

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On Palm Sunday "...the whole multitude of the disciples began to **rejoice** and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" (Luke 19: 37 ESV) And at the end of the Gospel of Luke, the ascension of Christ is reported along with the disciples' response, "And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God." (Luke 24: 52 - 53 ESV)

We can praise with great **rejoicing** our God who has sent Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior with beloved carols like "Good Christian Friends, **Rejoice**" the last hymn we sing on Christmas Eve. We can **rejoice** by reciting the Lutheran Hail Mary, "Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum. Benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus Christos. Amen", that is "Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus Christ. Amen." (See Dr. Darel Paul's *A Lutheran Rosary*) and Luther's "Evangelical Praise of the Mother of God." "O Blessed Virgin, Mother of God, what great comfort God has shown us in you, by so graciously regarding your unworthiness and low estate. This encourages us to believe that henceforth He will not despise us poor and lowly ones, but graciously regard us also, according to your example." (See Dr. Darel Paul *The Lutheran Rosary*)

May you and yours have a **joyful** Christmas (all twelve days). May you **rejoice** at the coming of our Lord and Savior at Bethlehem and await with expectancy and **joy** His promised return. Merry Christmas!

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



SUNDAY, JANUARY 31ST
10:30 AM

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Mission Statement

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



Altar Flowers

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



Healing Prayer Ministry

After the 9:00 A.M. Sunday Service, trained members of the Healing Prayer Team are available in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd to meet with you for healing prayer.

Prayers are offered for your physical, emotional, and spiritual health.



† Women's Prayer Group

The Holy Trinity
Women's Prayer Group
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,
come as you are able.

Questions contact Rosemary
@

Rosemaryhinkle@comcast.net

2016 Schedule

Resumes Jan. 18, 2016

Feb. 1 & 15 March 7 & 21
April 4 & 18 May 2 & 16
June 6 & 20

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:

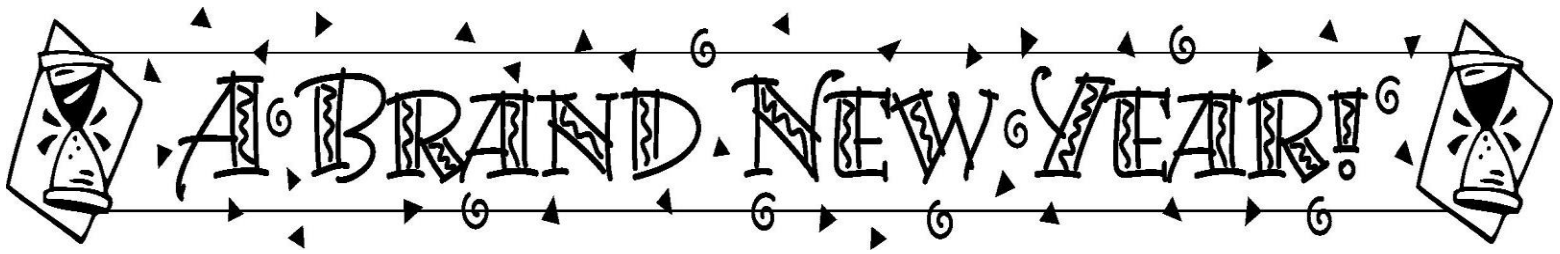
Adelaide, Alani, Albert, Alex, Alicia, Allan, Allyson, Althea, Amanda, Amber, Andy, Angela, Aniah, Anna, Anne, Antoinette, Art, Augusto, Barbara, Becca, Ben, Benjamin, Beth, Betty, Beverly, Bill, Bob, Bonnie, Brandy, Brian, Brianna, Bridget, Brielle, Bruce, Callie, Carol, Carole, Cassidy, Cheri, Chris, Christopher, Cindy, Clyde, Colleen, Dalilah, Dallas, Dan, David, Dean, Derek, Don, Dot, Doug, Drew, Earl, Ed, Edward, Elijah, Ella, Eric, Erin, F. Joseph, Flo, Foster, Frank, Gary, George, Gene, Gerald, Ginger, Gloria, Gray, Guy, Hannah, Harry, 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, Keegan, Kevan, Kim, Kristin, Larry, Laura, Lauren, LeVern, Linda, Lisa, Lois, Lori, Lorraine, Lucia, Lynn, Maralyn, Marge, Mariah, Mariliz, Marissa, Mark, Marlene, Marsha, Maryanne, Mary Ann, Maryjane, Maureen, Matt, Max, Megan, Melanie, Michael, Mike, Mina, Missy, 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, Thelma, 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, Elsey, Fahy, Favorin, Foley, Frame, Gettmann, Hanzlick, Heeter, Johnson, Kelly, Kennedy, Koehler, Lacy, Langan, Lee, Petrunis, Powell, Marshall, Matteo, MacErlean, McKelvey, Medveckus, Mitchell, Moletzsky, Necker, Ness, Paolone, Praschil, Reeder, Ryan, Sawick, Sayles, Sears, Selman, Schmidt, Shippon, Singrella, Stanton, Strange, Taggart, 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 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.



Is Just Beginning!

Mark your calendar and be sure to join us
Sunday, January 31, 2016

directly after the service at 10:30 am
for our Annual Congregational Meeting

Items of Business:

Reports, Budget, Elections,
Items from the NALC

Join the conversation- make your voice heard!

We invite you to play an active role in the life of Holy Trinity in 2016
- Your Church Council-



Congratulations on joining us at the Lord's Table

Grace Moritz - Kulik

Elizabeth (Elli) Nilsen



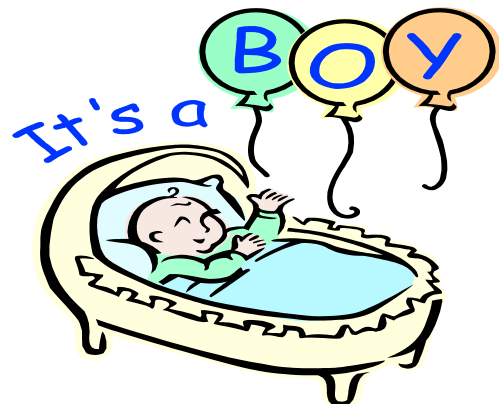
Congratulations and Welcome to God's World

Little Brady Russell Kavanagh

Born November 21, 2015

Height: 20.25"

Weight: 6 lb., 11 oz.



To parents Danielle and Jeffrey Kavanagh

and to Great-Grandparents Russell and Jane Tredinnick

Memorials have been received



In Memory of...

Miriam Alderfer

Hazel Ferguson

Betty Lee

Dorothy Beltz

Helen G. Frey



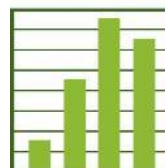
REMINDER TO

All Committee Chairpersons & Other Group Leaders

Please submit your Annual Reports

to the Church office by

Monday, January 5, 2015



**Annual
Report**

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

November 30, 2015 (For the Year 2015)

	Holy Trinity Ministries	Wider Church
Year to date received for current income	\$ 363,402.64	\$ 43,817.89
Carry over Benevolence from 2013		\$ 68.34
Expenses paid to date	\$ 362,004.52	\$ 38,161.75
Surplus/(Deficit) 2015	\$1,398.12	\$ 5,724.48

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:
Jelly, Canned chicken, canned salmon & tuna,
Rice, potatoes (boxed & canned) gravy,
canned tomatoes, corn muffin mix, canned fruit
Pancake mix & syrup, coffee & condiments,
toilet tissue and paper towels.

Please remember your Church in your will.



Ecumenical Dialogue

Pastor Mike & Father Anthony Janton
are hosting an Ecumenical Dialogue

Date: Thursday, January 21, 2016

Time: 7:30 PM

Place: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Topic: "The Mercy of God."

Prayerfully consider joining us
for a time of enlightenment & fellowship

Save the Date!

Holy Trinity is hosting a Blood Drive

Friday, January 22, 2016

1:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Did you know...

- ♥ That every 2 seconds, someone in the US needs blood
- ♥ That every unit donated can save up to three lives
- ♥ That type O blood is the blood that hospitals request most
- ♥ That 16 year-olds can donate blood with their parent's permission
- ♥ That you can donate blood every 56 days

You're
Invited...



....A
Place for
Bible Study

Pastor Mike's Tuesday night Bible Study
resumes on Tuesday, January 5th

7:30 pm Bible Study

8:30 pm Compline



NOTES OF THANKS

Nov. 21, 2015



Dear Maryjane and the Ladies of Holy Trinity Sewing Group,
Thank you very much for the wonderful, warm and comforting prayer shawl. I will think of our devotion and kindness every time I put it on my shoulders. I feel very lucky to have received the prayer shawl. I just love the color and the softness. Thank you again!!

Love,
Helen W. Williams

Dear Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,

I just want you to know, that I greatly appreciate your food cupboard. The gift bags of food that I receive have been a great blessing to my family. There have even been items that my children claimed for their lunch and snack time. Not to mention the delicious turkey we all enjoyed on Thanksgiving. Thank you so much for helping me to provide food for my family. Also the workers there are so kind and friendly. They seem so happy to help others who are struggling to make ends meet.

Thank you and God bless you all,
The XXXX Family
(Name unlisted for privacy)



Dear Holy Trinity Family,



Thanks so much for thinking of me! The care package for finals arrived just in time! It was great to receive all the goodies that remind me so much of home while I am out in Arizona! Thanks to everyone who took the time & energy to pack and ship out so much love!

Thanks again,
Sami Mumford
Freshman at ASU



NOTES OF THANKS cont...

Dear Church Family,

I want to thank everyone for their prayers during my recent recovery from a back injury. I prayed that everyone should be greatly blessed. Your prayers helped me recover sooner and the pain is gone. God bless you all!

John Maieron



Bill and Nicole Lohmeyer
LCMS Missionaries to the Dominican Republic

**Meet Bill and Nicole Lohmeyer,
Missionaries in the Dominican Republic
Thursday, January 14, 7:30 p.m.
In the SS Peter & Andrew Study.**

Join us for an evening with Holy Trinity-sponsored missionaries Bill & Nicole (Cornelius) Lohmeyer, Serving as Lutheran missionaries in the Dominican Republic. In his role as a career missionary, Bill finds ways to make mercy ministry projects, such as the group home for disabled children, Financially self-sufficient through the creation of local micro-businesses.

He trains workers for these mercy projects and micro-businesses and works with local church plants to create long-term sustainability plans.

He also helps coordinate projects being carried out in the Latin America and the Caribbean region.

Nicole works with the students and staff at Concordia Lutheran School.

Her work involves curriculum development and planning, teacher training and student mentoring.

Bill grew up in Greensburg and Nicole grew up in Lansdale.

Pastor Guenzel presided at their wedding in 2001.

They are the parents of Kiersten and Karissa.

All are welcome!

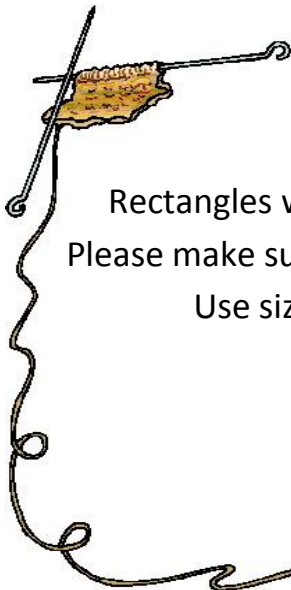
THE SATURDAY SEWING GROUP

Is back from the holiday break & ready to create!



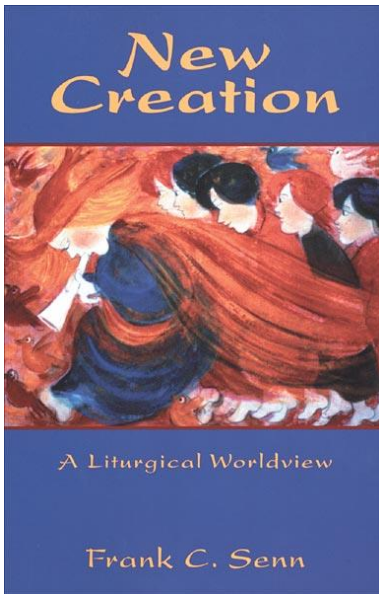
You're invited to a Penguin Party on **Saturday, January 16, 2016** from **10:00 to 1:00**. The regular meeting of the **Sewing Group** will be devoted to all things penguin. We will be stuffing and stitching a waddle of penguins for the OCC shoeboxes. No special talent is required- just the ability to thread a needle and knot the thread. If you have them, please bring a pair of scissors and a hand sewing needle.

Join us, there will be snacks and a lot of fun.



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



A Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex for Pastor Mandy's
8 week Tuesday course beginning **January 5th**
1:00 PM / repeat at 7:00 PM

New Creation: A Liturgical Worldview

By Frank Senn

This course speaks to how liturgy celebrates a reality or
worldview – a new creation – that can inform all Christian life.

Download a copy for your e-reader, buy a used paperback
from Amazon or Pastor Mandy can order you a copy for \$16.00

*Please note when you sign up if you would like
Pastor Mandy to order a book for you.

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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

The next meeting of Coram Deo will be on

Monday, January 11, 2016 at 7:00 PM

at the home of Laurie & Allan Shikhvarg



There will be no reading assignment that night.

This is a meeting to decide what we will be reading this Spring/Summer.

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.

JANUARY CIRCLES

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.”

This fourth Beatitude presents another character quality that Jesus wants us to have as His disciples. We hear the word righteousness often but do we truly understand its meaning? We will take time to explore the many facets of this word so that we can better comprehend this Beatitude. Can we be righteous in the eyes of the secular world, or is this truly a Godly trait. How do we “get” or achieve righteousness. Come to a January circle and learn about this concept that Jesus emphasized.

Here is the listing of the Circles, when and where they meet in January, 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, January 11 at 12:30 pm in the SS Peter & Andrew Study

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

Ruth Circle - Wednesday, January 13 at 7:30 pm at home of Lydia Dugan Peterson

2150 Willow Brook Drive, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006 (215) 657-4034

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

Sarah Circle - Thursday, January 14 at 12:00 pm in the SS Peter & Andrew Study

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

Eve Circle - Thursday, January 14 at 7:30 pm in the SS Peter & Andrew Study

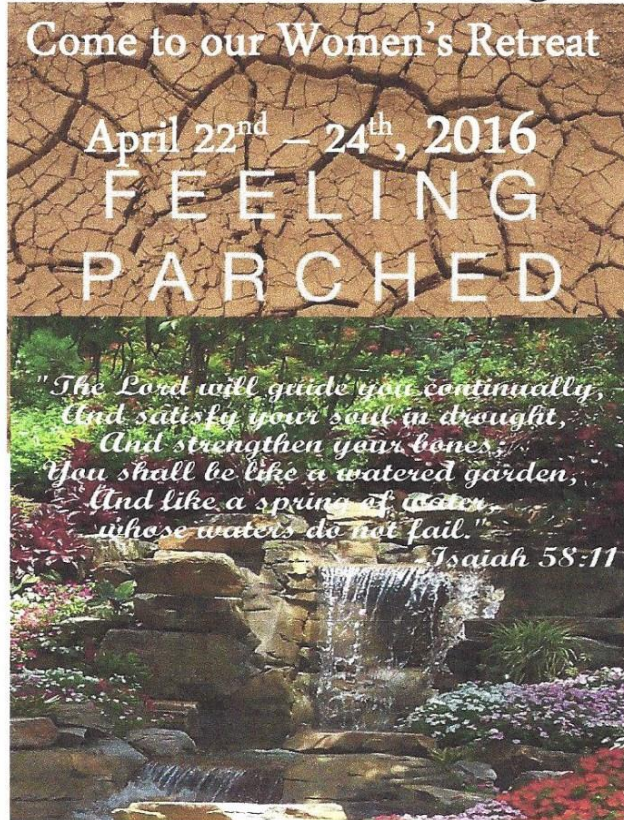
Leader: Sue Tolton (215) 659-7054 suetolton@comcast.net

Hannah Circle - Wednesday, January 20 at 7:30 pm in the SS Peter & Andrew Study

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

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.

**The Social Ministry Committee of
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**



Freedom Steps Collection

If anyone knows of someone in the military deployed overseas
Please have them contact Cindy Biehl at cindybiehl@msn.com
Or (267) 475- 5435 and we will add them to our list.

There is a need for donated items such as:

- Full size tooth brushes & toothpaste
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Body wash & deodorant
- Foot & body powder
- Baby wipes & sunscreen
- Non-perishable food & snacks
- In addition, small toys, games & crafts
as well as books & magazines are always welcome

There is a box in the Narthex that will be
checked before the shipments are made.



We do shipments ever couple of months
So donations & names are always welcome!



The Fellowship of Christian Educators in Public Schools

A national nonpolitical, nondenominational organization will hold its monthly meeting (part Bible Study /part support) at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Abington on the second Wednesday of most months.

Our next meeting is **Wednesday, January 13th at 7:30 pm.**

If you are interested, you are welcome.

(Not an educator: We also welcome support staff, custodians, and nurses!)

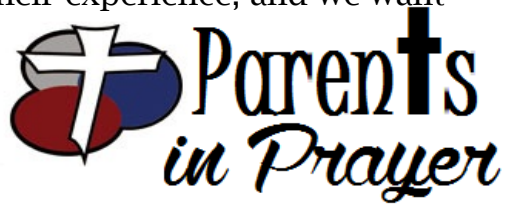
Questions? Concerns? Please email nckb520@verizon.net

New Prayer Group for Parents of Students in Abington School

Group meets the first Sunday of the month. Next meeting **Sunday, Jan. 3, 7:00 pm**

Come to the office lobby of New Life Presbyterian Church, 427 N. Easton Road, Glenside. Hosted by Abington parent Bethany Serridge. The goal of this group is to intercede for our families, our children, and our schools. "We want the promises of God in Christ to be more real to our children than the media, their circumstances, and their experience; and we want God to bring great glory to Himself in our public schools."

Questions: Contact Bethany Serridge at serridges@verizon.net



Pastor Tavella has been taking a stroll once a week in the Willow Grove Mall in full black clerics in order to provide an opportunity for witness to those who approach him. He has already done this twice.

If you would like to walk with him, let him know



The Free Library of Philadelphia's

Rare Book Department is hosting

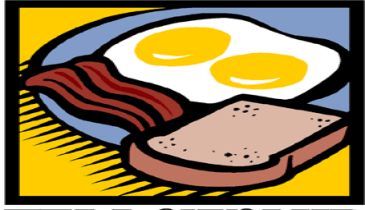
"Sacred Stories: The World's Religious Traditions"

through January

Religious texts dating to medieval times are on display

Including Martin Luther's first German New Testament, printed in 1522.

BREAKFAST



FELLOWSHIP

Adult Christian Breakfast Fellowship

(All Adults Young & Old are invited)

When: **Saturday, January 9, 2016**

please note this is the 2nd Saturday of the month

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

Topic: Habitat for Humanity

Speaker: Randy Gettmann introducing

Colleen Brink from Habitat for Humanity



Join us for breakfast & fellowship.



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, January 14th 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.

Drivers Needed



**JOIN OUR
DELIVERY
TEAM**

Can you spare one Tuesday morning a month?

You have been faithful to help fund this vital ministry
of providing a meal to those in need through the Aids dinner.

We are seeking volunteers to deliver the meal.

Contact the office if you are interested and available

(215) 659-2642

2016 Youth Ministry

All events are on SUNDAY unless otherwise noted

January 3, 2016 5:00 – 7:00 PM
SOT Youth Group



Join us for dinner & planning for Youth Sunday

January 10, 2016 5:00 – 7:00 PM Supper Club

Tonight's Cooks: The Gregg Family

Tonight's Story: Joseph and His Dreams in Prison

Craft: Color Your Own Pharoah Headbands

* Sign up to carry Alleluia Banners on Transfiguration Sunday *





**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.

There is a need at Wayne Hall

Can you donate ONE HOUR OF YOUR TIME ONCE A MONTH?

That's all it would take to provide entertainment for the children while their mothers are in Bible Study.

7:30 - 8:30 pm EITHER Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday night whatever works best. Be a part of a team that serves those in need.

Contact Rosemary at rosemaryhinkle@comcast.net or call (215) 887-4954



Wishers Needed! No qualifications necessary other than a heart to serve God & others! Consider joining as a family!

Willing congregants contact Phil Diener (215)657 - 3867 or call

Or call the church office (215) 659 - 2642 email secretary@holyltrinity.net

“A thief comes only to steal and to kill and to destroy.
I have come so that they may have life and have it in abundance.”

John 10:10

Join Randy Gettmann & Tom Schied for this creative Bible Study
Using illustrations from the Old & New Testament you will:



- Explore the nature of your true inheritance as a person adopted by God
- Find renewed strength in His promises
- Reclaim the purpose He has for your life
- Reawaken your God-given dreams
- Rekindle the passion that drives you
- Examine the joy-filled life

Where: SS Peter & Andrew Study

When: 10:30 am Sunday mornings beginning Sunday, January 10, 2016

Don't let the Enemy rob you of the treasures God has set aside for those that love Him!

**Connecting
with God
through the
BIBLE**

**Your Road Map
for All of Life...**



A Bible Study While Driving

The Bible Study will need at least two individuals in the car.
Passengers can read the text before a discussion of the questions.

Read a chapter and then answer the questions.
When the discussion about the chapter has ended,
continue to the next chapter.

The Book of Jonah

In what section of the Old Testament is this book located?

Chapter 1

1. What came to Jonah?
2. What did God command Jonah to do?
3. Jonah did not go to Nineveh. Where did he go?
4. How did the Lord react?
5. On whom did the sailors call?
6. What did the captain ask of Jonah?
7. What was the result of the casting of lots? What does it mean to cast lots?
8. How does Jonah describe God?
9. What did the sailors do when they found out that Jonah was responsible for their plight?
10. On whom did the sailors call to save them? To whom did they make sacrifice? How is all of this ironic?
11. Who swallowed Jonah? Look closely at what the text says.

Chapter 2

1. Jonah prayed in his need. Describe the content of his prayer.
2. What is Sheol?
3. What is the holy temple?
4. What is the result of heeding idols?
5. To whom does salvation belong?

Chapter 3

1. The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time. What did the Lord command him to do?
2. How did the people of Nineveh react to Jonah's message? Where is Nineveh?
3. How did God react to Nineveh's repentance?

Chapter 4

1. How did Jonah react to Nineveh's repentance? What challenging question does God ask Jonah? Is anger ever justified?
2. Why did Jonah make a shelter east of the city of Nineveh?
3. How does Jonah describe God in this chapter?
4. How was God gracious to Jonah?
5. What point is God making with the plant that sheltered Jonah?
6. How does this story apply to your own life as a disciple of Christ?
What does the story say about the grace of God?

Stay in His Word – Drive Safe!





January Worship Assistants Schedule



January 3

Usher 5	Greeter Ann Frey & Linda Frezza	Presenters of Gifts	Linda Frezza and Nancy & Jim Necker
Count 4	Acolyte Gia Berkovitz		
Christophers 3	Crucifer Kevan Berkovitz		
Prayer 6 Team	Lay Reader- Sat Linda Cassady	Communion Assistants	Marilyn Murphy Kevan Berkovitz
	Sun Kathy Ingerson	Setup	Maryann Leventhal

January 10

Usher 1	Greeter The Powell Family	Presenters of Gifts	Janice Donnelly and Dani & Terry Rowley
Count 1	Acolyte Hannah Mumford		
Christophers 4	Crucifer Connor Breslin		
Prayer 1 Team	Lay Reader- Sat John Maieron	Communion Assistants	Charles Tolton Allan Shikhvarg
	Sun Nancy Ischinger	Setup	Tina Bednarczyk

January 17

Usher 2	Greeter The Cuff Family	Presenters of Gifts	Maryann Leventhal and Sue & Charlie Tolton
Count 2	Acolyte Audrey Brown		
Christophers 5	Crucifer Jared Ickler		
Prayer 2 Team	Lay Reader-Sat Clem McLaughlin	Communion Assistants	Randy Gettmann Eric Gregg
	Sun Michele Muller	Setup	Sue Tolton

January 24

Usher 3	Greeter The Rowley Family	Presenters of Gifts	Ken Tredinnick and Nancy & Rob Ischinger
Count 3	Acolyte Charlotte Whipple		
Christophers 1	Crucifer Earl Whipple		
Prayer 3 Team	Lay Reader- Sat Katie Beyer	Communion Assistants	Mark & Erica Affleck
	Sun Deb Mumford	Setup	Tina Bednarczyk

January 31


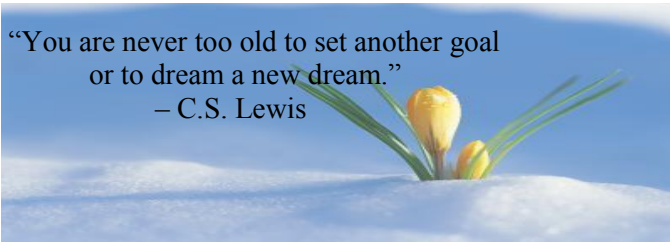

Usher 4	Greeter The Youth	Presenters of Gifts	Jody Cheeseborough and Deb & Hannah Mumford
Count 4	Acolyte Sophia LaRocca		
Christophers 2	Crucifer Michael LaRocca		
Prayer 4 Team	Lay Reader-Sat George Powell	Communion Assistants	Claire Brown Dan Dewald
	Sun Matthew Gregg	Setup	Deb Mumford

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*



January 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Our hope is not in the New Year. But in the One who makes all things new!</p>		 <p>“You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.” – C.S. Lewis</p>			1  7:30 AA	2 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
3 Christmas 2 9:00 Holy Communion 5:00 – 7:00 S.O.T. Youth Group	4 6 – 7:30 Brownies	5 New Creation Class 1 PM/Repeat 7 PM 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 Compline	6 Epiphany 7:30 Council	7 6:30 Handbell Choir	8 7:30 AA	9 9:00 Adult Breakfast Fellowship 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
10 Baptism of our Lord 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 5:00 – 7:00 Supper Club	11 12:30 Miriam Circle 6 – 7:30 Brownies 7:00 – Coram Deo at the home of the Shikhvargs	12 New Creation Class 1 PM/Repeat 7 PM 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 Compline	13 7:00 Evangelism 7:30 Ruth Circle at the home of Lydia Peterson	14 12:00 Sarah Circle 3:30- Choristers 6:30 Handbell Choir 7:00 Men's Group 7:30 Eve Circle 7:30 Meet the Missionaries	15 7:30 AA	16 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Sewing Group Arts & Crafts 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
17 Epiphany 2 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult	18 SHOP & COOK AIDS DINNER 6 – 7:30 Brownies 7:30 Women's Prayer Group	19 DELIVER AIDS DINNER New Creation Class 1 PM/Repeat 7 PM 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 Compline	20 7:30 Hannah Circle	21 3:30- Choristers 7:30- Ecumenical Dialogue	22 7:30 AA	23 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
24 Epiphany 3 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult	25 6 – 7:30 Brownies	26 New Creation Class 1 PM/Repeat 7 PM 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 Compline	27 7:30 Worship & Music meeting	28 3:30- Choristers 6:30 Handbell Choir	29 7:30 AA	30 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
31 Youth Sunday 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 11:30 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 7:00 Candlemas	Special Dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * New Year's Day, January 1, 2016 * Epiphany, January 6, 2016 * Baptism of our Lord, January 10, 2016 * Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Observance, January 18, 2016 * Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18 – 25, 2016 					

