

HOLY TRINITY

Evangelical Lutheran Church

ECHOES NEWSLETTER

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March, 2016

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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*

Dear Parish Family,

God dwells in thick darkness. Moses told the people of Israel, "These words the Lord spoke to all your assembly at the mountain out of the midst of the fire, the cloud, and the thick darkness, with a loud voice; and he added no more." (Deuteronomy 5:22 ESV) This passage immediately follows Moses' rehearsal of the Ten Commandments.

In Exodus after God gives Moses the Ten Commandments, the narrator writes, "Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightening and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off and said to Moses, 'You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die.'" Moses told the people of Israel not to fear. God wanted to deter the people from sinning. Then, "The people stood far off, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was." (Exodus 20: 16 - 21 ESV)

In Psalm 18 God responds to David's distress. "Smoke went up from his nostrils, and devouring fire from his mouth; glowing coals flamed forth from him. He bowed the heavens and came down; thick darkness was under his feet." (Psalm 18: 8 - 9 ESV) And a little further on the text says, "He (God) made darkness his covering, his canopy around him, thick clouds dark with water." (Psalm 18: 11 ESV) We sing a hymn that refers to this darkness of God.

Oh, tell of his might; oh, sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
(Lutheran Book of Worship, 548, "Oh, Worship the King")

Is the Lord not light rather than darkness? God is light. Yet in the Scriptures, the image of darkness has its place as representing God's presence, power, hiddenness, and mystery.

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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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In Psalm 18 the Lord who makes "darkness his covering," saves the distressed petitioner. "He sent from on high, he took me; he drew me out of many waters. He rescued me from my strong enemy and from those who hated me, for they were too mighty for me." (Psalm 18: 17 ESV) Also in Psalm 18, David says, "For it is you who light my lamp; the Lord my God lightens my darkness," (Psalm 18: 28 ESV) Our darkness is different from the darkness that shrouds God. Darkness shrouds the Lord in mystery and indicates His power. Our darkness is sin.

God is light, and God is darkness. It is not that He is both good and evil. It is that He is presence, glory, power, and mystery. Both the Lord's darkness and light indicate these things. In another familiar hymn we find the image of light for God.

Those reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render; oh, help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!
(*Lutheran Book of Worship*, Hymn 526
"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise")

In his first letter Saint John writes, "This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin."

(1 John 1: 5 - 7 ESV)

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

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, Amanda, Amy, Andrea, Art, Barbara, Beth, Bill, Bob, Brandy, Brian, Brianna, Carole, Cassidy, Christopher, Collette, Dallas, David, Debby, Drew, Eda, Ed, Edward, Eric, Fima, Frannie, Gene, George, Ginger, Gloria, Hannah, Harry, Helen, Jason, Jeanne, Jennifer, Jill, Joan, John, Judy, Kayla, Kiran, Laura, Lauren, Leah, Linda, Lisa, Lorraine, Luis, Maggie, Marilyn, Marissa, Maryanne, Marylou, Matthew, Maureen, Megan, Michael, Michele, Missy, Myet, Nancy, Nathaniel, Nickie, Nicky, Nikki, Noreen, Paul, Pat, Patty, Peg, Peter, Rachel, Rick, Roger, Samantha, Sean, Shelli, Solomon, Stephen Sr., Suzanne, Thelma, Theresa, Tiffani, Tina, Tony, Tricia G., Trudy, Tyler, Vera, Vernetta, 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: Andreassen, Bednarczyk, Bell, Bell-Powell, BeninCasa, Bertsch, Biehl, Burns, Cheri, Clarkes, Costello, Cuff, Del Vecchio, Dobes, Drobish, Eisenmann, Fahy, Frame, George, Guckin, Haines, Kabic, Keane, Kennedy, Mackintosh, Martin, Melair, Mitchell, Natvin, Paolone, Pickwell, Powell, Ragg, Rieco, Schmidt, Sears, Singrella, Slagle, Smyser, Spalding, Steinmetz, Taggart, Tolton, Weld, Young, Youngman 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.

CONCORDIA MEN'S CHOIR
AND
BRASS CHOIR

Jacqueline Smith, director

present a
Benefit Concert
for
Heart for Lebanon
assisting Syrian refugees in Lebanon



Palm Sunday evening
March 20, 2016 at 7:00 pm

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
2086 Parkview Ave., Abington, PA 19001
215-659-2642 www.holytrinity.net



Annual Ecumenical Community
Good Friday Service

12 Noon, Friday, March 25, 2016

All are invited to attend at
Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
2086 Parkview Avenue
Abington, PA 19001
(215) 659-2642
www.holytrinity.net

Sponsored by:
The Willow Grove Ministerium.



Why are Lilies the Flower of Easter?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Enjoy Your Lilies for Years to Come!

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

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

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

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



ORDER FOR EASTER LILIES

Place Orders by 9:00 a.m.,
Monday, March 14, 2016
(Easter is March 27, 2016)

_____ Lilies (6 Bloom) @ \$12.00

TOTAL \$ _____

() In memory of _____

() In honor of _____

() Other _____

Your Name _____

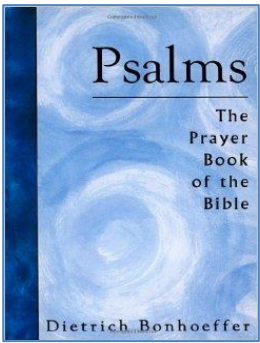
Enclose your order and payment in a brown pew envelope. Write "Lilies" on the envelope and place in the offering plate. Make checks payable to "Holy Trinity".

Continuing Lenten Midweek Lenten Worship and Devotional Study

Wednesdays, March 2, 9 and 16 – at both 9:30 AM & 7:30 PM

we will first worship (in chapel or sanctuary)

then move to the SS Peter & Andrew Study to discuss
the week's chapters from *Psalms: The Prayer Book of the Bible*.



*See page 24 for information on Family Stations of the Cross, Sunday, March 6th *

We are having a prayer vigil from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Good Friday, March 25, 2016

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

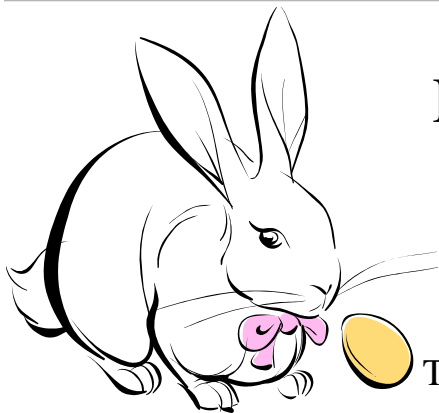
You are welcome to come anytime during the day
and pray as long as you feel the need.



Holy Trinity Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 26th

1:00 – 2:30 PM



Come join us for our 7th Annual Easter Egg Hunt.
The kids will be hunting for Easter Eggs, making a craft & playing games.

Please have your child bring an Easter basket with them to collect the eggs.

Some of the eggs will be filled with surprises!!

The egg hunt will take place on the **lawn in front of** fellowship hall.

In case of rain, we will hold the egg hunt **IN** fellowship hall.

We are asking for donations of filled plastic eggs.

Donations should be in the kitchen no later than Sunday, March 20th

Questions? Contact either Dani Rowley @ 215-830-0177 or Susan Schied @ 215-517-5505

Thank you!

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Holy Monday – March 21, 2016

7:30 p.m. Meet in the Sanctuary for Prayer Walk (all invited)

Maundy Thursday – March 24, 2016

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

Good Friday – March 25, 2016

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

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

7:30 p.m. – **Tenebrae**

Holy Saturday – March 26, 2016

1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall – Easter egg Hunt

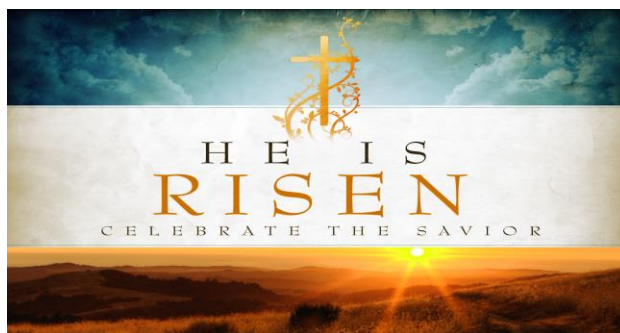
5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary – Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday – March 27, 2016

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

9:00 a.m. – Holy Communion

The Son is Risen Breakfast



Easter Sunday, March 27th

7:30 am – 8:45 am

Potluck breakfast before worship, Sign - up sheet in the Narthex

Last year we had so much food... please, even if you don't sign up or don't have an item to bring come anyway! Come early - Come later

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

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

January 31, 2016 (For the Year 2016)

	Holy Trinity Ministries	Wider Church
Year to date received for current income	\$ 32,021.77	\$ 3,280.43
Carry over Benevolence from 2015	\$ 3,983.81	\$ 15,077.80
Expenses paid to date	\$ 31,958.41	\$0.00
Surplus/(Deficit) 2015	\$ 4,047.17	\$ 18,358.23

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

"Through this blessed exchange, in which Christ changes places with us (something the heart can grasp only in faith), and through nothing else, are we freed from sin and death and given His righteousness and life as our own."

– Martin Luther

"Good Friday and Easter free us to think about other things far beyond our own personal fate, about the ultimate meaning of all life, suffering, and events; and we lay hold of a great hope."

– Dietrich Bonhoeffer



Please remember your Church in your will.



To the new grandparents of

Miles Crawford Gettmann Born January 29, 2016

Height 20" Weight 7 lbs., 3 oz.

Son of Katie & Tyler Gettmann

Grandson of Carole & Randy Gettmann



Juliet Zara McLaughlin Born February 12, 2016

Height 17" Weight 4 lbs., 2 oz.

Daughter of Hollis Boyd & Carl McLaughlin

Granddaughter of Cheryl & Clem McLaughlin





NOTES OF THANKS



On January 22, the Red Cross held a blood drive at Holy Trinity. Despite the threat of an impending blizzard, 35 people arrived to donate blood and 36 units were collected. If you remember that each unit of blood can help up to three individuals potentially 108 people were helped by our blood drive! A huge thank-you to all the people who contributed to the success. In addition to the people who donated blood, there were people who cooked, made scheduling calls or sent out reminders.

Thanks to you all!

Dear Holy Trinity Family,

Thank you so much for the very thoughtful care packages! It was so great to get those packages of treats during the stress of final exams and performance juries.

With love,
Martina & Nellie Smith



February 8,

2016

Dear Pastors,

Thank you so much for the beautiful bouquet from church that Deb Mumford brought to me here at Southampton Estates. The flowers are perfectly beautiful and I appreciate the thoughtfulness. God bless you all.

Love,
Dottie Gerlach.





January 11, 2016

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
2086 Parkview Avenue
Abington, PA 19001

Dear Holy Trinity friends:

You are terrific! Thank you very much for the wonderfully generous collection of items for Residential Treatment Program's Good Behavior Store, as well as the \$50 anonymous gift received on January 8, 2016. The children are sure to be thrilled to see the new items, and will undoubtedly be inspired to continue working hard to earn the balls, remote control cars, dolls, stuffed animals, hair accessories, puzzles, art supplies, and so much more!

We are very grateful for your ongoing friendship and support of our ministry. With the help of friends like, Holy Trinity, we are able to continue bringing hope and healing to the vulnerable boys and girls we serve.

On behalf of the children, thank you again. Best wishes for a happy and healthy 2016!

Sincerely,

Amanda Bryant
Development Associate

February 3, 2016

The residents, family members and employees of Artman would like to thank you for your participation in this year's Shoe Night and Heart's Desire programs. Your generous support allowed us to continue these special holiday traditions and bring joyous holiday cheer to our residents.

The residents truly enjoyed receiving these gifts in which you carefully considered and wrapped. The excitement of this holiday tradition was felt by all at Artman. To see the residents smiling faces when receiving these gifts truly showed us what the holidays are all about.

Thank you again for your assistance in making Artman a truly special place. All of us here at Artman wish you and your families a joyful, bright, healthy, prosperous and happiest 2016.

Sincerely,



Katelyn McKinley

Director of Community Life

Join us in our drive to stock the shelves of the Martin Luther/Silver Springs Positive Behavior Store.

There is an Easter Basket already out in the Narthex filled with plastic Easter eggs each containing gift ideas.

Suggestions such as: stuffed animals, basketballs & footballs, puzzles, crayons and colored books, board & card games.

Please leave the eggs in the bag to be reused!

Thank you for your continuous generosity over the years!
Your contributions are really making a difference to the children!
Any questions or concerns speak with Nicole Miller & Ella Murphy.



THE SATURDAY SEWING GROUP

Continues to meet the third Saturday of every month.

Join us **Saturday, March 19th 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...

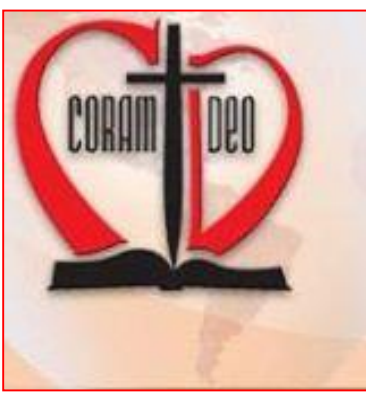
Light refreshments & fellowship always provided!

**There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex
so we can know in advance how many will be attending!**

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





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.

Spring 2016



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

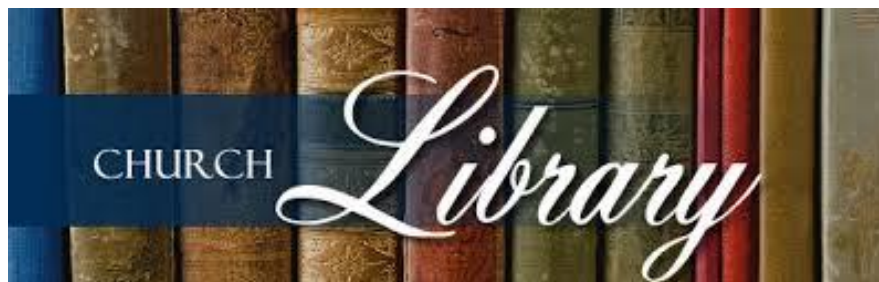
May 2 - *Interpreter of Maladies* - Jhumpa Lahiri (discuss the first half)

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**

Your dedicated staff of volunteers invite you to check out Holy Trinity's



We have a nice selection for all ages so don't forget to stop by the Library Book Cart in Fellowship Hall & feed your brain!

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.

MARCH CIRCLES

“Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.”

This sixth Beatitude deals with what it means and looks like to be pure in heart AND what we imagine or picture when we contemplate seeing God. One of the most important questions that we can ask is how can we be truly pure in our hearts and clean of filth and sin? How can we be pure in our imaginations, in our thoughts, in our words, in our decision making, and in our desires? How can we think what God thinks, will what God wills, desire what God desires, loathe what God loathes, and love what God loves? Come to a March circle and learn what this Beatitude has to teach you.

Here is the listing of the Circles, when and where they meet in March, 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, March 14th at 12:30 p.m. in the SS Peter & Andrew Study
Leader: Ruth McCandless (215) 682-2034 ruthmccandless4@gmail.com

Ruth Circle - Wednesday, March 9th at 8:00 p.m. at home of Pat Minges
202 Stephensen Way, Huntingdon Valley (215) 322-5149.
Leader: Nancy Necker (215) 884-2123 nnecker52@gmail.com

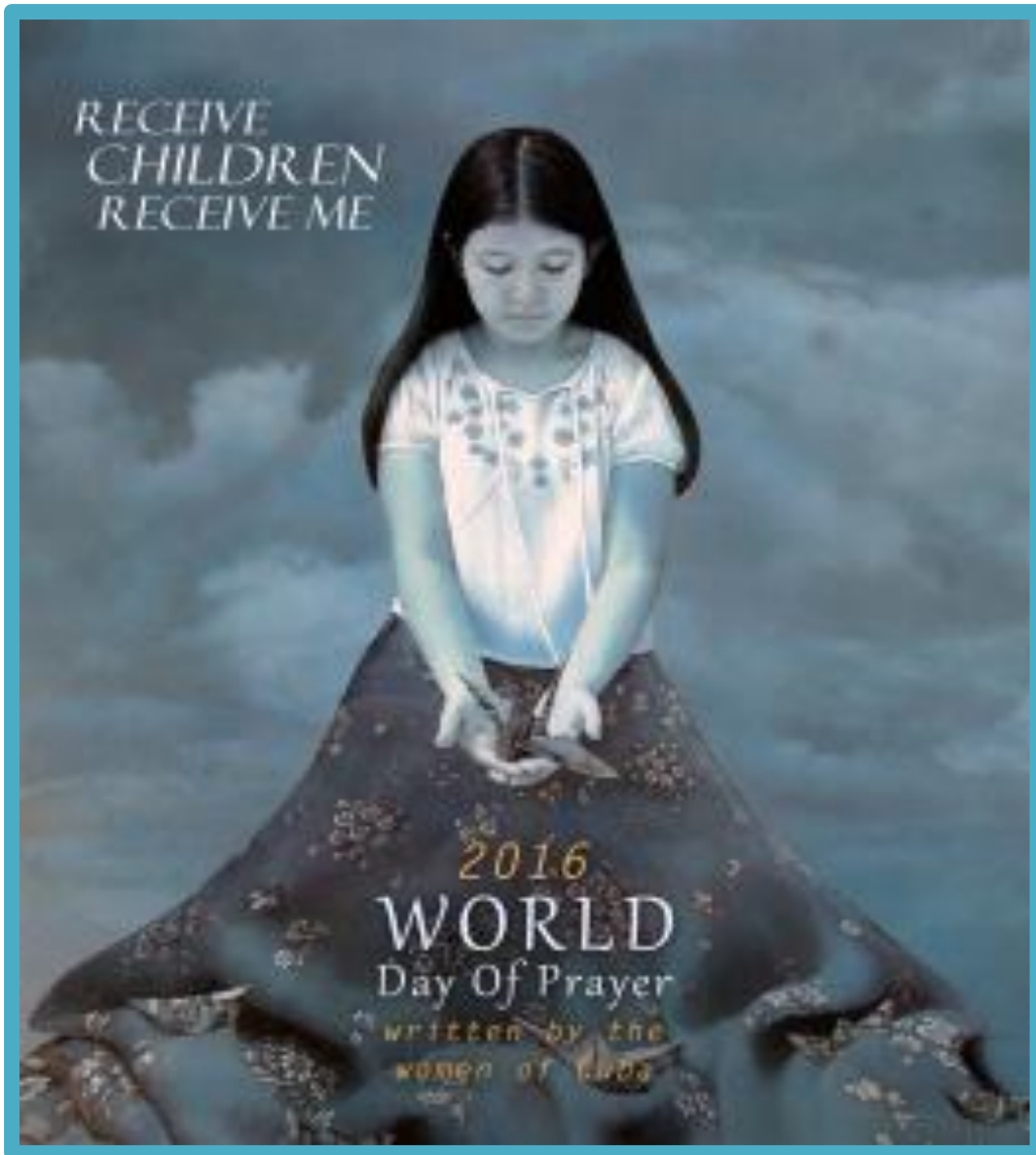
Sarah Circle - Thursday, March 10th at 12:00 p.m. in the SS Peter & Andrew Study
Leader: Judi Reeder (215) 431-7265 judireeder@hotmail.com

Eve Circle - Thursday, March 10th at 7:30 p.m. in the SS Peter & Andrew Study
Leader: Sue Tolton (215) 659-7054 suetolton@comcast.net

Hannah Circle - Tuesday, March 15th at 7:30 p.m. in the Sons of Thunder Youth Room.
Leader: Cindy Biehl (267) 475-5435 cindybiehl@msn.com

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.

The Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Women Present:
Personal Care Kit & Baby Care Kit Collection
The entire month of **MARCH, 2016**

The **LCW** will once again be assembling kits for



Each PERSONAL CARE KIT needs the following:

- 1 – New, light to medium weight bath size towel (52” x 27” or smaller, dark colors recommended)
- 2 – Bath size bars (4 – 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in original packaging.
 - 1 – Adult size toothbrush, in original packaging.
 - 1 – Sturdy comb, remove packaging.
- 1 – Metal nail clipper, with or without attached file, remove packaging.

NEW THIS YEAR – BABY CARE KITS:

- 2 – Lightweight cotton T-shirts
- 2 – long or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- 2 – receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel
- 4 – cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- 1 – jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood (or *include a baby cap*)
 - 2 – pairs of socks
 - 1 – hand towel, dark color recommended
- 2 – 3 bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 to 9 oz. any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel size bars.
 - 2 – diaper pins or large safety pins

If you would like to donate items for either type of kit, there will be a collection basket in Fellowship Hall. Monetary contributions (cash or checks made out to “Holy Trinity”) can be placed in the small white pew envelope marked, “Personal Care/Baby Care Kits”

Join the LCW & LWR in our combined mission to help fight poverty, injustice and human suffering in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

“I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for Me.”

– Matthew 25:40

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Women Present

Spring Luncheon with Abington Officer/K-9 Team



When: Sunday, April 3 immediately following Sunday School

Where: Fellowship Hall

Featured Speakers! Abington Ofc. Jennifer Doyle & K-9 Bella

Who Should Attend: Women, Men, & Children are all invited.

This is a great program for all ages!

What Will Be Shared: Ofc. Doyle will share about life as a female police officer as well as being a K-9 Officer. Learn about the rigorous training Officer/K-9 teams go through when an officer is first given a dog, the specialized training they receive for explosives or narcotics detection, and how they maintain their certifications.

Highlight: Ofc. Doyle and K-9 Bella will demonstrate how they work together.

How to Sign Up

PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX. We REALLY need a count since this is being offered to ALL!

General Meeting

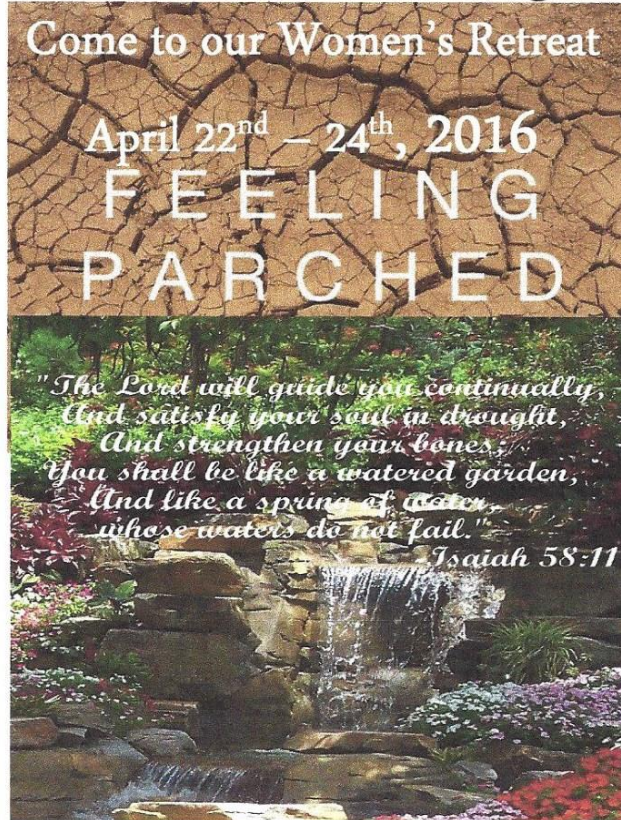
There will be a general meeting of the churchwomen following the program.

Thank Offerings

Ladies, please remember to bring your Thank Offerings.

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: _____

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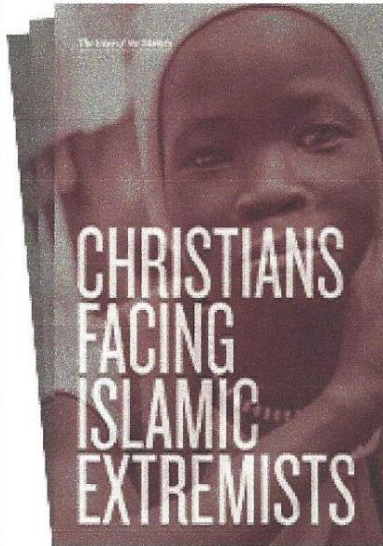
FRIDAY NIGHT PIZZA PARTY: YES _____ NO _____

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.

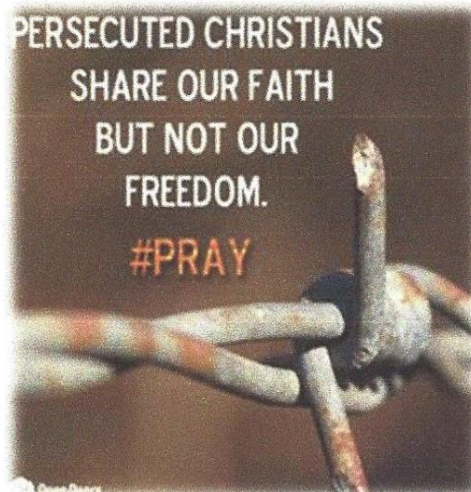
We encourage you to use this resource in your personal devotions, in Sunday school classes or with your entire church.

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.

Booklets have been purchased and are currently available in the Narthex.

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

www.persecution.com





Men's Devotional Group

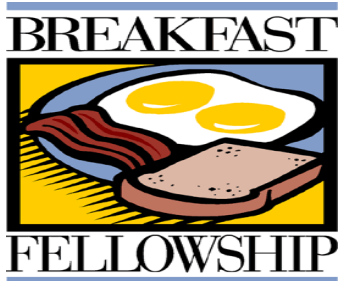
Mark your calendar & don't miss out on the
Men's Devotional Group Meeting.

They meet the second Thursday of every month.

Join us **Thursday, March 10th 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, March 5th at 9:00 AM

Topic: "Witnessing to Christ
in a Hostile Culture."

Speaker: Pastor Mike Tavella



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.

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Youth Ministry

All events are on SUNDAY unless otherwise noted

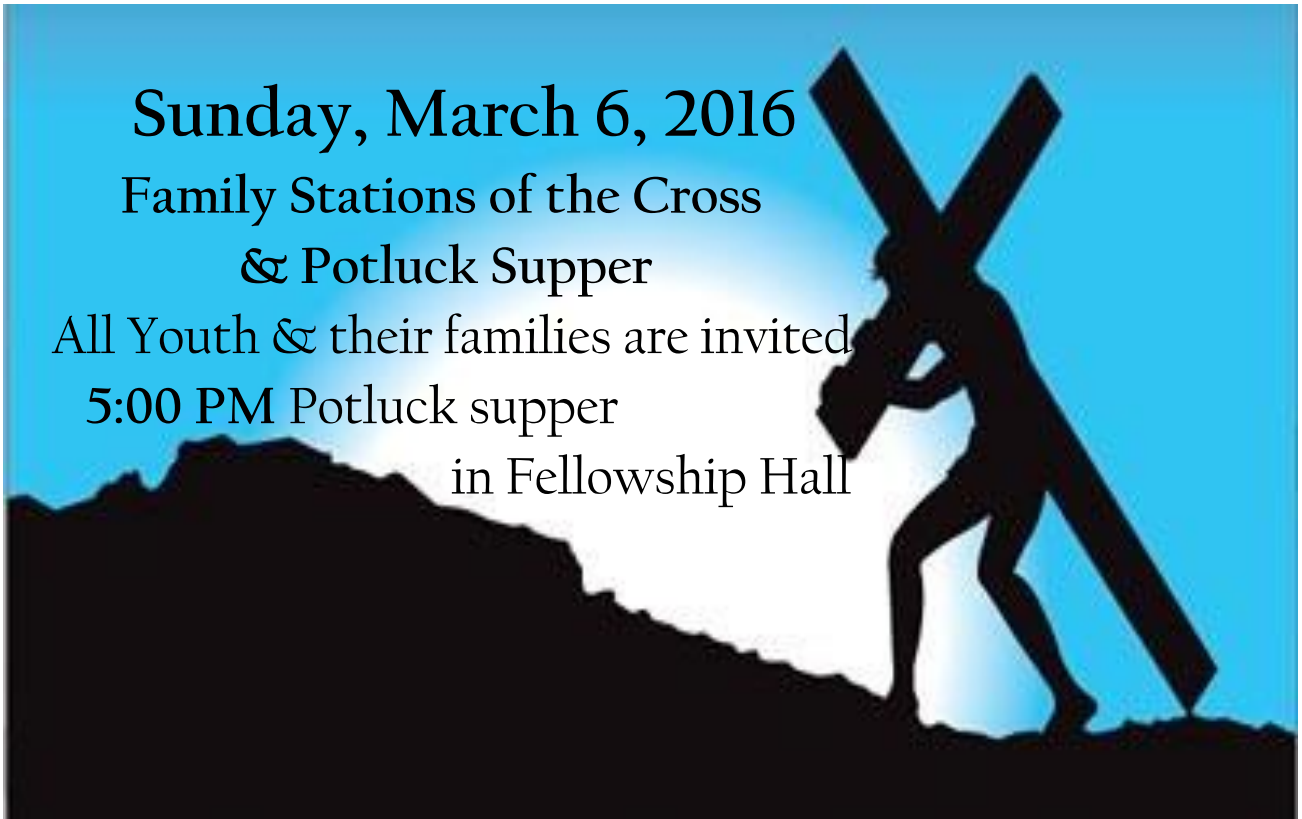
Sunday, March 6, 2016

Family Stations of the Cross
& Potluck Supper

All Youth & their families are invited

5:00 PM Potluck supper

in Fellowship Hall



Followed by brief explanation

Stations of the Cross in the Sanctuary

Parents, children, grandparents, grandchildren welcome!



Join Pastor Mike for *Theology with Bagels* beginning April 14th
Spring 2016



Thursday mornings 9:30 AM in the SS Peter & Andrew Study
April 14th thru May 19th (six week course)

1. "Let Your Light Shine" Matthew 5: 13 - 16, I Peter
2. "Love Your Enemies" Luke 6: 27ff
3. "Who is the Greatest?" Luke 9: 46ff
4. "The Good Portion" Luke 10: 38ff
5. "Let Love Be Genuine" Romans 12: 9ff
6. "Do Not Be Idolaters" 1 Corinthians 10

Sabbath Keeping: The Gift of Rest

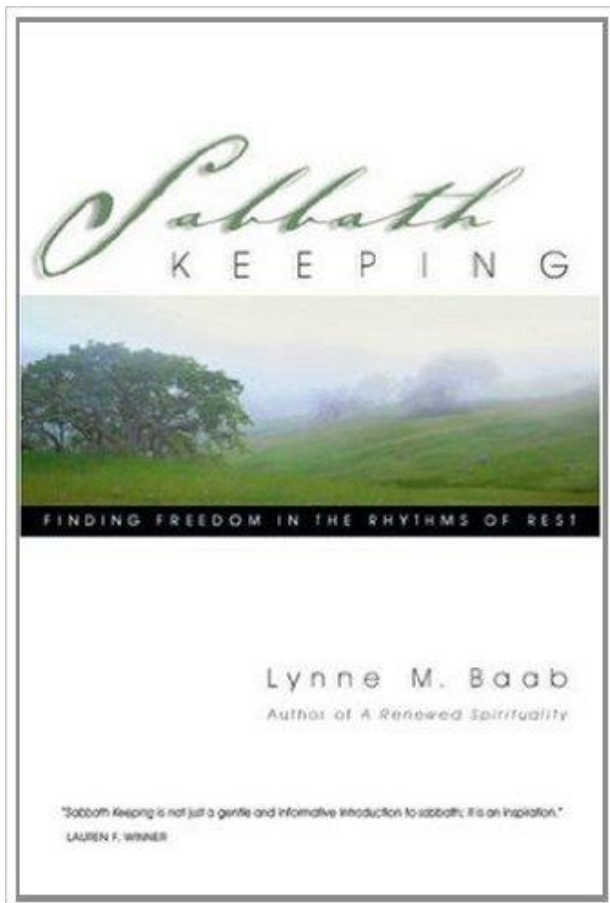
Let's face it: our times of rest need work!
When we fail to rest we do more than burn ourselves out.
We misunderstand the God who calls us to rest –
who created us to be people of rest.

From April 12 – May 17, 2016

Pastor Mandy will offer a 6-week course
using Lynne 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.





March Worship Assistants Schedule



March 6

Usher 4	Greeter Very Pre-K & Kindergarten	Presenters of Gifts Pam & Albert Eisenmann and Ruth McCandless
Count 1	Acolyte Hannah Mumford	
Christophers 2	Crucifer Charlie Tolton	
Prayer Team 3	Lay Reader- Sat Linda Cassady	Communion Assistants Allan Shikhvarg and Kevan Berkovitz
	Sun Linda Borkowski	Setup Maryann Leventhal

March 13

Usher 5	Greeter The Ischinger Family	Presenters of Gifts Ella & Marilynn Murphy and Martina Smith
Count 2	Acolyte Ryan Schied	
Christophers 3	Crucifer Matthew Schied	
Prayer Team 4	Lay Reader- Sat George Powell	Communion Assistants Tom Schied and Deb Mumford
	Sun Charles Tolton	Setup Tina Bednarczyk

March 20

Usher 1	Greeter Nancy Myers and Kevan Berkovitz	Presenters of Gifts Janice Donnelly, Barbara Harvey & Kevan Berkovitz
Count 3	Acolyte Tyler Dewald	
Christophers 4	Crucifer Dan Dewald	
Prayer Team 5	Lay Reader-Sat John Maieron	Communion Assistants Terry & Dani Rowley
	Sun Sue Tolton	Setup Sue Tolton

March 24 Maundy Thursday 7:30 PM

Usher 4		Presenters of Gifts Ann Frey, Barb Harvey and Rob Ischinger
Lay Reader Betsy Zimmermann		Communion Assistants Betsy & Gil Zimmermann
		Setup Deb Mumford

March 25 Good Friday

7:30 PM Usher 5

March 26 Holy Saturday 5 PM

Communion Assistants Terry & Dani Rowley

March 27 Easter Sunday



Usher 2	Greeter The Caputo Family	Presenters of Gifts Tina Bednarczyk, Sue Tolton and Nancy Ischinger
Count 4	Acolyte Gia Berkovitz	
Christophers 5	Crucifer Kevan Berkovitz	
Prayer Team 6	Lay Reader-Sat Clem McLaughlin	Communion Assistants Nancy & Jim Necker
	Sun Kevan Berkovitz	Setup Maryann Leventhal

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*



MARCH 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 New Creation Class 1 PM/Repeat 7 PM 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 Compline	2 9:30 Lenten Service & Devotional Study 7:30 Lenten Service & Devotional Study 8:00 Council	3 3:30- Choristers 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	4 11:00 World Day of Prayer at Salem Baptist Church 7:30 AA	5 9:00 Adult Breakfast Fellowship 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
6 Lent 4 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 5:00 Potluck dinner Family Stations of the Cross	7 6 – 7:30 Brownies 7:30 Coram Deo 7:30 Women's Prayer Group	8 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 Compline	9 9:30 Lenten Service & Devotional Study 7:30 Lenten Service & Devotional Study 8:00 Ruth Circle at home of Pat Minges 8:00 Evangelism	10 12:00 Sarah Circle 3:30- Choristers 6:30 Handbell Choir 7:00 Men's Group 7:30 Eve Circle 8:00 Chancel Choir	11 7:30 AA	12  5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
13 Lent 5 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult Daylight Savings Time Begins	14 12:30 Miriam Circle SHOP & COOK AIDS DINNER 6 – 7:30 Brownies 7:30 Coram Deo	15 DELIVER AIDS DINNER 7:30 Hannah Circle 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 Compline	16 9:30 Lenten Service & Devotional Study 7:30 Lenten Service & Devotional Study	17 3:30- Choristers 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	18 7:30 AA	19 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Sewing Group Arts & Crafts 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
20 Palm Sunday 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 1st day of Spring! 7:00 Passion Concert	21 6 – 7:30 Brownies 7:30 Prayer Walk at Holy Trinity	22 Pastors on Vacation	23 Pastors on Vacation	24 MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:30 Holy Communion/ Draping of Altar	25 GOOD FRIDAY 6 am – 6 pm Prayer Vigil Noon – Ecumenical Service at Holy Trinity 6:30 Stations of the Cross for Adults 7:30 Tenebrae 7:30 AA	26 EASTER VIGIL 1:00 Easter Egg Hunt 5:00 VIGIL Holy Communion 7:00 AA
27 EASTER 7:30 Breakfast 9:00 Holy Communion 	28 OFFICE CLOSED 6 – 7:30 Brownies	29 Pastors on Vacation	30 Pastors on Vacation	31 3:30- Choristers 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir Pastors on Vacation		

Special dates

- World Day of Prayer, *March 4, 2016*
- Girl Scout Sunday, *March 6, 2016*
- Daylight Savings Time Begins, *March 13, 2016*
- Palm/Passion Sunday, *March 20, 2016*
- First Day of Spring, *March 20, 2016*
- Maundy Thursday, *March 24, 2016*
- Good Friday, *March 25, 2016*
- Holy Saturday, *March 26, 2016*
- Easter Sunday, *March 27, 2016*

