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Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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,

Now it is election time, and what an interesting time we are having! In what ways does a Lutheran perspective give insight into this presidential race and all others?

First, the Church should not support any particular political party or candidate, including candidates for President of the United States. It is no part of our mission to be a partisan institution. But, the Church should express its views in public – the Church speaks to the public and is a public, non – governmental institution – on matters such as free exercise of our faith in American society, concern for the poor, and issues regarding marriage and life, e.g. abortion, euthanasia, marriage, and sexuality. We will not be pushed into a private cranny by secularists. The North American Lutheran Church has issued statements about abortion and marriage. The marriage statement was written in conjunction with some other church bodies. Such statements have been and will be made available at Holy Trinity.

The non – establishment clause in the First Amendment of the Constitution does not require the Church to keep silence in the public square on pressing public issues that pertain to our life and mission. Reference to the foregoing topics is appropriate in the pulpit and classroom as well as in print as long as a political party is not promoted. Holy Trinity does not represent the Republican, Democratic, Green, Libertarian Parties, or any other party. When members are speaking of politics in the precincts of the church building, discretion and prudence should rule the day.

Another thing that the Church can appropriately do is encourage its people to vote. So we encourage you to vote. The U.S. Constitution has guarded this precious right. We should exercise it.

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Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Mission Statement

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



Altar Flowers

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

From the Pastors

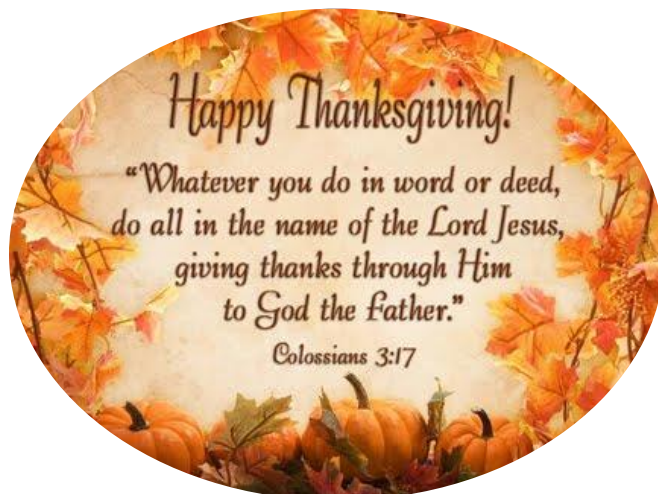
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At places in the New Testament, Christians are encouraged to pray for those who govern us. On this subject, it is worth quoting at some length from 1 Peter. "Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor." (1 Peter: 13-17 ESV) We pray every week for those who govern us.

We must keep the Lutheran confessional teaching of the two kingdoms in mind. The earthly kingdom is responsible for protecting its citizens and their welfare, even using coercion to fulfill its responsibilities. In the spiritual kingdom pastors preach the Word of God, rightly divided into Law and Gospel.

Finally, we must remember that the Church despite all of its warts is the one enduring institution whose inheritance is the heavenly city Jerusalem. The city of the world will perish; the City of God domiciles not only in this world but in the world to come. (See St. Augustine, *The City of God*)

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 meets the **1st & 3rd Mondays** of each month.

We gather at **7:30 pm** in the room over Rosemary Hinkle's garage. (See church directory for phone # and address) This space offers privacy. Coffee, tea, and dessert are served!

Every woman is welcome, please come as you are able. Questions contact Rosemary @ RosemaryHinkle@comcast.net

2016 Schedule

Nov. 7 & 21

Dec dates TBD

Prayer List



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

Please pray for the following individuals & their families: *(we cannot add last names)*

The families of the members Holy Trinity together with those they love, including: Adelaide, Alex, Alicia, Allan, Amanda, Ambre, Amy, Andrea, Ann, Annura, April, Ashley, Art, Barbara, Ben, Beth, Betty, Beverly, Bill, Billy, Bob, Brandy, Brian, Brianna, Cameron, Cara, Carole, Cassidy, Chris, Christopher, Cindy, Clyde, Colleen, Collette, Cradle of Hope, Daliliah, Dallas, Dave, David, Debby, Deanna, Dick, Dottie, Drew, Eda, Ed, Edward S., Eileen, Eleanor, Elias, Elisabeth, Eric, Fima, Florence, Frannie, Gene, George, Ginger, Gloria, Greg, Gregory, Hannah, Harry, Helen, Herman, Howard, Jack, Jason, Jean, Jeanne, Jennifer, Jill, Joe, John, Judy, Justin, Kayla, Ken, Kim, Kiran, Laura, Lauren, Leah, Linda, Lisa, Liz, Lorraine, Luis, Lutheran World Relief, Lynnae, Maggie, Marc, Maria, Marilyn, Marissa, Mark, Maryanne, Marylou, Matthew, Maureen, Max, Mayet, Megan, Michael, Michele, Mickey, Miles, Mina, Mindy, Missy, Mrs. Rutherford, NALS, Nancy, Nathaniel, Nia, Nickie, Nicky, Nikki, Noreen, Paul, Paula, Pat, Patty, Peter, Phillip, Rachel, Rick, Rita, Roger, Samantha, Sam, Sarah, Sean, Sheila, Shelli, Solomon, Suzanne, Tara, Ted, Thelma, Theresa, Tiffani, Tina, Tom, Tony, Tricia G., Trudy, Tyler, Vera, Veronica, Vernetta, Vicki, Wanda, Water Missions, William, 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, Booth, Boyer, Brooks, Burns, Butler, Cheri, Christmann, Clarkes, Corrodus, Costello, Cuff, Del Vecchio, Dobes, Donnelly, Donovan, Drobish, Eckler, Eisenmann, Fahy, Frame, George, Guckin, Haines, Hendricks, Ischinger, Kabic, Keane, Kennedy, Kleinschnitz, Laraccini, Long, Lynch, Mackintosh, Martin, McGinley-Kaplan, Melair, Mitchell, Morrison, Natvin, O'Fee, Paolone, Pickwell, Powell, Ragg, Schmidt, Sears, Singrella, Skilton, Slagle, Smyser, Spalding, Stapleton, Steinmetz, Tolton, Weld, Williams, Wyszomierski, Yakscoe, Young, Youngman, Zaroli, and Zimmermann families.

Please pray for the following petitions:

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

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.

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 at alanhinkle@comcast.net

Treasurer's Report

September 30, 2016 (For the Year 2016)

	Holy Trinity Ministries	Wider Church
Year to date received for current income	\$ 294,217.01	\$ 46,984.34
Carry over from 2015	\$ 3,983.81	\$ 15,077.80
Expenses paid to date	\$ 309,625.82	\$ 42,940.00
Surplus/(Deficit) 2016	(\$11,425.00)	\$ 19,122.14

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

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

"You are not only responsible for what you say, but also for what you do not say." – Martin Luther.

"Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?" – Corrie Ten Boom.

"If thou wouldst rule well, thou must rule for God, and to do that, thou must be ruled by him. Those who will not be governed by God will be ruled by tyrants."

– William Penn, founder of Pennsylvania



Please remember your Church in your will.



Our Christian Sympathy to

The family and friends of
Carol Nemec
who passed away on
September 27, 2016

Jean, Jason and Jarrett
on the death of
John Raiguel
October 12, 2016
Beloved husband and father

Psalm 112:6

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

Thanks and praise to God for the arrival of
Harper Veronica Bednarczyk
born October 4, 2016
weighing in at 8 lbs, 9 oz.
Grandparents Tina and Joe
and parents Peter and Hannah
are thrilled and thankful!



All Saints



November 6, 2016

On All Saints Sunday, families (and individuals) who wish to commemorate a loved one are invited to join the procession and place a lighted memorial candle on the altar.

Their Lights still shine!

Come to the narthex before the beginning of the service to join the formation of the procession.

If you wish to participate, be sure to bring a votive candle with you from home. Your votive candle must be in a glass votive candle holder. (Suggested colors for the glass candle holder are clear, red, or white.)

During the processional, you will carry your lit candle to the altar. You will then place your candle on the altar, as you speak aloud the name of the person whom you are remembering before God.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

These are the saints. Their lights still shine before the throne of God.

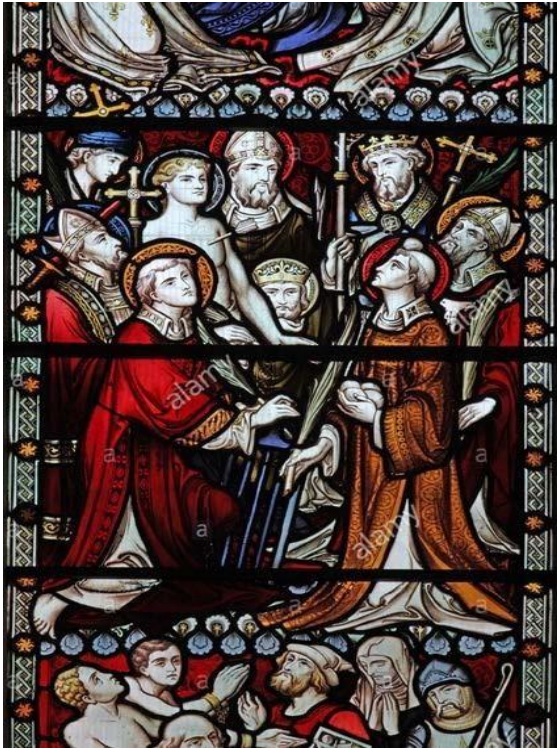
After worship, please remember to take your candle home with you, to use during your personal or family devotions.



**New
Member
Orientation**

**New Member Orientation
Sunday, Nov. 6th**

Meets in Fellowship Hall
Immediately after Sunday School
(11:30 a.m.)



Join us Sunday,
November 6 at 4 PM
CHORAL EVENSONG
FOR ALL SAINTS DAY

Combined choirs of Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran
and St. John the Evangelist Anglican Churches

Featuring music of David Hogan,
R. Vaughan Williams and Kile Smith
Homilist, The Rev. Kenneth Cook

Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church
2016 Parkview Avenue, Abington, PA
Reception to follow

The Choristers invite you
to their fall concert
Poetry in Music
Saturday Nov. 19
at 7:30pm in Lansdale

Tickets can be purchased online
www.TheChoristers.org
or from Kelly Wyszomierski
kww1016@gmail.com

THE CHORISTERS David Spitko, Artistic Director

Poetry in Music
Lieder and Part Songs of the 19th and 20th Centuries

Works by Brahms, Schumann, Parry, Stanford,
Vaughan Williams, Finzi, Barber, Britten & Whitacre
Soloist: Kara Mulder, Soprano

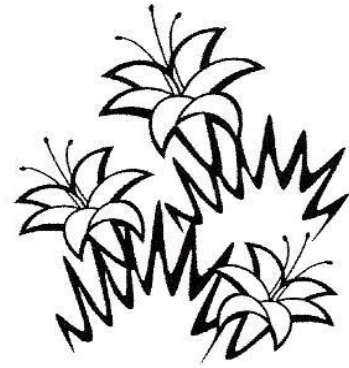
Saturday, November 19, 2016
at 7:30 pm
Trinity Lutheran Church
1000 W. Main Street Lansdale, PA 19446

Adult: \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door
Senior Citizen: \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door
Student (college/high school): \$5 in advance, \$10 at the door
Younger children admitted free

TICKETS AVAILABLE IN ADVANCE ON OUR WEBSITE
For more information and directions, call 215-542-7871, visit our website at www.TheChoristers.org, or send an e-mail to Info@TheChoristers.org.

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Growing in Faith



2016-2017 Stewardship Emphasis

Jesus said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing... Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you. (Luke 12:22-28)

It is remarkable to see how often throughout the Gospels that Jesus uses parables about growth to describe the life of faith. From "mustard seeds" to the "lilies of the field," Jesus speaks of faith in our lives as a living thing, growing and thriving.



We all know that living things need to grow to survive. A sprout needs to break free from the shell of a seed in order to become a thriving plant. A baby colt must rise on shaky legs to become a galloping horse. Nature itself tells us that without growth, there is no life. Jesus tells us that the same is true with faith.

If our faith does not break out from the shell of our selves, our faith cannot live. If we do not trust God enough to take a small step, we will never be able to run. Sometimes the very proof of faith itself is when we dare to risk what we have, for the sake of what we can become by the power of God.

This is especially evident in our lives as God's stewards. The biblical definition of a steward is someone who takes care of what belongs to another. According to Scripture, all we have belongs to God and we are his stewards — temporary care-takers for the sake of our neighbors and the world.

In that same chapter of Luke, after promising to his disciples that God is the trustworthy care-taker of our lives, Jesus goes on to talk about God has made us care-takers of one another. Jesus said:

“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”
(Luke 12:32-34)

Faith and generosity go together. This is one of the greatest gifts we have in Christ. Because we know that God will provide for us, we are free to be able to provide for others. This is what it means to worship the Lord as our loving Creator.

In his explanation to the First Article of the Apostles’ Creed, Martin Luther reminded us of all the things God has provided for us. He said:

“I believe that God has created me and all that exists, that he has given me and still preserves my body and soul, my eyes and ears, my reason and all my senses, together with food and clothing, home and family, and all my property. Every day he provides abundantly for all the needs of my life. He protects me from all danger and guards and keeps me from every evil. He does this purely out of fatherly and divine goodness and mercy, though I do not deserve it. Therefore I ought to thank, praise, serve, and obey him. This is most certainly true!” (Luke 12:32-34)

My prayer for our Lutheran congregations across this country is that we would recognize with thankfulness the manifold gifts of God in our lives and use the opportunities we have been given to grow in love and service. By the power of God, such growth is reflected not only in financial giving to the service of Christ’s mission, but in the giving of our selves in lives of discipleship, following where our Lord has led the way.

In this season of harvest and thanksgiving, I pray that each of us would live out the faith we have been given by God, through our growth in the simple, practical expressions of stewardship in the sharing our time and resources in a living offering of our faith in God.

Rev. Steven E. King
Managing Editor, Sola Publishing



STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Stewardship Weekend will be November 12 & 13, 2016

What do we mean by the term *Stewardship*

Weekend? It is the name we use for the Weekend on which we return our *Pledge Card* for the support of the church program in the New Year beginning in January.

How do I get a *Pledge Card*? You will get one via e-mail during October. Others will be available in the narthex.

Why should I return a *Pledge Card*? Can't I just put my offering in the offering plate at worship? The church has many expenses for curriculum materials, heat, light, building upkeep, salaries, insurance and other things. These expenses must be budgeted in order that we may know what kind of program of worship, fellowship, education, music, evangelism and other parts of our witness can be carried out -- and what we can do for others. Unless our members decide in advance the amount they can give we can't plan an effective ministry.

What if I return a *Pledge Card* and then suffer financial reverses during the year that make it impossible to pay that amount? The Church is the Body of Christ; it is not a loan company. If circumstances you did not foresee make it necessary to reduce or even cancel the amount you thought you could give, all you need to do is to tell God. True Christians also make adjustments upward when their incomes are increased or they receive unexpected additional income during the year.

Will I be solicited personally in my home?

No. You will never receive a telephone call or visitor soliciting you for money. You will receive e-mails that we hope you will read carefully and prayerfully.

Does this church talk about money all the time? No. This church is not always talking about money. The church is always talking about Jesus Christ. It is only with money that the program of the church as we know it today can continue to exist.

Why does the church ask for an increase in giving from each of us every year?

Every year deeply committed Christians who gave substantially either die, experience grave financial reverses, or move to other communities. It is only with new and increased pledges that we can replace this loss. We especially hope that those who give \$5 a week or less will increase their giving by \$2 or more a week.

How much should I give? Did you know that Holy Trinity presently receives offerings from approximately 320 households. Of these, 240 households give \$1 - \$25 per week. If each of these households were to increase their giving by \$2.00 per week, Holy Trinity would have \$20,000 more per year. The remaining 80 households give more than \$25 per week. If each of these households were to increase their giving by \$5.00 per week, we'd have another \$20~000. A small amount from many families would make a huge difference to Holy Trinity for next year's budget.

When is Stewardship Sunday?

Stewardship Sunday is the Second Sunday in November. Please prayerfully consider increasing the amount you give to Holy Trinity by just \$2 to \$5 a week. Please also think about participating in Simply Giving.



NOTES OF THANKS



A Home for Single Mothers and Children

October 6, 2016

Katy Byer
Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
2086 Parkview Ave
Abington PA 18966

Dear Katy Byer & The Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church,

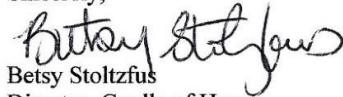
Thank you so much for your generous contribution of blankets. It is our joy to partner with you in this way to provide safe housing for mothers who choose life for their children. Your support is vital and we are thankful for you.

We are currently housing 6 mothers and their children. One of our current residents, Keyana, works part-time in a nursing home. She recently completed home health aide training and is seeking a full-time job. Two mothers at our new residence are working part-time for Every Good Gift, creating and selling gift baskets. A former mother, Shayron, will be graduating with her bachelor's degree in social work this December. These mothers are examples of young women making investments in the future by providing security, stability, and love for their children.

The women in our program work hard and make sacrifices every day to put their children first and do the hard work of parenting. They face significant challenges, strive to overcome them and find a better future for themselves. Here at the Cradle of Hope we seek to come alongside them offering hope, encouragement, prayer, rides, diapers, and more. Your gifts enable us to continue our ministry. You are investing in the life of a young mother and her child and the benefits of that will be reaped for years to come.

Thank you for joining us in this work.

Sincerely,



Betsy Stoltzfus
Director, Cradle of Hope

Board Members: Eileen Britton, Cornell Davis III, Mershon Hinkel, Maureen Krueger, Esq.,
Michelle Nejman, Connie Schandein, Cheryl Sumitra, Terri Supka

"In the day of my trouble, I will call on you, because You answer me. (Psalm 86:7)

Cradle of Hope is a 501-(c)(3) charitable organization. Your gift is tax-deductible. You did not receive any goods or services in exchange for your contribution. The official registration and financial information of the Cradle of Hope, Inc. may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, 1 (800) 732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

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The President and Council of Holy Trinity
2086 Parkview Avenue
Abington, PA 19001

October 24, 2016

Dear Linda and Church Council members,

What a wonderful celebration you gave us for the 40th Anniversary of our Ordination! Thank you so much!!

It was so kind of you to ask Pastor Guenzel to preach and lead the prayers at Sunday worship. And the anthem you commissioned Kile Smith to compose as a gift to us was simply beautiful! "Give Ear, O Heavens" will be lifted up in praise of God by choirs long after all of us are dust. Thank you! And thank you for framing the beautiful lyrics and the front page of the sheet music as a permanent memento for us of this glorious worship moment. And you even thought to include Pastor Mike's new lyrics to "Evening and Morning" as last Sunday's Hymn of the Day. Thank you!

And you all did so much work for our luncheon. The room itself was gorgeous – we loved the autumn theme and really appreciated how the table cloths, plates, and napkins were all coordinated. Plus the food was absolutely delicious! The roast beef sandwiches, meatballs, ziti, German potato salad, Caesar Salad, fruit salad and deserts were all simply delicious. And the glorious cake was not only beautiful but also delicious. Everyone was commenting to me how good everything was! Thank you so much.

When I thanked Council people on Sunday, several of you indicated that Maryann Leventhal had been the behind-the-scenes caterer of this entire event, and I was not surprised to learn that Maryann and her sister once thought of going into the catering business together. You would clearly have been a huge success had you done so. But thank you for sharing your talents with Holy Trinity and with us. Thank you.

There was so much delightful cleverness that was part of the entire day! The photos that Maryann found and framed were so dear. The T-shirts Deb found about "Hardcore-Devil-Stomping-Ninja" were hysterically funny. Those photo-wrapped candy bars were simply ingenious. And Linda's kind words and the congratulatory letters she read were deeply touching.

Thank you all so much for all the hard work so many of you (and your spouses) put in to make this day so special for us. We will never forget this day! Thank you.

You are an extraordinary Council and Holy Trinity is an extraordinary congregation. We love you so much and are so grateful you have called us to spend so much of our lives as your pastors. God is so good ... all the time. May everything that we do be to His glory.

With Love and In Christ,
Pastor Mike and Pastor Mandy

SATURDAY SEWING GROUP:

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

Saturday, November 19th

10:00 am – 1:00 pm (brunch provided)



If this describes you...



The Saturday Sewing Group needs you!

Desperate need of anyone who crochets
The Diane Throws that are donated
to CHOP are at a virtual standstill!
More than a dozen are completed
except for crocheting a finished edge.

Speak to Maryjane (215) 206-0565

Work on them from home. We and the children
who receive them would be eternally grateful!



New in the Church Library



Available in our Library
is a series of **LUTHER'S WORKS**
which have been published
over a period of 15 years.
It is the most complete edition
of Luther's works in English.
Please feel free to check it out
& be sure to choose one of the other
fine books we have in our library.

Asia Harvest



What Does A Bible Mean?

A Devoted Christian Woman Waited 71 Years for A Bible She Prayed Almost Without Ceasing!

In November, we observe Bible Sunday at Holy Trinity (**Sunday, November 13**) by presenting inscribed Bibles to our children. Do we realize the magnitude of the gift we are giving to them? We also make Bibles available to anyone who does not have their own Bible. However, Bibles are not automatically available in many Asian countries where there is hostility to Christians.

What would our Christian walk look like if we were entirely dependent on Pastors Mike and Mandy sharing from one Bible for our entire community? We might often feel like a rudderless ship, being pushed around by the wind and waves.

How many Bibles do you own – both in book form and on your electronic devices? Please consider making a \$2 - \$3 contribution for every Bible you have so that the growing number of Christians in China and other Bible – restricted countries throughout Asia can have access to the Word of God.

Recently, an 84 – year – old woman in Myanmar (Burma) shared her astonishing story.

“I was born in December 1931. My parents were very poor, so I started first grade when I was 13 years old. There was only one Bible in our village and it belonged to our pastor. I really wanted to have my own copy, so I have been praying to God for a Bible since 1945, when I was 14. Whenever I saw the Bible in the pastor’s hands, I really want to have my own, so I kept praying.”

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“I was very hungry for the Word of God and I desperately wanted to read it, but there were no Bibles available. This was truly heartbreaking for me. I became discouraged that for a time I stopped praying to have a Bible. But then someone gave me the Book of Mark. I was elated; I read it whenever I could. I almost memorized the whole book, and it strengthened my faith.”

“By the grace of God, today I received the full Bible from Asia Harvest for free. This is amazing! Only God can do this. He has answered my 71 years of prayer for a Bible. The Lord is so good to me. My favorite Scripture is Psalm 23. I send my thanks to all who donated, supported, and brought this precious Bible to me. I will always read it.”

Asia Harvest provides the Scriptures in 72 different languages through its Asian Bible Fund. Bible costs \$1.80 to print and distribute in China and an average of \$2.70 to print and distribute to other Asian countries. (Please note that the gift sent to Asia Harvest from our mission fund goes specifically toward assisting with children’s surgeries to fix cleft palates.)

Thank you for however you choose to support this crucial project. Perhaps someone’s Bible is your morning cup of coffee! Please place your gift in a pew envelope and mark it “Bibles for Asia.”





It's Time to Pack & Send Our Shoeboxes & Support Shipping Costs

Here are 3 Ways You Can Participate in Operation Christmas Child at Holy Trinity in November:

- 1. Come to our Breakfast and Shoebox Packing Party on Saturday, Nov. 12, 9:00 AM, in Fellowship Hall.** The meal will be provided by the women's circles. Experience the fun and joy of putting together boxes of gifts for children in need.
- 2. Bring your personally packed shoeboxes to our ingathering at Saturday & Sunday worship services the weekend of November 12/13.** A special time in these services will be devoted to praying for the delivery of these boxes and the children who will receive them.
- 3. Make a contribution to defray the shipping costs incurred by Samaritan's Purse.** Shipping shoe boxes is costly. Samaritan's Purse suggests a \$7 donation per box, which does not cover all their costs. Please help Holy Trinity cover the \$7/box for all the boxes that will be packed at our party. Please place your contribution in the white pew envelope and mark it "OCC." When writing a check, please make it out to Holy Trinity and write OCC in the memo section.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Women: Remember to bring your *Thank Offering* to the Packing Party! It will be put toward shoe box shipping costs.

Thank you one and all for everything you do
to make a multitude of filled shoe boxes possible for so many children!



ALL HANDS ON DECK

We need **YOU** to help pack shoe boxes for children in need.

Bring Jesus to families around the world!
Savor a Delicious Breakfast,
compliments of your Lutheran Church Women.

Then help fill more than 200 shoe boxes
with school supplies, personal items & toys.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH

9:00 AM

IN FELLOWSHIP HALL



Coram Deo

Living in the Presence of God

We meet in the SS Peter & Andrew Study on most Mondays at 7:30 PM.
You do not have to read the selection in advance,
and can drop in for any or all sessions.

List of Readings for November 2016

November 7: *Wise Blood* by Flannery O'Connor

November 14: *Catch-22* by Joseph Heller

November 21: Poetry selections by Pushkin. It may be distributed in advance, or available that night.

December 12: *A Child's Christmas in Wales* by Dylan Thomas



At Annual Meeting this year, the first item of business will be the adoption of Rules of Procedure. This adoption of Rules of Procedure has always been done at the outset of every denominational or synodical convocation (LCA, ELCA, or NALC). This adoption needs only a simple majority and is done to make the meeting run smoothly. Among other things, The Rules of Procedure say that Holy Trinity's Annual Meeting will be governed by Roberts Rules of Order, that all speeches will be limited to three minutes, and that anyone can present a resolution but that this resolution must be presented in writing to the Committee on Reference and Counsel by 3:00 p.m. on the Monday immediately prior to Annual Meeting. At the time each resolution is presented to Annual Meeting, Reference and Counsel will advise the Annual Meeting as to whether or not the resolution should be adopted. Copies of these Rules of Procedure and Forms for Resolutions are available in the Narthex.

Lutheran Church Women's Circle Bible Study



November

James: Being a Doer of the Word

James is an excellent book on practical Christian living. It is particularly relevant because it talks about living what you believe. Sometimes we consider those who have the courage to live what they believe and go against the tide as heroes. We will explore this idea and look closely at what it really means to listen to God and be doers of His Word. We will particularly look at how that can play out in our everyday lives, especially when it comes to controlling our speech as doers of the Word.

Please prayerfully consider coming to one of the following circles. You are welcome at any time to any circle. Circles offer wonderful opportunities to enrich your Christian walk in fellowship with other women. Please direct questions either to Lutheran Church Women President Janice Donnelly (267) 679-9343 or church secretary Deb Mumford (215)659-2642 Here are the circle times and dates as well as leader with contact information. Do not hesitate to contact a Circle leader to find out more about an individual Circle.

Miriam Circle - Monday, November 14 at 12:30 pm in the SS Peter & Andrew Study.
Leader: Ruth McCandless (215) 682-2034 ruthmccandless4@gmail.com

Ruth Circle - Wednesday, November 9 at 7:30 pm at home of Donna Zar
104 Loney Street, Rockledge, PA (215) 663 - 8042
Leader: Nancy Necker (215) 884-2123 nnecker52@gmail.com

Sarah Circle - Thursday, November 10 at 12:00 pm in the SS Peter & Andrew Study.

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

Hannah Circle - Wednesday, November 16 at 7:30 pm in the SS Peter & Andrew Study.
Leader: Marilyn Murphy (610) 304-7601 mvetal4@verizon.net

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The **Holy Trinity LCW** have Giant Food Stores Gift Cards for purchase. Cards are available in denominations of \$5, \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50 and \$100.

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 always 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.

Time Sensitive Response Requested...



Rosemary Hinkle needs to know who is interested in going to the Baltimore Operation Christmas Child Packing Center (a day trip)

on **Thursday, December 1st** to spend four hours inspecting and final packing shoe boxes.

Please see her after church on Sunday or call her asap (215) 704 – 3701



Youth Ministry -- Schedule 2016 / 17

All events are on SUNDAY unless otherwise noted

November 6, 2016



Youth Group (5 PM - 7 PM)

Meet in the Youth Room for pizza night & IDOP
What's that you ask? Come and find out!

November 13, 2016

Lunch Bunch (11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)

Today's Cooks: Call out for hoagies

Today's Story: Elijah is taken up to Heaven

Craft: 3D Elijah's Altar; Color Elijah's Chariot craft



Dolls, dolls, dolls...

Needed for Christmas collection

for Silver Springs/Martin Luther School
Any shape, size, color...Baby or Barbie
Give your donations to Ms. Katie Beyer





THE FORGE

WHERE CHARACTER IS FORMED.

WHEN:

NOVEMBER 12TH, 5 PM TO 8 PM
FEEL FREE TO HANG OUT AFTERWARDS.



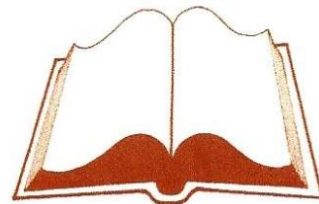
WHERE:

ABINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH
1501 HUNTINGDON RD,
ABINGTON, PA 19001
THE CARRIAGE HOUSE.

WHAT:

GAMES.
FOOD.

A TALK WITH PHIL HANNER.



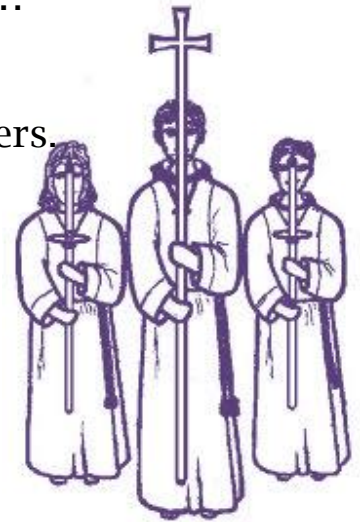
STUDENTS GRADES 6TH TO 12TH ARE WELCOME.
BRING FRIENDS. BRING AN APPETITE.
BRING QUESTIONS.



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 the office (215) 659 - 2642 or email secretary@holytrinity.net

Acolyte & Crucifer Ministry Volunteers Needed...

We are in need of a few more adult acolyte/crucifer volunteers. Charlie Tolton will provide the training. Interested?
Contact Deb in the office (215) 659 - 2642
or by email secretary@holytrinity.net
or Charlie at (215) 659 - 7054
or email him at ctolton@comcast.net



Cookie Walk

Mark your calendars for
Saturday, December 10th
9 AM - 12 PM

If you are a baker
or looking to volunteer
for our **2nd annual Cookie Walk**

Please contact Tina at (215) 659 - 6048
or Deb in the church office
to sign-up (215) 659 - 2642
email her at secretary@holytrinity.net



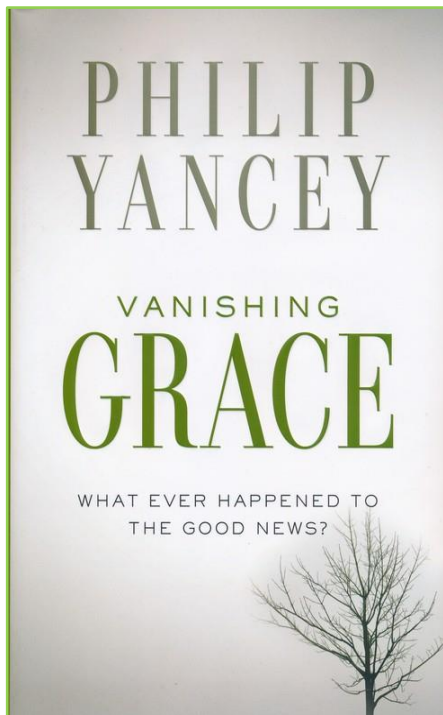
ROMANS 5 v 8-11
BLOOD
WAS SHED
THAT YOU MAY HAVE
LIFE



Red Cross Blood Drive at Holy Trinity
Black Friday, Nov. 25th
1:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Call Marilyn Murphy (215) 885 – 2141 to schedule an appointment

- ✓ Every unit donated can save up to 3 lives!
- ✓ Every 2 seconds someone in the US needs blood!



Join Tom & Randy in a new DVD Study
Vanishing Grace by Philip Yancey

Beginning Sunday, November 6th 10:30 AM
in the SS Peter & Andrew Study

A six-session small group Bible Study
Exploring how Christians offer grace
in a way that is compelling to a jaded society.

Yancey delves into the reasons for the hostility
and gives us models us of different, more effective
ways to communicate the Gospel and why it is
Good News after all.

Incense will be used during Worship
on Christ the King Sunday
NOVEMBER 20th



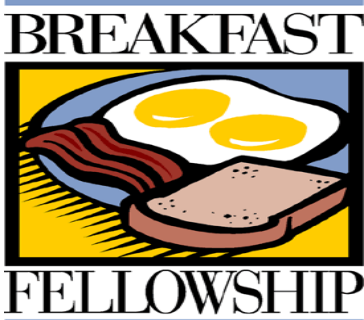


Men's Devotional Group

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

Thursday, November 10th at 7:00 P.M.
in the Youth Room.

If you've never joined us before, now is the time to start
and see what we are all about! Hope to see you all there.



Adult Christian Breakfast Fellowship

(All Adults Young & Old are invited)

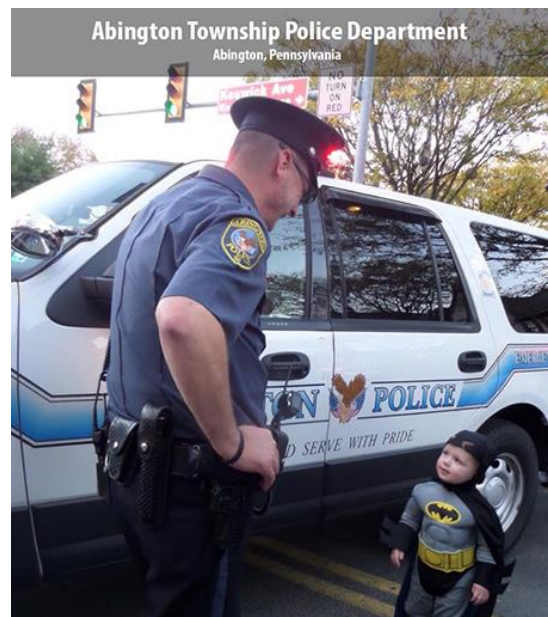
When: Saturday, November 5, 2016

Time: 9:00 AM

Topic: Community Policing in America

Speaker: Officer Roger Gillispie

Join us for breakfast and fellowship.



Inter - faith Food Cupboard Donation suggestions for Thanksgiving Holiday:



Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

Wednesday, November 23, 2016 7:30 PM

Please join your church family
in a joint service with
St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church
Remember to bring your food donations
for the Inter-faith Food Cupboard.



2016 Social Ministry Holiday Appeals



Brighten the holiday season for those who will be receiving Inter-Faith food by contributing money to purchase food certificates to be added to the bags distributed between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Please place contributions in the pew envelopes and mark **"Food Baskets"**.



Make a wish come true for a child living at the Silver Springs/Martin Luther School or meet a *Heart's Desire* for a resident at Artman Home. A monetary contribution toward a gift would be welcomed. Please place in a pew envelope and mark **"SS/Artman Christmas Gift"**. Lois Hamilton and Katie Beyer will shop for the gifts. Please have all contribution in by November 8.



Add Holy Trinity's warmth and cheer for children with parents in prison (Angel Tree) by giving to the annual Christmas Appeal. Please place your offerings in a **pew envelope** by Sunday, November 22nd and mark **"Christmas Appeal"**.



We invite you to share your love and care by picking up a suggestion in the Narthex and purchasing the suggested item for the Good Behavior Store at SS/ML School. Purchases should be placed in the narthex by December 20th. Contributions provide positive motivation for the children to learn appropriate ways of acting.

Thank you so very much for extending God's love to others...
may your holidays be ones of love, joy and peace
as you acknowledge this blessed Season.

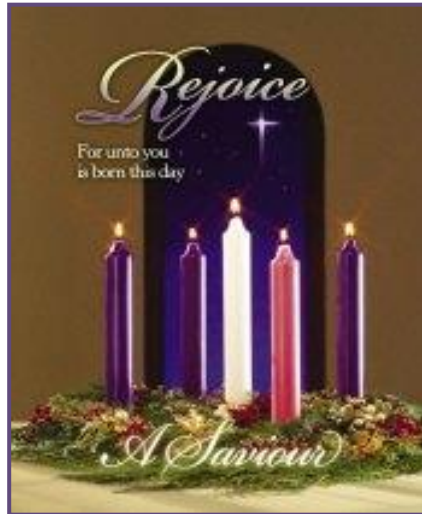
L.C.W. of Holy Trinity invites you to Advent Family Night - December 4, 2016

4:00 PM: In the Sanctuary - Advent Vespers for the whole family, followed by a period of Lectio Divina which Pastor Mike will lead.

5:00 PM: Dinner in Fellowship Hall

white glove service provided by the Sons of Thunder Youth Group

6:00 PM: Tuckers Tales in the Sanctuary



Come join your Holy Trinity Family to celebrate the start of Advent.

Come enjoy Advent Vespers for the whole family
then move to Fellowship Hall for dinner.

Dinner includes baked ziti, salad and dessert.

Cost: \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per family

After dinner stay and enjoy the Tucker Tales Puppet Show at 6:00 PM

Look for a flyer in the Narthex to sign up for this



MUSICA CONCORDIA
with The Bells of Holy Trinity
Jacqueline Smith, director
presents
MUSIC FOR THE ADVENT SEASON



Hymns, canticles, and anthems
by Charles H. Giffen, John Ireland, Charles Wood, and others

Two performances:

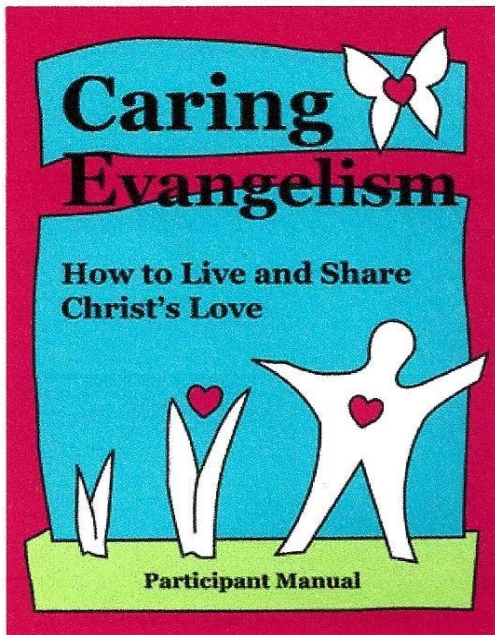
Saint Cecilia Church
535 Rhawn St., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19111
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2016 4:00 PM

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
2086 Parkview Ave., Abington, PA 19001
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2016 7:00 PM

No tickets required Free will offering will be received



Pastor Mike has added a daytime class to be held on Wednesdays from 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM. Please use the form in the Narthex indicate 10 AM Class when registering.



Seeing Evangelism in a new light Responding to others' needs for God's love Sharing God's Good News

You can learn to grow in your faith and naturally share Christ with others by joining us in

Caring Evangelism: How to Live and Share Christ's Love.

The Caring Evangelism Course will begin with a retreat that will be held **Friday, January 13 to Saturday, January 14.** Then beginning **January 18,** the class will meet for 5 weeks every **Wednesday night from 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM,** through to **February 22.**

The class will be taught by Pastor Mike.

Class sessions will include a combination of lecture, small group discussion, discovery learning, and skill practice.

The class does not involve knocking on doors or making evangelism calls.

Registration indicates a participant's commitment to attend the class faithfully,

as each session will build upon the previous session.

Sign up now! Contact Deb at (215) 659 - 2642 to register or for more information

or email her at secretary@holytrinity.net

Or you can complete the form in the Narthex and drop it by the church office.



November Worship Assistants Schedule



November 6

Usher 4	Greeter Rich and Lois Hamilton	Presenters of Gifts	The Ickler Family
Count 4	Acolyte Hannah Mumford		
Christophers 2	Crucifer Charlie Tolton		
Prayer Team 2	Lay Reader- Sat Linda Cassady	Communion Assistants	Gil & Betsy Zimmermann
	Sun Eric Gregg	Setup	Maryann Leventhal

November 13

Usher 5	Greeter Kindergarten – 5 th grade classes	Presenters of Gifts	The Schied Family
Count 1	Acolyte Charlie Tolton		
Christophers 3	Crucifer Kevan Berkovitz		
Prayer Team 3	Lay Reader- Sat George Powell	Communion Assistants	Cindy Biehl and Maryann Leventhal
	Sun Barbara Harris	Setup	Tina Bednarczyk

November 20

Usher 1	Greeter Sandra & George Powell and Karen McGovern	Presenters of Gifts	The Gregg Family
Count 2	Acolyte Michael Caputo		
Christophers 4	Crucifer Lauren Caputo		
Prayer Team 4	Lay Reader-Sat Clem McLaughlin	Communion Assistants	Terry & Dani Rowley
	Sun Matthew Gregg	Setup	Sue Tolton

November 23 Thanksgiving Eve

Usher 5
Lay Reader John Ickler

November 27

Usher 2	Greeter John and Anita Ickler	Presenters of Gifts	Ruth McCandless and Al & Pam Eisenmann
Count 3	Acolyte Audrey Brown		
Christophers 5	Crucifer Eleanor Murphy		
Prayer Team 5	Lay Reader-Sat Katie Beyer	Communion Assistants	Jim & Nancy Necker
	Sun Deb Mumford	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*



NOVEMBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 1:00 Green Leaves Class/repeat 7:00 7:30 Searcher's Bible Study 8:30 Compline	2 7:30 Council	3 9:30 Theology w/Bagels 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	4 7:30 AA	5 9:00 Adult Breakfast Fellowship 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
6 ALL SAINTS 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 11:30 New member Orientation 4:00 All Saints' Choral Evensong SOT Youth Group 5 - 7 PM	7 6 - 7:30 Brownies 7:30 Coram Deo 7:30 Women's Prayer Group	8 ELECTION DAY 7:30 Searcher's Bible Study 8:30 Compline	9 7:00 Evangelism 7:30 Ruth Circle at home of Donna Zar	10 9:30 Theology w/Bagels 12:00 Sarah Circle 6:30 Handbell Choir 7:00 Men's Group 7:30 Eve Circle 8:00 Chancel Choir	11  7:30 AA	12 9 AM OCC SHOEBOX PACKING PARTY 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
13 PENTECOST 26 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 11:30 Lunch Bunch	14 SHOP & COOK AIDS DINNER 12:30 Miriam Circle 6 - 7:30 Brownies 7:30 Coram Deo	15 DELIVER AIDS DINNER 7:30 Searcher's Bible Study 8:30 Compline	16 7:30 Hannah Circle	17 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	18 7:30 AA	19 ARTS & CRAFTS DAYZ 10:00 am - 1:00 pm  (brunch included) 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
20 CHRIST THE KING 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult	21 6 - 7:30 Brownies 7:30 Coram Deo 7:30 Women's Prayer Group	22 No Bible Study/Compline	23 7:30 Thanksgiving Eve Service	24 OFFICE CLOSED  Happy Thanksgiving!	25  BLOOD DRIVE 7:30 AA	26 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
27 ADVENT 1 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult	28 6 - 7:30 Brownies 7:30 Coram Deo	29 7:30 Searcher's Bible Study 8:30 Compline	30	SPECIAL DATES: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Saints' Day, <i>November 1, 2016</i> • Election Day, <i>November 8, 2016</i> • Veteran's Day, <i>November 11, 2016</i> • Christ the King Sunday, <i>November 20, 2016</i> • Thanksgiving, <i>November 24, 2016</i> • First Sunday of Advent, <i>November 27, 2016</i> 		

