

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,
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Lutheran Church*

Mrs. Jacqueline Smith, *B. Mus.
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Mrs. Deborah Mumford,
Parish Secretary

Worship Services

Saturday at 5 pm

Sunday at 9 am

*(Sunday Church School
at 10:30 am)*

Holy Communion

Saturday evening, Sunday morning
& Festival Days

*Deadline for submission of material
for the Echoes Newsletter is 9 am
the 15th of each month*

From the Pastors

Dear Parish Family,

In 2017 we will celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Protestant (Lutheran) Reformation. Over the next year, we will examine both its history and significance. In this letter we begin with the event that stirred this epochal movement in the Church.

The Augustinian monk Martin Luther, disturbed by the indulgence trade in the vicinity of Wittenberg, Saxony, where he was teaching in the newly founded university, nailed 95 Theses for debate to the Castle Church (All Saints Church) door. Luther sent the theses to his superiors with a cover letter. In these short statements written for the purpose of debate, he challenged the practice of selling indulgences, sponsored by Rome and the Church hierarchy in part to finance the renovation of Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome. Indulgences supposedly remitted the sins of the living and the dead and suspended punishment in purgatory for these sins.

Luther prefaces the *Theses* with this introduction: "Out of love for the truth and the desire to bring it to light, the following propositions will be debated at Wittenberg, under the presidency of the Reverend Father Martin Luther, Master of Arts and of Sacred Theology, and the Lecturer on Ordinary on the same at that place. For that reason, he requests that those who cannot be present and debate orally with us may do so by letter." (From *95 Theses*, Concordia Publishing House) In fact, the *Theses* were never publicly debated.

Luther begins with a criticism of the penitential system of the time. The first thesis reads, "Our Lord and Master Jesus Christ, when He said, 'repent', intended that the whole life of believers should be one of repentance."

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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 Thesis Two he leveled an attack on the penitential system: "This word, 'repent' cannot be understood to mean sacramental penance, that is, of the confession and satisfaction that is administered under the ministry of priests." (From *95 Theses*, Concordia Publishing House) Satisfaction pertained to penalties for sin that the penitent would be required to undergo. Indulgences freed him from these penalties now and in purgatory. Souls in purgatory could be bought out of it.

The *Theses* can only be well understood by placing them within the historical context out of which they came. Luther himself wrote an *Explanation of the Ninety-five Theses* that help us to understand what he was saying.

In future pastors' letters we will review the *Theses* using Luther's own explanation. In addition, we will be treating other aspects of the Reformation. Beginning on Reformation Day 2016 we will be quoting weekly some of Luther's explanations. Every member attending on Reformation Day 2016 will receive a copy of the *Theses*. Keep them handy. In the next letter we will discuss the meaning of repentance.

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



Martin Luther

Feelings come, and feelings go,
and feelings are deceiving. My
warrant is the Word of God,
naught else is worth believing.

REFORMATION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 30, 2016

AZ QUOTES



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
Oct. 3 & 17
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, Art, Barbara, Ben, Beth, Betty, Beverly, Bill, Billy, Bob, Brandy, Brian, Brianna, Carole, Cassidy, Chris, Christopher, Cindy, Clyde, Colleen, Collette, Cradle of Hope, Daliliah, Dallas, David, Debby, Deanna, Dick, Dottie, Drew, Eda, Ed, Edward S., Eileen, Eleanor, Elisabeth, Eric, Fima, Florence, Frannie, Gene, George, Ginger, Gloria, Greg, Hannah, Harry, Helen, Herman, Howard, Jack, Jason, Jean, Jeanne, Jennifer, Jill, Joe, John, Judy, Kayla, Ken, Kiran, Laura, Lauren, Leah, Linda, Lisa, Liz, Lorraine, Luis, Lutheran World Relief, Maggie, Marc, Marilyn, Marissa, Mark, Maryanne, Marylou, Matthew, Maureen, Max, Megan, Michael, Michele, Mickey, Miles, Mina, Mindy, Missy, Mayet, 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, Stephen Sr., 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, 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.
For all in financial difficulty that they may be totally restored.

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

August 31, 2016 (For the Year 2016)

	Holy Trinity Ministries	Wider Church
Year to date received for current income	\$ 247,752.76	\$ 42,108.31
Carry over from 2015	\$ 3,983.81	\$ 15,077.80
Expenses paid to date	\$ 268,007.36	\$ 39,651.00
Surplus/(Deficit) 2016	(\$16,270.79)	\$ 17,535.11

"Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words."

- Francis of Assisi

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about the things that really matter."

- Martin Luther

"I see nothing in Scripture except Christ crucified."

- Martin Luther



Support Us

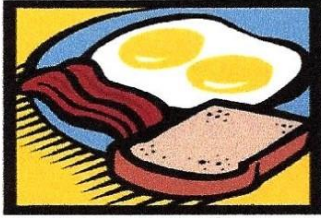
Please consider a gift of appreciated securities to Holy Trinity as you do your tax planning for this year. You may direct questions about how to do this to Alan Hinkle at alanhinkle@comcast.net

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

Please remember your Church in your will.

BREAKFAST



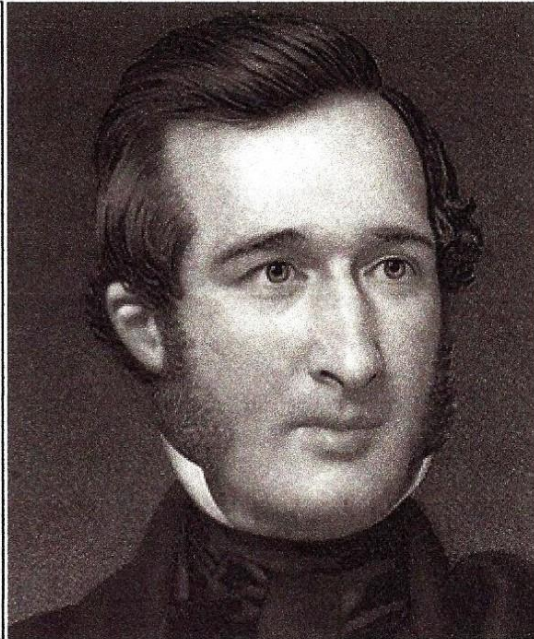
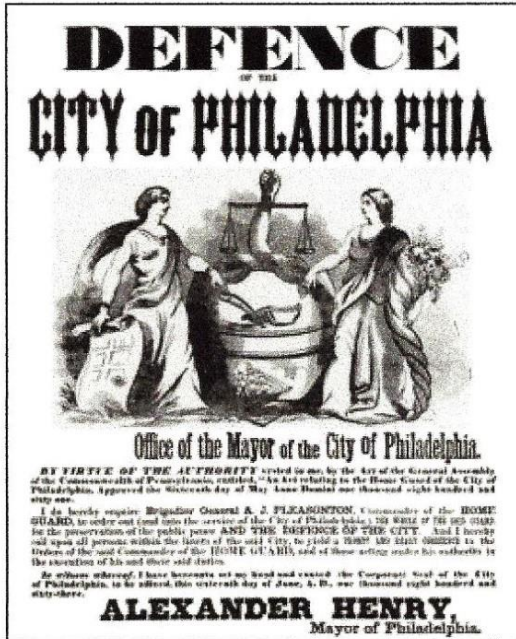
FELLOWSHIP

Adult Christian Breakfast Fellowship
(All Adults Young & Old are invited)

When: Saturday, October 1, 2016

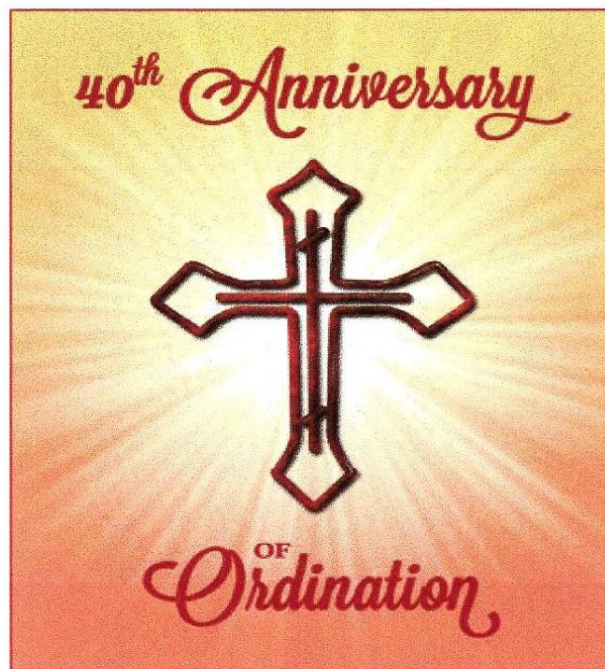
Time: 9:00 a.m.

Topic: A visit from the Mayor of Philadelphia
– the Hon. Alexander Henry



A donation of \$5.00/per person is suggested to help cover the cost of food.

Join us for breakfast & fellowship!



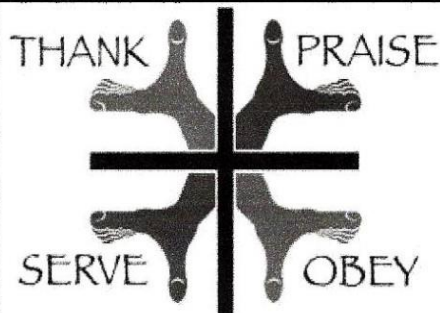
Please join us in celebrating the
40th Anniversary of the Ordination
of
Rev. N. Amanda Grimmer
and
Rev. Dr. Michael G. Tavella

Sunday, October 23, 2016

*Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
2086 Parkview Avenue
Abington, PA 19001*

*Commencing with a worship service
and special musical presentation at 9:00 a.m.
and a luncheon to follow at 11:00 a.m.*

*There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex
regarding the luncheon.*



2016 - 2017

Stewardship Emphasis

In his explanation to the first article of the Apostles' Creed, Martin Luther wrote in the Small Catechism about all the blessings that God has given to us, and the appropriate response:

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.

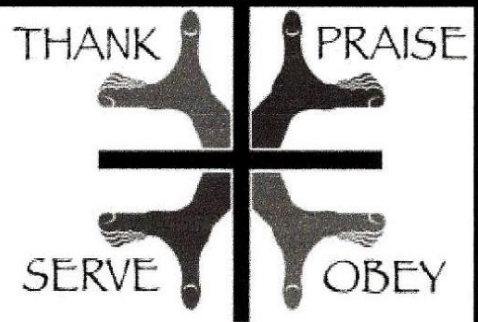
For Luther, the call of God to “thank, praise, serve and obey Him” is the clear and obvious response to everything God does for His people. As Christians, “this is most certainly true” for *us* as well. We who live a life of faith and trust in God recognize that He is source of all the good things that have been entrusted to us. The call to thank, praise, serve and obey our Lord is central to what biblical stewardship is all about.

At the time when the people of Israel were about to enter into the promised land, Moses told them not only to remember what God had done for them in the past, but also to remember it was the Lord himself who would sustain their lives in this new land. Moses warned them:

When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery...

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Stewardship Emphasis
(continued...)



Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." But remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, so that He may confirm His covenant that He swore to your ancestors, as He is doing today. (Deuteronomy 8: 12-14, 17-18)

I remember when my children were younger; I was trying to explain how everything we have in life come from God. God is the maker and giver of all we call our own. Wise in the ways of the world, one of my children responded, "But I thought we got it at the store!"

Sometimes it's hard for children to understand the nature of money - not just the value of a dollar but how we come by it. Things like checks and credit cards: how they work are a mystery to little children. Unfortunately, the same is often true for adults.

But I wonder if the problem is, perhaps, that adults know *too much*. We know that paying for necessities often leaves little for any luxury. We are always conscious of what we have earned. Sometimes that leads us to believe that what we have is our own - made by us, paid for by us, and earned by us - and we forget that everything we have belongs to God.

Scripture says it is not just the wealth itself that God gives, but the *power* to get wealth. Therefore, even what we have worked for still comes from God. God asks us to use all we have in His service. That is "Stewardship" - using what God has placed in our hands to serve Him. This is what gives meaning, not only to what we give, but also to what we receive.

Stewardship Sunday is November 13th
Prayerfully consider your commitment to Thank,
Praise, Serve and Obey God.

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.



Simply Giving

What is *Simply Giving*? It is a convenient, safe, and simple way for you to handle church offerings through electronic fund transfers directly from your checking or savings account. This automated program allows payments to be deposited directly into Holy Trinity's account on a steady, uninterrupted basis, providing the church with greater financial stability, less bookkeeping, and more confidence in meeting financial obligations. Many people already know how convenient electronic fund transfers are in paying bills and simplifying their records.

How does *Simply Giving* work? Church members who wish to give their offering through electronic transfer fill out a Member Enrollment and Authorization Form, indicating the amount they wish to have withdrawn and the frequency B weekly (Monday), semi-monthly (1st and 15th), or monthly (1st or 15th). They also attach a voided check or savings deposit slip. These forms may be placed in the

Jehoiada Chest at a service on the second Sunday in November, turned in to the church office, or placed in the offering plate at any time. The church submits this information to Vanco Services, LLC, a Minnesota-based financial-technology services company.

Who sees the information on the Member Enrollment and Authorization Form? The church secretary and financial secretary process these forms for Holy Trinity and keep this information confidential. Vanco Services, LLC employees who process the information at their end are bonded and have signed confidentiality agreements. None of the participant information is shared with any other organization.

How much does this program cost?

All *Simply Giving* transaction fees are paid by Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Donors pay nothing to use this service.

Is there a minimum amount? Yes. \$5 is the minimum amount per transaction.

If participants have a joint signature account, do both parties need to sign the form? Only one signature is required.

How do participants change the amount, account and/or frequency of their contribution, and how quickly is it processed? You can change the amount, the account from which it is withdrawn, and/or the frequency of withdrawal by completing a new authorization form. You request this form from the church office, fill it out, and return it. If you are changing the account, you must also attach a voided check or withdrawal slip. Within a week, your request is faxed and processed.

When and where should I turn in my Member Enrollment and Authorization Form?

You may bring your completed form with the attached voided check or deposit slip to one of the worship services during Commitment Weekend, the second weekend in November. A time will be provided at each worship service to place your information in the Jehoiada chest. Or you may place your information in the offering plate at any worship service that is convenient for you. Or you may bring it to the church office at any time.

How do participants keep a record of the amounts they have contributed?

The participant's bank statement will include an itemized list of all electronic fund transfers from their account. A record of these transactions will also be provided on annual offering statements.

What if a transaction is rejected due to non-sufficient funds, closed account, etc.?

This information will be e-mailed or faxed to the congregation immediately after Vanco Services, LLC receives notification from the bank. The church financial secretary will contact the person to determine together how to proceed.

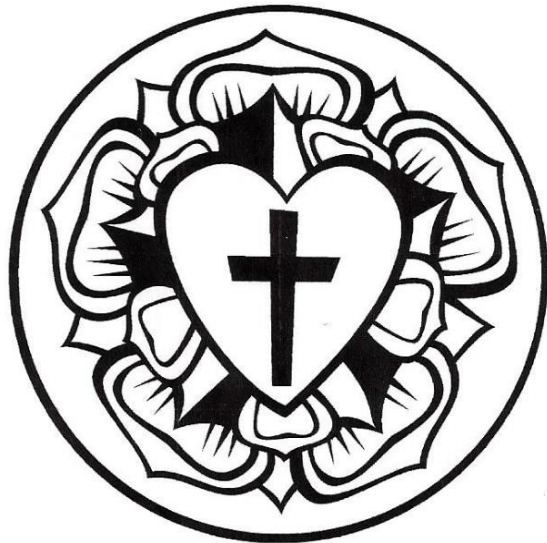
What are some banking advantages for using electronic fund transfers for church contributions?

Electronic fund transfers are safe, reliable, and convenient. All such transfers are governed by strict national rules and guidelines set by the Automated Clearing House Network and

governed by Regulation E of the Federal Reserve. More than four billion electronic fund transfers are processed annually in the United States. This process is more efficient, more secure, and less expensive than credit card transactions and more efficient and timely than check collection.

Some years ago, our Church Council and finance-people examined this program and found it to be a good one. Since then *Simply Giving* has been offered as a way that members could support Holy Trinity's ministries.

Our financial gifts through the Church are a response to God's abundant gifts to us. Ministries flourish at Holy Trinity because of your faithful giving in response to the gifts of God.





NOTES OF THANKS

September 7, 2016

Dear Holy Trinity Family,

Just a little note, but it carries a big thank you for your caring support during my recent hospitalization and recuperation. Your visits, calls, cards, flowers and prayers were greatly appreciated.

A special thank you to Pastors Mandy and Mike for their visits, calls, and prayers.

I thank and praise God for answering many prayers on my behalf for healing and for sustaining me during this illness.

In Christ,
Linda Cassady



Dear Congregation,

Thanks to your generous support the children at the People's Emergency Center will have a great school year. In addition to financial donations towards uniforms, read below the list of items donated:

- | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 69 Composition books | 8 packs of markers |
| 45 packs of crayons | 7 mechanical pencils |
| 36 folders | 6 compass & protractors |
| 28 spiral notebooks | 5 Loose leaf books |
| 24 Loose leaf paper packs | 5 erasers |
| 24 packs of pencils | 5 packs of Kleenex |
| 22 packs of glue sticks | 4 sharpeners |
| 18 packs of pens | 2 Legal pads |
| 17 Backpacks | 2 packs of index cards |
| 15 colored pencils | 2 pencil boxes |
| 14 calculators | 2 dividers |
| 14 rulers | 2 hand sanitizers |
| 13 highlighters | 2 small notebooks |
| 10 pairs of scissors | 1 Lunch bag |

Thank you again,
Your Social Ministry Committee



PEOPLE'S EMERGENCY CENTER
Nurturing Families, Strengthening Neighborhoods, Driving Change.



Dear Pastors Mike and Mandy,

We wanted to thank you for everything you did for our nephew's memorial service, especially the last minute details. Our family was very pleased with the service, music and luncheon. We are truly blessed to have a wonderful church family.

Thank you,
Tom, Susan, Matthew & Ryan.

SATURDAY SEWING GROUP:

We are still working on drawstring bags for Operation Christmas Child
Please feel free to grab a kit from the Narthex, follow the instructions
& return your completed bags to the Completed Bags Box (also in the Narthex)

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

Saturday, October 15th

10:00 am – 1:00 pm (brunch provided)



Directions for the “Diane Throws” Rectangles

Rectangles will measure 8 inches by 55 inches,
each row uses a knit stitch

Please make sure that the length is measured
on a flat surface to ensure its size

Use size 8 knitting needles, use 4 ply yarn,
cast on 40 stitches, adjust # of stitches
so the 40 stitches=8 inches



*Note to
Readers...*

Maryjane Singley
84 Derstine Road
Apt. 1216
Hatfield, PA 19440

(215) 206 - 0565

*New
Address!*



All Saints



Their Lights still shine!

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.

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.)

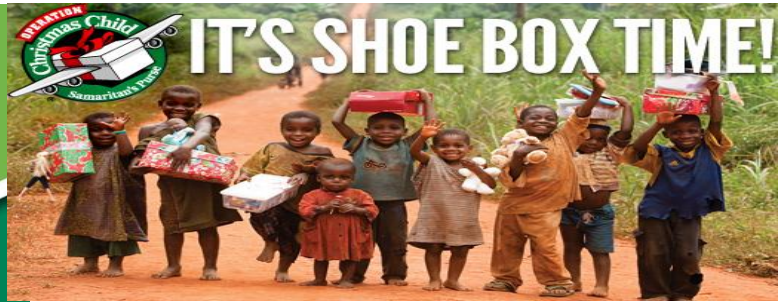
During the processional, you will carry your lit candle to the altar. You will then place your candle on the altar, as you speak aloud the name of the person whom you are remembering before God.

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.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY





Collection of Shoebox Items Continues

We hope to fill more than 200 shoeboxes at our November packing party as we did last year. With prayers to meet this goal, we ask you to consider your contributions to needed items.

General Needs

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

200 washcloths and 200 bars of soap; 200 combs (large pick style best)

200 notebooks or pads of paper NO BIGGER THAN 6"x9"; 800 pencils

200 pencil sharpeners and erasers; 140 children's toothbrushes - 60 adult-sized ones.

200 tubes of toothpaste with expiration date no earlier than June 2017

200 boxes of crayons CRAYOLA ONLY; 140 coloring books

100 small stuffed toys, dolls or puppets; 100 pairs boys socks - various sizes for ages 2-14

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

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

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

These are suggestions. Be Creative!

October Suggestions: Toys and Accessories

(No liquids such as bubbles or lotions. No military/war toys. Small water guns are accepted.)

Please supply two rounds of batteries for any item that requires them.

Balls, marbles, yoyos, jump ropes, balloons, small Etch-a-Sketches, puzzles, Lego kits, small dolls, stuffed animals (such as Beanie Babies, My Little Pony, etc.) plastic animals, dinosaurs, coloring books, flashlights with 2nd set of batteries, all kinds of vehicles, cars, trucks, engines, boats, etc. Jewelry for all three age groups (2-4; 5-9; 10-14) bead making kits, T-shirts, socks, gloves, scarves/bandanas, small purses or cosmetic-size cases.

No Candy & Snacks due to customs problems in some countries.

Shoe Box FAQ

Many want to know what age/gender for whom Samaritan's Purse receives the most/fewest boxes. In general, they receive more boxes for girls than boys. Overall, they receive the most shoebox gifts for girls 5-9 and the **fewest number of boxes for boys 2-4 and 10-14.**

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

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

We hope you will consider also having the joy of participating in packing the general boxes on **Saturday, November 12th** beginning at 9:00 AM in Fellowship Hall. Brunch will be served!

New Member Orientation



Those interested in membership are invited to attend Orientation scheduled for **Sunday, Nov. 6th** immediately after Sunday School.

For all new members, especially those coming from non-Lutheran Churches, it is recommended that they attend Pastor Guenzel's class on introduction to Lutheranism in Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour.

Care Package Addresses Needed...

If you know of a college/grad student
Or anyone serving in the military
Please contact Cindy Biehl at cindybiehl@msn.com
or by phone (267) 475-5435
Or contact Deb in the office at secretary@holytrinity.net
or by phone (215) 659-2642



Abington Life Chain event

Sunday, October 2, 2016

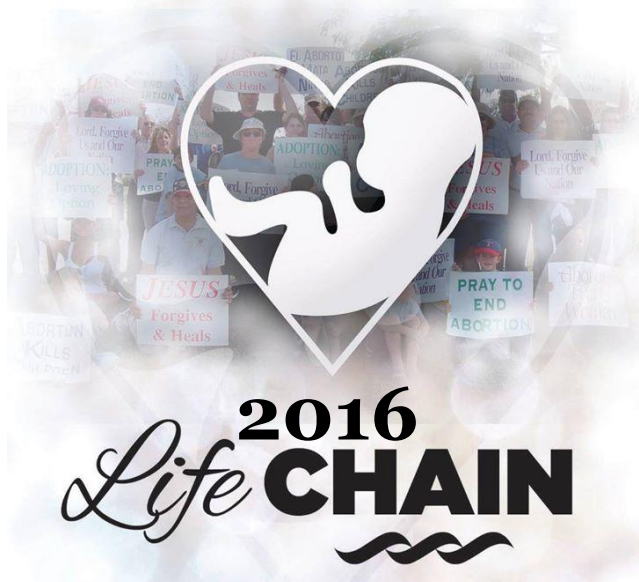
2 to 3 p.m.

Old York Road
at Abington - Jefferson Hospital

Come, Stand and Pray with Us!

Meet at 1:45 p.m.

at Old York Road and Horace





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 October 2016

October 3: *Maus* by Art Spiegelman

We are meeting at Nancy King-Berkovitz' house for this session

October 10: *East of Eden* by John Steinbeck (discuss the first half)

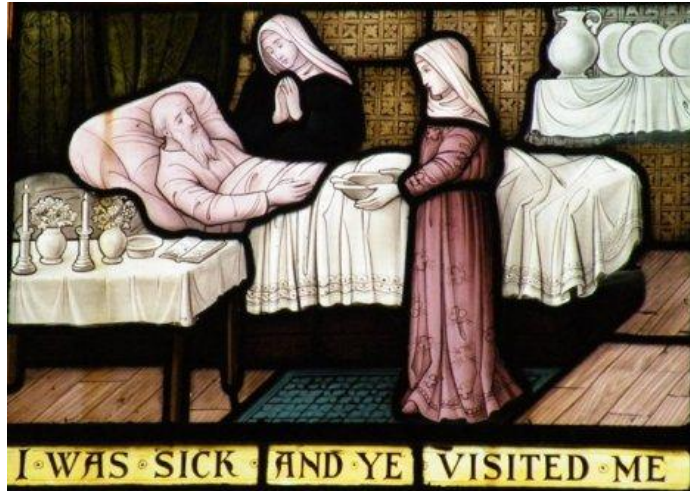
October 17: *East of Eden* (discuss the second half)

October 24: *Turn of the Screw* by Henry James



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.

Members of the Christophers



Pastor Mike is holding a training meeting

Sunday, October 2nd

at 11:30 a.m.

Lunch will be provided.



Sunday, October 16th

at the Worship Service
there will be a Laying on of Hands
with anointing for any who wish
to come forward

and a recognition of our Healing Prayer Ministry,
which is available every Sunday after worship
in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd.

HEALING
SERVICE



Healing prayer ministers will be available in the front of the Sanctuary
at the end of worship for private prayer
for any with physical, emotional or spiritual needs.

Lutheran Church Women's Circle Bible Study



October

James: Wisdom in Temptations

Our theme as we study James is that genuine faith put into practice will result or manifest itself in righteous living. If you are truly a follower of Christ, true faith will show itself in the way you live your life. In September, we studied Wisdom in Trials. This month we will look at facing temptations and how we handle and manage them, calling upon God's wisdom. God has a purpose when He allows us to encounter temptation. We will explore what He might be working within us when we have to go through those difficult, sometimes very painful times.

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, October 10 at 12:30 pm in the SS Peter & Andrew Study.

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

Ruth Circle - Wednesday, October 12 at 7:30 pm at home of Audrey Ruddy

2545 Martin Road, Willow Grove, PA 19090

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

Sarah Circle - Thursday, October 13 at 12:00 pm in the SS Peter & Andrew Study.

Eve Circle - Thursday, October 13 at 7:30 pm in the SS Peter & Andrew Study.

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

Hannah Circle - Wednesday, October 19 at 7:30 pm in the SS Peter & Andrew Study.

Leader: Marilyn Murphy (610) 304-7601 mvetal4@verizon.net

It's an easy way to shop and a great way to help...

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.

*Mark your
calendars*



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Women

Save these dates

- **Saturday, November 12**

Shoebox Packing Party and breakfast

- **Sunday, December 4**

Vespers/Advent Family Night Dinner/Tucker's Tales

- **April 28 - April 30, 2017**

LCW Retreat at Mother Boniface Retreat Center

Additional Information will be forthcoming.



Youth Ministry -- Schedule 2016 / 17

All events are on SUNDAY unless otherwise noted

October 2, 2016



Youth Group (5 PM - 7 PM)

October 9, 2016

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

Today's Cooks: Call out for hoagies

Today's Story: David Fights Goliath

Craft: David & Goliath Sticker Scenes



Holy Trinity Youth (5th grade & above) hosting

Martin Luther/ Silver Springs School

FALL FunFair

DATE: Sunday, October 30, 2016

TIME: 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

PLACE: Holy Trinity's Fellowship Hall

Parents & other adults are welcome!



Assisting Jesus in His Ministry of Healing

Last week of a four - week intensive course to be trained in a biblically based, practical way to pray for people's physical, emotional, and spiritual healing.

It meets **Wednesday, October 5 7:00 PM to 8:15 PM**

hosted by Saint Anne's Church

2119 Old Welsh Road, Abington, PA 215 - 659 - 1674

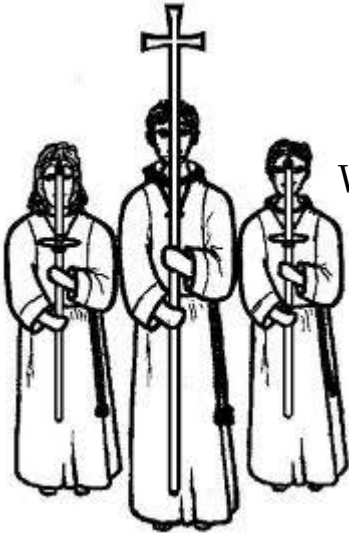
Please call or email to register Office@StAnnesAbington.org

The Rev. K. Brewster Hastings will lead the course based on a model developed by John Wimber, Francis McNutt and Mike Flynn.



**HEAL THE SICK
IT'S A COMMAND**

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

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 church office to sign-up (215) 659 - 2642

email her at secretary@holytrinity.net





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BLOOD
WAS SHED
THAT YOU MAY HAVE
LIFE



**Save a life
Give Blood**

**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!

THEOLOGY WITH BAGELS

THURSDAY MORNINGS AT 9:30 AM

BEGINNING OCT. 6TH THROUGH NOV. 10TH

Topic: The Intolerance of Tolerance
By D. A. Carson



Please purchase a book & read the first chapter before class begins.

Donations most needed for Interfaith Food Cupboard



Spam, Salmon, Beef Stew, Sardines, and Chili
Hamburger Helper, Pasta sauce, 1 lb. bags of rice,
peanut butter & jelly, Pancake mix & syrup,
muffin mix, Ketchup, mustard, and mayonnaise.



ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES: Time is running out for you to sign up for one of this fall's Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends. All married couples deserve a weekend to escape from daily pressures and responsibilities to search out and discover an even warmer, closer, more joyful marital relationship!

NOW is the time to sign up for a Weekend at one of the beautiful retreat centers scheduled this fall:

- **October 21-23, 2016** at the Olmsted Retreat Center in Ludlow, PA—a lovely, hotel-style retreat center perched on a hillside in the Allegheny National Forest, a couple hours north of Pittsburgh.

Weekends run from Friday at 8 PM to Sunday around 3 PM and are designed to help you make your marriage a more intimate, loving, Christian union. Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included with your registration fee of \$100, plus a contribution of whatever amount you wish toward the continuation of the program. Registrations are limited, so sign up TODAY by going to the website: www.GodLovesMarriage.org and pay the fee with a credit card, or mark the option to mail a check. For questions, contact Pennsylvania Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at fjschamber@comcast.net or 724-325-3166.



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, October 6th 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.

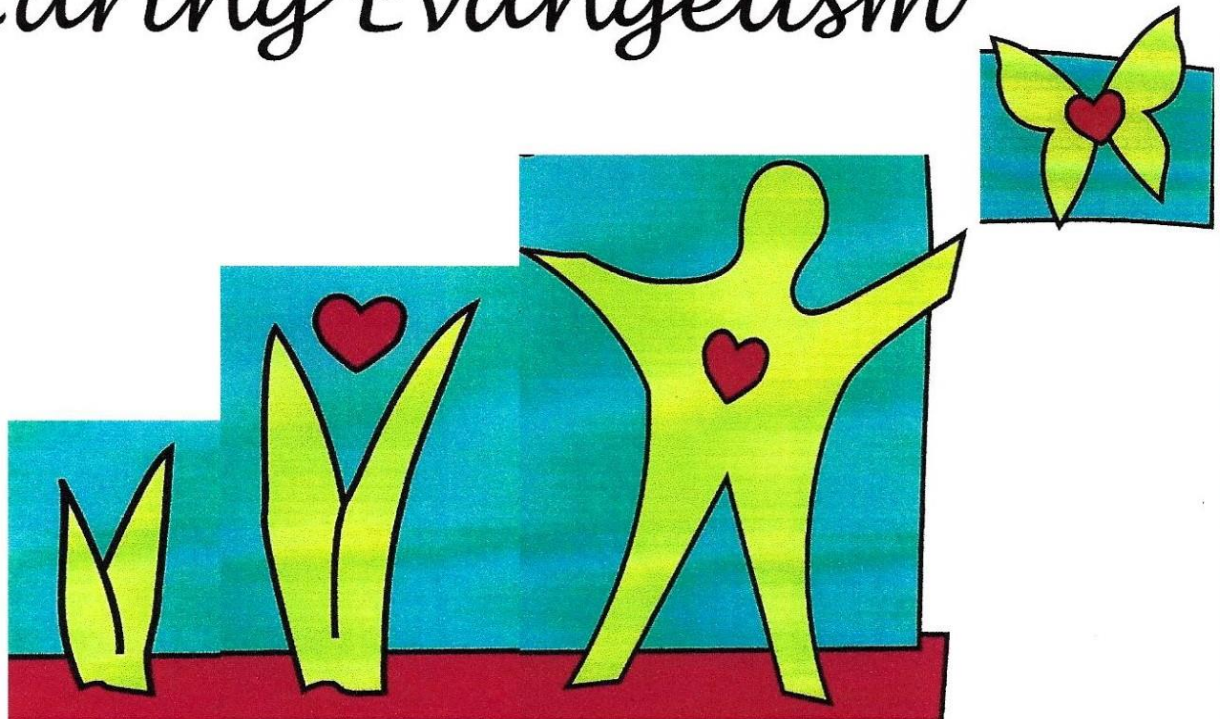


...wanted to tell someone about God's love, but were hesitant to do so?
...been asked why you're a Christian and not been able to answer?
...wished that a friend of yours could share the joy that you experience as a Christian, but you didn't know how to help that person?

If you have, have we got a course for you!

RETREAT JAN. 13 – 14, 2017
WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES RUN JAN. 18TH, 25TH
FEB. 8TH, 15TH 22ND 7:00 – 9:30 PM

Caring Evangelism



A Sign - up sheet is in the Narthex



October Worship Assistants Schedule

October 2

Usher 4	Greeter Ann Frey & Linda Frezza	Presenters of Gifts Tina Bednarczyk, Sue & Ryan Schied
Count 3	Acolyte Gia Berkovitz	
Christophers 2	Crucifer Kevan Berkovitz	
Prayer Team 3	Lay Reader- Sat Linda Cassady	Communion Assistants Linda Borkowski and Charlie Tolton
	Sun Linda Bell-Powell	Setup Maryann Leventhal

October 9

Usher 5	Greeter Sandra & George Powell and Karen McGovern	Presenters of Gifts Jim & Nancy Necker and Linda Frezza
Count 4	Acolyte Tyler Dewald	
Christophers 3	Crucifer Will Breslin	
Prayer Team 4	Lay Reader- Sat George Powell	Communion Assistants Linda Bell-Powell and Linda Frezza
	Sun Scott Brown	Setup Tina Bednarczyk

October 16

Usher 1	Greeter Jim & Nancy Necker	Presenters of Gifts Janice Donnelly, Dani Rowley, Deb Mumford
Count 1	Acolyte Ryan Schied	
Christophers 4	Crucifer Matthew Schied	
Prayer Team 5	Lay Reader-Sat Clem McLaughlin	Communion Assistants Frank and Erica Ganther
	Sun Jody Cheeseborough	Setup Sue Tolton

October 23

Usher 2	Greeter The Rowley Family	Presenters of Gifts Charlie & Sue Tolton, and Ann Frey
Count 2	Acolyte Jim Necker	
Christophers 5	Crucifer Jared Ickler	
Prayer Team 6	Lay Reader-Sat Katie Beyer	Communion Assistants Marilynn Murphy and Kevan Berkovitz
	Sun Suzanne Brown	Setup Deb Mumford

October 30

Usher 3	Greeter Rich & Lois Hamilton	Presenters of Gifts Rob & Nancy Ischinger and Ken Tredinnick
Count 3	Acolyte Sophia LaRocca	
Christophers 1	Crucifer Mike LaRocca	
Prayer Team 1	Lay Reader- Sat Linda Cassady	Communion Assistants Allan Shikhvarg and Tony Quici
	Sun Dottie Erb	Setup Maryann Leventhal

If you cannot serve please contact someone on the list for that particular service team and find a replacement.
 If you can't find a replacement simply contact the office (215) 659-2642 or email Deb at secretary@holytrinity.net

OCTOBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Special Dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Communion Sunday, <i>October 2, 2016</i> Celebration of 40th Anniversary of Ordination for Pastors, <i>October 23, 2016</i> Reformation Sunday, <i>October 30, 2016</i> Reformation Day, <i>October 31, 2016</i> 						1 9:00 Adult Breakfast Fellowship 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
2 PENTECOST 20 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 11:30 Christopher's Meeting SOT Youth Group 5 - 7 PM	3 6 - 7:30 Brownies 7:30 Coram Deo 7:30 Women's Prayer Group	4 1:00 Green Leaves Class/repeat 7:00 7:30 Searcher's Bible Study 8:30 Compline	5 7:30 Council	6 9:30 Theology w/Bagels 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	7 7:30 AA	8 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
9 PENTECOST 21 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 11:30 Lunch Bunch	10 12:30 Miriam Circle 6 - 7:30 Brownies 7:30 Coram Deo	11 1:00 Green Leaves Class/repeat 7:00 7:30 Searcher's Bible Study 8:30 Compline	12 7:00 Evangelism 7:30 Ruth Circle at home of Audrey Ruddy	13 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	14 7:30 AA	15 ARTS & CRAFTS DAYZ 10:00 am - 1:00 pm  (brunch included) 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
16 PENTECOST 22 9:00 Holy Communion Healing Prayer 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult	17 SHOP & COOK AIDS DINNER 6 - 7:30 Brownies 7:30 Coram Deo 7:30 Women's Prayer Group	18 DELIVER AIDS DINNER 1:00 Green Leaves Class/repeat 7:00 7:30 Searcher's Bible Study 8:30 Compline	19 7:30 Hannah Circle	20 9:30 Theology w/Bagels 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	21 7:30 AA	22 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
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30 REFORMATION 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 1:30 - 4:00 Fall Fair hosting Silver Springs/Martin Luther School	31 	<p>"Autumn...the year's last, loveliest smile." - William Cullen Bryant</p>				

