

HOLY TRINITY

Evangelical Lutheran Church

ECHOES NEWSLETTER

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April, 2017

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Pastors

The Rev. Dr. Michael G. Tavella

The Rev. N. Amanda Grimmer

Staff

The Rev. John Bradosky,

*Bishop of the North American
Lutheran Church*

Mrs. Jacqueline Smith, *B. Mus.*

M. Mus., Director of Music

Mrs. Deborah Mumford,
Parish Secretary

Worship Services

Saturday at 5 pm

Sunday at 9 am

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

Holy Communion

Saturday evening, Sunday morning
& Festival Days

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

Dear Parish Family,

In 1518 Luther attended a meeting of the Augustinian Order of Germany held at Heidelberg. He was asked to give an account of his theology. He had already gained notoriety when he posted the 95 Theses in October of 1517.

In the Heidelberg Theses, the fulfillment of the request of the Order, Luther elaborates his "theology of the cross." He begins with the assertion that the law not only cannot lead to righteousness, but hinders it. Later, Luther states that the human will, when it does what it is capable of after the fall, commits mortal sin. Because of our inability to justify ourselves by doing what is in us, we despair of ourselves in order to receive the grace of God.

Thesis 20 reads, "That person deserves to be called a theologian, who comprehends the visible and manifest things of God through suffering and the cross." This thesis opposes a theology of glory that focusses on the invisible things of God as though they were perceptible (Thesis 19). A theology of glory that emphasizes works "puffs up, blinds, and hardens." (Thesis 22) The law works the wrath of God, damning everyone not in Christ (Thesis 23). Seeking the invisible things of God accompanies the idea that we can justify ourselves by works.

Luther then states, "He is not righteous who works much, but he without work, believes much in Christ." (Thesis 25). And in Thesis 26, he says, "The law says, "do this", and it is never done. Grace says, "believe in this," and everything is already done." (Thesis 26).

Jesus says to the disciples, "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45 NIV) Jesus says these words to the disciples in response to James' and John's request to sit at Jesus' left and right hand when he comes into His glory.

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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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Immediately before verse 45, Jesus says, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be a slave of all." (Mark 10: 42b - 44) This is the theology of the cross: Christ's giving His life as a ransom for many, the disciples' following in this way each bearing his own cross, and total dependence on Christ for salvation without our contributing anything to it. We have no merits that we can hold up to God.

God reveals Himself in the perceptible fact of the cross, not in our speculations about invisible things concerning God. The theology of the cross means God's revelation in the cross, our captive will which is not capable of meriting God's favor, and our dependence on His grace for salvation. We must follow in the way of the cross. "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." (Mark 8: 34b NIV) Christ's cross is first and pre-eminent; each of us follows Christ bearing a cross. (Translation of Theses from Gerhard O. Forde, *On Being a Theologian of the Cross*).

We hope to see you on Good Friday.

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





Healing Prayer Ministry

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

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



† Women's Prayer Group

The Holy Trinity
Women's Prayer Group
1st & 3rd Mondays
of each month.

We gather at **7:30 p.m.**
in the room over
Rosemary Hinkle's garage.
(See church directory for
phone # and address)

This space offers privacy.
Coffee, tea, and dessert
are served!

Every woman is welcome,
come as you are able.

Questions contact Rosemary
@

Rosemaryhinkle@comcast.net

2017 Schedule

April 17

May 1 & 15

June 5 & 19

Prayer List



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

Please pray for the following:

Please pray for the following individuals & their families: *(we cannot add last names or initials)* The families of the members Holy Trinity together with those they love, including: Adelaide, Albert, Alex, Allyson, Amanda, Ambre, Amy, Andrew, Annura, Art, Barbara, Barbara Jo, Ben, Betty, Bill, Bob, Bonnie, Brian, Brianna, Butchy, Carol, Cecilia, Charlie, Cheri, Chris, Cindy, Claudine, Colette, Connie, Dan, Danette, Daniel, Dave, David, Deb, Derek, Diana, Dolly, Donna, Drew, Eda, Erik, Fima, Floyd, Frank, Gary, Gene, George, Gerald, Gloria, Gregory, Hannah, Harold, Harry, Heidi, Helen, Helene, Howard, Isabel, Jackson, Jamie, Jane, Jason, Jaylen, Jean, Jeanne, Jen, Jennifer, Jim, John, Joshua, Judy, Justin, Juwon, Kate, Kayla, Ken, Kevin, Kyle, Laura, Lewis, Linda, Liz, Lorraine, Mae, Maggie, Margaret, Marissa, Martha, Mary, Maryanne, Marylou, Mayet, Megan, Mercedes, Mickey, Mikayla, Milt, Mindy, Monroe, Nancy, Nate, Nathan, Nicky, Nikkia, Noreen, Pam, Pat, Pete, Phil, Sally, Samantha, Sandra, Sheila, Shelli, Sigrid, Solomon, Steve, Suzanne, Rich, Richard, Robert, Roger, Rudi, Tara, Teresa, Terry, Thuy, Tiffani, Tony, Tricia G., Trina, Tyler, Vera, Wanda, Warren, William, Yvonne, 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, Barnes, Barndt, Bell, Biehl, Blakes, Boyer, Burns, Butler, Cannan, Christmann, Clarke, Dawson, Detweiler, Drobish, Eisenmann, Elsey, Engelbert, Engelke, Etlén, Frame, Frezza, Gross, Houser, Ingerson, Kam, Kennedy, Kopycinski, Kurpiel, Love, Malloy, McDonnell, McManus, Means, Novak, Parker, Pederson, Powell, Rhinebeck, Sasso, Sauerman, Schmidt, Sears, Seibert, Shenberger, Shields, Singrella, Smith, White, Wolfgang, Yakscoe, Young, Zaroli and Zimmermann.

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.
For all Native Americans living on U.S. reservations.
For refugees and immigrants.
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.



**Congratulations on your Baptism
Sunday, March 5, 2017**

We welcome into the Lord's Family

Isaac DeQuevedo Freer

Son of Christopher & Dalilah Freer

Baby brother to Adelina

Grandson of Bruce & Maureen Freer

**Congratulations on your Baptism
Sunday, March 19, 2017**

We welcome into the Lord's Family

Colin Chapman, Jr.

Son of Colin, Sr.

& Ashlee (Messner) Chapman

Grandson of Bill & Michele Messner



Donations needed for Interfaith Food Cupboard

Spam, Salmon, Sardines, Stew

1 lb. bags of rice, peanut butter & jelly

Pancake mix & syrup, flour, sugar, coffee.

Non-food items: paper towels & toilet tissue.

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

February 28, 2017 (For the Year 2017)

	Holy Trinity Ministries	Wider Church
Year to date received for current income	\$ 69,279.78	\$ 8,260.96
Carry over from 2016	\$ 0.00	\$ 16,568.30
Expenses paid to date	\$ 72,719.42	\$ 6,533.19
Surplus/(Deficit) 2015	(\$ 3,439.64)	\$ 18,296.07

Support Us

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

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

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

"It is the hour to rend thy chains, the blossom time of souls."

- Katherine Lee Bates

"He takes men out of time and makes them feel eternity."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Easter says you can put truth in a grave, but it won't stay there."

- Clarence W. Hall

"Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in spring-time."

- Martin Luther

"We live and die; Christ died and lived."

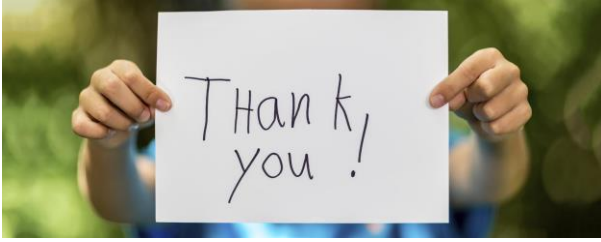
- John Stott



Please remember your Church in your will.



NOTES OF THANKS



To the Congregation of Holy Trinity, Freedom Steps would like to extend our gratitude once again for your never ending generosity. During the January collection \$500 in cash was donated as well as the following goods:

4 - shampoo + conditioner	tons of tooth brushes
2 - conditioner	9 pkgs. wipes
12 - shampoo	2 bars of soap
6 - body wash	18 deodorant
1 - brush	3 - panty liners
1 - nail clipper	1 bottle hair sculpting spray
1 pkg. combs	7 puzzle books
2 - body/foot powder	1 pkg. pencils
10 full size sunscreen	2 bags fishies
5 small sunscreen	candy
6 chapsticks	2 boxes Little Bites
28 full size tooth paste	bunch of magazines

Your generous contributions will allow us to continue our mission to send care packages to our deployed troops so they know people at home are thinking of them and praying for their safety.

All of this is in addition to the contributions we receive throughout the year. You are all amazing! Holy Trinity will be listed as a sponsor of Freedom Steps on our race T-shirts as well as in our literature.

We hope some of you can come join us in our major fundraiser The Freedom Steps 5K on May 7th at 9:00 AM at Mason Mills Park.

Thank you again,
The Executive Committee of Freedom Steps.

Dear Members of Holy Trinity,

Thank you for your generous support of the Health Kit Project. This year we collected 18 kits which is more than last year. This a a large project which requires help from a list of people. So we would like to thank everyone who contributed the kits. Lois Hamilton, Nancy Necker and Noreen Weld, for sorting and setting up the kits.

The second year confirmation class Elli, Jayden and Ryan and their teachers Mrs. Mumford and Mr. and Mrs. Tolton for packing the kits. Also, Rob and Nancy Ischinger for delivering the kits.

Many thanks,
Katie Beyer

Chairperson of Social Ministry for LCW.



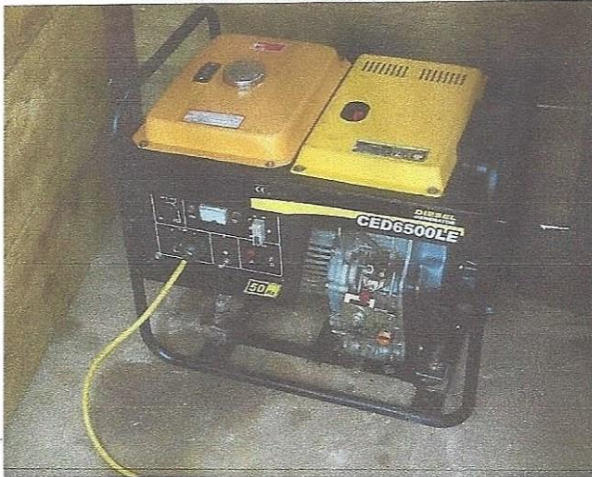
Fellow Brothers and Sisters In the Body of Christ,

I have been receiving photos and information from Didi Panzo in Boma in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. I am attaching some photos for you. Didi has been teaching local students at the Tshela School courses like Christian Counseling. He teaches 3 days a week and it is 90 km each way. Here is also a picture of the generator that was stolen. At the time of extra unrest related to the departure of the president, gangs of lawless people stole from many, including Didi's generator. The regular electricity is very unreliable and he hopes to be able to replace the generator soon. I suspect it might have been worrisome to have gangs with clubs roam through where he and Serafina were living.

Here are also some of the many orphans wandering around Boma (and probably throughout the country). They have little food or clothing. Their feet might be especially vulnerable, as parasites can enter through feet as they walk barefoot. Didi would like to be able to start a shelter for such as these and teach them how to grow their own food. The name will be "Centre Paix et Espoir". Interestingly the English translation is Peace and Hope; just like the Paz y Esperanza in Ecuador.

Please pray for the safety of Didi and Seraphina, as well as for his mission in the DRC.

Ed Storey,
Black Forest Lutheran Church





November 29, 2016

Katie Byer
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
2086 Parkview Avenue
Abington, PA 19001

Dear Katie,

Thank you and our friends at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church for the donation of a terrific collection of Christmas gifts for the children of Silver Springs – Martin Luther School to enjoy this holiday season! The boys and girls will be thrilled to receive the Legos, dolls, action figures, personal care items, art and craft kits, and so much more which you delivered to us.

We are grateful for your faithful support of our ministry. For many of our boys and girls, this is the first time they will experience an abundant, festive, and joyful Christmas. Through the help of caring partners like you, we are able to provide a joyful Christmas full of wonderful memories for the special children in our care.

On behalf of the children, thank you!

Sincerely,

Lynn Unipan, CFRE
Development Director

Silver Springs – Martin Luther School is a 501(c) (3) organization, Tax ID # 23-2310084. Contributions are tax-deductible as permitted by law. Silver Springs – Martin Luther School certifies that this gift was not contingent upon sale or exchange of goods or services. Valuations of gifts in kind are the privilege and responsibility of the donor.



Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
2086 Parkview Ave
Abington, PA 19090

March 10, 2017

Dear Holy Trinity Congregation,

Thank you for your recent donation of 298 pounds of non-perishable food items to the Inter-Faith Food Cupboard! The Holy Trinity Angels are at work again, checking the shelves for what is missing and replacing it. Your generosity sustains the poorest in our community through our mission to fight hunger. On behalf of our clients and volunteers alike, we are truly grateful for your support.

This letter serves as our acknowledgement to you of your gift, and should be kept with your tax records to substantiate any deductions you may wish to claim for Federal income tax purposes. Inter-Faith Housing Alliance is recognized by the IRS as a charitable organization under regulation 501(C) 3. As required by law, we represent that we have not provided you with goods or services in consideration, in whole or in part, of your gift.

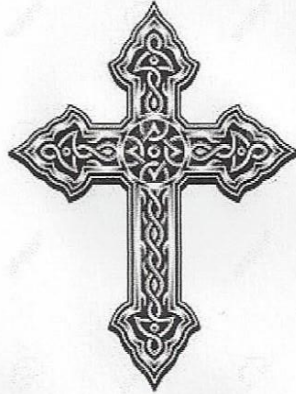
If you know of a family or individual in need of food in Southeastern Montgomery County, please suggest that they come to our cupboard Monday-Friday 11:00-1:00. Donations can be dropped off Monday-Thursday 9:00-3:00.

Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Kelly
Food Cupboard Coordinator

Music for Passiontide



Musica Concordia

Jacqueline Smith, director

Chant, Hymns, and Anthems of
Goss, Graun, Ireland, Mendelssohn, Smith, Tchaikovsky, and others

Two performances:

Saint Cecilia Church
535 Rhawn St., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19111
SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2017 4:00 PM

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
2086 Parkview Ave., Abington, PA 19001
SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2017 7:00 PM

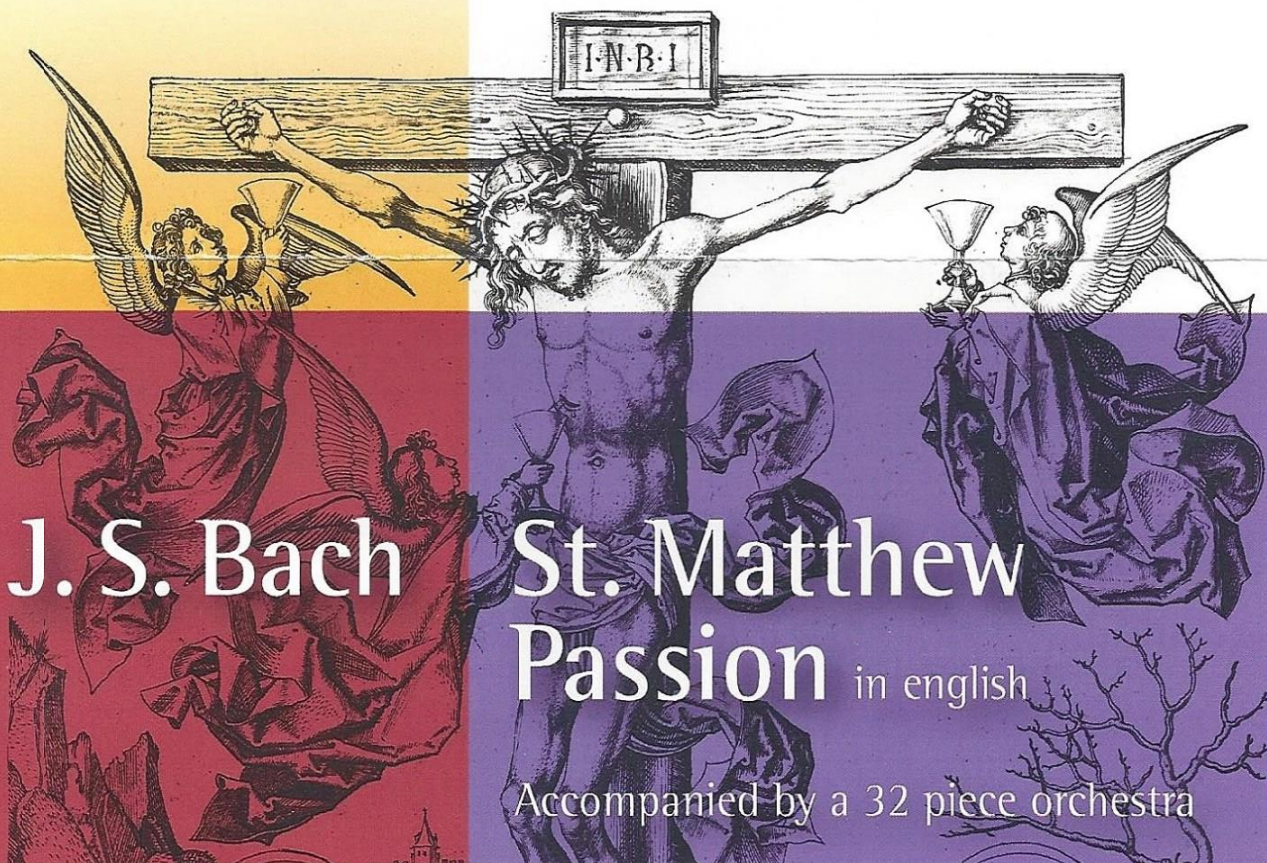
No tickets required free-will offering

*Offering from the concert at Holy Trinity
goes to Lutheran World Relief
for displaced Syrian refugees within Syria,
Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, Turkey
and countries in North Africa.*

For further information, please call 215-659-2642
or visit www.holytrinity.net

THE
CHORISTERS

David Spitko, Artistic Director



**J. S. Bach St. Matthew
Passion** in english

Accompanied by a 32 piece orchestra

George Somerville
Evangelist

Frank Mitchell
Jesus

Pennsylvania Youth Chorale

Soloists:

Carole Latimer, Sop.

Suzanne Duplantis, Mezzo

Lawrence Jones, Tenor

Mark Hightower, Bass

**Saturday evening
April 8, 2017
at 7:30 pm**

Trinity Lutheran Church
1000 W. Main Street
Lansdale, PA 19446

TICKETS AVAILABLE IN ADVANCE ON OUR WEBSITE

For more information or to purchase tickets, go to www.TheChoristers.org
or call (215) 542-7871. \$5/ticket discount with advance ticket sales.

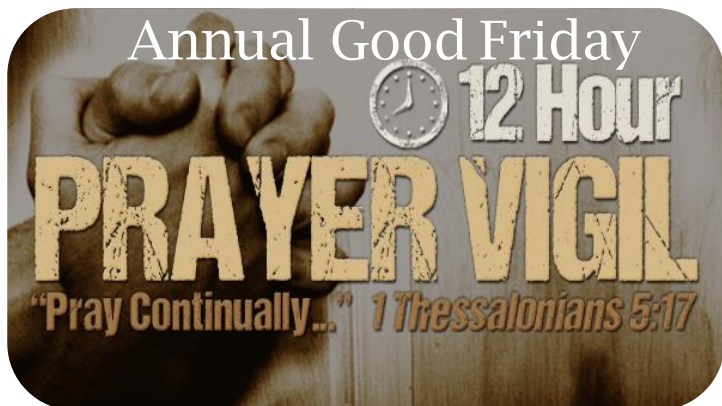


Find us on
Facebook



Prayer Walk:
Wednesday, April 12th
7:30 PM

All are invited
 Meet in the Sanctuary



Prayer Vigil:

Friday, April 14th
6 AM TO 6 PM

Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex
 (So we are aware of how many people are in the building)

Holy Trinity Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 15th

Come join us for our 8th Annual Easter Egg Hunt.
 The kids will be hunting for Easter Eggs,
 making a craft & playing games.

1:00 – 2:30 PM

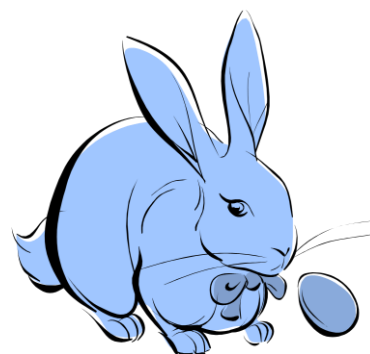
Please have your child bring an Easter basket
 with them to collect the eggs.
 Some of the eggs will be filled with surprises!!
 Join us on the **lawn in front of** fellowship hall.
 In case of rain, we will hold the egg hunt **IN** fellowship hall.
 We are asking for donations of filled plastic eggs.

Donations should be in the kitchen
no later than Sunday, April 9th

Questions?

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

Thank you!



The Son is Risen Breakfast



**Easter Sunday, April 16th
7:30 am - 8:45 am**

Potluck breakfast before worship, Sign - up sheet in the Narthex
Last year we had so much food... please, even if you don't sign up
or don't have an item to bring come anyway! Come early - Come later
Come celebrate our Savior & break bread with your church family

THE SATURDAY SEWING GROUP

Meets this month on the
fourth Saturday of the month

Saturday, April 22nd

10 AM - 1 PM

Potluck breakfast fare will be served.

Looking for sewers to work on our ongoing projects.

We are now able to access the room across from the nursery
to use as a sewing room. Sewing machines will be set up in there
for your convenience.

If you know how to sew - we need you!

**If you don't but would like to learn -
join us - we'll teach you!**





Cradle of Hope Wish List

The blue basket will be in the Narthex after Easter
- gift cards can be given to Katie Beyer

KITCHEN ITEMS: Aluminum foil, trash bags, freezer bags, various sized Ziploc bags.

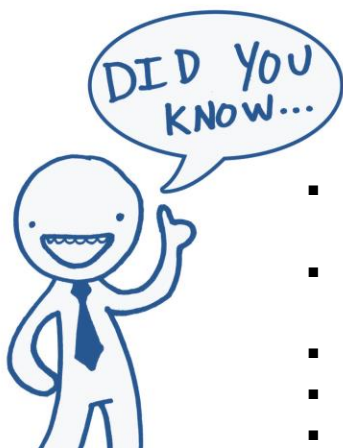
PAPER PRODUCTS: Paper towels, toilet paper, tissues.

CLEANING PRODUCTS: Disinfecting wipes, disinfecting spray, mops, laundry detergent, (Dreft/free and clear for babies and regular detergent), liquid hand soap, dishwasher pods, liquid all-purpose cleaner, dish soap.

BABY: Baby wipes, (fragrance free/sensitive skin), crib sheets, diapers sized 4 - 6.

OFFICE ITEMS: Plastic file boxes, stamps, ink cartridges, Canon PG-30 (black) & PG-31 (color), Brother LC75 Series & LC71 Series, tokens.

GIFT CERTIFICATES: Target, Shoprite, Walmart, Acme, Home Depot, Lowes, Amazon.



Regarding the LCW's Giant Gift Card Program...

- If you don't happen to shop at the Giant you could buy the cards to donate to the Interfaith Food Cupboard...
- Every card purchased goes to help the LCW provide scholarships for the women of Holy Trinity...
- It's easy to order (speak to Joy Alderfer) any given Sunday...
- Card purchases are offered in any denomination...
- Now that you know why not order some...





Coram Deo

Living in the Presence of God

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

Spring 2017

April 10 – *The Longest Walk* – by Richard Bachman (aka Stephen King)

April 24 – *Spoon River Anthology* – by Edgar Lee Masters

May 1 – *Fences* – by August Wilson

May 8 – *Queen of Spades* – by Alexander Pushkin

May 15 – *Walking* – by Henry David Thoreau

May 22 – Ingmar Bergman film night



WHEN: **Sunday, April 23rd**

WHERE: **Martin Luther/ Silver Springs School**

TIME: depart from Holy Trinity @ **1:30 PM**
arrive back @ **4:00 PM**

We are looking for interested individuals (children & adults alike) to join us in celebrating with the children at Martin Luther School
If you cannot join us food donations are always welcome!



Lutheran Church Women's Circle Bible Study



APRIL CIRCLES

James: Wisdom In Our Speech How Can We Use Our Words To Please God?

The truth is, we all have problems with what we say. We do not put enough energy into guarding our tongue. That's probably why the Bible says so much about the tongue. Proverbs is filled with verses about both the positive and negative aspects of the tongue. And, James states the challenges and guiding wisdom about our words in chapter 3, which will be our topic of study and discussion at our April circle gatherings.

Please prayerfully consider 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.

Eve Circle - Thursday, April 6 at 7:30 pm in the SS Peter & Andrew Study
Leader: Sue Tolton (215) 659-7054 suetolton@comcast.net

Miriam Circle - Monday, April 10 at 12:30 pm in the SS Peter & Andrew Study
Leader: Ruth McCandless (215) 682-2034 ruthmccandless4@gmail.com

Ruth Circle - Wednesday, April 12 at 8:00 pm at the home of Ilze Berzins
3920 Countrywood Lane, Hatboro, PA 19040 (215) 674 - 3310
Leader: Nancy Necker (215) 884-2123 nnecker52@gmail.com

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

Hannah Circle - Wednesday, April 19 at 7:30 pm in the SS Peter & Andrew Study
Leader: Marilynn Murphy (610) 304-7601 mvetal4@verizon.net



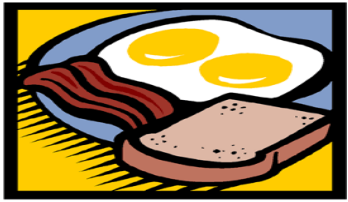
Join us at Mother Boniface Spirituality Retreat Center
Friday, April 28 through Sunday, April 30

Cost: \$160 due by April 23rd
Registration forms are available
through Janice Donnelly

If you would like to join us for dinner Friday night
please email janicerd@comcast.net.
We will be having hoagies, cost is \$5.

Please return your form with deposit amount (suggested \$50.00)
to Janice Donnelly or Joy Alderfer. Scholarships are available.
Please speak to Pastor Mandy or Joy Alderfer.

BREAKFAST



FELLOWSHIP

Adult Christian Breakfast Fellowship

(All Adults Young & Old are invited)

When: Saturday, April 1st at 9:00 AM

Topic: *Life Celebration*®

By
GIVNISH

Speaker: Bill Cleary

from Craft-Givnish Funeral Home

"Like" Holy Trinity on Facebook!

Invite Friends & Neighbors!

Holy Trinity has a Facebook page that keeps you reminded of weekly church events, special services & other important programs and offerings.

Please remember to "Like Us" on Facebook.

Also, consider using this as an Evangelism tool to highlight our church to others.

Consider inviting your friends to "Like Us" as well.

When you are on HT's FB page, it only takes a minute to scroll through your friends and invite them.



2017 Youth Ministry

All events are on SUNDAY unless otherwise noted

April 2nd

SOT Youth Group



April 30th Lunch Bunch 11:30 – 1:00 PM

Today's Cooks: Call out for hoagies

Today's Lesson: Praise the Lord!

Craft: God Cares Sign Craft





Men's Devotional Group

Mark your calendar & don't miss out on the Men's Devotional Group Meeting. Due to Holy Week this month's meeting will be on the third Thursday of the month. Join us **Thursday, April 20th at 7:00 P.M.** in the Sons of Thunder Youth Room. If you've never joined us before, now is the time to start and see what we are all about! Hope to see you all there.

Join Pastor Mike for *Theology with Bagels* beginning April 27th
Spring 2017

Luther's Letters of Spiritual Counsel



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THEOLOGY WITH BAGELS

MEETS IN THE SS PETER & ANREW STUDY

DATES: THURSDAYS APRIL 27 THRU JUNE 1

TIME: 9:30 AM

TOPIC: LUTHER'S LETTERS OF SPIRITUAL COUNSEL

BOOK: LUTHER: LETTERS OF SPIRITUAL COUNSEL

EDITED BY THEODORE G. TAPPERT

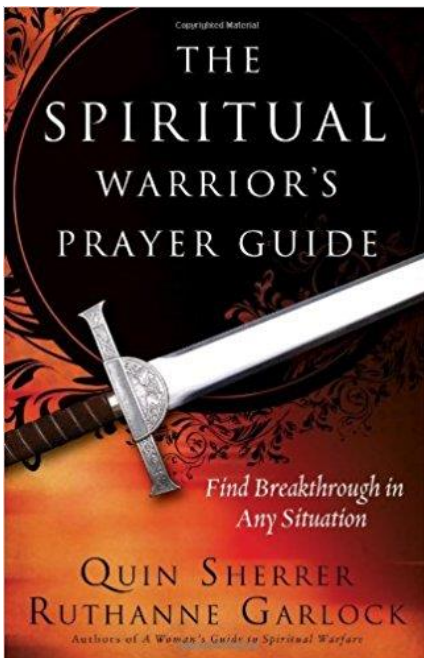
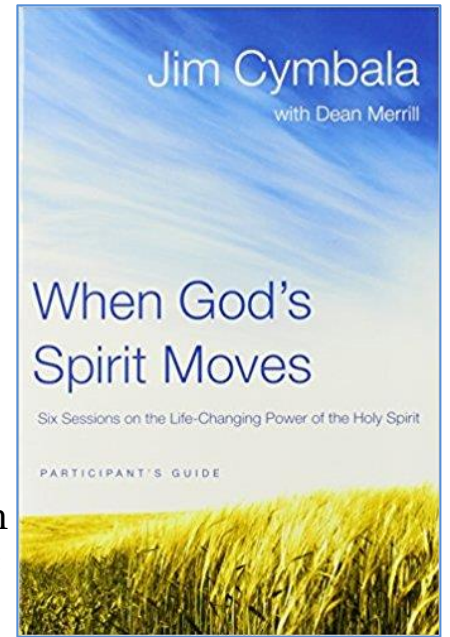
WHEN GOD'S SPIRIT MOVES

Pastor & bestselling author Jim Cymbala explores the Person and work of the Holy Spirit in this 6-session Bible Study that will bring a fresh sense of God's power to your church and your life.

Join Randy & Tom Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM
in the SS Peter & Andrew Study
April 23rd to May 28th

Learn how:

- To make room for the Spirit's action in your life & church
- God wants to work through your gifts & talents to enable you to do what only He can do
- To listen for the voice of the Spirit in prayer and how to apply God's Word to your life
- The Spirit can bring healing to your body, emotions, and relationships; how a life lived in the presence of the Spirit can transform the church & the world.



THE SPIRITUAL WARRIOR'S PRAYER GUIDE

In Scripture, there are numerous references to the conflict of God's people with Satan and "the dominion of darkness," with the fallen world, and with the continuing pull of our sinful nature.

From **April 25 - May 30, 2017** Pastor Mandy will offer a **6-week** course using veteran intercessors Quin Sherrer and Ruthanne Garlock's guide to help you apply biblical promises to every area of life: illness, financial trouble, depression and anxiety, concern for wayward loved ones, unemployment, family relationships and much more.

This class meets Tuesdays 1 p.m. with a repeat at 7 p.m.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex
the textbook costs \$20, but you can get it much cheaper through Amazon.
For Pastor Mandy to order you a book please sign-up by April 10th.



2017 Vacation Bible School

Yes, it's that time of year again.

Spring has sprung & summer is not far off.

With that in mind, we are beginning to plan this year's VBS.

Our theme for VBS 2017 is "Mighty Fortress, In Jesus, the Victory Is Won!"

We need *your* prayers, and we also need **your participation** to provide the best Vacation Bible School possible. We need all kinds of people, with all kinds of gifts and abilities. Please consider volunteering your time and talent to make this year's VBS one of the best weeks of the summer for the children in our community.

Thank you for your willingness to help! Please place the volunteer form in the offering plate or return it to the office. The earlier I have the classes and centers staffed, the sooner I can distribute all of the necessary materials. If you have any questions please contact Susan Schied at 215-517-5505 or slschied@verizon.net.

VBS Dates: July 31st to August 4th 9:00AM to 12:15 PM

Be a Vacation Bible School Volunteer! Don't miss the fun!!

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Full Address: _____

Yes! I would like to help with VBS in the area's I have marked below.

- ____ Pre-School teacher/helper
- ____ Kindergarten teacher/helper
- ____ Music Center leader/helper
- ____ Art Center teacher/helper
- ____ Snack Center coordinator/helper
- ____ Bible Story Center leader/helper.
- ____ Game center leader/helper
- ____ Bible Challenge Center leader/helper
- ____ Group Guide
- ____ Service Project Coordinator

All volunteers over the age of 18, will need to provide a copy of their PA state clearances in order to volunteer

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2017 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
REGISTRATION FORM

STUDENTS'S NAME: _____

BIRTH DATE: _____ AGE _____ SCHOOL GRADE IN FALL: _____

ALLERGIES, MEDICAL CONCERNS OR SPECIAL NEEDS: _____

PARENT'S NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

TOWN: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

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April Worship Assistants Schedule



April 2

Usher 1	Greeter Ann Frey & Linda Frezza	Presenters of	Rob & Nancy Ischinger and Ken Tredinnick
Count 1	Acolyte Charlie Tolton		
Christophers Chris Quici	Crucifer Ken Tredinnick		
Prayer Team Sherry Breslin	Lay Reader-Sat Linda Cassidy	Communion Assistants	Linda Borkowski and Deb Mumford
	-Sun Linda Bell-Powell	Setup	Maryann Leventhal

April 9

Usher 2	Greeter The Powell Family and Karen McGovern	Presenters of Gifts	The Ickler Family
Count 2	Acolyte Jim Necker		
Christophers Mike Breslin	Crucifer Charlie Tolton		
Prayer Team Kathy Ingerson	Lay Reader-Sat George Powell	Communion Assistants	Eric Gregg and Randy Gettmann
	-Sun Barbara Harvey	Setup	Tina Bednarczyk

Apr 13 Maundy Thurs. 7:30 PM

Usher 1		Presenters of Gifts	Tina Bednarczyk, Sue Tolton and Barbara Harvey
Lay Reader Jim Necker		Communion Assistants	Marilynn Murphy and Charles Tolton

April 14 Good Friday Usher 3

April 15 Holy Saturday		Communion Assistants	Terry & Dani Rowley
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April 16 Easter

Usher 4	Greeter Jim & Nancy Necker	Presenters of Gifts	The Schied Family
Count 3	Acolyte Sophia LaRocca		
Christophers Deb Mumford	Crucifer Mike LaRocca		
Prayer Team Sue Tolton	Lay Reader	Communion Assistants	Mark & Erica Affleck
	Lay Reader-Sun John Ickler	Setup	Sue Tolton

April 23

Usher 5	Greeter The Rowley Family	Presenters of Gifts	The Gregg Family
Count 4	Acolyte Hannah Mumford		
Christophers Sue Tolton	Crucifer Gia Berkovitz		
Prayer Team Nancy Ischinger	Lay Reader-Sat Katie Beyer	Communion Assistants	Scott & Suzanne Brown
	Lay Reader-Sun Deb Mumford	Setup	Deb Mumford

April 30

Usher 1	Greeter Nancy Myers and Kevan Berkovitz	Presenters of Gifts	Ruth McCandless and Al & Pam Eisenmann
Count 1	Acolyte Jayden Butler		
Christophers Nancy Necker	Crucifer Heatherlee Whipple		
Prayer Team Deb Mumford	Lay Reader - Sat Clem McLaughlin	Communion Assistants	Allan Shikhvarg and Kevan Berkovitz
	Sun Larry Guenzel	Setup	Maryann Leventhal

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



2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SPECIAL DATES:						1 9:00 Adult Breakfast Fellowship 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
*Fifth Sunday in Lent, April 2, 2017 *Palm/Passion Sunday, April 9, 2017 *Holy Week, April 9-15, 2017 *Maundy Thursday, April 13, 2017		*Good Friday, April 14, 2017 *Holy Saturday, April 15, 2017 *Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017 *Administrative Professionals Day, April 26, 2017				
2 Lent 5 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 5:00 – 7:00 SOT Youth Group	3 6 – 7:30 Jr. Girl Scouts	4 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 Compline	5 9:30 Lenten Service & Study 7:30 repeat 8:00 Council	6 6:30 Handbell Choir 7:30 Eve Circle 8:00 Chancel Choir	7 7:30 AA	8 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
9 Palm Sunday 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 7:00 Passion Concert	10 12:30 Miriam Circle 6 – 7:30 Jr. Girl Scouts 7:30 Coram Deo	11 7:30 Prayer Walk at Holy Trinity 8:00 Ruth Circle at home of Ilze Brezins	12 7:30 Prayer Walk at Holy Trinity 8:00 Ruth Circle at home of Ilze Brezins	13 Maundy Thursday 12:00 Sarah Circle 7:30 PM Service	14 GOOD FRIDAY 6 AM - 6 PM Prayer Vigil 12 Noon Service 7:30 Tenebrae Service 7:30 AA	15 EASTER VIGIL 1:00 PM Easter Egg Hunt 5:00 VIGIL 7:00 AA
16 Easter 7:30 Breakfast 9:00 Holy Communion 	17 SHOP & COOK AIDS DINNER OFFICE CLOSED 6 – 7:30 Jr. Girl Scouts 7:30 Women's Prayer Group	18 DELIVER AIDS DINNER Pastors on Vacation	19 Pastors on Vacation 7:30 Hannah Circle	20 Pastors on Vacation 6:30 Handbell Choir 7:00 Men's Devotion 8:00 Chancel Choir	21 Pastors on Vacation 7:30 AA	22 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Sewing Group  Pastors on Vacation 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
23 Easter 2 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult Pastors on Vacation ML/SS Party 1:30	24 Pastors on Vacation 6 – 7:30 Jr. Girl Scouts 7:30 Coram Deo	25 Spiritual Warrior Class 1 PM/7 PM 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 Compline	26 7:30 Worship & Music meeting	27 9:30 Theology w/bagels 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	28 LCW Women's Retreat 7:30 AA	29 LCW Women's Retreat 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
30 Easter 3 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult LCW Women's Retreat (arrive home)						

