

# HOLY TRINITY

Evangelical Lutheran Church

## *ECHOES* NEWSLETTER

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### December, 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*

### From the Pastors

Dear Parish Family,

The third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete. The second lesson is taken from Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians where Paul calls on the brothers and sisters to "Semper Gaudete", that is, "Rejoice always." (1 Thessalonians 5: 16) In Isaiah 61, the First Lesson for Gaudete, the prophet says, "I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God;" (Isaiah 61: 10a)

We rejoice at the expectation of the coming (Advent) of the Lord at the end of this age. We rejoice at the coming of the Christmas festival when we celebrate the incarnation of the Son of God, Jesus Christ. We rejoice as we prepare and watch for the Lord.

On Gaudete Sunday the candle on the Advent wreath and the chasuble worn by the pastor are rose in color, instead of blue, representing joy. We are reminded that as we await the Lord we rejoice in Him.

Gaudete is parallel to Laetare Sunday in Lent. Laetare is Latin from the Introit meaning rejoice ("Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; (Isaiah 66:10). In the midst of our penitential Lenten preparations for Easter, we rejoice in the Lord. The color for the Fourth Sunday in Lent, Laetare, is rose as it is for the Third Sunday in Advent.

Let us then rejoice during the Advent season as we prepare for the Christmas feast and the return of the Lord in the clouds of heaven. Joy is fundamental to the Christian life. We rejoice, because the Lord fulfills our lives in Jesus Christ.

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



**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.

***A New Christmas Eve  
Worship Service Time***



*Once in our world a stable had something in it that was bigger than our whole world.*

*— C. S. Lewis*





## 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 cordially invites all women to join us in the SS Peter & Andrew Study Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM

To lift up all concerns for spiritual, emotional or physical well-being.

"Prayer is the breath, the watchword, the comfort, the strength, the honor of a Christian."

- Spurgeon.

Resumes Jan. 15, 2018 at Rosemary Hinkle's

## Prayer List

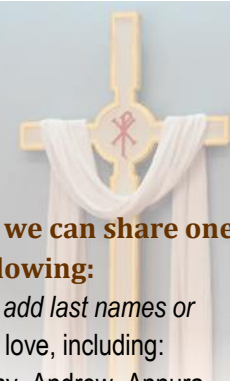
One of the beautiful aspects of Christian Fellowship is that we can share one another's concerns through prayer. Please pray for the following:

**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, Alayna, Albert, Alena, Alex, Allyson, Alma, Amanda, Ambre, Amy, Andrew, Annura, Art, Arthur, Barb, Barbara, Barbara Jo, Baby Hudson, Baby Pesek, Ben, Betty, Bill, Bob, Bonnie, Brian, Brianna, Brooke, Butchy, Byron, Carol, Cecelia, Charlie, Chelsea, Cheri, Cheryl, Chris, Christopher, Chuck, Cindy, Claudine, Collette, Connie, Dan, Danette, Daniel, Dave, David, Deb, Debbie, Denys, Derek, Diana, Diane, Dick, Dolly, Dom, Don, Donna, Dot, Dottie, Drew, Eda, Elaine, Elyse, Erik, Erika, Fannie, Floyd, Frank, Fritz, Gail, Gary, Gene, George, Gerald, Gloria, Gregory, Hannah, Harper, Harold, Harry, Heather, Heidi, Helen, Helene, Herman, Howard, Howie, Isabel, Jackson, Jaime, Jane, Janice, Jason, Jaylen, Jean, Jeanne, Jeff, Jen, Jennifer, Jessica, Jim, Joe, John, Joshua, Judy, Justin, Juwon, Kate, Katie, Kayla, Ken, Kevin, Kim, Kyle, Laura, Leon, Levi, Lewis, Lillian, Linda, Lisa, Liz, Lois, Lorraine, Luddy, Mae, Maggie, Major Chapman, Marcia, Margaret, Margie, Maria, Marissa, Martha, Mary, Mark, Maryanne, Marylou, Matthew, Mayet, Mayka, Megan, Mercedes, Michael, Michelle, Mickey, Mikayla, Mildred, Milt, Mindy, Mitchell, Monroe, Murray, Nancy, Nate, Nathan, Nicky, Nikkia, Nora, Noreen, Pam, Pat, Paula, Perry, Pete, Peter, Phil, Philomena, Ray, Rebecca, Rich, Richard, Rick, Rita, Robert, Roger, Rudi, Ruth, Ryan, Sally, Samantha, Sandra, Scott, Sheila, Shelli, Sigrid, Solomon, Sophia, Steve, Susan, Suzanne, Tara, Theresa, Terry, Thuy, Tiffani, Tim, Toni, Tony, Travis, Tricia G., Trina, Trudy, Tyler, Vera, Vicki, Wanda, Warren, Wayne, William, Yvonne, Xavier.

**Please pray for the following families:** Andreassen, Barnes, Barndt, Bell, Benedict, Biehl, Blakes, Bows, Boyer, Bravo, Browne, Burns, Butler, Cannan, Christmann, Clarkes, Cuniff, Dawson, Del Vecchio, Detweiler, Doherty, Donovan, Drobish, Eisenmann, Eelsey, Englebert, Engelke, Eten, Frame, Freeman, Frezza, Gaida, Gaw, Gorman, Gross, Hesser, Huffnagle, Hopfner, Houser, Ingerson, Javardian, Kam, Kehoe, Kennard, Kennedy, Kopycinski, Kurpiel, Lawrence, Lopez, Love, Lynch, Malloy, McDonnell, McGuire, McManus, Means, Milks, Novak, Ortiz, Parker, Pederson, Peszek, Powell, Raiguel, Rankin, Rhinebeck, Rosenbaum, Sasso, Sauerman, Scaliese, Schmidt, Sears, Siebert, Shenberger, Shields, Singrella, Smith, Snyder, Spring, Staedtler, Stewart, White, Wolfgang, Yakscoe, Young, 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 & that He would please send workers into the Harvest.
- For all who are chronically ill and/or shut-in.
- For all who struggle with addiction to drugs and alcohol.
- For the sick and the grieving.
- For all congregations of the NALC.
- For all travelers and for the dying.
- For the military and their families.
- The unemployed, the underemployed & the uninsured, especially those in our own families.
- All Caregivers, rescue workers, doctors, nurses, firefighters, EMTs,
- For the members of the Mekane Yesus Lutheran Church in Ethiopia, and for the Nifas Silk Congregation.
- For our sister congregations: Nifas Silk in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and First Lutheran in Kirkland Illinois.
- For all Christians who are being persecuted for the faith throughout the world.
- For the victims of rains, wildfires, earthquakes and hurricanes and for favorable weather and an abundance of crops.
- For all in financial difficulty that they may be totally restored.







We welcome to the Lord's Table  
on Sunday, December 3, 2017

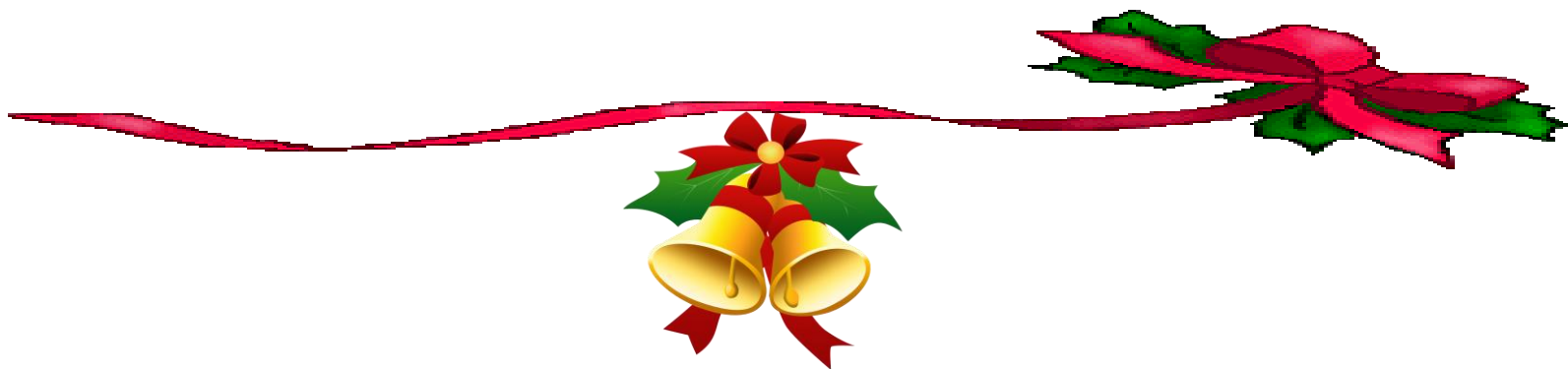
*Kelly Darreff*

*Matthew Gregg*

*Emily Kulik*

"For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,  
you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes."

1 Corinthians 11:26



***Mark your calendar!***

The Sunday after Christmas Eve,

**December 31<sup>st</sup>**

**is Bell Sunday**

Bring a small bell with you from home.

Any kind of bell is OK.

The Sunday after Christmas Day is **Bell Sunday**. Everyone is encouraged to bring a small bell from home. These bells are to be rung throughout the liturgy and the hymns of the worship service on the first Sunday following Christmas. The ringing of bells during Christian worship is an ancient custom. We ring bells in obedience to God's command to "make a joyful noise," as a sign that something supernatural is happening in our midst, and as a way to celebrate the defeat of evil through the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. You are encouraged to ring your bells every time you hear (or sing) Gloria, "Holy, holy, holy", Praise, or any reference to joy, bells, singing, ringing, angels, celebration, or Jesus Christ.

**Don't forget your Bells!**

## 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](http://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 @ [alanhinkle@comcast.net](mailto:alanhinkle@comcast.net)

## Treasurer's Report

*October 31, 2017 (For the Year 2017)*

	Holy Trinity Ministries	Wider Church
<b>Year to date received for current income</b>	\$ 337,801.10	\$ 41,566.69
<b>Carry over from 2016</b>	\$0.00	\$ 16,568.30
<b>Expenses paid to date</b>	\$ 351,294.29	\$ 39,851.96
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) 2015</b>	(\$13,493.19)	\$ 18,283.03

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

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

Congratulations and God's blessings on Peter & Hannah Bednarczyk on the birth of their second daughter **Blair Rose**  
**November 7, 2017**

Weighing 8 lbs., 6 oz., and 18" long

Big sister Harper and grandparents Tina and Joe couldn't be happier!



**Please remember your Church in your will.**



## It's that time of year again!

Holy Trinity will begin the drive to stock the shelves of the Martin Luther-Silver Springs Positive Behavior store

Beginning Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> the Christmas tree will be out in the Narthex and wrapped presents will be available for everyone to take home. Within the wrapped present are the typical suggestions for purchase such as: stuffed animals, basketball and footballs, puzzles, crayons and coloring books, board games and card games. The wish list from Martin Luther-Silver Springs also included some more expensive options that may be a perfect match for some members of the congregation. If any member is interested in giving one of these items, please contact Ann Frey at any time. These items are not under the tree with the other suggestions, but are still welcomed throughout this collection.

Merry Christmas!

Ella Murphy

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## *Advent Vespers service* *Sunday, December 10 at 5 p.m.*



\* As in all Vespers services incense will be used \*

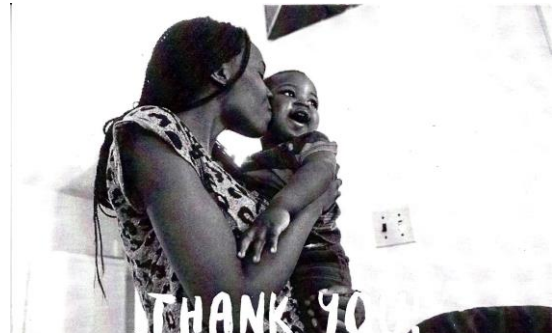


## NOTES OF THANKS



Thank you for your recent gift to Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission from Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. It will make such a difference in the lives of homeless people in need. Thanksgiving is just around the corner and we are hard at work to ensure everyone is taken care of on this special day. None of this is possible without faithful partners like you!

Sincerely, Rosalyn Forbes, Director of Development



November 6, 2017

Dear Holy Trinity,

On October 1, Christ's Home completed 114 years of continuous service to disadvantaged children. And, we've been serving senior adults since 1923. God has been faithful to sustain Christ's Home through all of these years.

During this season of Thanksgiving, we want to take a moment to say THANK YOU for your financial gifts to Christ's Home. Your support is vital in helping Christ's Home achieve its Mission each and every day.

Thank you for your support. Please know that we are grateful for your partnership and thank the Lord for you. May His blessing be with you during this Thanksgiving season.

Gratefully, on behalf of the children and seniors we serve,  
John Bryant  
CEO







A Home for Single Mothers and Children

November 15, 2017

Rev. Dr Michael Tavella, D.Min  
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Women's Group  
2086 Parkview Avenue  
Abington, PA 19001

Dear Rev. Tavella,

Thank you and your congregation so much for your very generous contribution of \$1,500.00 to the Cradle of Hope. 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, Keyanna, works part-time in a nursing home. She recently completed home health aide training. A former mother, Shayron, graduated with her bachelor's degree in social work in December. These mothers are examples of young women making investments in the future by providing stability, security, 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. On May 7, 2017, we celebrated the Cradle of Hope's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Thank you for joining us in this work.

Sincerely,

Rachel Mullelly  
Program Coordinator, Cradle of Hope

Board Members: Sydney Boone, Eileen Britton, Cornell Davis, 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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## Why are Poinsettias the Flower of Christmas?

Bright, flaming red, star-shaped Poinsettias are known as “The Flower of the Holy Night” or the “Flame Leaf Christmas Star” in the United States.

One of the most popular flowers in Central America, it was brought here by Dr. Joel Poinsett, the first US ambassador to Mexico, over 100 years ago. The legend of the Poinsettia also comes from Mexico and explains how this flower came to represent the deep love of innocent hearts shown, by poor children, for the Baby Jesus.

Once upon a time, two very poor children lived in a village in Mexico. They were a brother and sister named Maria and Pablo. Just like all the other children in the village, Maria and Pablo looked forward to the special Christmas parade and the annual Nativity play. During this Nativity play, a large manger scene was set up in the village church. All the children of the village marched in the Christmas parade to bring their presents to the Baby Jesus on Christmas Eve.

Maria and Pablo loved Jesus and the season of His birth very much, but they had no money to buy a gift for Him. That evening as they walked to join the other children in the Christmas parade, they took the long route in hopes that they might be able to find some flower blossoms to lay before the manger of the Christ Child. But they couldn't find any.

Although they were sad at heart and quite disheartened by their poverty, they picked the prettiest green leaves they could find, squared their shoulders, and joined the parade of children. The other children teased them cruelly for bringing “weeds” to the Christ Child, yet Pablo and Maria braved their way to the Nativity Scene, knelt in worship, and placed the greenery carefully around the manger. As the children lifted their heads, a miracle occurred. Bright red star-shaped flowers burst forth from the greens and were the most beautiful of all the gifts that the Christ Child had received that day.

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## **Poinsettia Order for Christmas Eve** **Deadline - December 17, 2017**

\_\_\_ Red Poinsettias @ \$10.00 apiece      \_\_\_ White Poinsettias @ \$10.00 apiece

Amount enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Dedicate or memorialize as follows (if desired):

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Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope Number (If known) \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose order and payment in small pew envelope marked “Poinsettias” and place in offering plate.

Make checks payable to: Holy Trinity

## The LCW Winter Collection begins now...

If you find yourself out early Christmas shopping, we pray you can join us in our support of the Trinitarian Nuns at Mother Boniface Spirituality Center.

Both our Men's & Women's groups  
have held retreats there since 1996.



We are collecting: **NEW & IN THE ORIGINAL PACKAGING**

Twin bed sheets, twin mattress covers, pillows, bath towels and wash clothes.  
The collection basket will be in the Narthex after Christmas.

*Life Celebration by Givnish*

Cordially invites you to participate in our 14<sup>th</sup> Annual

### *Memorial Tree Service*

**Tuesday, December 5, 2017**

**6:30 PM – Registration**

**7:00 PM – Service**

**Craft-Givnish of Abington, Inc.**

**1801 Old York Road**

**Abington, PA 19001**

**(215) 659 – 2000**

Families who have lost a loved one in recent years will be given the opportunity to place an Ornamental Dove, which carries the name of your love one on the tree.

RSVP requested

Refreshments will be served following the service.





At Annual Meeting this year, **Sunday, January 28, 2018** 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.



## To All Committee Chairpersons

If you haven't already, please submit your Annual Report to Deb in the

## LCW 2018 RETREAT

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9 THROUGH SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2018**

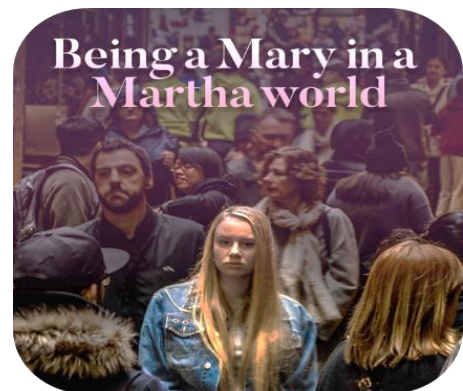
**WHERE:** The Mother Boniface Spirituality Retreat Center

**RETREAT LEADER:** Barbara Abramek

**COST:** \$150 per person

(Scholarships available; see Joy Alderfer)

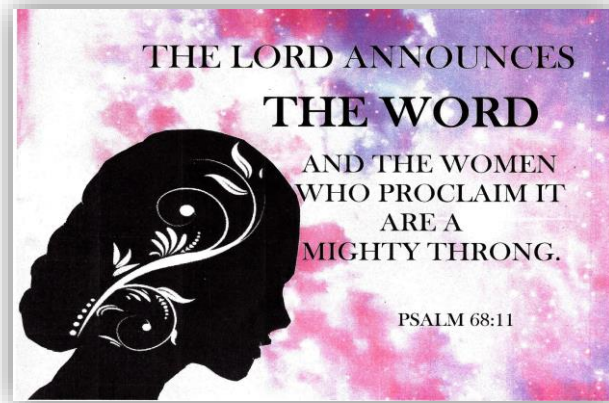
**Deposits due asap, balance due by Jan. 9, 2018**



(Checks made out to HTLCW; payment can be given to Joy Alderfer or your circle leader)



# Lutheran Church Women's Circle Bible Study



## December Topic Gratitude with A Twist

We all tend to believe that we have a good grasp of gratitude. We have all felt thankful at various times in our lives and maybe even have adopted a daily practice of thanking God for at least one or more blessings. As women of Holy Trinity, we are to keep a special place where we deposit a financial gift every time we feel thankful for what God has done in our lives, whether that be healing a loved one, seeing us home safely from travels, and so on. That becomes our semi-annual Thank Offering that we send out to help and support others. **And please note, if you did not hand in your thank offering**

grow and respond to God. These are usually people who are not easy to be around. **But at the November general meeting following the shoe box packing party, please do so at your December circles or give it to Joy Alderfer.**

Ingratitude is the opposite of gratitude. If we are ungrateful, we refuse to acknowledge and respond to what Christ has done for us. It is possible for people who say they follow Jesus to do little with their faith and remain in the ways of the world. Some people appear to refuse to what about receiving with joy and gratitude. Don't we sometimes have difficulty being good receivers of good gifts. What does Christ have to say about this? Come learn more at our December circle gatherings when we discuss Gratitude with A Twist!

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 LCW President Janice Donnelly (267) 679 - 9343 or church secretary Deb Mumford (215) 659 - 2642.

(See Circle listings on the next page)

# ★ DECEMBER CIRCLES ★

Here is the listing of the Circles, when and where they meet in December, and the Circle leader with contact information. Do not hesitate to contact a Circle leader to find out more about an individual Circle.

**Sarah Circle - Thursday, December 7 at 12:00 pm** at the home of Linda Cassady  
10 Carosal Lane, Willow Grove (215) 657 - 4636

**Miriam Circle - Monday, December 11 at 12:30 pm** in the SS Peter & Andrew Study  
Leader: Sandy Schmidt (215) 657-5065 [sandyschmidt19001@yahoo.com](mailto:sandyschmidt19001@yahoo.com)

**Hannah Circle - Monday, December 11 at 6:30 pm** at the home of Maryann Leventhal  
509 Preston Lane, Hatboro (215) 441-0224  
Leader: Marilyn Murphy (610) 304-7601 [mvetal4@verizon.net](mailto:mvetal4@verizon.net)

**Ruth Circle - Wednesday, December 13 at 7:30 pm** at home of Audrey Ruddy  
2545 Martin Road, Willow Grove (215) 659-3157  
Leader: Nancy Necker (215) 884-2123 [nnecker52@gmail.com](mailto:nnecker52@gmail.com)

**Eve Circle - Thursday, December 14 at 6:30 pm** in the SS Peter & Andrew Study  
Potluck dinner & Pollyanna game.  
Leader: Sharon Koch (215) 355-7875 [sharonkoch1304@gmail.com](mailto:sharonkoch1304@gmail.com)

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**The holidays are upon us**  
so if you have started to think  
about shopping, remember  
Giant Cards make great gifts.

I have a small number of cards on hand,  
but will be happy to order whatever you need.

See Joy Alderfer for cards or orders.



HTLCW receive 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 an LCW related function for any church women who may want to attend but may need some financial assistance.



# Coram Deo

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

## December 2017

December 4 - *Jude the Obscure* by Thomas Hardy

December 11- Two short stories

"*The Man Who Would be King*" by Rudyard Kipling

"*The Toys of Peace*" by Saki



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## Annual Ecumenical Event

During the

*Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*

**Thursday, January 18 at 7:30 PM**

The Confession of Saint Peter at  
**Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**

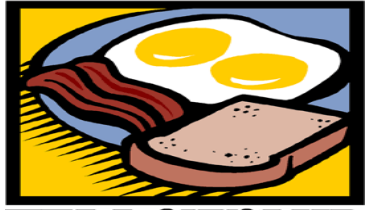
**"The Challenge of Secular Humanism"**

The Rev. Anthony Janton and  
The Rev. Dr. Michael Tavella speaking.





**BREAKFAST**



**FELLOWSHIP**

## Adult Christian Breakfast Fellowship

*(All Adults Young & Old are invited)*

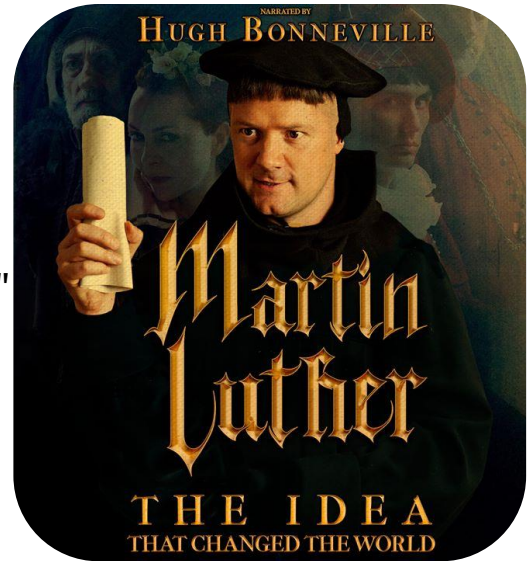
When: **Saturday, December 2, 2017**

Time: 9:00 AM

Topic: New PBS film

"Martin Luther, the Idea That Changed the World."

Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Michael G. Tavella



Join us for breakfast & fellowship.

\*We will be taking a break for January & February but will reconvene in March of 2018 \*

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## New Bible Study



**Get Started  
With The  
Gospel of Mark**

All are welcome to participate in a new Bible Study which will explore **the Gospel of Mark** at 10:30 a.m. Sunday mornings in Fellowship Hall.

The study will start on **January 7** and continue for **5 weeks**.

Since our Gospel readings in our worship this year will be primarily from St. Mark, this is a good opportunity to dig a bit deeper into what is believed to be the earliest Gospel in the New Testament. Pastor Guenzel will be leading this study.

Please join us!



# Youth Ministry

All events are on SUNDAY unless otherwise noted



**December 3, 2017 5 - 7 PM**

*Sons of Thunder* Youth & friends are invited

Sanctuary Christmas Trees Decorating  
& Christmas Gift Exchange Game

Join us on the first Sunday of Advent  
to help decorate the trees in the Sanctuary

Bring a wrapped gift (gift limit \$10)  
& participate Christmas gift exchange gam



Don't miss out on the annual presentation of  
**Tucker's Tales Puppet Show**  
Sunday, December 10, 2017

**New Time: 11:30 a.m.**



Where: In the Sanctuary

Followed by Lunch Bunch where we will call out for pizza.



# December Worship Assistants Schedule



## December 3

Usher 2	Greeter	The Schied Family	Presenters of Gifts	The Brown Family
Count 4	Acolyte	Jayden Butler		
Christophers Chris Quici	Crucifer	Rob Ischinger		
Prayer Sherry Breslin Team	Lector- Sat	George Powell	Communion Assistants	Charlie Tolton and Jean Raiguel
	Sun	Betsy Zimmermann	Setup	Maryann Leventhal

## December 10

Usher 3	Greeter	The Ischinger family	Presenters of Gifts	Jim & Nancy Necker, and Linda Frezza
Count 1	Acolyte	Gia Berkovitz		
Christophers Mike Breslin	Crucifer	Ken Tredinnick		
Prayer Kathy Ingerson Team	Lector- Sat	Linda Cassady	Communion Assistants	Jim and Nancy Necker
	Sun	Linda Bell-Powell	Setup	Tina Bednarczyk

## December 17

Usher 4	Greeter	Jim and Nancy Necker	Presenters of Gifts	Sherry Breslin, Dani Rowley, Deb Mumford
Count 2	Acolyte	Elli Nilsen		
Christophers Sue Tolton	Crucifer	William Breslin		
Prayer Sue Tolton Team	Lector- Sat	Katie Beyer	Communion Assistants	Ann Frey and Eric Gregg
	Sun	Kevan Berkovitz	Setup	Sue Tolton

## December 24

Usher 9:00 a.m. 5 7:30 p.m. 3	Greeter	Don and Linda Borkowski	Presenters of Gifts	9:00 Ann Frey and Charlie & Sue Tolton 7:30 The Ickler Family
Count 3	Acolyte	9:00 Ryan Schied		
Christophers Deb Mumford	Crucifer	9:00 Charlie Tolton	Communion Assistants	9:00 Linda Borkowski Charlie Tolton
Prayer Team Nancy Ischinger	Lector			
Sat. 5 p.m. George Powell 9:00 a.m. Jody Cheeseborough	Acolyte	7:30 Elli Nilsen		
7:30 p.m. Eric Gregg	Crucifer	7:30 Jared Ickler	Communion Assistants	7:30 Frank & Erica Ganthier

## December 31





Usher 1	Greeter	Al and Pam Eisenmann	Presenters of Gifts	The Schied Family
Count 4	Acolyte	Hannah Mumford		
Christophers Nancy Necker	Crucifer	Kevan Berkovitz		
Prayer Deb Mumford Team	Lector- Sat	Linda Cassady	Communion Assistants	Kevan Berkovitz and Allan Shikhvarg
	Sun	Linda Borkowski	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](mailto:secretary@holyltrinity.net)

Called to *Serve*



# DECEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Special Dates:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ First Sunday of Advent, <i>December 3, 2017</i></li> <li>♦ Second Sunday of Advent, <i>December 10, 2017</i></li> <li>♦ Third Sunday of Advent, <i>December 17, 2017</i></li> <li>♦ Fourth Sunday of Advent, <i>December 24, 2017</i></li> <li>♦ Christmas Eve, <i>December 24, 2017</i></li> <li>♦ Christmas Day, <i>December 25, 2017</i></li> <li>♦ New Year's Eve/ Watch Night, <i>December 31, 2017</i></li> </ul>					<b>1</b>  7:30 AA	<b>2</b> <b>9:00 Adult Breakfast Fellowship</b>  5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
<b>3 ADVENT 1</b> 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult  <i>First Sunday in Advent</i> 5-7 SOT Youth Group	<b>4</b> 6-8:30 Jr. Girl Scouts 7:30 Coram Deo 7:30 Women's Prayer Group	<b>5</b> 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 Compline	<b>6</b> 7:30 Council	<b>7</b> 12:00 Sarah Circle at the home of Linda Cassady 6:30 Handbell Choir 7:00 Men's Group 8:00 Chancel Choir	<b>8</b> 7:30 AA	<b>9</b> 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
<b>10 ADVENT 2</b> 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 11:30 Tucker's Tales Puppet Show and Lunch Bunch 5:00 Advent Vespers	<b>11</b> 12:30 Miriam Circle 6:30 Hannah Circle at the home of Maryann Leventhal. 6-8:30 Jr. Girl Scouts 7:30 Coram Deo	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 7:00 Evangelism 7:30 Ruth Circle at the home of Audrey Ruddy	<b>14</b> 6:30 Eve Circle Potluck dinner 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	<b>15</b> 7:30 AA	<b>16</b> 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
<b>17 ADVENT 3</b> 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 11:00 Carol Sing and Cookies	<b>18 SHOP &amp; COOK AIDS DINNER</b> 6-7:30 Jr. Girl Scouts	<b>19 DELIVER AIDS DINNER</b>	<b>20</b> 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	<b>21</b> 	<b>22</b> 7:30 AA	<b>23</b> 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
<b>24 Christmas</b> 9:00 Holy Communion  <b>SERVICE 7:30</b>	<b>25 OFFICE CLOSED</b> 	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 7:30 AA	<b>30</b> 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA

**31 Bell Sunday**  
9:00 Holy Communion



Merry Christmas



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"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

**Proverbs 3:5-6**

Happy New Year

