February, 2017

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Worship Services

Saturday at 5 pm Sunday at 9 am (Sunday Church School at 10:30 am)

Holy Communion

Saturday evening, Sunday morning & Festival Days

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

From the Pastors

Dear Parish Family,

We have now entered upon the year of the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. On October 31, 1517, the Augustinian monk, Martin Luther, sent his 95 Theses (Disputation on the Power of Indulgences) to Albrecht, Archbishop of Mainz and primate of Germany. On that same day, it is said that Luther nailed them to All Saints' Church door in Wittenberg, Saxony. The *Theses* were meant to be items for formal disputation - an event/events that never occurred regarding the selling of indulgences.

These indulgences, issued by the Pope to build the new Saint Peter's Basilica and to help pay off the debt of Archbishop Albrecht of Mainz, remitted temporal punishment for sin and released souls from purgatory. They were promoted also as release from the guilt of sin. Dominican monk, John Tetzel, hawked them outside the border of electoral Saxony where Luther taught.

The indulgence controversy led to Luther's excommunication and a movement that required the establishment of a separate church body. The Western Catholic Church broke into pieces. Not only the Evangelical (Lutheran) and Reformed Churches in Germany came into existence but also separated Churches in other lands.

What good is it to remind Lutherans of this history? First, it is always good to know history, for it has to do with our own past that is so much a part of who we are. Also, the past teaches us lessons and expands the horizons of the self. How small a world we live in if we do not know anything of human history, and in particular, the history of the Church. Finally, the Reformation is pertinent to us who practice the Lutheran Christian faith. We need to know our heritage for the purpose of understanding the doctrine and practice of the Evangelical (Lutheran) Church.

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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.



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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During this Reformation year, let us be intentional about striving to expand our knowledge and understanding of the great tradition we have inherited. This tradition is the catholic faith received through the storm and stress of the Evangelical Reform of the 16th century.

On our journey this year, we should ask some important questions: Why did the Reformation occur? What was at stake? What are the gains and losses of the Reformation? Are the gains greater? In what way should we communicate our evangelical concerns to our Roman Catholic sisters and brothers? How can we build greater understanding with them? How should we deal with the division of the Church? How can we promote unity in Christ? What can each individual Christian do to make a difference? Why is prayer important in this matter?

We hope that this year of commemoration will be an opportunity for you to increase your knowledge and commitment to Christ and His Church and help encourage you to promote greater understanding with Roman Catholics as well as give you an opportunity to articulate the great contributions made by the Lutheran Reform. To do this, we must listen carefully and respond in love.

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





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 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, come as you are able.
Questions contact Rosemary

Rosemaryhinkle@comcast.net 2017 Schedule

Feb. 6 & 20 March 6 & 20 April 3 & 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, Ambre, Amy, Barbara Jo, Betty, Bill, Bob, Bonnie, Brian, Brianna, Charlie, Chris, Cindy, Dave, David, Deb, Derek, Diana, Drew, Eda, Fima, Gene, George, Hannah, Harry, Heidi, Helen, Jason, Jean, Jeanne, Jennifer, John, Juwon, Ken, Kyle, Linda, Liz, Lorraine, Mae, Marylou, Megan, Mickey, Mindy, Nancy, Noreen, Samantha, Shelli, Solomon, Steve, Suzanne, Rich, Robert, Rudi, Teresa, Terry, Tyler, Vera, 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: Biehl, Eisenmann, Frame, Sears, Singrella, Yascoe, Zaroli.

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.

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.

"The Voice did not say: 'These are my beloved sons. For One only is the Son; others are adopted."

- St. Augustine

"Store up the Word of God as you would food. The Word of God is living bread, the food of the soul. Let it sink into your inmost heart and pass into your affection and way of life. Eat plentifully of it and your soul will rejoice."

- Bernard of Clairvaux

"I walked a mile with pleasure, she chatted all the way.

It left me none the wiser, for all she had to say. I walked a mile with sorrow and ne're a word said she, but oh the things I learned from her, when sorrow walked with me."

- Robert Browning Hamilton

"Go to church one a week and nobody pays attention.

Worship God seven days a week and you become strange."

- A. W. Tozer

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
CJ Hess
John Quici
Nathan Quinlan
Vikas Shah
Jonathan Skilton, MD

Please remember your Church in your will.

Thank You

NOTES OF THANKS

Familia Lohmeyer Apartado 1356 Santiago de los Caballeros Republica Dominicana

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ at Holy Trinity,

We are deeply grateful for all your prayers, encouragement, and for your continued support of the Lord's work to proclaim the Gospel in the Dominican Republic. We are excited that you are a part of this mission with us - THANK YOU! Merry Christmas! Many thanks for your support & prayers!

Your friends in our Risen Lord,

Bill Kinsten nivel





Dear Friends of the Holy Trinity Church family,

I was blessed recently by a generous gift to my ministry with Wycliffe from your church. Thank you so much for partnering with me as I serve missionary homeschooling families.

The Lord has allowed me to serve by relieving the parents of homeschooling responsibility for short periods. During that time they may do intense language study, work on a linguistic paper, or even just take some R & R.

I love working with the children, and am so happy to provide some "free" time to the parents. One of the wonderful things about teaching is that I continue to learn myself.

My health has been good - a gift from Him!

And I would be privileged to continue my service here in Mexico for an indefinite period - as He wills.

Thanks for being a part of my team.

Blessings,
Marge Krikorian
Itinerant Teacher with Wycliffe.



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January 13, 2017

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

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

Thank you again for your assistance in making Artman a truly special place. All of us here at Artman wish you and your families a joyful, bright, healthy, prosperous and happiest 2017.

Sincerely,

Katelyn McKinley

Director of Community Life









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

January 23, 2017

Dear Youth Group of Holy Trinity,

Holy Toledo, Holy Trinity!! The Youth came through again, filling our shelves with needed food items. Your contribution of 143.7 pounds of food in January was a real blessing to those who come to Inter-Faith for emergency food aid. We deeply appreciate your efforts.

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 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



Our Christian Sympathy to

Ingrid, Sylvia and Gerhard on the death of Bernhard Laemmle January 14, 2017 Beloved father

Psalm 112:6
"For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever."

Memorials have been received



Pastor Alvin O. Shiffer
Warren & Dolores Shinn
Robert & Margaret Stoeffler
Carl A. Musse
Katherine Cook
Mark Freas
Warren B. & Doris Shinn
Paul Hendricks
Margaret C. Phipps
Virginia Gregg

Save the Date!

Holy Trinity is hosting a Blood Drive &



Fri., Feb. 17, 2017
1:30 PM to 6:30 PM



Did you know...

- That every 2 seconds, someone in the US needs blood
- That every unit donated can save up to three lives
- That type O blood is the blood that hospitals request most
- That 16 year-olds can donate blood w/parent's permission
- That you can donate blood every 56 days

THE SATURDAY SEWING GROUP

Meets the third Saturday of the month

Saturday, February 18th 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!





Coram Deo

Living in the Presence of God

We meet in the Sts. Peter & 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

February 6: Letter from Birmingham Jail by Martin Luther King, Jr.

February 13: Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen

February 27: *The Power and the Glory* by Graham Greene

March 6: Boule de Suif by Guy de Maupassant

March 13: Major Barbara by George Bernard Shaw

March 27: *Temple of Air* by Patricia Ann McNair

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.



Lutheran Church Women's Circle Bible Study



FEBRUARY CIRCLES

James: Wisdom in Salvation

This month's focus in James takes us to the heart of his writing: how we view our faith and our actions and the vital connection between them that leads to our salvation. We will discuss what it means to be doers of the word and look closely at some of the exceedingly challenging situations God has called his followers to in Scripture. We will also consider the challenges we face in living our faith amidst cultural pressures and what it means and requires of us to express genuine faith by obeying God in actions.

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. Direct questions to LCW 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.

Ruth Circle - Wednesday, February 8 at 7:30 pm at home of Lois Hamilton 4121 Colony Drive, Hatboro, PA 19040 (215) 672-1237

Leader: Nancy Necker (215) 884-2123 <u>nnecker52@gmail.com</u>

Sarah Circle - Thursday, February 9 at 12:00 pm in the SS Peter & Andrew Study

Eve Circle - Thursday, February 9 at 7:30 pm in the SS Peter & Andrew Study Leader: Sue Tolton (215) 659-7054 **suetolton@comcast.net**

Miriam Circle - Monday, February 13 at 12:30 pm in the SS Peter & Andrew Study Leader: Ruth McCandless (215) 682-2034 <u>ruthmccandless4@gmail.com</u>

Hannah Circle - Wednesday, February 15 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

For a time of refreshing & fellowship

More information to come...

SHARE YOUR LOVE THIS VALENTINE'S DAY

We love because

He first loved us
1 John 4:19

One of the ways that we share our love with our families is by providing the necessities for them.

This Valentine's Day let's share our love with our brothers & sisters around the world by providing Health Kits for Lutheran World Relief.

The Blue Basket is now in the Narthex prayerfully consider donating the following items:

- * Bath Towels
- * Soap
- Toothbrushes
- Combs
- Nail Clippers





Lutheran World Relief SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. LASTING PROMISE.

Giant Gift Cards - A great way to shop!

Whether you are purchasing for yourself or as a gift the LCW makes it easy and convenient! Plus our program is a wonderful fundraising tool as the LCW receives a 5% cash back for each card sold!

This money goes to our scholarship fund which is utilized to offset the cost of any LCW related function

for any church women who may want to attend but need financial assistance.



See Joy Alderfer for purchase or orders.

The Social Ministry Committee of

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church



If anyone knows of someone in the military deployed overseas Please have them contact Cindy Biehl at **cindybiehl@msn.com** Or (267) 475- 5435 and we will add them to our list.

There is a need for donated items such as:

- Full size tooth brushes & toothpaste
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Body wash & deodorant
- Foot & body powder
- Baby wipes & sunscreen
- Non-perishable food & snacks
- In addition, small toys, games & crafts as well as books & magazines are always welcome

The cost of shipping packages is anywhere from \$700 - \$1,000 so we are always grateful for monetary donations!



There is a box in the Narthex that is checked before the shipments are made.

We do shipments ever couple of month

So donations & names are always welcome!



Men's Devotional Group

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

They meet the second Thursday of every month.

Join us **Thursday**, **February 9**th **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.

New Bible Study



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

Study begins on Sunday, February 12th and will run for 8 weeks

Since our Gospel Readings in our worship this year will be primarily from Saint Matthew this is a good opportunity to dig a bit deeper into the first Gospel of the New Testament. Pastor Guenzel will be the leader. Please join us!

2017 Youth Ministry

All events are on SUNDAY unless otherwise noted

February 12, 2017 Lunch Bunch 11:30 AM
Call out for hoagies

Today's Theme: Doing Lent as a Family

Today's Story: Daniel in the Lion's Den

Today's Craft: Dare to Be like Daniel

* Sign up to carry Alleluia Banners on Transfiguration Sunday *

February 19, 2017 5:00 – 7:00 PM SOT Youth Group





Ash Wednesday Soup Supper- All Invited

Wednesday, March 1st

(prior to the Service)

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

2 homemade soups, salad, bread

& beverages will be provided.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex

A free will offering will be taken.

Followed by...





2017 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2017



WRITTEN BY THE WOMEN OF THE PHILIPPIANS

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide, ecumenical movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year.

Look for more information in the upcoming March Echoes



YOUR CAR...YOUR MARRIAGE BOTH RUN SMOOTHER WITH A TUNE UP!

Attention Married Couples

So you've done maintenance for your car—how about your marriage? Make 2017 the year you decide to attend a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend to learn how to make your marriage a more intimate, loving, Christian union.

Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends run from Friday night at 8 PM to Sunday around 5 PM and have been enriching marriages of couples of all ages for 40 years! In addition to the \$100 per couple registration fee, you will be given an opportunity near the end of the weekend to make a confidential contribution of whatever amount you wish toward the continuation of the program. Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included.

The 2017 Pennsylvania Weekends are:



State College, PA
March 24, 2017 @ 8:00 pm - March 26, 2017 @ 5:00 pm
Toftrees Resort & Conference Center.

Lancaster, PA
April 28, 2017 @ 8:00 pm - April 30, 2017 @ 5:00 pm
The Heritage Hotel.



Canadensis, PA Sept. 15, 2017 @ 8:00 pm – Sept. 17, 2017 @ 5:00 pm Spruce Lake Retreat Center.

Registrations are limited, so act today to ensure that you can attend the Weekend of your choice.

To sign up online, go to: www.GodLovesMarriage.org
pay the registration fee using your credit card or mark the option to mail in a check
For questions or if you would like a brochure mailed to you contact
Pennsylvania Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter
Fred & Julie Schamber at 724-325-3166 or email: fjschamber@comcast.net



February Worship Assistants Schedule



February 5		
Usher 3	Greeter Allan Shikhvarg and Charlie Tolton	Presenters of Al & Pam Eisenmann Gifts and Ruth McCandless
Count 1	Acolyte Hannah Mumford	l
Christophers Chris Quici	Crucifer Rob Ischinger	
Prayer Deb Mumford Team	Lay Reader- Sat Linda Cassa	ady Communion Jim & Nancy Necker Assistants
	Sun Nancy Berk	ovitz Setup Maryann Leventhal
February 12		
Usher 4	Greeter Al & Pam Eisenman	n Presenters of Maryann Leventhal and Gifts Marilynn & Eleanor Murphy
Count 2	Acolyte Elli Nilsen	
Christophers Mike Breslin	Crucifer Conor Breslin	
Prayer Barbara Harvey Team	Lay Reader- Sat George Power	ell Communion Frank & Erica Ganther Assistants
	Sun Linda Bork	owski Setup Tina Bednarczyk
February 19		
Usher 5	Greeter George & Sandra Po and Karen McGove	
Count 3	Acolyte Ryan Schied	
Christophers Sue Tolton	Crucifer Matthew Schied	
Prayer Sherry Breslin Team	Lay Reader-Sat Clem McLaugh	hlin Communion Maryann Leventhal Assistants and Deb Mumford
	Sun Stephen Brow	n Setup Sue Tolton
February 26		
Usher 1	Greeter John & Anita Ickle	Presenters of The Nilsen Family Gifts
Count 4	Acolyte Audrey Brown	
Christophers Deb Mumford	Crucifer Eleanor Murphy	
Prayer Kathy Ingerson Team	Lay Reader- Sat Katie Beyer	Communion Linda Bell-Powell Assistants and Linda Frezza
	Sun Jody Cheesebo	orough 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@holytrinity.net





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	He love	ed	1	2	3	4	
-	us first		7:30 Council	6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	7:30 AA	5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA	
5 Epiphany 5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult	6 – 7:30 Jr. Girl Scouts 7:30 Women's Prayer Group 7:30 Coram Deo	Small Surrenders Class 7 PM 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 Compline	Caring Evangelism 7:00 – 9:30 7:00 Evangelism 7:30 Ruth Circle at the home of Lois Hamilton	12:00 Sarah Circle 6:30 Handbell Choir 7:00 Men's Group 7:30 Eve Circle 8:00 Chancel Choir	7:30 AA	5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA	
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	7:30 Coram Deo	8:30 Compline	7:30 Hannah Circle	8:00 Chancel Choir	7:30 AA	5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA	
19 Epiphany 7 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult	20 SHOP & COOK AIDS DINNER OFFICE CLOSED Presidents Day 6 - 7:30 Jr. Girl	DELIVER AIDS DINNER Small Surrenders Class 7 PM	Caring Evangelism	23	24	25	
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Transfiguration 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School		Carall Common dana	Special Dates: *African-American History Month				

Special Dates:

Small Surrenders

7:30 Bible Study

8:30 Compline

Class 7 PM

6 - 7:30 Jr. Girl Scouts

7:30 Coram Deo

10:30 Sunday School

Pre-K thru Adult

- *African-American History Month
- * Boy Scout Sunday, February 5, 2017
- * Valentine's Day, February 14, 2017
- * President's Day, February 20, 2017
- * Transfiguration of Our Lord, February 26, 2017

