

HOLY TRINITY

Evangelical Lutheran Church

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The Rev. Dr. Michael G. Tavella

The Rev. N. Amanda Grimmer

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Lutheran Church*

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Worship Services

Saturday at 5 pm

Sunday at 9 am

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

Holy Communion

Saturday evening, Sunday morning
& Festival Days

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

From the Pastors

Dear Parish Family,

We have now come to the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. On October 31, 1517 Martin Luther, an Augustinian monk, nailed Ninety-five Theses for debate on the Castle Church (All Saints' Church) door of Wittenberg in Electoral Saxony, a princely state in the Holy Roman Empire (Germany).

The ultimate result was a split in the Western Church. Was this break in the Church worth the gains? The Reformation of Luther put front and center the doctrine of justification that taught that by grace through faith we are justified and reconciled to God. We have contributed nothing to our salvation. Christ alone by His death and resurrection did all the work.

Luther directed his criticism at the penitential system of the time including the payment for indulgences whereby one receives remission from purgatory and can pay to have relatives already there gain an exit from it.

An outcry in Rome and elsewhere concerning Luther's position led to his excommunication in the Papal Bull *Decet Romanum Pontificem* ("It befits the Roman Pontiff") in 1521. Luther burned Pope Leo's warning to him in *Exsurge Domine* the year before.

Luther eventually left the monastery. During the years following Pope Leo's bull, the Evangelical Church emerged. The Council of Trent of the Roman Catholic Church that began meeting before Luther's death entrenched itself against the thinking of Luther and the Lutheran Reformation. After years of deliberation of this Council hopes for reunification faded to oblivion.

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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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Luther wrote prolifically—sermons, lectures, and treatises. Justification by faith was always his central concern. In the *Heidelberg Disputation* we first heard of his theology of the cross.

Today the Church is divided as it has been for five-hundred years. In America hundreds and hundreds of church bodies exist. Was the Reformation worth it? If one weighs the Gospel against unity, the Gospel should be preferred. In the mean time we extend the hand of friendship to our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters and continue the dialogue, hopefully increasing understanding and unity. Again this January we will meet with the pastor and people of Our Lady Help of Christians for dialogue and fellowship.

For now, we celebrate the Reformation. Join us on Sunday, October 29, Reformation Sunday for a beautiful morning service and for a concert at 3:00 PM.

Happy Reformation!

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

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REFORMATION
1517 ✠ 2017
REFORMATION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 29, 2017



Healing Prayer Ministry

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

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



† Women's Prayer Group

The Holy Trinity Women's Prayer Group meets the **1st & 3rd Mondays** of each month. We gather at **7:30 pm** in the room over Rosemary Hinkle's garage. (See church directory for phone # and address)

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

Every woman is welcome, please come as you are able.

Questions contact Rosemary @ RosemaryHinkle@comcast.net

2017 Schedule

Oct. 2 & 16

Nov. 6 & 20

Dec dates TBD

Prayer List



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

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

The families of the members Holy Trinity together with those they love, including:

Adelaide, Alayna, Albert, Alena, Alex, Alma, Amanda, Ambre, Amy, Andrew, Annura, Art, Arthur, Barb, Barbara, Barbara Jo, Baby Hudson, Baby Peszek, Ben, Betty, Beverly, 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, Howard, Howie, Isabel, Jackson, Jamie, Jane, Janice, Jason, Jean, Jeanne, Jeff, Jen, Jennifer, Jim, Joe, John, Joshua, Judy, Justin, Juwon, Kate, Katie, Kayla, Ken, Kevin, Kim, Kyle, Laura, Leon, Lewis, Lillian, Linda, Lisa, Liz, Lois, Lorraine, Luddy, Mae, Maggie, Major Chapman, Marcia, Margaret, Margie, Maria, Marissa, Martha, Mary, Maryanne, Marylou, Matthew, Mayet, Mayka, Megan, Mercedes, Michele, Mickey, Mikayla, Mildred, Milt, Mina, 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, Steve, Susan, Suzanne, Tara, Teresa, Terry, Thuy, Tiffani, Toni, Tony, Tricia G., Trina, Tyler, Vera, Vicki, Wanda, Warren, Wayne, William, Yvonne, Xavier.

Please pray for the following families: Andreassen, Barnes, Barndt, Bell, Biehl, Blakes, Bows, Boyer, Browne, Burns, Butler, Cannan, Christmann, Clarke, Cuniff, Dawson, Del Vecchio, Detweiler, Doherty, Donovan, Drobish, Eisenmann, Eley, Englebert, Engelke, Eten, Frame, Freeman, Frezza, Gorman, Gross, Hesser, Hoffnagle, Hopfner, Houser, Ingerson, Javardian, Kam, Kehoe, Kennard, Kennedy, Kopycinski, Kurpiel, Lopez, Love, Lynch, Malloy, McDonnell, McGuire, McManus, Means, Milks, Novak, Parker, Pederson, Peszek, Powell, Raiguel, Rhinebeck, Rosenbaum, Sasso, Sauerman, Scaliese, Schmidt, Sears, Seibert, Shenberger, Shields, Singrella, Smith, Staedtler, 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 and that He would please send workers into the Harvest.

For all who are chronically ill and/or shut-in. For all who are fighting addiction to drugs and alcohol.

For the sick and the grieving.

For all congregations of the NALC.

For all travelers and for the dying.

For the military and their families.

The unemployed, the underemployed & the uninsured, especially those in our own families.

All Caregivers, rescue workers, doctors, nurses, firefighters, EMTs,

For the members of the Mekane Yesus Lutheran Church in Ethiopia, and for the Nifas Silk Congregation.

For our sister congregations: Nifas Silk in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and First Lutheran in Kirkland Illinois.

For all Christians who are being persecuted for the faith throughout the world.

For the victims of rains, wildfires, earthquakes, hurricanes; for favorable weather & 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.

Support Us

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

Treasurer's Report

August 31, 2017 (For the Year 2017)

	Holy Trinity Ministries	Wider Church
Year to date received for current income	\$ 271,156.61	\$ 31,267.39
Carry over from 2016	\$ 0.00	\$ 16,568.30
Expenses paid to date	\$ 285,878.60	\$ 32,197.43
Surplus/(Deficit) 2017	(\$14,721.99)	\$ 15,638.26

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

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

- Francis of Assisi

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

- Martin Luther

"I see nothing in Scripture except Christ crucified."

- Martin Luther



Please remember your Church in your will.

Join us in celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation!

Reformation Sunday Concert

Sunday, October 29, 2017, 3:00 PM



Musica Concordia

with string trio, brass quintet, and organ

Jacqueline Smith, director

Music of J. S. Bach, Buxtehude, Mendelssohn, and festive hymn settings

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

2086 Parkview Ave., Abington, PA 19001

free-will offering

reception follows

for further information, please call (215) 659-2642 or visit online at holytrinity.net

Written by Pastor Gerald A. Miller
from Duty and Delight Stewardship Program
introduced at the NALC 2017 Convocation.



Two Important Words

When it comes to words and what they describe, few are more important than "**duty**" and "**delight**". To be sure, most of us have thought about both more than once. But most of us would also benefit if we gave them some further attention.

This is especially true if we hear these words describing two important motivators in our lives before God. Webster's Dictionary defines "motive" as "something (as a need or desire) that causes a person to act". So, what is it that motivates us, and what role, if any, is played by duty and delight?

Two Different Things

"Duty" has to do with what is "owed", with "obligatory tasks, conduct or service", with "moral or legal obligations." In a now-famous speech

to The Corps of Cadets at West Point, General Douglas MacArthur once said:

"Duty, Honor, Country -- those three hallowed words reverently dictate what you ought to be, what you can be and what you will be."

West Point, New York, May 12, 1962

Duty has to do with "ought" and "should".

Although it begins with the same letter of the alphabet, the word "delight" describes something different. Delight is things that "bring the greatest pleasure," that "offer the highest joy." Delight isn't defined by what is owed, but rather by what is truly enjoyed at the deepest possible level.

Listen to a vocalist or musician, and one can sometimes tell whether what's being offered comes simply from a duty pursued or from a deep sense of personal delight.

Both Are Addressed in Scripture

Both duty and delight are referenced repeatedly in Scripture. But there is one surprise in this repetition. Contrary to what we may think, the Biblical words for "delight" are found far more frequently than the Biblical words for "duty". To some extent, this frequency depends on the translation one is reading and on how certain Hebrew and Greek words are rendered. But, when it comes to the two English words themselves, for every occurrence of the word, "duty", there are approximately seven occurrences of the word "delight". Is that merely coincidental, or important for us to note?

Biblical Examples of "Delight"

As mentioned, for every Biblical occurrence of the word "**duty**", there are approximately seven occurrences of the word "**delight**". Of these, roughly half speak to instances of God's own delight, especially in His own called servants. The other half speak to instances of human delight, especially human delight in God and the ways of God.

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DUTY AND DELIGHT

Stewardship Thoughts for October

Written by Pastor Gerald A. Miller
from Duty and Delight Stewardship Program
introduced at the NALC 2017 Convocation.



Examples of God's own delighting:

In Proverbs 8: 29-31, the Wisdom of God is described as God's delight (Hebrew "shaashuim") and as something **delighting** in God's human creation:

*"...when He marked out the foundations of the earth, the I (Wisdom, cf. 8:1,12) was beside Him, like a master workman, and I was daily His delight, rejoicing before Him always, rejoicing in His inhabited world and **delighting** in the children of man."*

Many understand this "Wisdom" in Proverbs 8 as a reference to Christ Himself, "the first-born of all creation: through Whom "all things were created: (cf. Colossians 1: 15-16).

Numbers 14:8, Joshua and Caleb proclaim:
*"If the Lord **delights** (Hebrew "chaphets") in us, He will bring us into the land and give it to us, a land that flows with milk and honey."*

In Psalm 18:19, David writes:
*"He brought me out into a broad place; He rescued me, because He **delighted** (Hebrew "chaphets") in me."*

In Isaiah 42:1, the prophet says of a coming chosen one:
*"Behold, my servant whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul **delights** (Hebrew "ratsah")..."*

In Micah 7:18, the prophet asks and then proclaims:
*"Who is God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of His inheritance? He does not retain His anger forever, because He **delights** (Hebrew "chaphets") in steadfast love."*

Examples of human delighting:

In Psalm 1: 1-2, the psalmist writes:
*"Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his **delight** (Hebrew: "chephets") is in the law of the Lord..."*

In Isaiah 58: 13-14, we read:
*"If you, call the Sabbath a **delight**...then you shall take **delight** (Hebrew: "anag") in the Lord, and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth;..."*

Again, the psalmist in Psalm 112:1 writes:
*"Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly **delights** (Hebrew: "chamad") in His commandments!"*

In Psalm 119: 47:
*"...for I find my **delight** (Hebrew: "shaa") in Your commandments which I love."*

And in Psalm 40: 8:
*"I **delight** (Hebrew: "chamad") to do Your will, O my God; Your law is within my heart."*

John Newton, author of the famous hymn "Amazing Grace", also authored another hymn with this verse:

"Our pleasure and our duty, though opposite before, since we have seen His beauty are joined to part no more."

Prayerfully give thought to whether you consider your financial participation in the life of Holy Trinity and it's ministries as a **duty** or a **delight**.

Stewardship Weekend will be November 11 & 12, 2017

What do we mean by the term *Stewardship*

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

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

Why should I return a *Pledge Card*? Can't I just put my offering in the offering plate at worship?

The church has many expenses for curriculum materials, heat, light, building upkeep, salaries, insurance and other things. These expenses must be budgeted in order that we may know what kind of program of worship, fellowship, education, music, evangelism and other parts of our witness can be carried out -- and what we can do for others. Unless our members decide in advance the amount they can give we can't plan an effective ministry.

What if I return a *Pledge Card* and then suffer financial reverses during the year that make it impossible to pay that amount?

The Church is the Body of Christ; it is not a loan company. If circumstances you did not foresee make it necessary to reduce or even cancel the amount you thought you could give, all you need to do is to tell God. True Christians also make adjustments upward when their incomes are increased or they receive unexpected additional income during the year.

Will I be solicited personally in my home?

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

Does this church talk about money all the time?

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

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

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

How much should I give? Did you know that Holy Trinity presently receives offerings from approximately 320 households. Of these, 240 households give \$1 - \$25 per week.

If each of these households were to increase their giving by \$2.00 per week, Holy Trinity would have \$20,000 more per year. The remaining 80 households give more than \$25 per week. If each of these households were to increase their giving by \$5.00 per week, we'd have another \$20~000. A small amount from many families would make a huge difference to Holy Trinity for next year's budget.

When is Stewardship Sunday?

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



Simply Giving

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

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

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

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

How much does this program cost?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

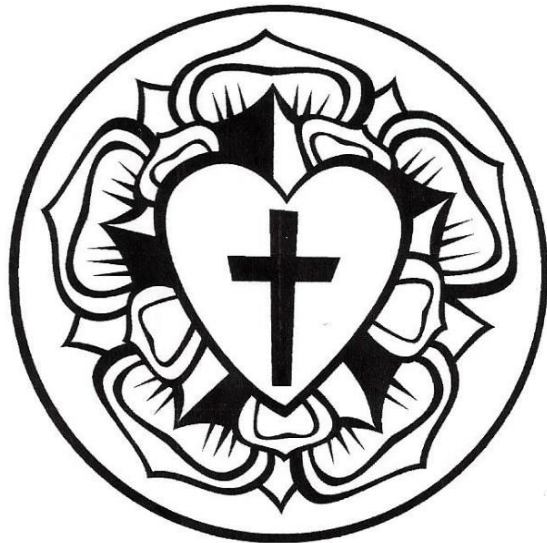
What are some banking advantages for using electronic fund transfers for church contributions?

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

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

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

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





NOTES OF THANKS

Dear Holy Trinity Family,

Once again, greetings from Southampton Estates. I appreciate so much Pastor Mandy bringing me Communion and Nancy Necker bringing me the beautiful Altar flowers.

What a privilege it is to belong to such a loving and caring congregation.

Thanks so much,
Dottie Gerlach.



Dear Holy Trinity Congregation,

Thank you to everyone for your generous response to the school supplies collection for the children at the People's Emergency Center. Special thanks to our packers John & Molly Cappel, Karen McGovern & Deb Mumford. The children will get off to a great start due to your generosity. Here's what we collected:

40 Composition books	5 rulers
20 packs of crayons	5 packs of erasers
18 pairs of scissors	4 Loose leaf books
16 Backpacks	3 folders
16 packs of pencils	3 packs of dividers
13 packs of glue sticks	2 pencil boxes
12 packs of pens	2 packs of index cards
11 spiral notebooks	2 packs of highlighters
9 packs of colored pencils	2 compass & protractors
9 Loose leaf paper packs	2 packs of markers
9 pencil sharpeners	1 dry erase marker set
7 calculators	1 White-out
	1 ream of copy paper

Thank you again,
Your Social Ministry Committee.



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

THANK YOU HOLY TRINITY!!!!!!!

Thank you to the many friends at Holy Trinity that surprised me with so many birthday cards! It was a pleasure to read them all (actually twice) and picture you as I read. I miss seeing you and attending services at Holy Trinity.

God's blessings on you all-
Howard Frey



September 12, 2017

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for all that you did to remember our 30th Anniversary as your pastors. We especially thank you for the cards, for the flowers, for the wonderful attendance, for all the kind words that were said and for those two lovely photos that were enlarged and given to us for our 30th anniversary as the pastors of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

We have hung the art-photo of Holy Trinity at Easter-time in our living room downstairs. We have hung the dual photo of both of us in chasubles in our Study upstairs. We will always treasure them both. That Ernie Koch, a member of our congregation took those photos makes them even more special.

We have been so honored, humbled, and grateful to have served God in your midst for these 30 years. I cannot imagine a better way for Mike and me to have spent our lives than as your pastors. Thank you so much for these 30 years.

Fondly,
Pastor Mandy



Congratulations to Milt and Elaine Kremer who celebrate their 72nd Wedding Anniversary on October 6, 2017

Milt Kremer wrote the following:

On the 6th of October 1945, Elaine and Milt were married at Holy Trinity, and are living healthy lifestyles at 92 Elaine, and 93 Milt.

They have been married 72 years and going strong.

They have been members of Holy Trinity longer than any other member still living. Elaine's family became members on Easter of 1941, and Milt became a member on December 2, 1945.

They now reside at Arbour Square in Harleysville (see new address announcement below), closer to their son David and his wife Beth.



Milt & Elaine Kremer
Arbour Square of Harleysville
Apt. #3109, 695 Main Street
Harleysville, PA 19438





September 2017

Dear Partners in Ministry,

It is with great joy that I thank you for your generous donation toward our PEACE Ministry program at Carson Simpson Farm Christian Camp. Above are some of the kids that you helped get to camp this summer. God has truly used you to make the dreams of kids a reality. He has also brought many children to himself this past summer as they learned to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with their God. CSF also provided transportation to all those who needed it. Words cannot express how grateful we are for your help.

Please continue to pray for this very important ministry that God has entrusted to us. We consider it a privilege and honor to serve our Savior in this way each summer. In addition to praying, please spread the word about this giving opportunity at CSF. The need is increasing each year. We continue to give the same scholarship promised regardless if we receive the funds.

May this letter be an encouragement to you today that in a world of so much brokenness that God is still in control and at work each and every day! Thank you again for your donation. May you continue to serve Christ with joy in your churches and ministries.

With a grateful heart,

Meg
Meg Neitz, Program Manager
PEACE Ministries Coordinator

Thank you!


A ministry of Metro Ministries, Inc.
and the Eastern PA Conference of
the United Methodist Church

Carson Simpson Farm Christian Camp . 3405 Davisville Road . Hatboro, PA 19040
215-659-0232 . www.CSFarm.org



Our Christian Sympathy to

To Martin, Marilynn and Eleanor Murphy
and family on the death of
Matthew Murphy
September 13, 2017
Beloved son, brother and uncle.

To Charles, Kenneth and Andrew Berger
and family on the death of
Robert Berger
September 17, 2017
Beloved father, father-in-law and grandfather.

Psalm 112:6

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

All Saints



Their Lights still shine!

November 5, 2017

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY



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

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

If you wish to participate, be sure to bring a votive candle with you from home.

Your votive candle must be in a glass votive candle holder.

(Suggested colors for the glass candle holder are clear, red, or white.)

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

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

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

NALC News

NALC Convocation August 9-11, 2017

2017 NALC Convocation focuses on Discipleship and Reformation

More than 650 NALC members gathered August 9-11 for the 2017 NALC Convocation in Nashville, Tenn., around the theme, “Holding Fast: Being Reformed.”

The 500th anniversary of the Reformation provided a focus for the Convocation. The leaders of the largest Lutheran churches in the world were featured speakers for the worship services. The Rev. Dr. Fredrick Onael Shoo, Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, was the preacher for a festival service observing the Reformation anniversary. The Rev. Yonas Yigezu, President of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus, preached for the opening worship of the Convocation Mission Festival. The Rev. Dr. James Nestingen and the Rev. Dr. Nathan Yoder delivered keynote Bible study addresses on Reformation themes. The Rev. Dr. Jared Wicks addressed Martin Luther from a Roman Catholic perspective, and Carmen Fowler LaBerge addressed the Lutheran Reformation from a Reformed perspective.

The NALC’s focus on discipleship featured prominently in the Convocation. Bishop John Bradosky provided a keynote address and Bible study on discipleship for the Mission Festival. Discipleship was also a focus of his report to the Convocation and of other speakers and workshops.

The NALC Mission Festival began the Convocation under the theme, “Renewing Congregational Life Through the Word of God.” Keynote addresses were given by Bishop Bradosky, the Rev. Dr. Gemechis Buba, and the Rev. Dr. Joseph Parsalaw of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. Church leaders from around the world took part in a panel discussion on congregational life in their countries. Workshops addressed a variety of topics.

Stuff the Truck for NALC Disaster Response was a great success. So many supplies were brought for NALC Disaster Response that a larger truck needed to be obtained. Donated supplies included 400 quilts, 366 health kits, 112 school kits, 70 flood buckets, and 225 Bibles.

The Bishop election process will remain the same as proposed constitutional amendments were not approved.

Elected to the NALC Executive Council to four-year terms were Brian E. Sutton of Statesville, N.C., and Pastor Mark Braaten of Tyler, Texas. Pastor Jeffray S. Greene of Brooks, Ga., and Lyle Hollander of Boyden, Iowa were elected to the Court of Adjudication. The Convocation also ratified the election of Julie Eskeland to the NALC-Canada Section Governing Board.

2018 budgets were approved. The Convocation approved a \$2.1 million operating budget for the NALC. Budgets were also approved for NALC designated funds: \$543,000 for the Theological Education Fund (which includes the North American Lutheran Seminary); \$165,500 for the Great Commission Fund; and \$64,000 for the Disaster Response Fund. Budgets anticipate spending some cash reserves. Delegates also approved a resolution encouraging congregations to increase their benevolence giving to the NALC by at least 1 percent of their congregational budget annually.

The Braaten and Benne Lectures in Theology, the annual theological conference which precedes the Convocation, focused on theological perspectives on the Work of Christ. The speakers were Dr. Don Collett, Dr. Gordon Isaac, Dr. Paul Hinlicky, Dr. David Luy, and Dr. David Yeago.

Video recordings of the NALC Convocation and the BraatenBenne Lectures on Theology will be available for viewing online at www.thenalc.org. Documents and photos from the Convocation are also available online.



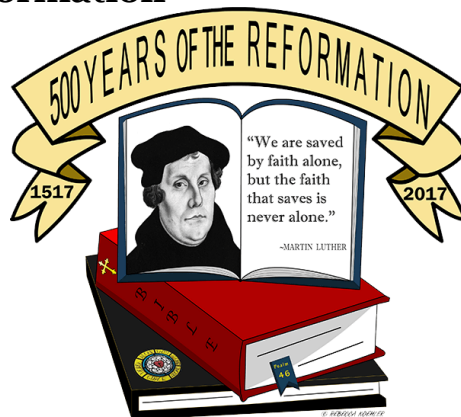
IT'S FALL AND IT'S HERE...

Our celebration of the
500th Anniversary of Luther's Reformation

Be sure to CHECK OUT the display
in Fellowship Hall.

Not to mention the many wonderful books
available in our extensive **FREE** library!

As per our usual...sign it out...
enjoy...and return at your convenience!



Care Package Addresses Needed...

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



Abington Life Chain event

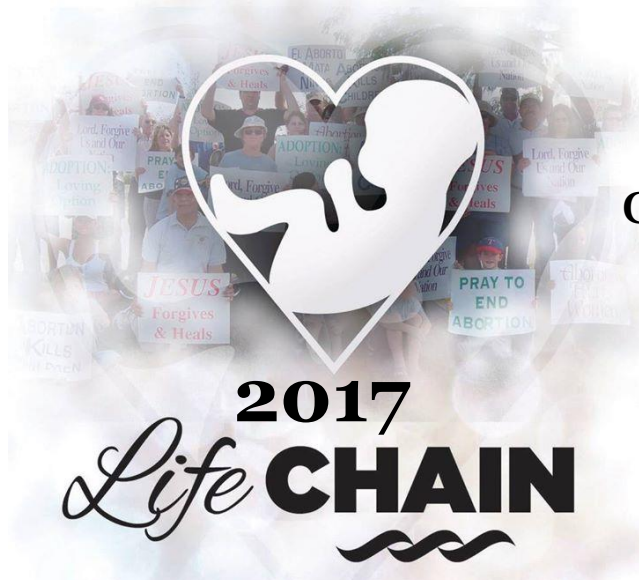
Sunday, October 1, 2017

2 to 3 p.m.

Old York Road

at Abington - Jefferson Hospital

Celebrate Life; Make a Difference.



Meet at 1:45 p.m.

at Old York Road and Horace



Coram Deo

Living in the Presence of God



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

List of Readings for October 2017

October 1: *Middlemarch* by George Elliot
Meet at Uzbekistan Restaurant

October 9: *The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven*
by Sherman Alexie - Selected short stories (Betsy's picks)

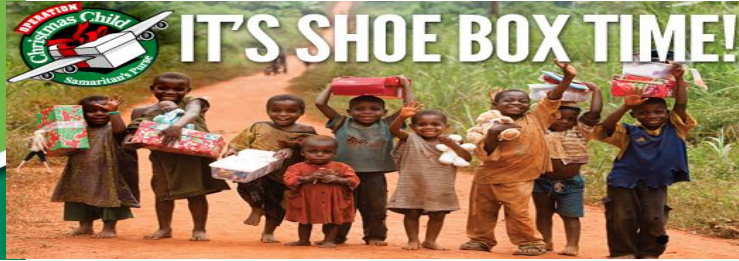
October 16: *The Maltese Falcon* by Dashiell Hammett

October 23: *The Diving Bell and the Butterfly* by Jean-Dominique Bauby

October 30: Two short stories - *The Phantom Rickshaw* by Rudyard Kipling
Sredni Vashtar by Saki



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



Collection of Shoebox Items Continues

Our goal for our church Packing Party on Saturday, November 11, is to fill 220 boxes! That breaks down to 35 in each age category both for boys and girls. With prayers to meet this goal, we ask you to consider your contributions to needed items.

General Needs

- 200 washcloths and 200 bars of soap;
- 200 combs (large pick style best)
- 200 pencil sharpeners and erasers;
- 140 small stuffed toys, dolls
- 100 pairs boys socks - various sizes for ages 2-14
- 100 pairs of girls socks - various sizes for ages 2-14

October Wish List

Although all contributions are welcome at any time, please especially consider these needs in October:

Toys and Accessories

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

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

Shoe Box FAQ

In general, Samaritan's Purse receive more boxes for girls than boys. Overall, they receive the most shoebox gifts for girls 5-9 and the **fewest number of boxes for boys 2-4 and 10-14.**

Reminder: NO food/candy or toothpaste, liquids (lotions), or military toys.

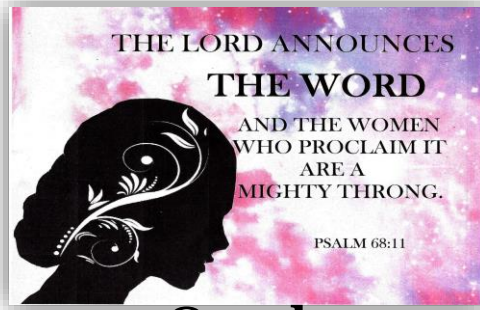
Please consider these contributions BEYOND the boxes you choose to pack individually.

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

We hope you will consider also having the joy of participating in packing the general boxes on **Saturday, November 11th** beginning at 9:00 AM in Fellowship Hall. Brunch will be served!

***See the Operation Christmas Child shoe box display and pick up a brochure in the Narthex.**

Lutheran Church Women's Circle Bible Study



October

How to Love Your Neighbor without Being Weird How Much Do You Know about Your Neighbors?

This month, our circles will jump into the second in a three-part study of *Loving Your Neighbor without Being Weird*. We will consider how much we really know about our immediate neighbors—sometimes more, sometimes less than we think. For instance, do you know what keeps them awake at night, what their struggles and joys are? Do you know their stories, their history, their dreams for the future? Do you know if they have a full bottle of turmeric you can use for your chili recipe? Most of all, do you know if they know Jesus?

The point of this series is to tie into Holy Trinity's emphasis on discipleship and evangelism, getting to know and bringing the love of Jesus to those who live right around us, on our block, in our neighborhood, in our building. The material we are using has been taken in large part from the book *How to Love Your Neighbor without Being Weird* by Amy Lively.

We encourage all Holy Trinity women to consider attending a circle. This forms your special small group of women who study the Word and share with each other, and support one another. If you are not yet attending a circle, please contact Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Women President Nancy Ischinger @ 267.803.1384 or nancymaeisch@yahoo.com OR contact church secretary Deb Mumford @ 215.659.2642 to explore what might work best for you.

Miriam Circle - Monday, October 9 at 12:30 pm in the SS Peter & Andrew Study.

Leader: Sandy Schmidt (215) 657-5065 sandyschmidt19001@yahoo.com

Ruth Circle - Wednesday, October 11 at 7:30 pm at home of Ilze Berzins,

3920 Countrywood Lane, Hatboro, PA 19040

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

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

Eve Circle - Thursday, October 12 at 7:30 pm in the SS Peter & Andrew Study.

Leader: Sharon Koch (215) 355-7875 sharonkoch1304@gmail.com

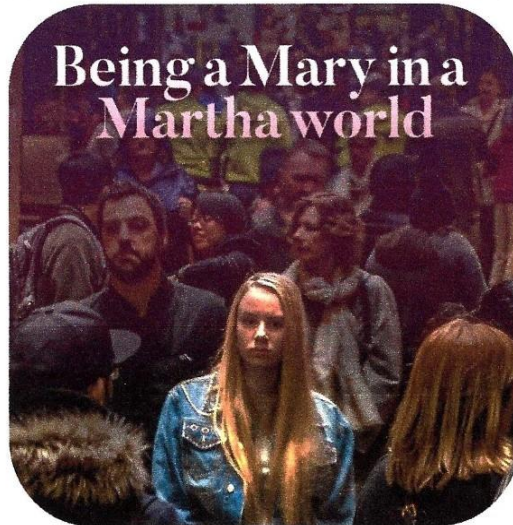
Hannah Circle - Wednesday, October 18 at 7:30 pm in the SS Peter & Andrew Study.

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

LCW 2018 RETREAT

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9
THROUGH SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2018

JOIN YOUR SISTERS IN CHRIST IN FAITH, FELLOWSHIP & FUN
AS WE EXPLORE WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A
"MARY" IN A MARTHA WORLD



WHERE: The Mother Boniface Spirituality Retreat Center

RETREAT LEADER: Barbara Abramek

COST: \$150 per person (Scholarships available; see Pastor Mandy)

Deposits due by end of November, balance due by January 9, 2018

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

HTLCW RETREAT FEBRUARY 9 - 11, 2018

NAME: _____

DEPOSIT PAID: _____

BALANCE DUE: _____

FRIDAY NIGHT HOAGIE FEST: YES _____ NO _____

***If attending the retreat, please return the bottom portion of this slip
with your deposit/payment***

Thank you.

The LCW Retreat Committee

GIANT GIFT CARDS

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

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

If you are interested in obtaining Giant Gift Cards, there is an order form in the Narthex.

It can be completed and left in the box or turned into the Church office. (No money with order form please).

Joy Alderfer is coordinating this project for HTLCW. She will complete your orders. Cash purchases are always welcome. All checks for gift cards should be made payable to "Holy Trinity Giant". Joy will be available in Fellowship Hall after Church to take orders, payment and deliver cards.

HTLCW receives a 5% cash back award for each card sold which goes to our scholarship fund. Our scholarship fund is utilized to offset the cost of any LCW related function for any Church women who may want to attend but needs financial assistance.

Thank you for your support.

STUFF THE TRUCK

~ 2017 ATLANTIC MISSION DISTRICT CONVOCATION ~

With current disaster response supplies depleted, your tangible donations of flood buckets, building materials, Bibles, and gift cards from Home Depot, Lowe's, Target and Walmart are urgently needed.

Help us Stuff The Truck!

*Full updated list of needed items is in the Narthex *

Take your donations to the box marked **STUFF THE TRUCK** located in Fellowship Hall by **Sunday, October 8th**, so Pastor Mandy & our delegates can take them along with them to the Convocation.





Youth Ministry -- Schedule 2017 / 18

All events are on SUNDAY unless otherwise noted

October 1, 2017



Youth Group (5 PM - 7 PM)

October 8, 2017

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

Today's Cooks: Call out for pizza

Today's Story: Joshua and the Walls of Jericho

Craft: Decorate Plastic Crosses (Victory)

October 15, 2017

The Forge (5 PM - 8 PM)

(Ecumenical Youth Group)

at St. John's Anglican Church

1150 Bristol Road, Southampton, PA 18966



**Holy Trinity Youth (5th grade & above) hosting
Martin Luther/ Silver Springs School**



DATE: Sunday, October 15, 2017

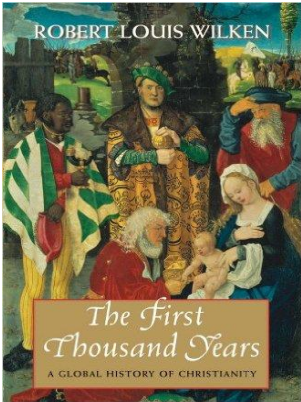
TIME: 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

PLACE: Holy Trinity's Fellowship Hall

Parents & other adults are welcome!



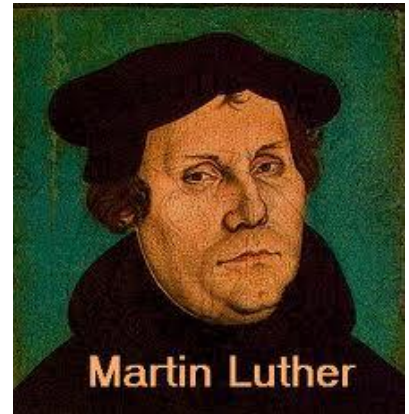
Pastor Mike's Paraclete Class in Fellowship Hall:



This Sunday School course continues its run after two years.
Beginning Sunday September 24th

The class will exam Islam, whose founder, Mohammed lived in the seventh century. We will also look at Arab Christianity. These two themes will take up four or five weeks.

Following our study of Islam we will devote two weeks to Luther on the occasion of the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. A film on Luther will be shown on **Sunday, October 22 and 29.**



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

If you are a baker
or looking to volunteer
for our **3rd annual Cookie Sale**

Please contact Tina at (215) 659 - 6048

or

Deb in church office to sign-up (215) 659 - 2642
email her at secretary@holytrinity.net



**Red Cross Blood Drive at Holy Trinity
Black Friday, Nov. 24th
1:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

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

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

THEOLOGY WITH BAGELS

THURSDAY MORNINGS AT 9:30 AM

BEGINNING OCT. 5TH THROUGH NOV. 9TH

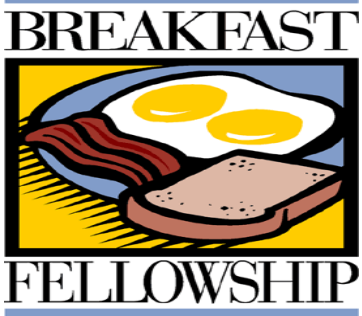
Topic: Luther's Theology of the Cross
Book: On Being A Theologian of the Cross



Donations most needed for Interfaith Food Cupboard



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



Adult Fellowship Breakfast

Saturday, October 7, 2017

Time: 9:00 AM

Topic: Name That Tune

Presenter: Allan Shikhvarg

Come on out for a fun morning
filled with great food & fellowship

Oh yes and tunes!



Men's Devotional Group

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

Thursday, October 9th at 7:00 P.M.
in the Youth Room.

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



October Worship Assistants Schedule



October 1

Usher 3	Greeter Kevan Berkovitz & Linda Frezza	Presenters of Gifts Ken Tredinnick and Rob & Nancy Ischinger
Count 3	Acolyte Kevan Berkovitz	
Christophers Mike Breslin	Crucifer Charlie Tolton	
Healing Nancy Ischinger	Lector- Sat George Powell	Communion Scott & Suzanne Brown Assistants
	Sun John Ickler	Setup Maryann Leventhal

October 8

Usher 4	Greeter Sandra & George Powell	Presenters of Gifts The Ickler Family
Count 4	Acolyte Hannah Mumford	
Christophers Sue Tolton	Crucifer Frank Ganther	
Healing Deb Mumford	Lector - Sat Linda Cassady	Communion Terry & Dani Rowley Assistants
Prayer	Sun Kathleen Ingerson	Setup Tina Bednarczyk

October 15

Usher 5	Greeter Jim & Nancy Necker	Presenters of Gifts The Schied Family
Count 1	Acolyte Jayden Butler	
Christophers Deb Mumford	Crucifer Jared Ickler	
Healing Barbara Harvey	Lector-Sat Katie Beyer	Communion Marilynn Murphy and Charles Tolton
Prayer	Sun Nancy Ischinger	Setup Sue Tolton

October 22

Usher 1	Greeter The Rowley Family	Presenters of Gifts The Gregg Family
Count 2	Acolyte Jim Necker	
Christophers Nancy Necker	Crucifer Eleanor Murphy	
Healing Sherry Breslin	Lector-Sat George Powell	Communion Allan Shikhvarg and Kevan Berkovitz
Prayer	Sun Alyson Kuenstner	Setup Deb Mumford

October 29

Usher 2	Greeter Confirmation Classes	Presenters of Gifts Rob & Nancy Ischinger and Ken Tredinnick
Count 3	Acolyte Eric Gregg	
Christophers Chris Quici	Crucifer Charlie Tolton	
Healing Kathy Ingerson	Lay Reader- Sat Linda Cassady	Communion Mark & Erica Affleck Assistants
Prayer	Sun Allan Shikhvarg	Setup Maryann Leventhal

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

OCTOBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Special Dates:

- World Communion Sunday, *October 1, 2017*
- 500th Anniversary of The Reformation Concert, *October 29, 2017* at 3:00 PM here at Holy Trinity
- Reformation Sunday, *October 29, 2017*
- Reformation Day, *October 31, 2017*

1 PENTECOST 17 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 4 PM Coram Deo at Uzbekistan SOT Youth Group 5 - 7 PM	2 6 - 8:30 Jr. Girl Scouts 7:30 Women's Prayer Group	3 1:00 Martin Luther Class/repeat 7:00 8:30 Compline	4 7:30 Council	5 9:30 Theology w/Bagels 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	6 7:30 AA	7 9:00 Adult Breakfast Fellowship 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
8 PENTECOST 18 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 11:30 Lunch Bunch	9 12:30 Miriam Circle 6 - 8:30 Jr. Girl Scouts 7:30 Coram Deo	10 1:00 Martin Luther Class/repeat 7:00 8:30 Compline	11 6:15 Confirmation Field Trip to Temple Beth Am 7:00 Evangelism 7:30 Ruth Circle at home of Ilze Brezins	12 9:30 Theology w/Bagels 12:00 Sarah Circle 6:30 Handbell Choir 7:00 Men's Group 7:30 Eve Circle 8:00 Chancel Choir	13 7:30 AA	14 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
15 PENTECOST 19 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 1:30 - 4:00 Fall Fair hosting SS/ML School 5:00 <i>The Forge</i>	16 SHOP & COOK AIDS DINNER 6 - 8:30 Jr. Girl Scouts 7:30 Coram Deo 7:30 Women's Prayer Group	17 DELIVER AIDS DINNER 1:00 Martin Luther Class/repeat 7:00 8:30 Compline	18 7:30 Hannah Circle	19 9:30 Theology w/Bagels 6:00 Christophers 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	20 7:30 AA	21 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
22 PENTECOST 20 9:00 Holy Communion	23 6 - 8:30 Jr. Girl Scouts 7:30 Coram Deo	24 1:00 Martin Luther Class/repeat 7:00 8:30 Compline	25 7:30 LCW Admin. Meeting	26 9:30 Theology w/Bagels 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	27 7:30 AA	28 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
29 REFORMATION 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 3:00 Reformation 500th Anniversary Concert	30 6 - 8:30 Jr. Girl Scouts 7:30 Coram Deo	31 	<p>"Autumn...the year's last, loveliest smile." - William Cullen Bryant</p>			

