

HOLY TRINITY

Evangelical Lutheran Church

ECHOES NEWSLETTER

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Pastors

The Rev. Dr. Michael G. Tavella

The Rev. N. Amanda Grimmer

Staff

The Rev. John Bradosky,
*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,

We continue our discussion of love by looking at what John in his Gospel has to say about it. In the Gospel, more frequently used than the noun is the verb. The most well-known of John's reference to love is: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16 ESV) The context of this familiar saying is Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus. Jesus speaks here of the purpose of His mission as giving eternal life to those who believe in Him. God's love is revealed in His granting human beings eternal fellowship with Him. Jesus loves His own to the very end. (John 13:1 ESV)

Jesus had a special relationship with the beloved disciple, first mentioned in chapter 13. This unnamed disciple -- perhaps John himself -- reclines close to Jesus (no, this is not an indication of homosexuality) at the last supper. He knows the high priest. He is present with Peter at the empty tomb. At the very end of the Gospel, we read that the beloved disciple is the one who witnesses to Jesus in the written account, entitled "according to John."

Jesus' love for His disciples is to be reflected in their love for one another. "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." (John 13: 34 ESV) And, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." (John 14:15 ESV)

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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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Love also describes the relationship between the Father and the Son. "Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that You have given me because You loved me before the foundation of the world." (John 17:24 ESV) And, "...I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father." (John 14:35 ESV)

Through the Son, the Father has sent the Holy Spirit, also called the Helper (Paraclete) in John. As disciples we are to love God as God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) has loved us.

Love is a central concept in John. It manifests itself in the relationship between the Father and the Son and in the disciples' relationship to the Lord. God has loved us; we are to love God.

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

**"The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us."
- Psalm 67:6**





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 is scheduled to begin again **Monday, September 18th** and will continue to meet 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

- Sept. 18
- 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, Alex, Allyson, Alma, Amanda, Ambre, Amy, Andrew, Annura, Art, Arthur, Barb, Barbara, Barbara Jo, Baby Hudson, Baby Peszek, 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, Derek, Diana, Diane, Dick, Dolly, Don, Donna, Dot, Dottie, Drew, Eda, Elaine, Elyse, Erik, Erika, Fannie, Fima, Floyd, Frank, Fritz, Gail, Gary, Gene, George, Gerald, Gloria, Gregory, Hannah, Harper, Harold, Harry, Heidi, Helen, Helene, Howard, Howie, Isabel, Jackson, Jamie, Jane, Janice, Jason, Jaylen, Jean, Jeanne, Jeff, Jen, Jennifer, Jim, Joe, John, Joshua, Judy, Justin, Juwon, Kate, Kayla, Ken, Kevin, Kim, Kyle, Laura, Leon, Lewis, Lillian, Linda, Lisa, Liz, Lois, Lorraine, Luddy, Luis, Mae, Maggie, Major Chapman, Marcia, Margaret, Margie, Maria, Marissa, Martha, Mary, Maryanne, Marylou, Matthew, Mayet, Megan, Mercedes, Mickey, Mikayla, Mildred, Milt, Mina, Mindy, Mitchell, Monroe, Murray, Nancy, Nate, Nathan, Nicky, Nikki, Nikkia, Nora, Noreen, Pam, Pat, Paula, Perry, Pete, Peter, Phil, Philomena, Ray, Rich, Richard, Rita, Robert, Roger, Rudi, Ruth, Sally, Samantha, Sandra, Scott, Sheila, Shelli, Sigrid, Solomon, Steve, Susan, Suzanne, Tara, Theresa, Terry, Thuy, Tiffani, Tony, Tricia G., Trina, Tyler, Vera, Vicki, Wanda, Warren, Wayne, William, Yvonne, Xavier.

Please pray for the following families: All of the families of Holy Trinity, together with those they love and pray for; especially we pray for the: Andreassen, Barnes, Barndt, Bell, Biehl, Blakes, Bows, Boyer, Browne, Burns, Butler, Cannan, Christmann, Clarke, Cuniff, Dawson, Del Vecchio, Detweiler, Doherty, Donovan, Drobish, Eisenmann, Elsey, Engelbert, Engelke, Etlén, Frame, Freeman, Frey, Frezza, Gorman, Gross, Hesser, Hopfner, Houser, Ingerson, Javardian, Kam, Kennard, Kennedy, Kopycinski, Kurpiel, Lopez, Love, Lynch, Malloy, McDonnell, McGuire, McManus, Means, Milks, Novak, Parker, Pederson, Peszek, Powell, Rhinebeck, Rosenbaum, Sasso, Sauerman, Scaliese, Schmidt, Sears, Seibert, Selman, Shenberger, Shields, Singrella, Smith, 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 are fighting addiction to drugs and alcohol.
- For the sick and the grieving.
- For all congregations of the NALC.
- For all travelers and for the dying.
- For the military and their families.
- For all Native Americans living on U.S. reservations.
- For refugees and immigrants.
- The unemployed, the underemployed & the uninsured, especially those in our own families.
- All Caregivers, rescue workers, doctors, nurses, firefighters, EMTs,
- For the members of the Mekane Yesus Lutheran Church in Ethiopia, and for the Nifas Silk Congregation.
- For our sister congregations: Nifas Silk in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and First Lutheran in Kirkland Illinois.
- For all Christians who are being persecuted for the faith throughout the world.
- For victims of rains, wildfires, earthquakes, hurricanes; for favorable weather & an abundance of crops.
- For all in financial difficulty that they may be totally restored.

Rally Day '17

All Are Invited!!

*September 10, 2017
Continental Breakfast
at 10:30 a.m.
in Fellowship Hall*



& another reason to celebrate...



**It was July, 1987
when Pastors Mike & Mandy
joined us here at Holy Trinity!
Come celebrate our 30 years
of ministry together!**

Don't miss this one!! Come on out and celebrate!!



/Commitment Task Force needs YOU
to help us spread the wealth!



If you know of an eligible charity organization
Fill out the form on page 7 - 8 or pick up a form
at church on **Rally Day, Sunday September 10th**

Return your completed form to church by **Sunday, September 24th**

The Task Force will render its decisions and report to Council, **Wed., Oct. 4th**

"Jesus said; it is more blessed to give than to receive."

Acts 20:35

**Form to Request Funds from Holy Trinity's
Mission Commitment Task Force**

**The Three Criteria that must be met for a fund request
to be considered by Council and the MC Task Force:**

- A) The fund request must be for a Christian organization (church or parachurch)
- B) The Christian organization must be a 501 (c) 3 — (tax exempt)
- C) The Christian organization must either be listed on Charity Navigator or be a local Christian organization that Holy Trinity has supported in the past.

Application for Funds from the Mission Commitment Task Force:

1) Name(s) of Individual(s) and contact info. (email address preferred) submitting this form:

2) What is the name **and address** of the church or para-church (Christian) organization?

3) What is your relationship/history with this organization?

4) Amount I am requesting:
(maximum limit of \$1,000 annually)

a. Is this a one-time request or an ongoing request? (Circle one)

b. If this is an ongoing request, for how many years are you making this request?

Circle one of the following: 3 years 5 years

(all ongoing requests contingent upon annual review)

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5) a. How many stars does Charity Navigator give this charity? 0 1 2 3 4

b. If not listed on Charity Navigator is this an organization that Holy Trinity has supported in the past? Circle one Yes No

c. If you answered No to 5b, is this a local charity? Circle one Yes No

6) Website address where Task Force can turn to find out more about this project?

7) Brief description of what this project is:

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Our Christian Sympathy to

To Elaine Melair and Family
on the death of Nicky Melair,
June 19, 2017

Beloved son, husband and father.

To Bill Mumford and family
on the death of Clyde R. Mumford
June 26, 2017

Beloved father, grandfather,
and great-grandfather.

To Debbie Koursioroubas and family
and the Tredinnick family
on the death of George Koursioroubas
July 16, 2017

Beloved husband, father & son-in-law

To Alan and Linda Eickhoff and family
on the death of Rev. Jay B. Eickhoff
July 25, 2017

Beloved brother, brother-in-law and uncle

Psalm 112:6

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

Birth of Nora Caroline

*July 31, 2017
Height: 19 1/2"
Weight: 6' 11 oz.*

*Congratulations to Proud Parents
Jason & Amy (Frezza) Schmitt
and
Grandparents Ben & Linda Frezza*



*Congratulations
on your baptism
Travis Mitchell Wyszomierski!
Sunday, August 20th, 2017
Son of Steve & Kelly Wyszomierski
Welcome to the Lord's family !*



Join the Conversation!

We want to hear from you! Pastor Mandy has a blog on which she posts regularly. This blog is embedded right in our website at www.holytrinity.net. Your feedback is wanted! Please come on in and check us out. At the bottom of each blog there is space for your comments. Let us hear from you.

Treasurer's Report

July 31, 2017 (For the Year 2017)

	Holy Trinity Ministries	Wider Church
Year to date received for current income	\$ 239,189.26	\$ 26,905.72
Carry over from 2016	\$ 0.00	\$ 16,568.30
Expenses paid to date	\$ 250,959.01	\$ 26,052.43
Surplus/(Deficit) 2017	(\$11,769.75)	\$ 17,421.59

“When God is about to do something great, He starts with a difficulty. When He is about to do something truly magnificent, He starts with an impossibility.”

- Armin Gesswein

“Knowing God without knowing our wretchedness leads to pride. Knowing our wretchedness without knowing God leads to despair. Knowing Christ gives the balance.”

- Blaise Pascal



Support Us

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

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

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

Please remember your Church in your will.



NOTES OF THANKS

July 11, 2017

Dear Holy Trinity Family,

Sadly our son Nicky was called by the Lord after a long history of serious health issues, the final one being a rare, so-far incurable cancer called Leioniyosarcoma. Nicky battle his illness against all odds with courage and determination with the help of God and your many prayers and compassionate support for him and the family. He even maintained the strength of will to travel to Bloomsburg late last May to attend the graduation of his son from college. Nicky even surprised everyone with his ability to continue to work at his full time job, but it was at this point he finally felt the need to retire due to his increasing weakness. On June 19th our Lord allowed him to pass peacefully with his family in attendance.

Words alone cannot hope to express our deepest gratitude to Holy Trinity. We are aware that it was YOUR prayers that gave us all the strength and courage not only to carry on, but to keep Nicky's spirits up to the very end.

Love, thanks, and many blessings to you all,

The Melair Family



July 14, 2017



Dear Holy Trinity Family,

We would like to extend our sincerest gratitude and thanks to everyone who sent cards and said prayers at the passing of Jacob. Your care and concern has helped to comfort us through a very difficult time. We are so thankful for all of you, more than mere words can express.

The Wildemore Family





NOTES OF THANKS (cont...)

August 9, 2017

Dear Holy Trinity Family,

What a nice surprise when Charlie & Sue Tolton came in with the beautiful Altar flowers. I certainly appreciate the kindness of Holy Trinity.

Thanks,
Ingrid Fisher



Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
ABINGTON, PENNSYLVANIA



**Change of
Address**

As of September 1st:

Arthur D. Zbinden
735 Susquehanna Road, B-10
Fort Washington, PA 19034

August 1, 2017

Dear Holy Trinity Family,

It is with humble gratitude and thanks to God for the care and concern shown to our family at the sudden passing of Bill's father Clyde.

Your Christian witness is appreciated more than words can express.

With thankful hearts,
The Mumford Family.



August 8, 2017

Dear Holy Trinity Family,

Our entire family wishes to express our thanks to all the congregation members for their sympathy, prayers, and well wishes during our difficult time of mourning the passing of Allan's Stepfather.

Thanks so much,
Laurie and Allan Shikhvarg.





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

June 26, 2017

Dear Holy Trinity Congregation,

In June, the Holy Trinity Congregation gave at least 383.6 pounds of non-perishable food items to the Inter-Faith Food Cupboard. I say "at least" because I know there are little "elves" that bring things in for the shelves when no one is looking. In fact, people help in all kinds of ways, like bringing up the bags of food from the Narthex. I would like to thank all of you who do things without recognition or thanks throughout the year. You are very special indeed and we are deeply grateful for your help and support.

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

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

Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Kelly
Food Cupboard Coordinator

Vacation Bible School – Thank You

The theme for this year's Vacation Bible School was **"Mighty Fortress, In Jesus, the Victory is Won!"**. At Bible School this year we visited 6 rotation centers. They heard wonderful stories at Bible Story, they explored the story at Bible Challenge, and played exciting games at the Games area. The kids also enjoyed a delicious snack, created fun and beautiful crafts in Art and performed some lively new songs in our Music Center.

At VBS this year we had an average attendance of 88 students and 40 volunteers per day. We want to extend a thank you to everyone who has helped and supported VBS this year. This important part of Holy Trinity's ministry would not be possible without your dedication. Many thanks to Pastor Mandy for leading us in Worship, our Pre-School and Kindergarten teachers, Charles Tolton, Sherri Gregg, Cindy Biehl and Linda Borkowski and their assistants, our wonderful youth helpers some of whom acted as group guides, and our center leaders, Sandy Schmidt in Bible Stories, Nancy Ischinger in Bible Challenge, Sandy Powell & Barbara Harvey in Arts & Crafts, Jackie Smith in Music, Janice Donnelly in Games, and Tina Bednarczyk & Katie Beyer in the Snack Center. A special thank you to everyone who helped create the wonderful decorations that brought our theme to life. Our Vacation Bible School would not have been the huge success it was without each and every one of you.

Next year's Vacation Bible School is tentatively scheduled for July 30th through August 3rd and the theme is **"Splash Canyon, God's Promise on Life's Wild Ride."** We hope to see you all next year.

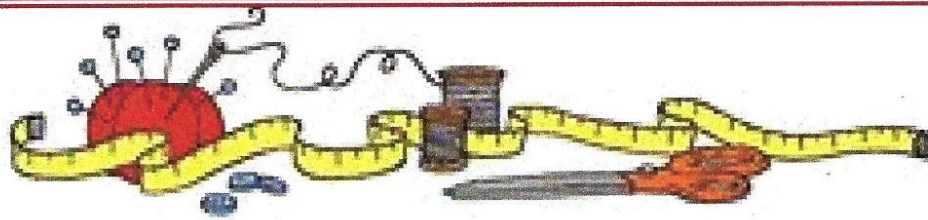
Yours in Christ,

Dani Rowley
Susan Schied
VBS Coordinators

HOLY TRINITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL STAFF

Tina Bednarczyk
Katie Beyer
Cindy Biehl
Linda Borkowski
Janice Donnelly
Sherry Gregg
Pastor Mandy
Nancy Ischinger
Hannah Mumford
Ella Murphy

Elli Nilsen
Sandra Powell
Dani Rowley
Ryan Schied
Sue Schied
Sandy Schmidt
Jacqueline Smith
Martina Smith
Charles Tolton
Charlotte Whipple



The Saturday Sewing Group Is Celebrating a Momentous Milestone!

As of June 30, 2017

We have completed **1,000** Diane Throws!

Have you ever wondered what is a "Diane Throw"
and how did we ever get to making 1,000 of them?

Back in **1986**: Mrs. Alderfer teaches Diane Sterner to knit.
Diane visits Silver Spring/Martin Luther School and learns of a project
headed by St. Peter's in Lafayette Hill where they provide
large stuffed bears to every child there.

Diane thinks it would be a wonderful idea to provide every child
with a knitted throw to go along with the stuffed animal.

Diane approaches the Women of Holy Trinity with the idea and the women agree
to knit them. This project began in earnest in **1999**.

All of the yarn used is donated material.

The reason the throws look the way they do is that Diane wanted them
to look like Joseph's coat of many colors.

These are the reasons why they are called "Diane Throws"

Thanks be to God for the leadership of Maryjane Singley and all of the sewers
through the years who helped to make this accomplishment possible!

The throws have been donated not only to **SS/ML School** but are presently donated
to **CHOP** through Maureen Freer's cousin who works there!

The Saturday Sewing Group continues to meet
for new and ongoing projects. Won't you join us?

*See next page for some pictures of our wonderful volunteers

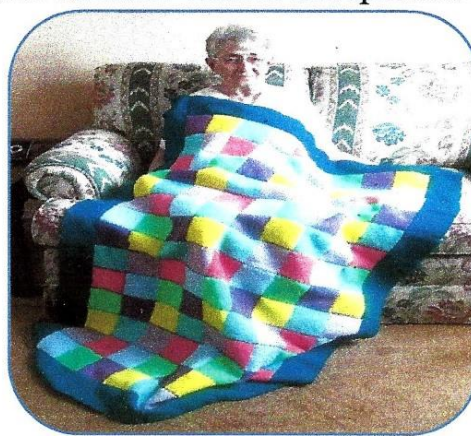


"Where God guides, He provides."
Isaiah 58:11

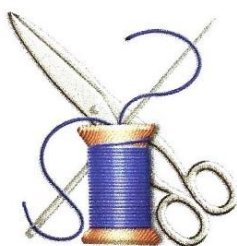
Maureen Freer's cousin at CHOP



Elaine Kremer with a completed throw



Martina &



her grandmother



List of volunteer sewers:

Joy Alderfer
 Miriam Alderfer
 Katie Beyer
 Jeanne Blacoe
 Esther Cohen
 Barbara Harvey
 Barbara Kopycinski
 Elaine Kremer
 Herta Laemmle
 Ruth McCandless
 Dot McCoy

Dolly Nelson
 Carol Renne
 Dana Ripley
 Louise Shiffer
 Heidi Simmons
 Maryjane Singley
 Martina Smith
 Nellie Smith
 Diane Sterner
 Floss Sterner
 Jane Tredinnick



Never Stop Learning...

Join us for a class after worship

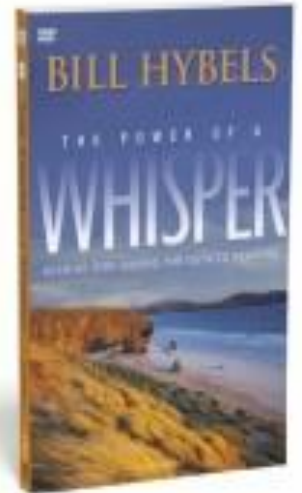
Adult Sunday School Opportunities for Fall 2017:

In SS Peter & Andrew Study beginning Sunday, Sept. 17th
Join Tom Schied & Randy Gettmann for

"The Power of A Whisper" by Bill Hybels

Hearing God, Having the Guts to Respond

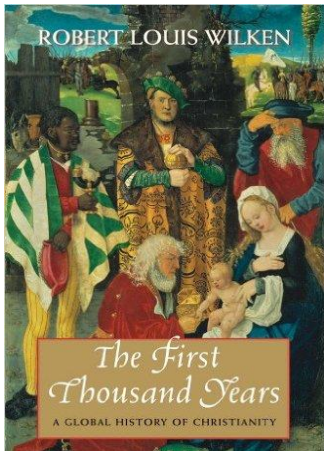
Learn how to discern the 'voice' of God in this powerful and practical video Bible Study, from the other voices that vie for your attention, how to invite His input into your daily routine, how to practice His presence & how to allow heaven-sent input to direct your life toward making a Kingdom-oriented difference in this world.



- Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

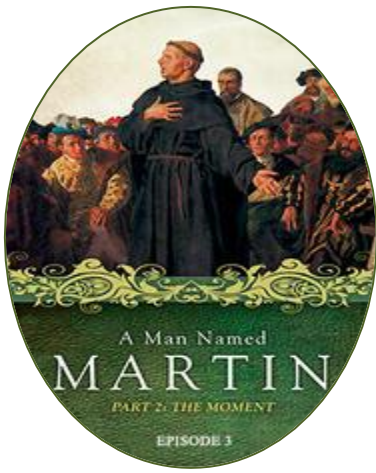
Pastor Mike's Paraclete Class in Fellowship Hall:

*Sunday, Sept. 17th Lay delegate Deb Mumford & Pastor Larry Guenzel will share their reflections on the recent NALC Convocation in Nashville.



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.



Join Pastors Mike & Mandy for the continuation of

A Man Named Martin

September 5 - October 24, 2017

Class times are 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

The Pastors will be leading Parts 2 & 3 of the video course.

A Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

It's really difficult to imagine our civilization today if it hadn't been for Luther and the Reformation 500 years ago. What people really don't understand is that Luther was a good pastor who was worried about his people. He is important because he rediscovered the Gospel -- the Good News that God in Christ is reconciling the world to Himself.

What he rediscovered was the freedom that comes by grace alone through faith in Jesus. This rediscovery was something worth fighting for -- and it had tremendous consequences for both Church and culture.

Salvation by grace through faith in Christ alone. That's the message of the Scriptures and that's the message Luther proclaimed down to his last day. If we don't understand Luther's Reformation breakthrough, then we don't understand why we are Lutherans and why we should remain Lutherans.

Later this year Pastor Mike's SS class (Paraclete Class) will be studying Jane Tomaine's wonderful book,

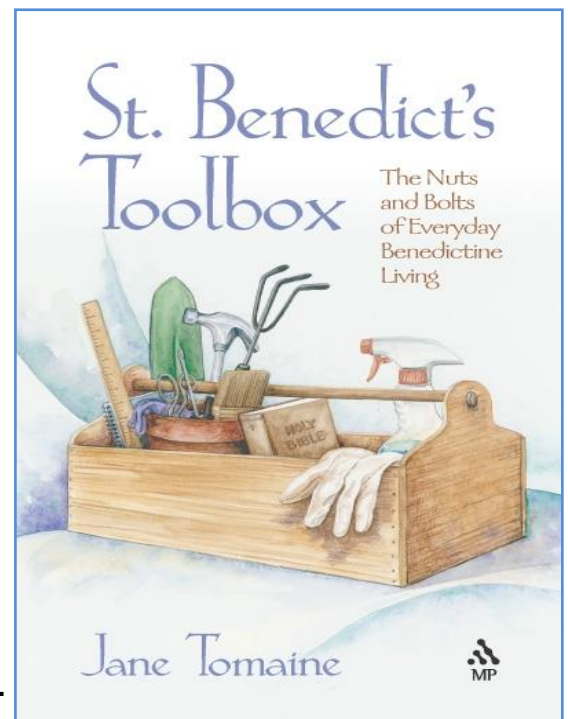
St. Benedict's Toolbox.

This study is a commentary on ***The Rule of St. Benedict*** (6th Century) a work drawing on the riches of the Holy Scriptures and a great guide for daily discipleship.

A sign-up sheet can be found on the table in the Narthex.

Both the ***Toolbox*** & the ***Rule of St. Benedict*** are provided for you to begin reading ahead of time.

Please only take the books if you plan on taking the class.





Coram Deo

Living in the Presence of God

Sunday, Oct. 1, 2017

We will be meeting at *Uzbekistan* at 4:00 p.m.
12012 Bustleton Ave., Phila., PA 19116
(215) 671 - 1990

Please bring your appetite and reading ideas
& suggestions for our Fall reading selections.



Middlemarch by George Eliot will be our first fall discussion.

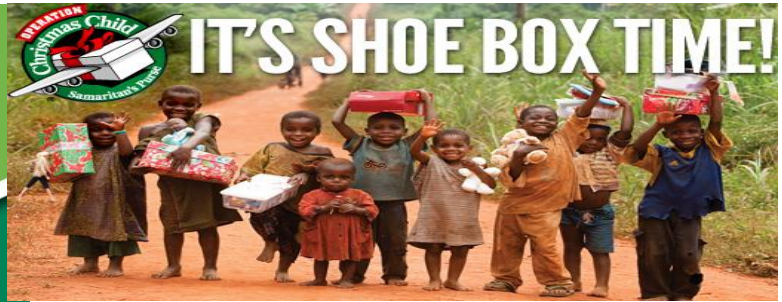
A Unique Happy Birthday Shout-Out
to our fellow congregant & friend

Mr. Howard Frey
celebrating **99** years young
on **September 4, 2017**

Congratulations and thanks
for blessing us with your warmth & smile
here at Holy Trinity for lo these many years!

God's Blessings to You Howard!





The Collection of Shoebox Items Begins

We hope to fill more than 200 shoeboxes at our **November 11** church packing party. With prayers to meet this goal, we ask you to consider contributing needed items.

General Needs

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

- 200 washcloths and 200 bars of soap
- 200 combs (large pick style best)
- 70 pads of paper NO BIGGER THAN 6"x9"
- 200 pencil sharpeners and erasers
- 140 coloring books
- 140 small stuffed toys, dolls or puppets
- 100 pairs boys socks - various sizes for ages 2 - 14
- 100 pairs of girls socks - various sizes for ages 2 - 14

We also hope to include toys, puzzles, hair ornaments, balls, balloons, small vehicles, etc. In addition to the bulk items listed above, here is our September wish list.

These are suggestions. Be Creative!

School Supplies & Toiletries (NO liquids or lotions)

- Colored pencils, pens
- Childproof scissors, rulers, glue sticks (no bottles), scotch tape
- Stencils & Stickers (best without words; think animals, flowers, shapes)
- Color forms, Connect the Dots and Maze books
- Backpacks for older boys and girls that can be folded compactly
- Small purses or sacks for younger children
- Nail files, clippers, emery boards, especially with fun designs
- Band-Aids, regular and those with fun designs for the younger children.

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.

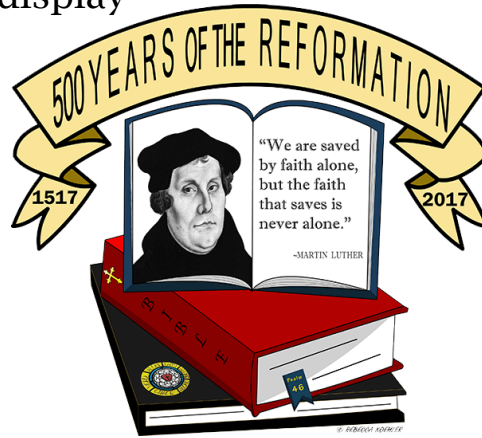
We hope you will consider also having the joy of participating in packing the general church boxes on **Saturday, November 11th** beginning with breakfast @ 9:00 AM in Fellowship Hall.



COMING TO THE LIBRARY THIS FALL...

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

Be sure to look for the display
in Fellowship Hall.



THE LCW PRESENTS Blanket Sunday



SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

Winter can be especially difficult when you don't have even a warm blanket

The Lutheran Church Women of Holy Trinity need your help in providing just that

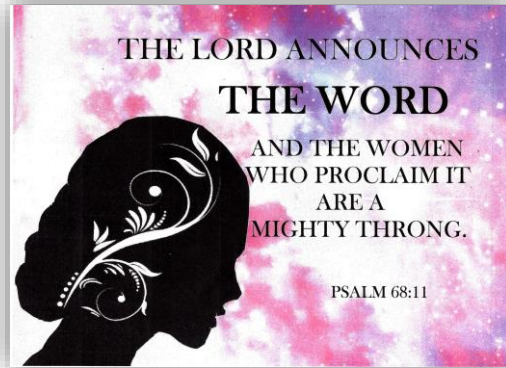
Blanket Sunday is Sunday, September 17th

If you would like to donate a new blanket in its original packaging
we will gladly donate it to the Cradle of Hope

Or you can simply donate \$10 to cover the cost of a new blanket

Cash in a white pew envelope marked **Blanket Sunday** or a check made out to **LCW**

Lutheran Church Women's Circle Bible Study



How to Love Your Neighbor without Being Weird

This fall, Holy Trinity Church Women who meet in one of our five women's circles will be considering who we think our neighbors are and ways we might come to share Jesus with them. Have you ever thought about sharing your faith with your neighbors? Have you ever actually shared your faith with your neighbors? Have you invited them into your home, to your church? Sometimes it is as easy as that, but more often it feels or actually is complicated.

We will explore what makes it complicated to relate to neighbors about Jesus, what holds us back, and ways we can handle our own reluctance. We will be given both ideas about how we can connect as well as ideas about what our gifts and passions are so that we can use them in making these connections. The material we will be using has been taken in large part from the book *How to Love Your Neighbor without Being Weird* by Amy Lively.

If you are an active member of one of our circles, then we look forward to welcoming you back. If you are not yet attending a circle, please contact Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Women President Nancy Ischinger @ 267.803.1384 or nancymaesch@yahoo.com OR contact church secretary Deb Mumford @ 215.659.2642 to explore what might work best for you.

Sarah Circle - Thursday, September 14 at 12:00 pm in the SS Peter & Andrew Study.

Eve Circle - Thursday, September 14 at 7:30 pm in the SS Peter & Andrew Study.

Leader: Sharon Koch (215) 659-7054 suetolton@comcast.net

Miriam Circle - Monday, September 11 at 12:30 pm in the SS Peter & Andrew Study.

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

Ruth Circle - Wednesday, September 13 at 7:30 pm at home of Nancy Matteo

2060 Kenmore Avenue, Glenside, PA 19038 (215) 884-2153

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

Hannah Circle - Wednesday, September 20 at 7:30 pm in the SS Peter & Andrew Study.

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

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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.



THE LCW Sponsored *Women's Retreat 2018*

It's early next year...

Friday, February 9 to Sunday, February 11

If you have attended a retreat in the past you know how refreshing this time can be...

If you have never attended -- pray about it and mark your calendar to save the date!

You won't regret it!





Youth Ministry -- Schedule 2017/18

All events are on **SUNDAY** unless otherwise noted

- September 10, 2017 **Rally Day Breakfast** (Continental Breakfast served at 10:30 a.m.)
- September 10, 2017 **Lunch Bunch "Kick Off" – (11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)**
Place: Fellowship Hall
Time: 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Today's Cooks: We call out for pizza, eat it together, hear a story, do a craft, and then play "Hide and seek"
Today's Story: The 10 Commandments and The Golden Calf
Craft: Giant 10 Commandments Sticker Scenes
Sign-up: Families to bring up the Communion elements
Worship Tie-in: Become an usher-family/ Bringing up the Gifts/
 Bell Sunday (First Sunday of Christmas)
- September 17, 2017 **High School Bible Study "Kick Off" – For 9th – 12th Graders (10:30 – 11:30 a.m.)**
Place: Sons of Thunder Youth Room
 The High School Bible Study meets weekly during the Sunday School hour.
- October 1, 2017 Sons of Thunder 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 11, 2017 **Annual Confirmation Field Trip** -- This year the annual Confirmation field trip will be on **WEDNESDAY, October 11**. We are going this time to Old York Road Temple Beth Am in Abington, PA. This year we will be attending Simhat Torah instead of a regular Sabbath Service. Ideally a parent will accompany each student, but if necessary we may be able to arrange a ride. There is adequate parking around and behind the synagogue, so just park wherever you wish. We will gather at the **front door of the Synagogue at 6:15 p.m.** We will be attending their Simhat Torah service in the synagogue itself at 6:30 p.m. Rabbi Lieb always speaks with our group following the service, plus you will be welcome at their coffee hour.
- Old York Road Temple Beth Am
 971 Old York Road, Abington, PA 19001
 215-886-8000 www.oyrtbetham.org
- October 29, 2017 Party for kids from Silver Springs

Bulletin in October: Publicity for All Saints Processional (People bring candles for saints whose light still shines before God)

November 5, 2017 Sons of Thunder Youth Group (5 PM - 7 PM)

November 12, 2017 **Lunch Bunch (11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)**
Today's Cooks: Call out for pizza.
Today's Story: Thanksgiving Celebration
Craft: Enter with a Thankful Heart Wreath Craft
Sign-up: GET VOLUNTEERS TO LIGHT THE ADVENT WREATH
Worship Tie-in: Bring canned food to the Thanksgiving Service

Bulletin in Advent: Everyone should be sure to notice the small "box" announcement encouraging people to bring bells from home on the First Sunday of Christmas (Dec. 31, 2017) These bells will be used during the worship service.

November 19, 2017 Sons of Thunder Youth Group Hosts *The Forge* at Holy Trinity
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

December 10, 2017 Lunch Bunch -- Tucker's Tales Puppet Show 2nd Sunday of Advent.
At **11:30 AM** Tucker's Tales will treat us to a puppet show in the Sanctuary. A freewill offering will be accepted to help defray the cost of the puppet show. The puppet show will begin at 11:30 AM and lasts about an hour.

After the puppet show, we will call out for pizza.

Sign-up: Family Ushering/ Bringing up the Gifts/ Don't forget Bell Sunday and Transfiguration.

January 7, 2018 Sons of Thunder Youth Group (5 PM - 7 PM)

January 14, 2018 **Lunch Bunch (11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)**
Today's Cooks: Call out for Pizza
Today's Story: The Boy Jesus in the Temple
Craft: Anna & Simeon Sticker Scene

Be sure to sign up families who will be carrying **Alleluia Banners on Transfiguration Sunday** on Feb. 11, 2018

Note: We will burn last year's Palms immediately following the Sunday School hour on Transfiguration Day

NOTE: Ash Wednesday in 2018 is February 14, 2018

Be sure to mention Family Stations of the Cross & services of Holy Week.

January 28, 2018 Youth Sunday – 9:00 AM (Kids lead the service)
Annual Meeting – right after the worship service
(NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY)

February 11, 2018 **Lunch Bunch (11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.) -- Transfiguration Day**
Today's Theme: Doing Lent as a Family
Today's Cooks: Call out for Pizza
Today's Story: Parable of the Forgiving Father
Craft: Prodigal Son Sticker Scenes

NOTE: Ash Wednesday in 2017 is February 14, 2018

Be sure all is ready for the Alleluia Banners to be carried in and out.
Let people know that we will be burning last year's palms during the
Sunday School hour on Transfiguration Day.
Be sure to mention Family Stations of the Cross & Services of Holy Week.

February 13 - 15, 2018 PRESIDENT'S DAY WEEKEND
(President's Day, Monday, Feb.15, 2018)
February 11, 2018 – Transfiguration
February 14, 2018 – Ash Wednesday – 11:00 AM & 7:30 PM
February 18, 2018 – Lent 1

March 11, 2018 – Family Stations of the Cross (Lent 4)

March 25, 2018 – Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

March 29, 2018 – Maundy Thursday – 7:30 PM

March 30, 2018 – Good Friday – Noon & 7:30 PM

March 31, 2018 – Easter Egg Hunt – 1:00 PM

Easter Vigil – 5:00 PM

April 1, 2018 7:30 AM – Son is Risen Potluck Breakfast

9:00 AM – Easter Worship Service

March 4, 2018 Sons of Thunder Youth Group (5 PM – 7 PM)

March 11, 2018 Lunch Bunch & Family Stations of the Cross – 11:30 AM – 1 PM
Potluck at 5:00 PM; Stations at 6:00 PM)

Today's Cooks: We call out for pizza and eat before Stations of the Cross

Craft: Romans Road Sign Kit (if we have time between lunch and Stations)

Sign-ups for people to participate in the Palm Procession carrying palms

Sign-ups for Families to carry their Alleluia banners in the Easter procession

Note: Families “group together” in the chancel after carrying up the Alleluia Banners.

Families then call out the first 3 “Alleluia! Christ is Risen!” as Congregation
responds: “Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!”

12:00 – Stations of the Cross begins

- March 25, 2018 Passion Sunday Benefit Concert - 7:00 PM
- April 1, 2018 EASTER DAY
- April 8, 2018 Sons of Thunder Youth Group (5 PM - 7 PM)
- April 15, 2018 **Lunch Bunch (11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)**
 Today's Cooks: Call out for pizza
 Today's Story: Jesus Makes the Disciple's Breakfast
 Craft: Fishers of Men
- April 20, 2018 Confirmation Retreat (all day Saturday)
- May 6, 2018 Sons of Thunder Youth Group (5 PM - 7 PM)
- May 13, 2018 Mother's Day
- May 20, 2018 **Last Lunch Bunch of the Season (11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)**
Place: Fellowship Hall
Time: 11:30 - 1:00 p.m.
 Today's Cooks: Call out for Pizza
 Today's Story: Jesus Will Return Again
 Craft: Jesus Will Return
- June 3, 2018 Pentecost - Confirmation of 8th Graders
- June 3, 2018 Last Sons of Thunder Youth Group for the Season (5 PM - 7 PM)
- July 30 - August 3, 2018 Vacation Bible School - Watch your bulletin,
 (Tentative) Echoes, and the Holy Trinity Website.

ATTENTION: ALL SONS OF THUNDER YOUTH

WE ARE CONTINUING THE FELLOWSHIP WE BEGAN LAST YEAR
 WITH *THE FORGE*, AN ECUMENICAL YOUTH GROUP
 THE FIRST 2017-18 GATHERING IS SCHEDULED FOR

Sunday, September 17TH 5 PM - 8 PM

JOIN US AT WILLOW GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

1872 Kimball Ave., Willow Grove

(215) 659 - 4505



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!



Donations most needed for Interfaith Food Cupboard

Spam, Salmon, Beef Stew, Sardines, and Chili

Hamburger Helper, Pasta sauce, peanut butter & jelly

1 lb. bags of rice, Pancake mix & syrup, muffin mix

Ketchup, mustard, and mayonnaise

As the school year begins many in our community continue to face food insufficiency difficulties.

Prayerfully consider how God may be seeking you to be his hands and feet to those in need.



Men's Devotional Group

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

Starting in the fall we meet the second Thursday of every month.

Thursday, September 14th at 7:00 P.M.

in the Sons of Thunder Youth Room.

All are invited!

Hope to see you all there.



Jr. Girl Scouts Troop Meeting

When: Monday nights 6 – 8:30 pm
beginning September 18th

Where: Holy Trinity's Fellowship Hall

Who is invited: Any girl in grades 2-3

Interested: Contact Troop Leader

Christy Finazzo or Karen Darreff
at (215) 443-5585 or email

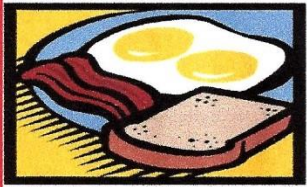
The 3rd  will be held on **Sat., December 9th.**

Bakers - the amount of cookies to be baked is between 9 - 12 dozen, they should be cookies not usually baked such as chocolate chips. The cookies are sold by the pound and people go from table to table and select what they want. If you haven't already signed up to bake or wish to volunteer the day of the event, contact the church office at (215) 659 - 2642 or email secretary@holyltrinity.net and get on the list.

Thank you,
Tina Bednarczyk



BREAKFAST



FELLOWSHIP

Adult Christian Breakfast Fellowship

(All Adults Young & Old are invited)

DATE: Saturday, September 9, 2017

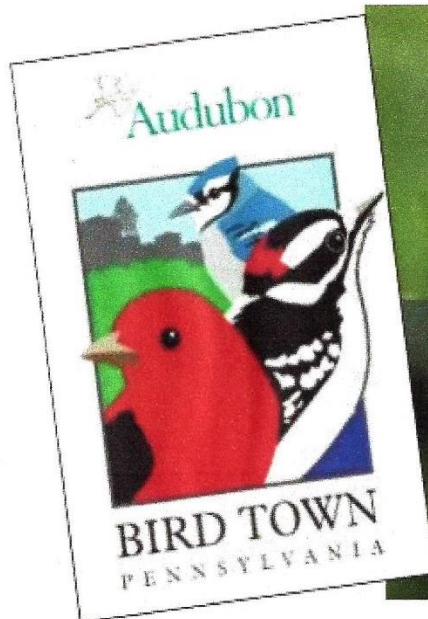
TIME: 9 a.m.

TOPIC: Bird Town Project, Audobon Society

SPEAKER: Leigh Altadonna,

President of the Wyncote Audobon Society

The Pennsylvania Audubon Society's Bird Town Program





THE OPIOID CRISIS: CONVERSATIONS WITH CLERGY AND HEALTH MINISTRY

A FREE SEMINAR FOR CLERGY,
FAITH COMMUNITY NURSES,
AND MEMBERS OF HEALTH MINISTRY

DATE: Friday, October 6, 2017

TIME: 8:45 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**LOCATION: Abington Hospital – Jefferson Health
Frobese Conference Center
1200 Old York Road, Abington, PA 19001**

Insight on the local & regional picture, programs & community resources regarding the opioid crisis will be covered. Area clergy will receive information about how to discuss and support their congregants.

PROGRAM AGENDA

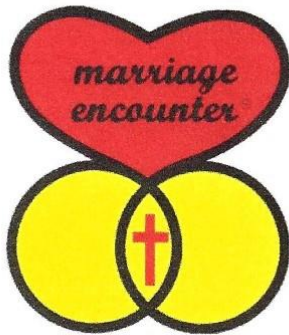
- 8:45 AM Registration/Check-In Coffee/Tea
9 AM Welcome & prayer Abington – Jefferson Health (AJH) Pastoral Care Department
9:05–9:30 AM The Local and Regional picture? John A. Livingood
Chief, Abington Township Police Department
9:30–10 AM Personal Story
10–10:15 AM AJH Warm Hand-Off project and Crisis Team Nancy DeAngelis, CRNP
director of Behavioral Health, Abington – Jefferson Health
10:15–10:30 AM Community Resources Marianna Calabrese, manager of Community Benefit,
Abington – Jefferson Health
10:30–11 AM Recent County Trends, School Education, Narcan Val Arkoosh, MD,
physician and Montgomery County Commissioner, Montgomery County
11–11:30 AM Conversations with Congregants Rev. Miriam Burnett, MD, MDiv, MPH,
pastor, New Bethel AME Church, Willow Grove
11:30 AM–12:15 PM Q and A Session Panel: presenters together with
State Representative Madeleine Dean
12:15–1 PM Lunch and Networking Opportunity

REGISTRATION: www.AbingtonHealth.org/OpioidSeminar or call 215-481-2204

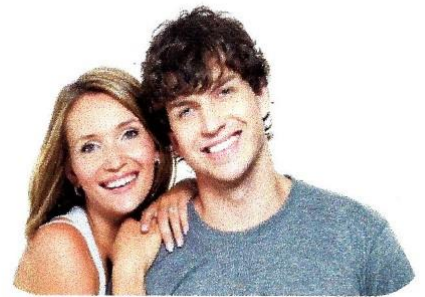
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ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES:



The September 15-17 Weekend in the Poconos is now full; however, you may be added to the wait list by contacting us at the information below. We do have just a few openings left for the **October 6-8 Weekend** to be held at the beautiful **Black Swan Inn** (pictured below) in the foothills of the Berkshire Mountains overlooking a lake in Lee, Massachusetts. This is Columbus Day Weekend, so plan to come and make your own discovery of a deeper relationship with your spouse; and if you have Monday off, you might want to schedule an extra day together, or use Monday to travel.

Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included with your \$100 per couple registration fee, plus toward the end of the weekend you will be given an opportunity to make a confidential contribution of whatever amount you wish toward the continuation of the program.

Sign up today by going to the website: www.GodLovesMarriage.org, and pay the registration fee with your credit card, or mark the option to mail a check.

For questions, or if you would like a brochure with registration form mailed to you, contact Northeast US Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at [724-325-3166](tel:724-325-3166) or fjschamber@comcast.net.





September Worship Assistants Schedule



September 3

Usher 4	Greeter	The Schied Family	Presenters of Gifts	The Brown Family
Count 3	Acolyte	Jim Necker		
Christophers	Sue Tolton			
Healing Prayer	Barbara Harvey	Lector- Sat	Katie Beyer	Communion Assistants
		Sun	Barbara Harris	Setup
				Kevan Berkovitz and Tony Quici
				Maryann Leventhal

September 10

Usher 5	Greeter	The Ischinger Family	Presenters of Gifts	Jim & Nancy Necker and Linda Frezza
Count 4	Acolyte	Charlie Tolton		
Christophers	Deb Mumford			
Healing Prayer	Sherry Breslin	Lector- Sat	George Powell	Communion Assistants
		Sun	Sherri Gregg	Setup
				Gil & Betsy Zimmermann
				Tina Bednarczyk

September 17

Usher 1	Greeter	Jim & Nancy Necker	Presenters of Gifts	Sherry Breslin, Deb Mumford & Dani Rowley
Count 1	Acolyte	Michael Caputo		
Christophers	Nancy Necker			
Healing Prayer	Kathy Ingerson	Lector-Sat	Katie Beyer	Communion Assistants
		Sun	Linda Bell-Powell	Setup
				Jim & Nancy Necker
				Sue Tolton

September 24






Usher 2	Greeter	Don & Linda Borkowski	Presenters of Gifts	Charlie & Sue Tolton, and Ann Frey
Count 2	Acolyte	Sophia LaRocca		
Christophers	Chris Quici			
Healing Prayer	Sue Tolton	Lector-Sat	Linda Cassady	Communion Assistants
		Sun	Barbara Harvey	Setup
				Terry & Dani Rowley
				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

Called to *Serve*



September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field." Luke 10:2</p> 					1 7:30 AA	2 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
3 PENTECOST 13 9:00 Holy Communion	4 OFFICE CLOSED  HAPPY LABOR DAY	5 1:00 Martin Luther Class/repeat 7:00 8:30 Compline	6 7:30 Council	7	8 7:30 AA	9 9:00 Adult Breakfast Fellowship 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
10 PENTECOST 14 9:00 Holy Communion 11:30 Mission/Commit. Forms Available 	11 12:30 Miriam Circle  Patriot Day	12 1:00 Martin Luther Class/repeat 7:00 8:30 Compline	13 7:00 Evangelism 7:30 Ruth Circle at home of Nancy Matteo	14 12:00 Sarah Circle 6:30 Handbell Choir 7:00 Men's Group 7:30 Eve Circle 8:00 Chancel Choir	15 7:30 AA	16 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
17 PENTECOST 15 9:00 Holy Communion Blanket Sunday 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult SOT @ The Forge 5-8 at Willow Grove Baptist	18 SHOP & COOK AIDS DINNER 6 - 8:30 Jr. Girl Scouts 7:30 Women's Prayer Group	19 DELIVER AIDS DINNER 1:00 Martin Luther Class/repeat 7:00 8:30 Compline	20 7:30 Hannah Circle	21 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	22  First Day of Autumn	23 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
24 PENTECOST 16 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult Mission/Commitment Forms Due	25 6 - 8:30 Jr. Girl Scouts	26 1:00 Martin Luther Class/repeat 7:00 8:30 Compline	27 7:30 Worship & Music	28 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	29 7:30 AA	30 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA

Special Dates:

- Labor Day, *September 4, 2017*
- Patriot Day, *September 11, 2017*
- National Grandparents Day, *September 10, 2017*
- First Day of Autumn, *September 22, 2017*

