



HOLY TRINITY

Evangelical Lutheran Church

ECHOES NEWSLETTER

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From the Pastors

September 2013

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Dear Parish Family,

Recently, we attended the Convocation of the North American Lutheran Church. The worship was beautiful, the Westmont College Choir contributing much to our praise of God. The preaching was inspiring. The fellowship was warm among brothers and sisters in Christ. Important decisions were made.

The North American Lutheran Church now has a seminary. Our Seminary Center will be located at Trinity School of Ministry in Ambridge, Pennsylvania, near Pittsburgh, a seminary of the Anglican Church in North America. Instruction in the Lutheran Confessions and Lutheran history will be provided there. A Lutheran House of Studies has been established at Gordon-Conwell Seminary, Charlotte, North Carolina. Other Lutheran houses of studies will be located at various places in the country. All of these institutions will be part of the North American Lutheran Seminary. To learn more about the new seminary, go to www.holytrinity.net, click continuing education, and then scroll down to NALC Seminary.

The NALC has approved the development of a closer relationship with the Lutheran Church in Tanzania with the hope of establishing full Communion in two years. We already are in full communion with the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus. Guests from Tanzania attended the Convocation.

Greetings from the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, Lutheran Church—Canada, the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus, the Lutheran Church of Tanzania, the Anglican Church in North America, and the Roman Catholic Church. Our church has a strong ecumenical commitment

Several Ministry Partners made presentations. Doma International is a Lutheran ministry especially to women and children. At Bora in Ethiopia, a medical mission has been established. A twelve hour ride and a four hour hike will get you to this remote village. Other partners include China Service Ventures, Eastern European Mission Network, World Mission Prayer League, Friends of Madagascar Mission, and Youth Encounter. Our missionary, Diedone Panzo, was sent out by the World Mission Prayer League.

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. Sharon Wright, *Parish Secretary*

Worship Services

Saturday at 5 pm and 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

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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 brown/white pew envelope checked "Altar Flowers." If you know it, indicate your envelope number.

Coram Deo

Living in the presence of God

Meets: Tuesdays at 7:30 in the Parlor

Begins: September 9th

Coram Deo is a new literary group at Holy Trinity led by Pastor Mike and Nancy King-Berkovitz. If you love literature, wish you knew more about literature, or want to discuss books and poetry within a Christian context, this is your kind of book club.

See you there!



From the Pastors

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Representatives of Water Missions International made a presentation at the Convocation. This Christian organization provides clean water to people around the world. Many people including children die because of polluted water. Along with providing clean water, those sent out share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

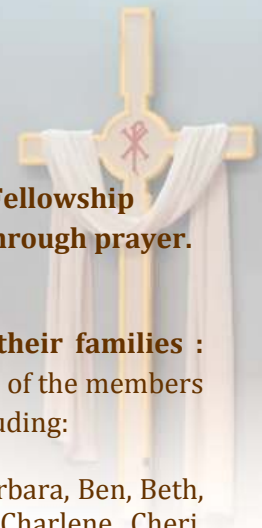
The emphasis at this Convocation, as always when the NALC meets, was mission outreach. A resolution was passed that set as a goal the establishment of 1517 congregations by 2017, the five-hundredth anniversary of the posting of the Ninety-five Theses by Martin Luther. Enthusiasm for mission was evident at the meeting. Our bishop, John Bradosky, and staff are highly committed to extending the Gospel here and abroad through the North American Lutheran Church.

Pastor Mandy has completed three years of service on the NALC Executive Council and chosen not to run for re-election. She feels honored to have been able to serve the church in this capacity. The Rev. Amy Schrifrin was elected in her place. Dr. Schrifrin will be the keynote speaker at the Convocation of the Atlantic Mission District of the NALC to be held at Holy Trinity Church on October 12.

A strong sense of unity exists in the NALC. We are united in our commitment to Christ, the Scriptures, mission, and the great tradition of the Church. Next year we will meet at the Citadel in South Carolina. Thanks to Earl and Judi Reeder for representing us and to Milt Cannan and Sigrid Frandsen- Cannan for attending.

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

Prayer List



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

Please pray for the following:

Please pray for the following individuals & their families : *(we cannot add last names or initials)* The families of the members of Holy Trinity together with those they love, including:

Albert, Alex, Ambre, Amid, Amy, Anna, Arlene, Barbara, Ben, Beth, BettyAnn, , Bob, Brianna, Bruce, Bryan, Carole, Charlene, Cheri, Christopher, Cinda, Cindy, Daniel, Dave, David, Deb, Derek, Diane, Dianna, Dodie, Donna, Doreen, Drew, Eleanor, Eda, Efim, Francis, Frank, Gary, Gene, George, Gloria, Gregory, Hannah, Helene, Hunter, Ingrid, Jarmie, Jason, Jeanne, Jenay, Jennifer, Joann, John, Joe, Judy, Julianne, Karen, Kathy, Keane, Lafayette, Lee, Lenore. Linda, Luis, Lori, Lorrie, Marc, Maryanne, Matt, Matthew, Marge, Margaret, Marsha, Maureen, Max, Michael, Megan, Mina, Mirna, Muriel, Nathaniel, Nancy, Nicole, Nick, Pauline, Pam, Peck, Peg, Peter, Phyllis, Ralph, Renee, Robert, Ryan, Sandy, Sarah, Scarlett, Scott, Shawn, Stephanie, Steve, Sue, Susan, Suzy, Tara, Terry, Tina, Tony, Tyler, Valerie, Vera, Viola and 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:

Anastasio, Arrue, Barth, Biehl, Bickford-Nolan, Blacoe, Blakes, Bell, Bell-Powell, Benin-Casa, Cabigon, Cooke, Cranston, Dewald, Doodan, Drobish, Eisenmann, Frame, Goodell, Koehler, Kohn, Koutsioroubas, Lake, Mackintosh, McCardle, McDonough, McKelvey, Means, Navarro, Ndini, Novak, Powell, Praschil, Raiguel, Schmidt, Schneiderreit, Sears, Selman, Singrella, Timson, Torres, Tredinnick and Young 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 the He would please send workers into the Harvest. For all who are chronically ill or shut-in. For all congregations of the NALC. For all travelers and for the dying. For the military and their families. The unemployed and 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 their faith throughout the world. For victims of rains, wildfires, earthquakes and hurricanes and for favorable weather and an abundance of crops. For all in financial difficulty that they may be totally restored.

Women's

Prayer Group

We will meet in the room over the garage next to the home of Rosemary Hinkle, Anyone is welcome to come pray and/or share prayer requests at any time.

Dessert and coffee/tea are served.

Mark your calendar now for 2013 prayer time on the first and third Mondays of each month.

Healing Prayer

Ministry

After the 5:00 P.M. Saturday Service, and after the 9:00 A.M. Service, 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.

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.

New Member Sunday

All Saints, November 3, 2013

If you are interested in membership, please speak to Pastor Tavella. New member class will begin in September.

Treasurer's Report

July 31, 2013

	Holy Trinity Ministries	Wider Church
Year to date received for current income	\$215,722.93	\$27,315.29
Carry over Benevolence from 2012		\$18,967.88
Expenses paid to date	\$236,203.25	\$26,932.77
Surplus/(Deficit) 2013	\$ 20,480.32)	\$19,350.40

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.

NOTE TO SELF:

While shopping, pick up items for interfaith food pantry:

- cereal, pancake mix
- peanut butter & jelly
- pasta, spaghetti sauce
- fruit juice, canned fruit
- tuna, canned meats

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

Michael Boerner
Christopher DiToro
Matthew Gottschling
Shaun Hall
Eric Henderson
Robert McKay
Nathan Quinlan
Timothy Quinlan
Jeremy Zar



It's a Boy!!!

Michael Charles Staffieri, V was born on Wednesday, July 3, 2013 to proud parents, Michael and Carrie Staffieri. Their bouncing baby boy weighed 9 lbs. 9½ ounces and measured 21½ inches. Big sister, Kate, is thrilled with her new brother.

Grandparents, Don and Linda Borkowski, are ecstatic to have a grandson join the family.

Welcome

*to the newest members of our
Holy Trinity Family*

Susan Doodan
2045 Edge Hill Road
Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006

Henry and Karen Pawluk
P. O. Box 138
West Newbury, VT 05085

Our Christian Sympathy to:

Sharon Wright on the death of her brother, Thomas Robert Fisher.

Jeanne Blacoe, Diane Blacoe, and Joanne Gimmillaro on the death of their husband and father, Bill Blacoe.

*Please remember your
Church in your will.*

Knitting Group

On the first Monday of each month at 10 A.M. the Ladies of Holy Trinity meet to enjoy each other's company and work on various sewing projects including putting Diane throws together for Martin Luther Silver Springs School. Come and learn something new. This is fun — You don't need to be a skilled seamstress. These projects benefit both children and adults.

Bring your friends and neighbors with you. All are welcome.

Any questions, please contact Maryjane Singley at gmomsingley@comcast.net.





July 6, 2013

Dear Holy Trinity family,

I wanted to send a little note thanking Earl Reeder and Al and Sandy Schmidt for the altar flowers which they brought over. It was very kind of them. And I would also like to thank Pastor Mandy for her visits. All the thoughtfulness over these little trying times has been appreciated.

Thank you all very much.

Ingrid Fisher

June 19, 2013

Dear Holy Trinity.

Thank you for the very generous donation of cleaning, kitchen, and baby supplies for the Cradle of Hope. It was very kind of you to remember us. We deeply appreciate your interest in our desire to provide housing for one year to homeless mothers and their babies.

One of our current residents, Ceitera, is receiving training to become a counselor in the Philadelphia Prison system. She will complete the one-year program in November. Two of our residents in 2012-13, Nyeisha and Amanda, both graduated high school in June 2013.

Our transitional housing program requires that each resident be attending school and/or working while in the program. Your gift also blesses each child. As the mothers obtain education, employment and permanent housing, the cycle of poverty is reversed and the children's lives are permanently affected.

During their year at the Cradle of Hope, we have seen the young women grow in confidence, strength, and hope. With weekly Bible study, workshops on parenting, nutrition and other topics, each mother sets goals for her life and works with the staff and volunteers to achieve those goals. With your gift, you have helped this ministry to continue.

Sincerely,
Michelle Nejman, Director
Cradle of Hope

July 11, 2013

Dear Holy Trinity family,

Thank you to Pastor Mike and Pastor Mandy for sending a basket of beautiful flowers from "Sharon's Holy Trinity" to my brother's funeral. Thanks also for the many cards and messages of sympathy that I received. We are grateful that Tom lived a long, full and healthy life and was only ill for a short time. I am also very blessed to have all of you for friends.

Fondly,
Sharon Wright



Send to Sharon -
swright@holyltrinity.net

Adult Christian Breakfast Fellowship

8:00 a.m., Saturday, September 7, 2013

The Seven Churches of Revelation Rediscovered

Presentation by Arthur Zbinden of David Nunn's DVD video of his firsthand visit to Turkey to the seven cities to which the messages of the Risen Christ were addressed in Revelation 2-3. Their significance is explained in detail, and viewers will gain many insights from David's enthusiastic commentary.



Join the Choir...
**You'll Be Glad
You Did!**

*Rehearsal are every
Thursday night from
8:00 — 9:15 p.m.*



Women's Prayer Group

The Holy Trinity Women's Prayer Group will begin the 2013-14 activity year on Monday, September 16 and will continue to meet the first and third Mondays of each month onward. This is a time when women can share and pray together about the concerns and joys of their heart for themselves, their families, and their dear friends. We observe strict confidentiality.

We will gather at 7:30 p.m. at Rosemary Hinkle's home in the room over her garage. This space offers privacy. Coffee, tea, and dessert are served!

There is a core of women who come regularly, while several other women come as they can. Every woman is welcome! Please come as you are able. You may direct questions to Rosemary Hinkle at Rosemaryhinkle@comcast.net or see the church directory for her address and phone number.

We are excitedly looking forward to what God will do with this time together.

*2013 Schedule
September 16
October 7 & 21
November 4 & 18
December 2 & 16*

All Are Invited!!

***September 8, 2013
Continental Breakfast at
10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall***



Rally Day

***Come join the fun as we kick off another
great year of Sunday School.***



Searchers Bible Study Fall Session

Dates: Tuesdays, September 10
through December 3
(excluding 9/24, 10/1 and 11/26)
Time: 7:30
Place: Parlor
Topic: Book of Ephesians

Spring Session

Dates: Tuesdays, January 7 through May 7
Time: 7:30
Place: Parlor
Topic: Book of Revelation
*(after this study we will go back to the remaining books
of the New Testament that we have not yet studied.)*

Theology with Bagels

Dates: Thursdays, Oct. 10 through Nov. 14
Time: 9:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.
Place: Parlor
Topic: The Hope of Eternal Life

Adult Sunday School Class

Date: **September 22, 2013**
Time: 10:30 A.M.
Place: Fellowship Hall
Topic: Report of the Convocation of the
North American Lutheran Church

Adult Sunday School Class

Begins: September 29, 2013
Time: 10:30 A.M.
Place: Fellowship Hall
Topic: Luther III

Discussion on Use of Recent Bequest

Date: September 15
Time: 10:30 A.M. — *(during S.S. hour)*
Leader: Alan Hinkle will lead the discussion

Adult Sunday School The Book of Hebrews

Begins: September 22
Time: 10:30 A.M.

Tom Schied will be leading the adult Sunday School Class on a journey through the book of Hebrews. Hebrews is one of the most intriguing, fascinating and illuminating Books of the New Testament, and I look forward to you joining us on Sept 22nd. We will be using William Barclays commentary on Hebrews as our guide.

Growing Your Soul

On Tuesdays in September, October and November, Pastor Mandy will be leading *Growing Your Soul*.

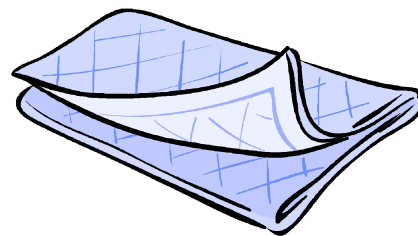
Dates: September 17 through November 19, (10 weeks).

Time: Tuesday afternoons at 1:00; repeated Tuesday evenings at 7:00

What: **Growing Your Soul** is a 10 week course that will look at some of the history and practices of Christian Spirituality.

Why: There is growing interest today in spirituality, and the spiritual heritage of the Christian faith is an area ripe for serious yet accessible exploration. In this 10 week course, participants will be introduced to a sampling of the great riches of the Christian Spiritual tradition. We will look at key leaders and practices as we explore the ways in which Christians from the earliest times to the present day have sought to express and live out the deepest truths of our faith.

The Bible and the life of Jesus Christ will be the starting point for the story. But along the way, we look briefly at the early Church fathers, the saints and the mystics, the monks and the reformers. And we will practice a few of the spiritual disciplines they have taught the Church through the years. The story of Christian spirituality bears witness to the countless ways in which individuals and communities have felt the presence and heard the call of God, have been disturbed by the divine anger, and have felt impelled to give all they had to give in response. This Fall we will take a peek into this treasure. I hope you will join us.



Blanket Sunday September 22nd

The women of Holy Trinity will be collecting blankets to be donated to Cradle of Hope.

The cost of donating a blanket is \$10.00. Donations can be put in the brown pew envelopes, labeled "Blanket" and placed in the offering plate. Please make checks payable to Holy Trinity. The money donated for blankets will be given to Lutheran World Relief.

If you would like to donate a blanket to be given to Cradle of Hope, they must be new and in the original packaging.

There will be a donation box in the Narthex beginning in September.

Thank you for your generosity.

Men's Devotional Group

Please join us for the first Men's Devotional Group Meeting in the Fall!! The Men's Devotional Group meets the second Thursday of every month and starts Thursday, September 12 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!





The **39RS** is a group of senior men and women who meet in Fellowship Hall at noon on the first Wednesday of the month. They share lunch together and then enjoy an entertaining or enlightening program . This group is not restricted to Holy Trinity members. Bring your friends or family members with you. The more the merrier.

Contact Maryjane Singley at gmomsingley@comcast.net



Adult Christian Breakfast Fellowship

(All Adults Invited)

When: First Saturday of the Month

Time: 9:00 A.M.

Topics and Speakers:

Diverse and interesting topics and speakers are offered each month.

Join us for breakfast and fellowship.

Hymns and Beer

Sunday September 8th

7:30 -9 p.m.

(note time change)



Hop Angel Brauhaus

7980 Oxford Ave.

Fox Chase, Philadelphia

An evening of fun and witness at a friendly place known for its fine selection of local and imported brews. It's a good time with good folks, food, and beers! It's also a wonderful opportunity to invite friends. No admittance charge; we have our own room reserved, so just show up, buy your own food and drink, and join in the hearty singing, accompanied by Jackie Smith tickling the ivories. Hymn sheets provided.

We've done two already and they were a smash!

So that we know how many hymn sheets to provide, let us know you're coming! Sign up in church, email Director of Music Jackie Smith, jacquelinehsmith@earthlink.net , or call the church and leave her a message, 215-659-2642.

This evangelistic outreach is sponsored by the *Music Ministry of Holy Trinity.*

39RS

2013-2014 Schedule

September 11, 2013	Lunch:	Brownbag your own lunch
	Speaker:	Irene Reiter
	Topic:	Elizabeth Chapman Lawrence, Aunt and Benefactor to Henry Mercer and Mercer Museum
October 2, 2013	Lunch:	Brownbag your own lunch
	Speakers:	Judi and Earl Reeder
	Topic:	Central European Trip
November 6, 2013	Lunch:	Brownbag your own lunch
	Speakers:	Janet and Harold Whaling
	Topic:	Uganda — Central Africa UN Project — to build a science department
December 4, 2013		CHRISTMAS PARTY
	Lunch:	Covered Dish — Bring your favorite dish or dessert.
	Gift Exchange:	Bring a wrapped gift — either edible or consumable.
		Price limit — \$2.00 - \$5.00
January 4, 2014	Lunch:	Brownbag your own lunch
	Topic:	Abington Memorial Hospital Speaker's Bureau — Using prescription medications wisely
February 5, 2014	Lunch:	Brownbag your own lunch
	Speaker:	Mark Sallon — Briar Bush Nature Center
	Topic:	"Plants of the Bible"
March 5, 2014	Lunch:	Brownbag your own lunch
	Speaker:	Mark E. Barnard, D.C., C.C.S.T.
	Topic:	"Adding years to your life and life to your years"
April 2, 2014	Lunch:	Brownbag your own lunch
	Speaker:	Fred Dugan
	Topic:	Lincoln: An Appreciation
May 7, 2014	Lunch:	Brownbag your own lunch
	Topic:	Musical Surprise
June 4, 2014	Lunch:	Brownbag your own lunch
	Topic:	Murder Mystery Game "The Nifty Fifties"

Calling all...
Women of Holy Trinity

We would love to have you attend one of the circles listed below. If you are already in a circle, then we look forward to seeing you at our September gatherings. If you are new to Holy Trinity or have not yet visited a circle, then we hope you will select a circle to visit this month. You will enjoy lively discussions of Bible-based topics, refreshments and social time. For more information, contact any of the circle leaders listed below.

This years topic will be based on:

***Joseph: How God Builds Character* by Paul Borthwick.**

This year we'll delve into a story of favoritism, envy, betrayal and deceit. Better than Reality TV, we'll also experience a story of forgiveness, humility, love and restoration. Building on how God helps us through life's challenges, we will be studying *Joseph: How God Builds Character* by Paul Borthwick.

Our author, Borthwick, writes that Joseph is a man of integrity and forgiveness. "Both words speak to the issue of spiritual depth. A person of character – especially in the context of the Christian life – sets himself or herself apart from others by moral uprightness, ethical courage and the strength to stand against evil." He continues by stating "people who have integrity live integrated lives. Their life convictions and their lifestyles match...their actions, values and behaviors stay consistent..."

Joseph is known as the dreamer and the possessor of the "coat of many colors," but his life is a success story made in heaven, one that offers a message of hope in the midst of trials for those that read it. Buffeted with the same kinds of problems we face today, Joseph's tenacious faith in God ultimately won him great honor and achievement. This study will take us into an in-depth examination of the family, experiences, choices and impact of the life of Joseph, one of the twelve sons of Israel. In eight studies this year, we'll explore Genesis, chapter 37 and Genesis, chapters 39-50 to discover what Joseph's life teaches us today about being people of character and integrity.

In preparation for each month's study, you'll find a Personal Reflection in the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Women section of the newsletter. This question or exercise is designed to help you focus on God and on the theme of the study. In September, we'll discuss Chapter One: Building on Damaged Foundations. Our Personal Reflection is: If you were to ask God one question about the childhood that you've lived, what would you ask him?

September Circles:

EVE: Thursday, Sept 12, 7:30 P.M., the Parlor. Circle leader, Sue Tolton: 215-659-7054.

HANNAH: Wednesday, Sept 18, 7:30 P.M., the Parlor.
Circle leader, Cindy Biehl: 267-475-5435

MIRIAM: Monday, Sept 9, 12:30 P.M., in Fellowship Hall,
Circle leader, Ruth McCandless: 215-682-2034.

RUTH: Wednesday, Sept 11, 7:30PM at the home of Lois Hamilton, 4121 Colony Dr, Hatboro
215-672-1237 Circle leader, Nancy Necker, 215-884-2123.

SARAH: Thursday, Sept 12, 12:00 noon, the Parlor, Elaine Schimpf: 215-884-3410 or
Elaine Lauff: 215-659-5889

Youth Ministry -- Schedule 2013 / 14

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church — Revised Friday, August 23, 2013

All events are on SUNDAY unless otherwise noted

- September 8, 2013 **Rally Day Breakfast** (Continental Breakfast served at 10:30 am)
- September 15, 2013 **Senior High Bible Study "Kick Off" — For 9th - 12th Graders (10:30 - 11:30 am)**
Place: Youth Room
The Senior High Bible Study meets weekly during the Sunday School hour.
- September 15, 2013** **Family Choir & Supper Club "Kick Off" — An Evening of Family Fun**
(Tonight's Theme: "The Domestic Church")
Place: Fellowship Hall
Time: 5:00 - 7:00 p.m
Tonight's Cooks: We call out for pizza, eat it together, & then rehearse as the family choir. (Pastor Mandy will organize this)
Handout: The Domestic Church (October)
Sign-up: Families to bring up the Communion elements / Cooks for Supper Club & Family Choir
Worship Tie-In — Become an usher-family / Bringing up the Gifts / Bell Sunday (First Sunday of Christmas)
- October 13, 2013** **Family Choir & Supper Club (5 pm - 7 pm)**
Tonight's Cook: Pastor Mandy – That means the menu will be Kentucky Fried Chicken, Blue-Box Macaroni & Cheese, Green Salad & Assorted Dressings, and Cookies.
Handout: The Domestic Church (November)
Worship Tie-in: Candles for families to bring forward to put on the altar during the Processional on All Saints' Sunday (First Sunday in November)
Note: Be sure to notice the bulletin for a further explanation of what is going on with the candles on All Saints.
Activity / Craft: Pass around a candle & name a "saint" for whose life you thank God
Plus we will do Halloween sticker crafts.
- Oct 20, 2013** **Hymn Festival & Reception** (Focus: the hymns of)
Hymn Festival begins at 7:00 and is followed by a reception.)
(Choir will host the reception)
- November 10, 2013** **Family Choir & Supper Club (5 pm - 7 pm) (Tonight's Theme: Americas First Thanksgiving)**
Tonight's Cooks:
Handout: The Domestic Church (Advent); Upcoming Advent events
Sign-up: GET VOLUNTEERS TO LIGHT THE ADVENT WREATH
Worship Tie-in: Bring canned food to the Thanksgiving Service
Craft: Thanksgiving Stickers picture
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 29, 2013**). These bells will be used during the worship services.
- December 8, 2013** **Advent Family Night Vespers & Supper (4:00 pm)** (2nd Sunday of Advent)
Tonight's Vespers Service will offer a quiet time of contemplation and reflection on all that it means to us that just as Christ came as promised on that first Christmas, so He will come again. This service will be very low-key.

- December 8, 2013** **Advent Family Night Supper & Tucker's Tales Puppet Show (2nd Sunday in Advent)**
 Place for the show: Holy Trinity (Sanctuary)
 Time: Dinner begins in Fellowship Hall at 5:00 PM. In 2013, the meal will be a Ziti Supper made for all by the LCW.
 Puppet Show begins at 6:00 pm & lasts about an hour.
 Cost: a freewill offering will be accepted to help defray the cost of the puppet show.
 Sign-up: Family Ushering / Bringing up the Gifts / Don't forget Bell Sunday, Candlemas and Transfiguration (Bring candles from home to be blessed at Candlemas)
- December 22, 2013** **Advent Concert (4:00 pm)**
- Jan 20-21, 2013 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend) (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – January 21, 2013)
- Jan 26, 2014** **"The Big One"**
Youth Sunday – 9:00 a.m. (Kids lead the services)
Annual Meeting -- after the 10:30 Sunday School classes
Churchwide Potluck Supper & Candlemas Celebration (Potluck begins at 5:00 pm)
 Craft: Jim & Nancy Necker to lead a Groundhog Craft
- February 2, 2014 SUPERBOWL Sunday
- Feb. 9, 2014 **Family Choir & Supper Club (5-7 pm) Tonight's Theme: Doing Lent as a Family**
 Tonight's Cook:
 Handout: The Domestic Church (Lent & Easter)
 Tale: Lent & Easter for Families
Be sure to sign up families who will be carrying **Alleluia Banners on Transfiguration Sunday on March 2, 2014.**
Note: Mike has to bring fire pit from home for burning the palms
Be sure all is ready for the Alleluia Banners to be carried in and out.
- NOTE: Ash Wednesday in 2014 March 5, 2014 (One month away)**
Be sure to mention Family Stations of the Cross & the services of Holy Week
 Craft: Order something "Lent-y" from Oriental Trading
- Be sure all is ready for the Alleluia Banners to be carried in and out.**
- February 15-16, 2014 PRESIDENT'S DAY WEEKEND (President's Day – Monday, Feb 17, 2014)
- Mar 2, 2014 — Transfiguration*
Mar 4, 2014 — Fastnacht Night – 7:30 pm
Mar 5, 2014 — Ash Wednesday – 7:30 pm
- March 9, 2014– Daylight Savings Time Begins (Lent 1)*
- April 6, 2014 – Potluck Supper &*
Family Stations of the Cross (Lent 5) Potluck Supper

April 13, 2014 – Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday

April 17, 2014 – Maundy Thursday – 7:30 pm

April 18, 2014 – Good Friday —7:30 pm

April 19, 2014 – Easter Egg Hunt – 1:00 pm

Easter Vigil – 5:00 pm

April 20, 2014 – Easter Worship Service (9:00 am)

March 16, 2014

Family Choir & Supper Club – 5-7pm

Tonight is Lent 2

Tonight's Cooks:

Handout: The Domestic Church (The Easter Season)

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.

Talk: Stations of the Cross and the Services of Holy Week

April 13, 2014

Passion Sunday Benefit Concert – 7:00 pm

April 19, 2014

Saturday at 1:00 pm — Easter Egg Hunt (Watch the Bulletin for Details)

April 20, 2014

Easter Worship Service — 9:00 a.m.

May 11, 2014

Family Choir & Supper Club (5 pm - 7 pm) An Evening of Family Fun (The Last Supper Club of the Season)

(Tonight's Theme: Fun & Games)

Place: Fellowship Hall

Time: 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Tonight's Cooks: Everyone – It's a Picnic Potluck

May 11, 2014

Mother's Day

June 8, 2014

Pentecost – Confirmation of 8th Graders

July 28 — Aug 1, 2014

Vacation Bible School -- Watch your Bulletin and Echoes

OR

Aug 4 — Aug 8

10:30 a.m. – September 8th

See you there!!!



Vacation Bible School – Thank You

The theme for this year's Vacation Bible School was **"Go Tell It On The Mountain, Where Jesus Christ is Lord"**. At Bible School this year we visited 6 rotation centers. They heard wonderful stories at the Bible Story area, they explored the story at Bible Challenge, they played exciting games at the Games area and helped the community by volunteering in the Inter-Faith Food Pantry. The kids also enjoyed a delicious snack in our marketplace munchies, 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 80 students and 46 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 Mike for leading us in Worship, our Pre-School and Kindergarten teachers, Cindy Biehl and Sherry Gregg and their assistants, our wonderful youth helpers and our Bible Story, Bible Challenge, Art, Music, Games, Mission and Snack Center leaders. Also thanks to Sue Tolton for helping us with the daily administrative tasks. Thank you to Cindy Biehl and Janice Donnelly who took time out of their busy schedules to help 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 will run from July 28th through August 1st. We hope to see you all next year.

Yours in Christ,

Dani Rowley
Susan Schied
VBS Coordinators

HOLY TRINITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL STAFF

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Fun Summer Project

How Many Shoeboxes Can You Fill for Children?

Bring the love of Jesus to children and their families.

Their only “Christmas” experience will be your shoebox.

And, they can hear the Gospel message...many for the 1st time!

Since 2007, members of Holy Trinity have lovingly packed shoeboxes with toys, school supplies, and hygiene items for children in need around the world. This is a wonderful opportunity for adults and children alike to engage in hands-on mission and experience the joy of shopping for and filling shoeboxes for children who are victims of poverty in so many ways—war; natural disasters such as earthquakes, floods, and famines; jobless parents, or other life devastations. Each child who is given a shoebox will also receive an age- and culturally-appropriate Gospel in his/her language. There are many wonderful stories through Samaritan’s Purse of how these gifts and the Gospel have brought families to church and to the feet of Jesus.

How Many Shoeboxes Can You Make Happen? Please consider packing as many shoeboxes as possible—either as your personal or family project or, even better, by asking extended family members and friends to join you in this effort. Shoeboxes will be collected at Holy Trinity during services on the second weekend in November (9 & 10).

This shoebox ministry, known as Operation Christmas Child, is a major mission effort of Samaritan’s Purse, a nondenominational Christian organization headed by Franklin Graham. Know that your boxes of goodies may well be the only gift that a child receives all year or EVER. Also keep in mind that this is your personal opportunity to be an evangelist. So the more shoeboxes you prepare, the more opportunities you create for children and their families to know Jesus and his saving love.

Contribute or Take Shoeboxes: Please either bring your extra empty shoeboxes to the narthex for others to fill OR take shoeboxes to fill. Then take a brochure and have fun shopping! **Most importantly** as you prepare your boxes, pray often for the children who will receive them. For ideas of items to pack, please see a list on the next page.

Shipping: You will be asked to contribute \$7 for each shoebox you send. Some people feel called to support this effort by making a contribution to defray shipping costs for many shoeboxes. All contributions are appreciated. You may use the envelope attached to the brochure.

Track your box to its destination: Find out where your boxes go! Visit www.samaritanpurse.org. Click “What We Do.” and select “Operation Christmas Child.” On the left menu click “Journey of a Shoebox. You will find a “Follow Your Box” link under Collecting Shoeboxes. Once you make your online contribution for shipping, you will receive an email to print your bar code. Affix this to your shoebox, **making sure not to tape over the actual bar code.** In 2014, you will receive an email telling you the countries where your boxes were delivered.



A Shoebox Ministry to Children Around the World

1. Use a sturdy shoebox or a plastic shoebox-sized container.
2. It is not necessary, but if you wrap your box, **boxes and lids must be wrapped separately due to mandatory inspections.**
3. Select the gender (boy or girl) and age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14.
4. Make purchases and fill your shoebox to capacity!
5. You may include your name & address and/or a picture. Sometimes a child or family writes to you.
Add on top a check to **Samaritan's Purse** for \$7 for each box you have packed. You only need one check, even if you are preparing several boxes. OR, visit **www.samaritanspurse.org** to download bar-coded strips to affix to your shoeboxes and learn later where they go.
6. Place the lid on your box and tape on top the completed Operation Christmas Child label.
7. Place 2-3 rubber bands around your box and bring to a Holy Trinity service November 9 or 10.

Here are ideas to get you started but be creative!

Pencils & sharpeners, eraser, crayons, glue stick, child-safe scissors, ruler

6 x 9 pads of plain and construction paper

Pens for older children

Combs, toothbrush, soap (in plastic Ziploc bag)

washcloth

Socks, T-shirt, bandanas, sunglasses

Mirror (plastic, not glass)

Fun print tissue pack, Band-Aids with designs

Novelty plastic ware: cups, plates, straws

Age-appropriate candy/snacks: ring popes, animal

crackers, Pez & dispenser, Nerds, Mentos, Lifesavers

Beanie Baby-sized stuffed animals, dolls, balls (bouncy, hacky sack, blow-up beach balls, balloon)

Age-appropriate stickers

Games: maze & dot-to-dot pads, puzzles, Legos,

coloring books, water colors & brushes

Age & gender-appropriate small backpacks, purses, and visors

Boys

Legos, yoyos, Slinkies

Matchbox and tension-release cars & trucks Marbles

Chap stick

Wrist watch

Flashlights-include 2 rounds of batteries

Girls

Emery boards, nail art, nail brushes

Jewelry (bracelets, necklaces, ankle bracelets, etc.)

Bead making kits

Lip gloss

Hair bands, clips, etc.

Jump ropes

Do's & Don't's

- NO toys of war (military figures, weapons, etc)
- NO chocolate or any candies that would melt in heat
- NO lotions, liquids, or anything in glass containers
- DO include storybooks (you don't know what language your child speaks)
- DO consider games (especially travel size) that have picture directions, directions in several languages., or are able to be easily understood if a child cannot read English.
- DO be culturally sensitive when making selections. This project is about spreading the love of Jesus. The children who receive your gifts are red and yellow black and white.
- AVOID toys with American flags.

Questions: Contact Rosemary Hinkle at Rhinkle@abington.org

September Worship Assistants Schedule

Sept. 1st

Usher	3	Greeter	Michelle Thess and Lorraine Trollinger	Presenters of Gifts	Charles and Sue Tolton and Linda Frezza
Count	3	Acolyte	Alyssa Goodson	Gate	Heidi Simmons
Christophers	2	Crucifer	Kaylee Goodson	Cushion	Nancy Necker
Prayer Ministry Team	2	Lay Reader-Sat	John Maieron	Communion Assistant	Charles Tolton and Ann Frey
		Lay Reader-Sun	Tina Bednarczyk	Setup	

Sept. 8th

Usher	4	Greeter	Dick and Dottie Erb	Presenters of Gifts	Maryann Leventhal and Martin and Eleanor Murphy
Count	4	Acolyte	William Breslin	Gate	
Christophers	3	Crucifer	Stephen Leventhal	Cushion	
Prayer Ministry Team	3	Lay Reader-Sat	Linda Cassady	Communion Assistants	Linda Frezza and Linda Bell-Powell
		Lay Reader-Sun	Teresa Mitchell	Setup	

Sept. 15th

Usher	5	Greeter	Lois and Rich Hamilton	Presenters of Gifts	Russ, Jane and Ken Tredinnick
Count	5	Acolyte	Michael LaRocca	Gate	
Christophers	4	Crucifer	Brendan Rowley	Cushion	
Prayer Ministry Team	4	Lay Reader-Sat	Katie Beyer	Communion Assistants	Gil Zimmermann and Rich Hamilton
		Lay Reader-Sun	Kevan Berkovitz	Setup	

Sept. 22nd

Usher	1	Greeter	Nancy Myers and Milt Cannan	Presenters of Gifts	Terry, Danielle and Brendan Rowley
Count	1	Acolyte	Eugenia Connelly	Gate	
Christophers	5	Crucifer	Dan Dewald	Cushion	
Prayer Ministry Team	5	Lay Reader-Sat	Bill Riehm	Communion Assistants	Dean Lawrence and Deb Mumford
		Lay Reader-Sun	John Moore	Setup	

Sept. 29th

Usher	2	Greeter	Anita and John Ickler	Presenters of Gifts	Don and Ruth Lewis and Jean Blacoe
Count	2	Acolyte	Jared Ickler	Gate	
Christophers	6	Crucifer	Devin Langan	Cushion	
Prayer Ministry Team	1	Lay Reader-Sat	John Maieron	Communion Assistants	Milt Cannan and Sigrid Frandsen-Cannan
		Lay Reader-Sun	Linda Borkowski	Setup	

September 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 PENTECOST 15 9:00 Holy Communion	2 LABOR DAY OFFICE C LOSED	3	4 7:30 Council Meeting	5 6:30 Chancel Choir Picnic	6 7:30 AA	7 9:00 Adult Christian Breakfast Fellowship 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
8 PENTECOST 16 RALLY DAY 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Kick-off Breakfast 7:30 Hymns & Beer at Hop Angel Brauhaus	9 10:00 Sewing Group 12:30 Miriam Circle 7:30 Coram Deo	10 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 Compline	11 Noon 39RS 7:30 Ruth Circle	12 Noon Sarah Circle 7:00 Men's Devotional Group 7:30 Eve Circle 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	13 7:30 AA John Chrysostom, Bishop, 307	14 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA Holy Cross Day
15 PENTECOST 17 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Pre-K and Adult Sunday School Confirmation Orientation 5:00 – Family Choir & Supper Club Kickoff	16 7:30 Women's Prayer Group 7:30 Coram Deo 6:00 Daisy Troop SHOP & COOK FOR AIDS Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr	17 1:00 & 7:00 Growing Your Soul 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 Compline DELIVER AIDS DINNER	18 7:30 Hannah Circle	19 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	20 7:30 AA	21 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA St. Matthew, Evangelist
22 PENTECOST 18 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Pre-K and Adult Sunday School	23 7:30 Coram Deo	24 1:00 & 7:00 Growing Your Soul	25	26 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	27 7:30 AA	28 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
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