



# Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Monday, May 9, 2016

Dear Mission Commitment Task Force,

Thank you so very much for your generous gift of \$1,500 to the Holy Trinity AIDS Dinner Fund. Without the generosity of Holy Trinity donors, we could not afford to keep bringing food to Uni-Lu's Tuesday night meal program.

Holy Trinity has been taking dinners in to Uni-Lu once a month, every month, since 1988. In those days, we were invited to bring in food for the dinner provided by "We the People (with AIDS)". Uni-Lu provided dinner every Tuesday: Holy Trinity took the third Tuesday of the month as the day Uni-Lu could count on us. In those days, AIDS was a deadly scourge that most people died of within two years. Everyone was terrified of contracting AIDS, and sufferers were treated like pariahs.

Over the years we have seen many changes in this dinner! When we began bringing in food, we were cooking for only about 20 people, and they were all men with AIDS. In the beginning we were feeding both African American men and Caucasian men; the African Americans had gotten AIDS through needle use, the Caucasian men had gotten AIDS through sex. Over the years, we were witness to the politics of AIDS and then to the increasing effectiveness of the medication. For the most part, the people we are feeding now are homeless, drug-addicted, people infected with AIDS, both men and women.

The numbers of people coming for the dinners has grown over the years: first we were feeding about 20, then 40, then 60, and finally 100. The building is now "at capacity", so we will not grow much beyond 100. The AIDS medication has become so effective, that AIDS is now regarded as a chronic, manageable illness.

We bring in food for 100 diners on the third Tuesday of every month. Holy Trinity is the only congregation that brings in dinner 12 times a year. Uni Lu has also told us that they never worry about having enough food when Holy Trinity brings in dinner because we always bring more than enough. Holy Trinity is widely regarded as "the lynchpin" of this program. But without the generosity of Holy Trinity members and of the Mission Commitment Task force, we could never afford to continue doing this. Thank you.

Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$1,500 to the Holy Trinity AIDS Dinner Fund.

Gratefully,

*Pastor Michael Tarella & Pastor Mandy Summer*

The Pastors



Dear friends of the Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran church,

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your financial support and interest in my missionary ministry. The assignment the Lord has given me is to offer my services as a teacher to missionary families. I'm in my third year of service in Mexico with Wycliffe Bible Translators.

As you may know, missionary families with school aged children living in isolated areas often turn to homeschooling as the educational option for their children. This requires a significant investment of time. I make myself available to these families for short periods (usually about a month.) I travel to their village locations and take over the homeschooling of the children. This gives the mom some time to work on language learning and other projects related to Bible translation. At times I also help with homeschooling while the parents are involved in translation related workshops at our center in Mitla, Mexico where I live.

Twice a year we have a three week session of classroom experience for homeschoolers in Mitla. For the past year I've been coordinating this program as well as teaching one of the groups. It's been a stretching experience, and I've depended more than ever on the help of the Lord.

I am so blessed to be called of the Lord to serve His people in this way. And I thank you for your part in my ministry.

If you have questions or comments on my work I'd love to hear from you at [marge\\_krikorian@sil.org](mailto:marge_krikorian@sil.org).

My prayer requests are:

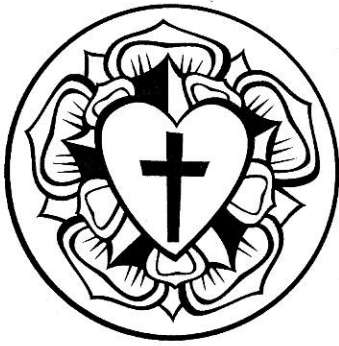
that I would grow in my fellowship with and knowledge of the Lord.  
that I would show the Lord's love to the children as I teach them.  
that I would have wisdom in use of my time.  
for stamina, energy, enthusiasm...all things needed as I teach the children.  
for the Lord's provision of the teachers we need for our classroom session in the fall.

Thank you for your prayers. I'm attaching a photo taken on an outing to a pottery making shop.

Blessings,  
Marge Krikorian  
Itinerant teacher with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Mexico







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November 25, 2015

Dear Rev. Dr. Schiffrin,

Greetings from Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Abington, Pennsylvania. Our church is a congregation of people of God, bound together in love. Our purpose is to glorify God in worship and to fulfill His will through spreading the Gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ to all humankind.

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church has a history of supporting Christian organizations that we know minister to individuals' spiritual and physical needs in the name of Christ. Our support is offered through members of our congregation volunteering their time and in the use of our facility for meetings, food distribution, etc. Also, through bequests and offerings given by our church family, we are able to offer financial support.

It is with great joy and the knowledge that all blessings come from our Lord Jesus Christ that we enclose the attached check in the amount of \$2,000. During 2015 our church Council established procedures to allow members of our congregation to request financial support for organizations they felt were in accord with our mission statement. The enclosed check is a result of at least one request for the **NALS (Seminary), the President's Discretionary Fund**.

In addition to the enclosed check, it gives us pleasure to inform you of the possibility of receiving future donations in the year 2016. For you to be considered, we request a report on how the donation received during 2015 was used. Please forward your report no later than June 2016.

The fruit of your actions is a testament to the power of the Holy Spirit working within your organization. We are thankful to our Lord to be able to support your labors.

In Christ,  
Linda Cassady  
President Congregation Council

cc: Ann Gleason  
Pastor Mandy Grimmer ✓



Society of the Holy Trinity  
The Rev'd Pari R. Bailey, STS Secretary  
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December 11, 2015

The Congregation Council  
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
2086 Parkview Ave,  
Abington, PA 19001

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On behalf of the officers, deans and all the members of the Society of the Holy Trinity, I want to thank you for your recent gift of \$1,500. Your generosity helps the Society as it seeks to encourage the ongoing formation of Lutheran clergy into a disciplined and faithful ministry, serving God's Holy Word and administering the Sacraments of the Church in and for the world.

Five hundred dollars of your gift will be used to assist Seminarians to attend the General Retreat of the Society, held annually in September. An additional \$500 will be used for the support of pastors of limited financial means to also attend the General Retreat. The remaining \$500 will support the general work of the Society, especially with regard to strengthening pastors in their ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As we strive for faithfulness in this ministry, we pray for your continued support and assure you of our prayers in return.

May God fill you with all grace and peace and bless our common ministry.

In Christ's Service,



The Rev'd. Pari R. Bailey, STS



December 2, 2015

Rev. Mike Tavella  
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
2086 Parkview Ave  
Abington, PA 19001-1136

Dear Rev. Tavella:

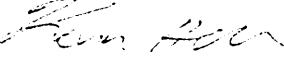
On behalf of the millions of people served daily with safe water, we thank you for your support of Water Mission.


As Christian ministries, we have the joint mission of reaching out to those in need by being the hands and feet of Jesus. Your partnership in fighting the Global Water Crisis provides those we serve with an opportunity to hear about the true Living Water – Jesus Christ.

Our desire is that our relationship would not be simply transactional but transformational in the life of your church. Please take advantage of the many resources available to engage your congregation at [watermission.org](http://watermission.org).

Again, thank you so much for your support of our mission and ministry. We could not continue this work without your prayerful and financial support. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Blessings,

  
Kevin Herr  
Church Engagement Coordinator

Thank you! Please let me know  
if there is ever a way I can serve  
you!  
In Christ,  


#### **Gift Information**

**Gift Date:** 11/30/2015

**Gift Amount:** \$1,500.00

**Designation:** Where Most Needed

Water Missions International is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Your contribution is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by the law. No goods or services were provided in exchange for your generous donation. If this donation has been designated for a specific project or purpose, Water Missions International will make a good-faith effort to fulfill that request. In the event more funds are donated than can be used by a specific need, or if that need changes, Water Missions International will use the funds in a way that most closely aligns with the donor's intent and the mission of the organization. Please retain this letter as your receipt for tax purposes.

Dear Linda Cassady and the family of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,

My name is Jeff Pearson and I am the area director of Young Life Montgomery County. I am writing to thank you for your generous giving, and to update you on how that giving has been used. We have received several checks from you over the years, and especially this year. We are grateful for all of the support. This fall we received a sizeable check and I wanted to let you know how this check, and really all of the support, has been used this year.

I have been the area director here in Montgomery County for almost 2 years now. Coming into this area and this position has been a great blessing and I know I am standing on the shoulders of many who have come before me.

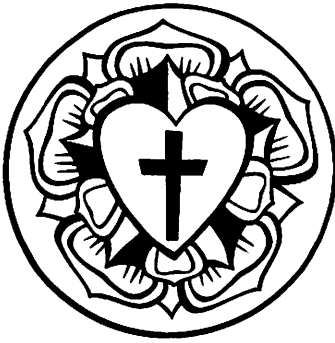
One thing in particular that we have been working towards over this past year and a half is strengthening our financial position as a non-profit ministry. We are growing as a ministry in committee, volunteers, and especially in the kids we are reaching, and thus want to make sure that our financial foundation is firm. Your generous giving, along with many others, has allowed us to feel financially stable as we continue to reach more and more kids and develop in our different areas of ministry.

The funding we received from you has gone towards this ministry thriving in many different areas. We were able to have it help with our funding financial needs for our weekly outreach, our small groups, our weekly discipleship groups, office expenses, and staff support. Most importantly, all of these things are what lead to lost kids finding to the hope of Jesus Christ right in their public schools through Young Life, which is our driving passion!

We as a ministry, and our family personally, are so thankful for your great generosity and support as we seek to reach the next lost and hurting student with the life changing love of the Gospel!

God Bless,

Jeff Pearson



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Monday, May 9, 2016

Dear Mission Commitment Task Force,

Thank you so very much for your generous gift of \$2,000 to the Holy Trinity Parish Relief Fund.

In 2016, we changed our policy regarding how money would be distributed from the Parish Relief Fund. In years previous, this fund has been used to give a little money to anyone who came to Holy Trinity asking for help. But this year, for some reason, the requests for help absolutely ballooned. When we asked people how they had gotten Holy Trinity's name, many of them told us that they had received our name from their social worker. It turned out that that Community Connections of Montgomery County was giving Holy Trinity's name to their social workers, as a source of funds for their clients. We were astonished; when I called Josh Shapiro, I learned that this was true.

Holy Trinity is giving much to our community by housing and subsidizing the Interfaith Food Pantry. We will continue to do this as long as God gives us strength.

But we have members of our own congregation who are in grave financial straits. They worship with us; you probably know most of them – and they really need a hand! Because of your generosity, we were able to give each one a substantial gift before Christmas, before Easter, and we expect to be able to give them a final gift over the summer. These dear people were floored, and one of them was practically babbling in gratitude. They are grateful to you, they are grateful to Holy Trinity, and they are especially grateful to Jesus for making this special blessing come to them.

Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$2,000 to the Holy Trinity Parish Relief Fund.

Gratefully,

*Pastor Michael Tarella & Pastor Mandy Zimmer*

The Pastors



Lutheran World Relief  
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. LASTING PROMISE.

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Baltimore, MD 21230 USA  
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December 3, 2015

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
2086 Parkview Ave  
Abington PA 19001-1136

Dear Friends,

We recently received your gift of \$1,500.00 to Lutheran World Relief. Thank you! I'd like to share a story of the great work your gift will support.

Maria del Cid Aguilar is a coffee farmer who lives in El Salvador. Coffee is a lucrative crop with the potential to lift farmers like Maria out of poverty. But recently, a crop disease called *la roya* (leaf rust) has threatened her livelihood. The disease is particularly devastating because it kills coffee trees and it can take years for new trees to grow to replace that production.

With your generosity, LWR is reaching out to coffee farmers in Central America to combat this problem. Your gift makes it possible to help farmers diversify their crops. Maria received cocoa seedlings, along with agricultural training, to grow cocoa along with her coffee crops. Cocoa can withstand heat and humidity and this second crop reduces her family's dependence on coffee production for income.

That's just one example of how your gift changes lives around the world. I hope you will visit our website ([lwr.org](http://lwr.org)) or blog ([blog.lwr.org](http://blog.lwr.org)) to learn about more stories! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or the LWR staff at 800.597.5972 or [lwr@lwr.org](mailto:lwr@lwr.org).

On behalf of LWR, our partners and those we serve, please accept my thanks for your generous support and partnership. May God bless you!

Warm Regards,

Daniel V. Speckhard  
President and CEO

*Thank you so much for  
your very generous gift!*

As required by the IRS, this receipt confirms that Lutheran World Relief has given you no goods or services in return for your charitable contribution of \$1,500.00-LWR.



# Helping the Hungry, Homeless & Hurting

Dear Ms. Cassady,

Thank you so much for the gift you sent in November of 2015 from Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Abington. I believe Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission has so much in common with your church because we are both a group of Christians who desire to help others and spread the gospel.

As you know, Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission has ministered to the poor and disadvantaged in Philadelphia for over 130 years. Not only that, but Sunday Breakfast is the only free service provider of breakfast, lunch, and dinner on every day of the year in Philadelphia! Over the past few years, our efforts have been expanding outside of Center City and into the surrounding counties.

Your generous donations provided resources for those in Montgomery County. Our Montgomery County outreach efforts began in May of 2015 and it has already helped so many people! The Montgomery County Outreach Worker connects homeless or at-risk individuals with necessary services and spiritual support.

This past January, a young mother became ill and was unable to work enough hours to both feed her family and pay her rent. Because of the Outreach Worker's communication with the landlord and your financial support, this woman was able to recover in peace then return to work without being evicted. Your generosity helped this young family!

I truly hope that we will continue to partner together in the fight to end homelessness in Philadelphia and Montgomery County!

Yours in Christ's Service,



Rosalyn Forbes

Director of Development

Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission





## Carson-Simpson Farm

3405 Davisville Road  
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Phone: 215-659-0232  
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www.CSFarm.org

Dear Friends in Christ,

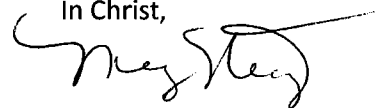
On behalf of the staff and children at Carson Simpson Farm Christian Camp we would like to thank you for your kind donation. Thank you just does not seem to be enough, what a wonderful surprise.

We wanted to report that the funds went directly into our scholarship fund. Last summer we gave out over \$26,000.00 in scholarship and less than half was covered by donation. This will go directly to bringing low income children to summer camp where they will hear the gospel message of Jesus Christ each week. They will have the opportunity to receive Christ as Savior and take away from camp a life transformed by the Holy Spirit. Your church will be a part of that.

We would love to be included in future decisions for funds. We will be celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2019 and have continued to bring children from low income families from the city of Philadelphia and the tri-county area for a camp experience. Our mission is to glorify God and bring children to Christ through Christian camping. Praise God for individuals and churches who see camp as an important place for God to work in the hearts of children.

If you need any further documentation from us, please let us know. Again we receive your gift with thankful hearts and know that God will use it in a mighty way.

In Christ,



Meg Neitz,  
Program Manager,  
PEACE Ministries Coordinator

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

## CHARITABLE TAX RECEIPT

This is an official receipt for income tax purposes

Tax Receipt Number: **642**

Date Issued: 11/20/2015

**Donor Information:**

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**

2086 Parkview Ave  
Abington PA 19001

**Donation Information:**

Tax Receipt Amount: **\$1,500.00**

Donation Date: 17-Nov-15

Campaign: General Donation

Fund: Scholarship Fund

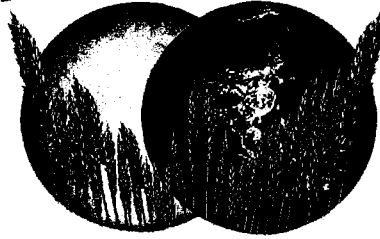
Notes: Thank you for supporting the  
Scholarship Fund at Carson  
Simpson Farm Christian Camp.

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# Asia Harvest



## Receipt

353 Jonestown Road #320, Winston-Salem, NC 27104, USA

office@asiaharvest.org www.asiaharvest.org

<b>Date:</b>	9 December 2015	<i>Project Smile</i>	\$1,500.00
<b>Name:</b>	Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church	<b>Total:</b>	\$1,500.00
<b>Sum:</b>	One Thousand Five Hundred dollars		

Dear Michael and Linda,

Many thanks for your recent donation.

It's hard to believe another year will soon be coming to an end. We are thankful that because of the partnership of many believers like you, we have once again been able to print hundreds of thousands of Bibles for Asian believers unable to access God's Word; and have supported more than 1,000 Asian missionaries who are taking the Gospel to more than 700 unreached people groups, as well as a host of other strategic projects that have advanced the kingdom of God throughout Asia.

If we are not in contact with you again this year, we would like to take the opportunity of thanking you for all you have done for the Lord Jesus and His people in 2015. We pray you and your family will experience a blessed Christmas and New Year period, and that 2016 will find you walking closer to the Heavenly Father than ever before.

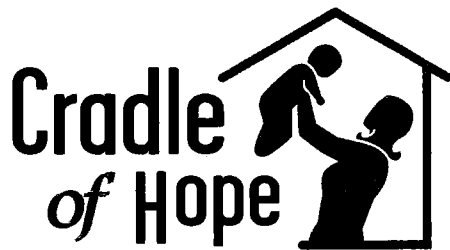
Until All have heard,

Paul

Paul

PS: Enclosed are prayer cards of children in Vietnam who have been helped through your gift to Project Smile.





A Home for Single Mothers and Children

November 28, 2015

Ms. Linda Cassady  
Holy Trinity Evan. Lutheran Church  
2086 Parkview Avenue  
Abington, PA 19001

Dear Ms. Cassady,

Thank you so much for your very generous contribution of \$1,500.00 to the Cradle of Hope. It is our joy to partner with you in this way to provide safe housing for mothers who choose life for their children. Your support is vital and we are thankful for you.

One of our current mothers, Porshea, is enrolled in online school and pursuing a degree in psychology. She is working towards getting her driver's license and caring for her young daughter. Our newest mother, Keyana, works part-time and has a certificate in culinary arts. Her dream is to one day have her own restaurant. These mothers are examples of young women making investments in the future, to provide a life for their child marked by stability, security, and love.

The women in our program work hard and make sacrifices every day to put their children first and do the hard work of parenting. They face significant challenges and strive to overcome them and find a better future. Here at the Cradle of Hope we seek to come alongside them offering hope, encouragement, prayer, rides, diapers, and more. Your gifts enable us to do that and for that we are eternally grateful. You are investing in the life of a young mother and her child and the benefits of that will be reaped for years to come.

Thank you for joining us in this work.

Sincerely,

Betsy Stoltzfus  
Director, Cradle of Hope

Board Members: Eileen Britton, Cornell Davis III, Mershon Hinkel, Maureen Krueger, Esq.,  
Michelle Nejman, Connie Schandain, Cheryl Sumitra, Terri Supka

*"In the day of my trouble, I will call on you, because You answer me.*

*(Psalm 86:7)*

Cradle of Hope is a 501-(c)(3) charitable organization. Your gift is tax-deductible. You did not receive any goods or services in exchange for your contribution. The official registration and financial information of the Cradle of Hope, Inc. may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, 1 (800) 732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

**Cradle of Hope**

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[www.cradleofhope.net](http://www.cradleofhope.net)



## Shayron's Testimony

December 2014

I resided at the Cradle of Hope in 2004 with my son Quadir. I was a teenage mother with a young sick child and still in high school. (My son was four months premature.) At the Cradle I finished my high school education at Cheltenham High School and I learned more parenting and life skills along the way that I carry with me forever. When I left the cradle, I got my own apartment in Germantown that the Cradle helped me to furnish through IMPACT thrift shop. I began taking courses to get a certificate as a nursing assistant while I volunteered part time at a daycare and worked at a clothing store. Life hasn't been easy but I have tons of support and my faith which has helped me make it to where I am today. Another big help was the foundation set from living at the Cradle of Hope in regards to parenting and life skills. Today Quadir is 10 and is as healthy as can be. I now live in Montgomery County because I want to give him a great education as my mother did for me. I pride myself on being a great mother to my son! I will be graduating in May of next year with my associates in behavioral health and a year later with my bachelors in social work. Currently, I am a certified domestic violence counselor and I intern at the Women's Center of Montgomery County. The Cradle has helped me and now I want to help other women who are struggling in our community.

*To Linda Cassady (from website -*  
**Update from December 8, 2015** *Thank you from Caleb & Lynnae)*

Dear Pastor Mike, Pastor Mandy, Council, and Parish Family,

It is hard to know how to express in words our gratitude for your gift to us! We recently received news that Holy Trinity had sent us another check and we were stunned. Holy Trinity has been so faithful and gracious and kind to us since we have been here. Thanks be to God for His provision through Holy Trinity, and thanks to all of you for your generosity in His name. Thank you, truly, from our very depths. We do not take these gifts lightly and pray to our Father that He would form us in His wisdom and likeness as we continue to study here, so that we might be made worthy of our calling.

Lynnae will soon be sending another update, but we wanted to let you know right away that we did receive the gift and we are so very grateful!

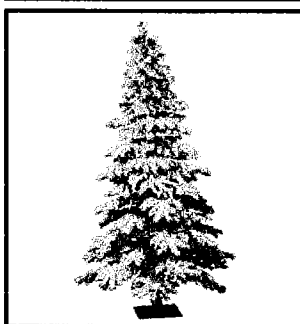
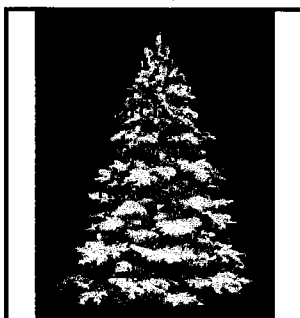
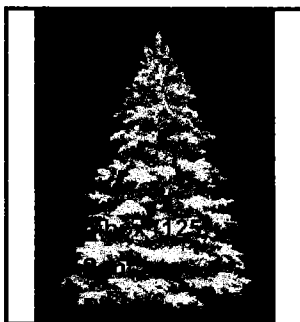
The Lord's richest blessings on all of you as you continue to bear witness to Jesus and await His return.

In Christ,

Caleb (and Lynnae)

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**Fw: Thank You!**

**Sent By:** Nan Amanda Grimmer **On:** Dec 12/09/15 7:26 AM

**To:** Linda Cassady

Dear Linda,

I thought you might like to see this   
Mandy

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Caleb Douglas

**To:** Michael Tavella ; Nan Amanda Grimmer

**Sent:** Tuesday, December 08, 2015 8:35 PM

**Subject:** Thank You!

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Caleb (and Lynnae)

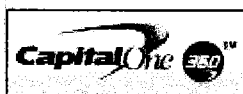
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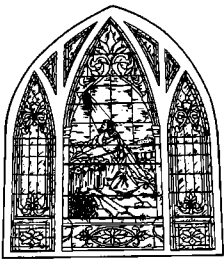
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December 1, 2015

Council President Linda Cassady  
Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
2086 Parkview Avenue  
Abington PA 19001-1136

Dear Friends in Christ at Holy Trinity,

This is to thank you for your wonderful \$1000 gift of financial support to our congregation for our mission in Christ. What an uplifting and encouraging surprise it was to suddenly receive such an unexpected gift!\* We know already of your constant support in regular prayer for us, and we are very grateful to be remembered before the Lord by you. To know that there are also members of Holy Trinity that would propose us as recipients of this further support is quite humbling, and gratifying.

I would like to report to you how your donation is being used – both because it is entirely fitting to do so, and because of your letter's mention of the possibility of future such donations. We rejoice to tell you that the money has already been spent in the following two ways:

- We have purchased new church software for membership, contributions, mailing lists, ministerial acts, church records, and other functions. The replacement of our old and rather clunky software was long overdue, and your gift got us moving! The new software is called "Shepherd's Staff 2015." We obtained it from Concordia Technology Solutions (affiliated with Concordia Publishing House) at a cost of \$600.
- We used the remaining \$400 of your donation to supplement the regular support we give to a sister NALC congregation in South Carolina. Following the early vision of the NALC that every established congregation form ties with at least one international mission and one domestic mission, we have been supporting this domestic mission for several years. Just as you wish to share your blessings outside your congregation, we also rejoice to do so! (And as you know, it is together with you at Holy Trinity that we relate internationally to Nifas Silk Mekane Jesus congregation in Ethiopia.)

Thank you, once again, for this joyful and joy-bringing gesture on your part! Know that we pray for you every week at worship, just as you do for us. Please greet your wonderful pastors, whom I count as dear friends.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Rev. Carl L. M. Rasmussen*

\*I say it was unexpected, and a surprise. It certainly was – but the surprise came a bit earlier than the check and its accompanying letter. (Pastor Grimmer had phoned earlier to tell me our congregation's name had come up at Holy Trinity as a possible recipient.)

*Pastor Carl L.M. Rasmussen - (815)522-3886 Office - (815)762-4666 Cell*

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January 2016

Dear Partner in Ministry:

What a blessing it is to be engaged in Gospel ministry!

I don't know if you realize the impact that the work of Harvest USA is having – both in individual lives and families, and in the church at large. Here are a couple of examples.

First, we are reaching more people than ever before. More and more people are seeking us out for direct ministry (that's what we call working with people one-on-one and in biblical support groups). In 2015, we spoke with and ministered to more than 800 different people through our offices in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. Think of all those lives, being changed; many of those people experiencing new hope and joy in the Lord.

The biggest area of growth for us in terms of people looking for help? Parents of same-sex attracted children. We've seen this area of the ministry grow so much that we're starting a third biblical support group for parents, and are looking for ways to offer online support and encouragement to parents across the country in 2016.

Second, our live teaching is reaching more learners than ever before. We conducted more live presentations in churches and online in 2015 than ever before. More and more churches are seeking us out for help ministering in a fast-changing and more challenging environment. More individuals than ever have been equipped to speak the truth in love to sexual strugglers. More churches have been equipped to be safer places for strugglers to ask for help, and to grow in Christ.

Third, our Student Outreach is reaching out to parents, youth leaders and campus ministry leaders, giving them tools to proactively disciple young people in biblical sexuality. We're helping parents and ministry leaders become more competent and more comfortable in having ongoing, proactive, effective conversations about accountability and grace with the children and young adults in their lives.

None of our work would be possible without your gracious and generous support. Thank you so much!

As always, I invite you to contact me with your thoughts. I'd love to hear from you! And—please remember to pray for us, and for our staff regularly.

In the Lord,

Tim Geiger  
Executive Director  
[tim@harvestusa.org](mailto:tim@harvestusa.org)

*Thank you, again, for your cash contribution of \$1,500.00 received during 2015. No goods or services were provided in consideration of your contribution.*

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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Dear Friends,

John the Evangelist records the account of Lazarus's restoration to life, at the command of Jesus. Recorded in John 11, this event happened soon before Jesus' own death and resurrection, just outside of Jerusalem. Many who saw Lazarus raised to life saw the risen Lord Jesus just weeks later.

In John's account, he records Jesus' instruction to the witnesses to Lazarus's restoration to life: "Unbind him, and let him go" (John 11:44). This action was necessary because the risen Lazarus couldn't move. He was still bound in his tight burial cloths. It seems an odd situation. Jesus did the hard work of raising him from the sleep of death; couldn't Jesus also unbind him and allow him to live in freedom? Of course he could. Jesus simply gave that responsibility to Lazarus's friends.

In modern-day theological parlance, HARVEST USA does the same kind of unbinding work with Christians who feel unable to live freely because of their sin. We call it discipleship. We walk alongside men and women whom Christ has set free from slavery to sin, and we teach them how to live in increasing faith, freedom, repentance and joy.

Thank you for your partnership with us in this daily proclamation of the resurrection! Your prayers for us and your gifts of financial support mean more than you know.

In the Lord,



Tim Geiger,  
Executive Director

## RECEIPT FOR YOUR RECORDS

Your Account Number: 9403

**Year-to-date Total:** \$1,500.00  
**Current Gift Amount:** \$1,500.00  
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November 30, 2015

Linda Cassidy  
Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
2086 Parkview Avenue  
Abington, PA 19001

Dear Linda,

Thank you from the staff and the families we serve for your contribution of gift cards in the amount of \$3,000. We truly appreciate your support of Inter-Faith Housing Alliance. It will make a meaningful impact on the health and well-being of our most vulnerable Montgomery County residents.

Inter-Faith Housing Alliance helps families with children move toward self-sufficiency by working with them to set and reach goals through intensive case management, in-house programming, and referrals to appropriate services. With your help, Inter-Faith continues to meet the growing needs of the many families with children who are experiencing homelessness in our community. We thank you for being a partner in this work.

In 2014, Inter-Faith provided **111** people with safe, affordable housing; **70 of them were children**. Our food cupboard in Abington filled over **1,500** requests for food and our emergency assistance program helped prevent homelessness for **14** families by providing help with heating oil assistance.

Your gift is tax deductible. The Internal Revenue Service requires us to state that you received no benefit, goods, or services in exchange for your contribution; but when families with children in our community have a safe place to call home, we all benefit!

Thank you for your generous support! Please be assured that we take our responsibility to be good stewards very seriously.

Sincerely,



Marsha Eichelberger  
Executive Director

*Thanks!  
Marsha*



LOGAN HOPE  
4934 N 13TH ST  
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Statement Date 12/31/2015

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
2086 Parkview Ave  
Abington PA 19001

Dear Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your donations this year. We've included a detail of your donations from 1/1/2015 to 12/31/2015 in this letter. Your total gifts during this time are \$2,000.00.

Date	Payment Method	Payment Number	Description	Amount
11/13/2015	Check	13870		2,000.00
Total				\$2,000.00

Sincerely,

LOGAN HOPE



**LOGAN Hope**  
4934 North 13th Street Philadelphia PA 19141  
215-455-7442 [www.loganhope.org](http://www.loganhope.org)

November, 2015

## Thanks for your partnership with LOGAN Hope!!

### Rondaya Woodbury

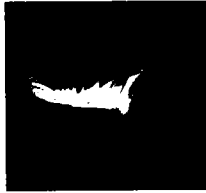


Welcome!

Rondaya Woodbury is our new Director of Graduate Support and Community Partnerships. Her role is to assist our current 8th grade students in enrollment into high school after their graduation from LOGAN Hope. Above, Rondaya is pulling the applications together to meet the deadlines. She will also work with our alumni and coordinate our after school program. The community partnership aspect requires her to connect our school to our community. We are excited to see what great relationships and partnerships Rondaya will develop in this school year.



*Bird Watching*



Our first grade and Kindergarten classes took a field trip to the Awbury Arboretum. On this beautiful day, the children were able to learn about different birds. Above, students drawing and coloring birds. Right, Zara shows off the bird nest her group made. They got to see hawks, an owl and other birds nesting in our neighborhood.



“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!” Philippians 4:4

**LOGAN Hope**

4934 N. 13th Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19141-3536

**Donation**

*receipt  
from Mission  
Fund*

Date	Donation No.
11/13/2015	5073

Donor
Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church 2086 Parkview Ave Abington, PA 19001

Check No.	Payment Method
13870	Check

Item	Amount
Church Contribution	2,000.00
Thanks for your partnership with LOGAN Hope!	
Total	\$2,000.00

No goods or services were received in exchange for the contribution listed.  
All contributions are income tax deductible and are made with the understanding that LOGAN Hope has complete discretion and control over the use of all donated funds.



Franklin Graham, President  
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December 04, 2015

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your gift to the ministry of Samaritan's Purse.

As 2015 comes to a close, we thank God for the work he has done through Samaritan's Purse worldwide. From serving flood victims in South Carolina to ministering to the earthquake survivors in Nepal, our ministry has been fervently answering Jesus' call to "Go and do likewise" (Luke 10:37).

We are grateful for your generosity which allows us to carry out this important work in Jesus' Name. Not only are we helping those in need, we're spreading the Gospel to those who may have never had the opportunity to hear it before. As God's Word says, **"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven"** (Matthew 5:16, NKJV).

Thank you for your prayers and support. May God bless you.

Sincerely,

  
Franklin Graham

*"All we have comes from God and we give it out of His hand."  
I Chronicles 29:14b, Dutch Paraphrase*

*Any books or materials you have ordered will be sent separately.*



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\$1,624.00

Thank you for your gift of \$1,624.00,  
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013477 Operation Christmas Child

*From Mission Com. Fund*

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## THANK YOU

*We gratefully acknowledge your contributions to this ministry.*

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Franklin Graham  
President





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December 28, 2015

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your faithful support of the work of Samaritan's Purse.

Walking alongside those who are hurting and bringing them the hope of the Gospel is our ministry's primary focus. This year, we've been able to serve millions of people worldwide by providing food, shelter, clothing, education, and medical care. And each encounter was another opportunity to open the door to share the truth of God's love.

Your generosity and support helped equip Samaritan's Purse to reach out to these hurting people and be a living example of the compassion of Jesus Christ. Thank you for serving alongside of us. **"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you"** (Philippians 1:3, NKJV).

Thank you again, and may God bless you.

Sincerely,

Franklin Graham

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Thank you for your gift of \$164.34,  
received on 12/28/2015.

013943 OCC - The Greatest Journey

\$164.34

Balance  
from Mission  
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## THANK YOU

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Franklin Graham  
President



November 23, 2015

Linda Cassady  
President, Congregation Council  
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
2086 Parkview Avenue  
Abington, PA 19001

Dear Linda,

We thank you and all our friends at Holy Trinity, Abington for the generous and heartfelt donation of November 17, 2015 gift totaling \$2,000 to Silver Springs - Martin Luther School!

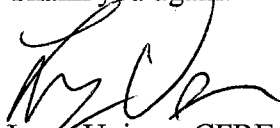
We are honored that members of the Holy Trinity family chose to support our children as a reflection of Holy Trinity's commitment to minister to both the individual's spiritual and physical needs in the name of Christ.

As you requested, we directed your donation as follows:

- \$1,000 of your November 17, 2015 gift will support our Christmas Fund; making it possible to create special lifelong memories for our boys and girls; as well as
- \$1,000 of your November 17, 2015 gift will help us provide high quality healing, educational, and nurturing programs for vulnerable children this year.

The support of congregations such as Holy Trinity is increasingly essential in today's difficult economic times. We look forward to sharing with you how Holy Trinity's gift helped our boys and girls who face steep challenges. We would be happy to welcome members of the Congregation to visit our campus at any time; please contact me at (610) 825-4440, ext. 206 or [Lunipan@silver-springs.org](mailto:Lunipan@silver-springs.org) if you would like to set up a visit.

Thank you again!

  
Lynn Unipan, CFRE  
Development Director

*So Thankful!!*

*No goods or services were received in exchange for this gift. Silver Springs - Martin Luther School is a 501(c) (3) organization, Tax ID # 23-2310084. Contributions are tax-deductible as permitted by law.*

# Helping the Hungry, Homeless & Hurting

3 Dec 15

Dear Linda Cassidy,

Thank you for partnering with Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission this season.

Your donation has been designated for our Wayne Hall women's transitional home and the Montgomery County Outreach program. We will be sure to update you about all the great work your donation will do.

I truly hope that we will continue to work together towards the goal of ending homelessness.

Sincerely,

Rosalyn Forbes



December 11, 2015

Dear HTELC Friends,

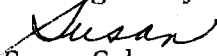
Thank you in Jesus' name for your generous donation of \$3,000 to Valley Christian School for the use of staff support. We are humbled with your kindness to this mission in Huntingdon Valley. We have been blessed to teach several of your children over the years and to have a board member from your flock as well as supportive parents.

Your church continues to be a light on the corner of Old York and Old Welsh Roads and we continue to shine our light on the corner of Welsh Road and Huntingdon Pike. May the light of Jesus shine anew in our midst during this Christmas season. We host our annual Christmas musical in 1.5 hours as our children perform, "Meet Me at the Manger". Mr. Herod of Herod's Department Store learns the true meaning of Christmas by visiting the Lighthouse Mission in town. The truth is not in his wallet, but rather in the manger.

Professional development is very important at Valley Christian School. Giving the teachers the tools, training, and materials they need is a priority in our budget. Please know that fourteen of us attended a two day conference in New Jersey this fall, two teachers attended a one day conference in Lancaster, a couple of teachers have taken graduate classes and we are currently participating in a DVD biblical study on the books of James. You see, our teachers must maintain their certification and VCS provides monetarily for the necessary training. We keep abreast on issues important to Christian education. Recently, we hired Harvest USA staff to address the issue of Same Sex Attraction and Gender Identity with our staff. I am told today that House Bill 1510 and State Bill 974 has been introduced, The Fairness Act, that will mandate including "sexual orientation, gender identity or expression" to the nondiscrimination clause that many of us include in our ministry literature. Staff training is imperative if we are to continue to teach and to live by biblical standards at Valley Christian School.

A blessed Christmas to you, our special brothers and sisters, at Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Serving with you,

  
Susan Caler  
Head of School

*"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus".*

Philippians 1

# Valley Christian School

2364 Huntingdon Pike

Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006

215-947-4581

WWW.VCSKids.com

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Abington, PA 19001

## *Thank you!*

*"I have not stopped giving thanks for you,  
remembering you in my prayers." Ephesians 1:16*

### *Donation Receipt*

12/4/2015

Amount

Donation to General Fund	3,000.00
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Donor has not been provided any goods or services in consideration, in whole or in part, for this contribution. The official registration and financial information of Valley Christian School may be obtained from the PA Dept. of State by calling toll free, within PA, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement

Thank you for your recent  
donation to LWR! I would love  
the opportunity to share more with the  
congregation in the new year. We really  
appreciate your generous support!

Dear Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,

12/18/15

*May the light of Christ shine through  
to you this season – and always.*

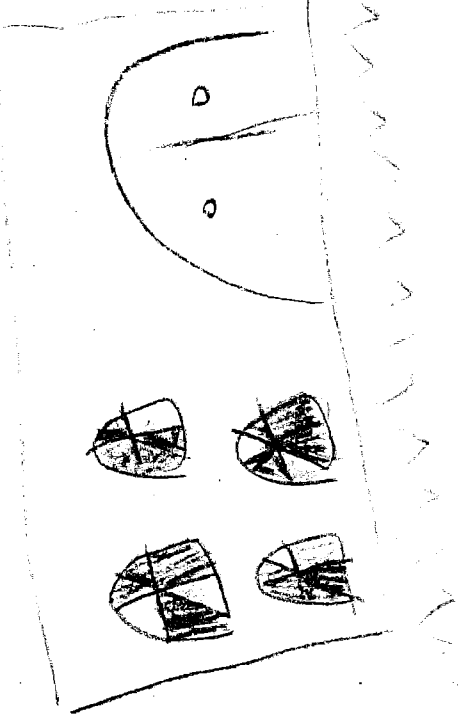
May God fill your life  
with love, joy + peace  
this Holiday Season +  
throughout the New  
year!

Merry  
**CHRISTMAS**  
FROM LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Thank you for your  
continued support +  
partnerships with  
LWR this year!  
Kristin

Gracias!

Bill, Nicole, Kersten & Karissa Lohm



Dear friends in Christ at Holy Trinity,

Many thanks for the opportunity to share with you what the Lord is doing through His servants in the Dominican Republic, and for your generous gift toward our family's service there! We are excited to continue serving and proclaiming the Good News in the DR, and we appreciate that you are part of our journey! Your fellow servants in our love,

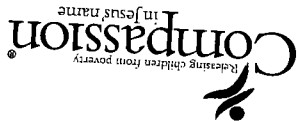
Bill, Nicole, Kersten, & Karissa Lohm



Dear Pastor Brunner and Tavelle  
and Congregation Council,

I want to express my sincere gratitude  
for the donation of \$1500 that you gave  
to Compassion in November. We cannot wait  
to release children from poverty in Jesus' name  
without the support of sponsors and donors like  
you. The money was designated to our highly  
valuable Children Fund, and we will send  
you the next report when it becomes  
available. Have a wonderful Christmas!

Gratefully  
Brian Weber  
Church Relations



Brian Weber  
Church Relations Regional Manager  
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# The Voice of the Martyrs

SERVING OUR PERSECUTED FAMILY SINCE 1967

December 1, 2015

Dear Amanda,

Last month we had some very special international guests in our office. Leaders of the various independent ministries founded by Pastor Richard Wurmbrand gathered here to share ideas, to fellowship and to foster spiritual growth.

These annual gatherings are a family reunion for many who serve the persecuted, and this year's was one of the best we've had in my time with VOM. One thing we did differently this year was intentionally schedule more free time. We wanted to allow staff from different offices around the world to get together without an agenda. Offices with particular strengths had opportunities to share their knowledge with staff from offices that needed help in those areas, and more experienced staff offered help and advice to younger colleagues.

Our guests included people who look different, speak different languages and have very different life experiences. What brought us together was the desire to serve our Savior and minister to His persecuted followers around the world. In this season of Thanksgiving, I thank the Lord for the spirit of unity that marked this meeting, and I thank you for your faithful giving that enables VOM to continue its vital work.

For those in bonds,

Amanda,  
Thank you for serving  
an persecuted family  
with us.

Merry Christmas



International Christian  
Association



Enhancing Trust

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Founder—Rev. Richard Wurmbrand



The **Voice**  
of the **Martyrs**

SERVING OUR PERSECUTED FAMILY SINCE 1967

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January 26, 2016

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
2086 Parkview Ave  
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Dear Amanda,

Greetings in the name of Jesus! Thank you for your commitment and continued support to the service of today's persecuted church. Please find below a record of financial contributions for the year ended 2015. The Voice of the Martyrs recognizes that no goods or services were received by you for these contributions. If you have any questions regarding this statement, please feel free to call our office at 918-337-8015 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. CST. May the Lord richly bless you in the New Year!

**STATEMENT OF GIVING 2015**

Account # 943761

Total Donations Received in 2015

\$1,500.00

Sincerely in Christ,

The Voice of the Martyrs  
Federal Tax Exempt Number: 73-1395057

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Founder—Rev. Richard Wurmbbrand



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Thank you for your prayers and gift of \$1,500.00 (*details below*). Your financial contribution helps advance the King's work as your missionaries bring the Gospel to those least likely to have heard, believed, or benefitted from its saving and transforming power. Our monthly newsletter is a quality mission & prayer resource which brings you the latest news on your 100 missionaries at work in 20 countries. Write mobilize@wmpl.org or phone the number above to request a free subscription. We'll be happy to send it via postal mail, e-mail, or both.

Received	Designated Fund	Amount	Note
1/11/2016	Diedone and Serafina Panzo - Ministry Fund	\$1,500.00	for Car Fund

Gift Type: Check  
 Account Number: 683  
 Year To Date Giving: \$1,500.00

**Please retain this receipt for your records.**

While we make every effort to honor the designation of each gift, WMPL exercises discretion over the allocation of donated funds, per IRS regulations. You have received no goods or services as a result of deductible donation(s) -- only intangible spiritual or religious benefits. We are a 501(c)3 charitable organization. Your donation is deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

*You may return the portion below with a future gift. Please make check payable to WMPL.*

Previous Gift Received	Previous Designation	Previous Amount
1/11/2016	Diedone and Serafina Panzo - Ministry Fund	\$1,500.00

Please, note fund (re)designation below, if applicable.

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e-mail: MGTavella@msn.com

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General Fund: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Worker Ministry: \_\_\_\_\_  
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# 2015 Gift Summary

PLEASE NOTE: Non-contribution amounts (e.g., certain golf and event fees) may be excluded.  
For gifts given by check, the last five digits of the check number are displayed.

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Date	Applied To	Comment	Type	Amount
02/09/2015	PA24-Montgomery County	Gift dated prior year	CK# 1245	450.00
04/02/2015	PA24-Montgomery County		CK# *13513	200.00
12/16/2015	PA24-Montgomery County		CK# *13883	1,500.00
Total Gift Amount				\$2,150.00



Enhancing Trust

We appreciate your support of Young Life in our efforts to reach kids for Christ.  
If you have questions about this report, please call Income Processing at 877-438-9572.  
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**Denny Rydberg**  
President

December 2015

Holy Trinity Evangelical  
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Dear Friend,

The weight of the world was too heavy for Bo's young shoulders. So in the middle of math class, the frustrated freshman slammed his books shut and headed out the door.

"I hated math anyway," Bo laughed later. But, on this occasion, it was hard times at home and a fight with a friend that made him decide to ditch class.

Bo wandered up the road until his legs buckled beneath his burdens and he sat down in the dirt. His head was hanging low when he heard a car door close across the street. Moments later, an older gentleman with white hair sat down in the dirt beside Bo. "His name was Joe, and he was a Young Life leader," Bo recalled recently. "He had met me a couple of times before. He asked me how I was doing and what was going on."

Staring at his shoes, Bo began to slowly unpack his heavy load. Finally, Joe invited Bo to lift his head. "See that house over there?" Joe asked. Bo looked up across the street. "That's my house. Every Friday morning I have breakfast over there with some students. If you ever want to come, we have pancakes, bacon and eggs. Just come whenever you want."

"I hated math," Bo laughed again as he shared the story. "But I could do simple addition. Pancakes plus bacon plus eggs, plus you're going to cook it, clean it up for me and it's free? I'm in!" So for the rest of the school year, Bo showed up every Friday morning for breakfast. And Joe began to introduce Bo to Jesus Christ.

"In those last few moments each Friday, Joe would open up his Bible and he would tell us about Jesus. He would tell us about a God who knows us and a God who loves us. Ever since I met Jesus, my life has never been the same."

Thank you for supporting this mission. Today Bo Gross is on Young Life staff and spends his days telling kids the Good News. His message sounds something like this: Jesus sat down in the dirt with us. Then He invited us to join Him at His table. It's the Christmas story, pure and simple, and Bo saw it before he heard it through a leader named Joe.

Thank you again for your support. It is a privilege to partner with you in Young Life.

In Christ,

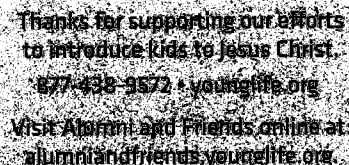
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# Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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[www.holytrinity.net](http://www.holytrinity.net)

Monday, May 9, 2016

Dear Mission Commitment Task Force,

Thank you so very much for your generous gift of \$1,500 to the Holy Trinity AIDS Dinner Fund. Without the generosity of Holy Trinity donors, we could not afford to keep bringing food to Uni-Lu's Tuesday night meal program.

Holy Trinity has been taking dinners in to Uni-Lu once a month, every month, since 1988. In those days, we were invited to bring in food for the dinner provided by "We the People (with AIDS)". Uni-Lu provided dinner every Tuesday: Holy Trinity took the third Tuesday of the month as the day Uni-Lu could count on us. In those days, AIDS was a deadly scourge that most people died of within two years. Everyone was terrified of contracting AIDS, and sufferers were treated like pariahs.

Over the years we have seen many changes in this dinner! When we began bringing in food, we were cooking for only about 20 people, and they were all men with AIDS. In the beginning we were feeding both African American men and Caucasian men; the African Americans had gotten AIDS through needle use, the Caucasian men had gotten AIDS through sex. Over the years, we were witness to the politics of AIDS and then to the increasing effectiveness of the medication. For the most part, the people we are feeding now are homeless, drug-addicted, people infected with AIDS, both men and women.

The numbers of people coming for the dinners has grown over the years: first we were feeding about 20, then 40, then 60, and finally 100. The building is now "at capacity", so we will not grow much beyond 100. The AIDS medication has become so effective, that AIDS is now regarded as a chronic, manageable illness.

We bring in food for 100 diners on the third Tuesday of every month. Holy Trinity is the only congregation that brings in dinner 12 times a year. Uni Lu has also told us that they never worry about having enough food when Holy Trinity brings in dinner because we always bring more than enough. Holy Trinity is widely regarded as "the lynchpin" of this program. But without the generosity of Holy Trinity members and of the Mission Commitment Task force, we could never afford to continue doing this. Thank you.

Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$1,500 to the Holy Trinity AIDS Dinner Fund.

Gratefully,

*Pastor Michael Tarella & Pastor Mandy Summer*

The Pastors



Society of the Holy Trinity  
The Rev'd Pari R. Bailey, STS Secretary  
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December 11, 2015

The Congregation Council  
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
2086 Parkview Ave,  
Abington, PA 19001

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On behalf of the officers, deans and all the members of the Society of the Holy Trinity, I want to thank you for your recent gift of \$1,500. Your generosity helps the Society as it seeks to encourage the ongoing formation of Lutheran clergy into a disciplined and faithful ministry, serving God's Holy Word and administering the Sacraments of the Church in and for the world.

Five hundred dollars of your gift will be used to assist Seminarians to attend the General Retreat of the Society, held annually in September. An additional \$500 will be used for the support of pastors of limited financial means to also attend the General Retreat. The remaining \$500 will support the general work of the Society, especially with regard to strengthening pastors in their ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As we strive for faithfulness in this ministry, we pray for your continued support and assure you of our prayers in return.

May God fill you with all grace and peace and bless our common ministry.

In Christ's Service,

  
The Rev'd. Pari R. Bailey, STS



December 2, 2015

Rev. Mike Tavella  
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
2086 Parkview Ave  
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Dear Rev. Tavella:

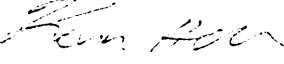
On behalf of the millions of people served daily with safe water, we thank you for your support of Water Mission.


As Christian ministries, we have the joint mission of reaching out to those in need by being the hands and feet of Jesus. Your partnership in fighting the Global Water Crisis provides those we serve with an opportunity to hear about the true Living Water – Jesus Christ.

Our desire is that our relationship would not be simply transactional but transformational in the life of your church. Please take advantage of the many resources available to engage your congregation at [watermission.org](http://watermission.org).

Again, thank you so much for your support of our mission and ministry. We could not continue this work without your prayerful and financial support. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Blessings,

  
Kevin Herr  
Church Engagement Coordinator

Thank you! Please let me know  
if there is ever a way I can serve  
you!  
In Christ,  


#### **Gift Information**

**Gift Date:** 11/30/2015

**Gift Amount:** \$1,500.00

**Designation:** Where Most Needed

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Dear friends of the Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran church,

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your financial support and interest in my missionary ministry. The assignment the Lord has given me is to offer my services as a teacher to missionary families. I'm in my third year of service in Mexico with Wycliffe Bible Translators.

As you may know, missionary families with school aged children living in isolated areas often turn to homeschooling as the educational option for their children. This requires a significant investment of time. I make myself available to these families for short periods (usually about a month.) I travel to their village locations and take over the homeschooling of the children. This gives the mom some time to work on language learning and other projects related to Bible translation. At times I also help with homeschooling while the parents are involved in translation related workshops at our center in Mitla, Mexico where I live.

Twice a year we have a three week session of classroom experience for homeschoolers in Mitla. For the past year I've been coordinating this program as well as teaching one of the groups. It's been a stretching experience, and I've depended more than ever on the help of the Lord.

I am so blessed to be called of the Lord to serve His people in this way. And I thank you for your part in my ministry.

If you have questions or comments on my work I'd love to hear from you at [marge\\_krikorian@sil.org](mailto:marge_krikorian@sil.org).

My prayer requests are:

- that I would grow in my fellowship with and knowledge of the Lord.
- that I would show the Lord's love to the children as I teach them.
- that I would have wisdom in use of my time.
- for stamina, energy, enthusiasm...all things needed as I teach the children.
- for the Lord's provision of the teachers we need for our classroom session in the fall.

Thank you for your prayers. I'm attaching a photo taken on an outing to a pottery making shop.

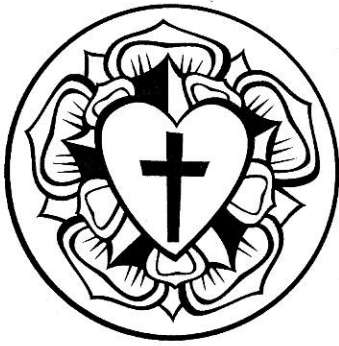
Blessings,

Marge Krikorian

Itinerant teacher with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Mexico







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November 25, 2015

Dear Rev. Dr. Schiffrin,

Greetings from Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Abington, Pennsylvania. Our church is a congregation of people of God, bound together in love. Our purpose is to glorify God in worship and to fulfill His will through spreading the Gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ to all humankind.

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church has a history of supporting Christian organizations that we know minister to individuals' spiritual and physical needs in the name of Christ. Our support is offered through members of our congregation volunteering their time and in the use of our facility for meetings, food distribution, etc. Also, through bequests and offerings given by our church family, we are able to offer financial support.

It is with great joy and the knowledge that all blessings come from our Lord Jesus Christ that we enclose the attached check in the amount of \$2,000. During 2015 our church Council established procedures to allow members of our congregation to request financial support for organizations they felt were in accord with our mission statement. The enclosed check is a result of at least one request for the **NALS (Seminary), the President's Discretionary Fund**.

In addition to the enclosed check, it gives us pleasure to inform you of the possibility of receiving future donations in the year 2016. For you to be considered, we request a report on how the donation received during 2015 was used. Please forward your report no later than June 2016.

The fruit of your actions is a testament to the power of the Holy Spirit working within your organization. We are thankful to our Lord to be able to support your labors.

In Christ,  
Linda Cassady  
President Congregation Council

cc: Ann Gleason  
Pastor Mandy Grimmer ✓

Dear Linda Cassady and the family of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,

My name is Jeff Pearson and I am the area director of Young Life Montgomery County. I am writing to thank you for your generous giving, and to update you on how that giving has been used. We have received several checks from you over the years, and especially this year. We are grateful for all of the support. This fall we received a sizeable check and I wanted to let you know how this check, and really all of the support, has been used this year.

I have been the area director here in Montgomery County for almost 2 years now. Coming into this area and this position has been a great blessing and I know I am standing on the shoulders of many who have come before me.

One thing in particular that we have been working towards over this past year and a half is strengthening our financial position as a non-profit ministry. We are growing as a ministry in committee, volunteers, and especially in the kids we are reaching, and thus want to make sure that our financial foundation is firm. Your generous giving, along with many others, has allowed us to feel financially stable as we continue to reach more and more kids and develop in our different areas of ministry.

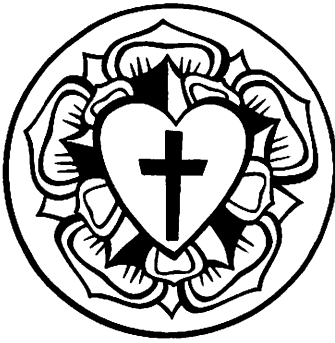
The funding we received from you has gone towards this ministry thriving in many different areas. We were able to have it help with our funding financial needs for our weekly outreach, our small groups, our weekly discipleship groups, office expenses, and staff support. Most importantly, all of these things are what lead to lost kids finding to the hope of Jesus Christ right in their public schools through Young Life, which is our driving passion!

We as a ministry, and our family personally, are so thankful for your great generosity and support as we seek to reach the next lost and hurting student with the life changing love of the Gospel!

God Bless,

Jeff Pearson





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Monday, May 9, 2016

Dear Mission Commitment Task Force,

Thank you so very much for your generous gift of \$2,000 to the Holy Trinity Parish Relief Fund.

In 2016, we changed our policy regarding how money would be distributed from the Parish Relief Fund. In years previous, this fund has been used to give a little money to anyone who came to Holy Trinity asking for help. But this year, for some reason, the requests for help absolutely ballooned. When we asked people how they had gotten Holy Trinity's name, many of them told us that they had received our name from their social worker. It turned out that that Community Connections of Montgomery County was giving Holy Trinity's name to their social workers, as a source of funds for their clients. We were astonished; when I called Josh Shapiro, I learned that this was true.

Holy Trinity is giving much to our community by housing and subsidizing the Interfaith Food Pantry. We will continue to do this as long as God gives us strength.

But we have members of our own congregation who are in grave financial straits. They worship with us; you probably know most of them – and they really need a hand! Because of your generosity, we were able to give each one a substantial gift before Christmas, before Easter, and we expect to be able to give them a final gift over the summer. These dear people were floored, and one of them was practically babbling in gratitude. They are grateful to you, they are grateful to Holy Trinity, and they are especially grateful to Jesus for making this special blessing come to them.

Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$2,000 to the Holy Trinity Parish Relief Fund.

Gratefully,

*Pastor Michael Tarella & Pastor Mandy Zimmer*

The Pastors



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December 3, 2015

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Dear Friends,

We recently received your gift of \$1,500.00 to Lutheran World Relief. Thank you! I'd like to share a story of the great work your gift will support.

Maria del Cid Aguilar is a coffee farmer who lives in El Salvador. Coffee is a lucrative crop with the potential to lift farmers like Maria out of poverty. But recently, a crop disease called *la roya* (leaf rust) has threatened her livelihood. The disease is particularly devastating because it kills coffee trees and it can take years for new trees to grow to replace that production.

With your generosity, LWR is reaching out to coffee farmers in Central America to combat this problem. Your gift makes it possible to help farmers diversify their crops. Maria received cocoa seedlings, along with agricultural training, to grow cocoa along with her coffee crops. Cocoa can withstand heat and humidity and this second crop reduces her family's dependence on coffee production for income.

That's just one example of how your gift changes lives around the world. I hope you will visit our website ([lwr.org](http://lwr.org)) or blog ([blog.lwr.org](http://blog.lwr.org)) to learn about more stories! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or the LWR staff at 800.597.5972 or [lwr@lwr.org](mailto:lwr@lwr.org).

On behalf of LWR, our partners and those we serve, please accept my thanks for your generous support and partnership. May God bless you!

Warm Regards,

Daniel V. Speckhard  
President and CEO

*Thank you so much for  
your very generous gift!*

As required by the IRS, this receipt confirms that Lutheran World Relief has given you no goods or services in return for your charitable contribution of \$1,500.00-LWR.