

HOLY TRINITY

Evangelical Lutheran Church

ECHOES NEWSLETTER

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Pastors

The Rev. Dr. Michael G. Tavella

The Rev. N. Amanda Grimmer

Staff

The Rev. John Bradosky,

*Bishop of the North American
Lutheran Church*

Mrs. Jacqueline Smith, *B. Mus.*

M. Mus., Director of Music

Mrs. Deborah Mumford,

Parish Secretary

Worship Services

Saturday at 5 pm

Sunday at 9 am

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

Holy Communion

Saturday evening, Sunday morning
& Festival Days

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

From the Pastors

Dear Parish Family,

On Sunday, October 15, Kevan Berkovitz, a member of Council, and I (Pastor Mike) travelled to State College to visit our domestic mission congregation, Emmanuel Lutheran Church. After a trip mostly in the darkness of an early fall morning, we arrived at Albright-Bethune United Methodist Church where Emmanuel Church is meeting. The church is in the neighborhood of Penn State University.

We were greeted by Paull Spring, former bishop of the NALC, and Chris Milarch, the pastor, along with a number of friendly congregants. We felt quite at home.

At the announcements before the Service began, I presented a check from Holy Trinity for \$2,500 for the mission and ministry of Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Emmanuel is our domestic mission to whom we provide \$5,000 a year for her mission and ministry.

The liturgy was traditional and well done. The sermon by the pastor recounted the importance of our forgiving one another as God has forgiven us. It also was well done.

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Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Mission Statement

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is a congregation of people of God, bound together in love for the purpose of glorifying God in worship and in fulfilling His will through spreading the Gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ to all humankind.



Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers have been presented to the Glory of God by the people of Holy Trinity. Altar Flowers must be ordered no later than the Tuesday afternoon preceding the Sunday they are presented. They may be ordered through the Church Office (215-659-2642). You may pay by placing \$20.00 in a small white pew envelope checked, "Altar Flowers." If you know it, indicate your envelope number.

From the Pastors

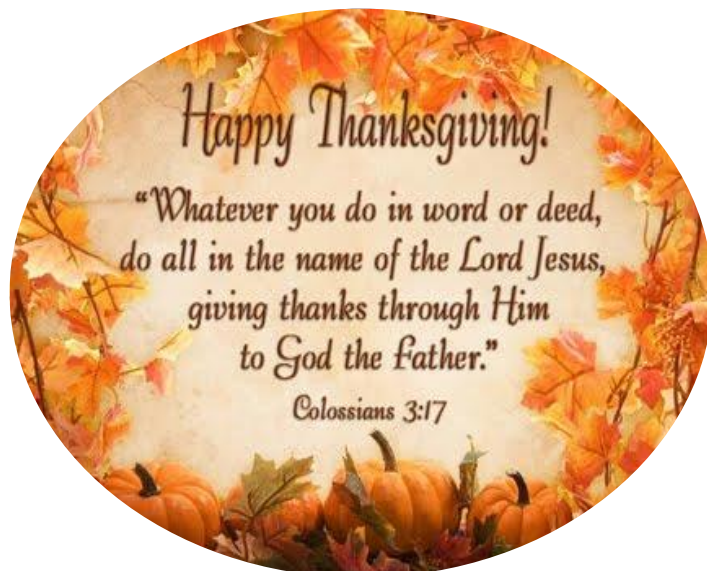
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The adult Sunday School class was well attended. The topic of discussion was the *Table of Duties*, a list of Scriptural passages found in *The Small Catechism* that describe the responsibilities of bishops, teachers, and pastors, husbands and wives, governing authorities and those governed, husbands and wives, children and parents. These duties are contrary to much that is taught in our culture.

After Sunday School Kevan and I joined Pastor Chris Milarch and his wife Laura and Bishop Paull Spring and his wife Barbara for lunch. We had a great time and a super Italian meal.

We travelled back home in the afternoon. Our time was well spent. The people of Emmanuel were very warm and welcoming. They are committed to the Word of God. May God bless them as they reach out with the Gospel.

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





Healing Prayer Ministry

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

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



† Women's Prayer Group

The Holy Trinity Women's Prayer Group meets the **1st & 3rd**

Mondays of each month.

We gather at **7:30 pm** in the room over

Rosemary Hinkle's garage.

(See church directory for phone # and address)

This space offers privacy.

Coffee, tea, and dessert are served!

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

Questions contact Rosemary @

RosemaryHinkle@comcast.net

2017 Schedule

Nov. 6 & 20

Dec dates TBD

Prayer List



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

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

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

Adelaide, Alayna, Albert, Alena, Alex, Allyson, Alma, Amanda, Ambre, Amy, Andrew, Annura, Art, Arthur, Barb, Barbara, Barbara Jo, Baby Hudson, Baby Peszek, Ben, Betty, Beverly, Bill, Bob, Bonnie, Brian, Brianna, Brooke, Butchy, Byron, Carol, Cecelia, Charlie, Chelsea, Cheri, Cheryl, Chris, Christopher, Chuck, Cindy, Claudine, Collette, Connie, Dan, Danette, Daniel, Dave, David, Deb, Debbie, Denys, Derek, Diana, Diane, Dick, Dolly, Dom, Don, Donna, Dot, Dottie, Drew, Eda, Elaine, Elyse, Erik, Erika, Fannie, Floyd, Frank, Fritz, Gail, Gary, Gene, George, Gerald, Gloria, Gregory, Hannah, Harper, Harold, Harry, Heather, Heidi, Helen, Helene, Howard, Howie, Isabel, Jackson, Jamie, Jane, Janice, Jason, Jaylen, Jean, Jeanne, Jeff, Jen, Jennifer, Jessica, Jim, Joe, John, Joshua, Judy, Justin, Juwon, Kate, Katie, Kayla, Ken, Kevin, Kim, Kyle, Laura, Leon, Lewis, Lillian, Linda, Lisa, Liz, Lois, Lorraine, Luddy, Mae, Maggie, Major Chapman, Marcia, Margaret, Margie, Maria, Marissa, Martha, Mary, Maryanne, Marylou, Matthew, Mayet, Mayka, Megan, Mercedes, Michael, Michele, Mickey, Mikayla, Mildred, Milt, Mindy, Mitchell, Monroe, Murray, Nancy, Nate, Nathan, Nicky, Nikkia, Nora, Noreen, Pam, Pat, Paula, Perry, Pete, Peter, Phil, Philomena, Ray, Rebecca, Rich, Richard, Rick, Rita, Robert, Roger, Rudi, Ruth, Ryan, Sally, Samantha, Sandra, Scott, Sheila, Shelli, Sigrid, Solomon, Steve, Susan, Suzanne, Tara, Teresa, Terry, Thuy, Tiffani, Tim, Toni, Tony, Tricia G., Trina, Tyler, Vera, Vicki, Wanda, Warren, Wayne, William, Yvonne, Xavier.

Please pray for the following families: Andreassen, Barnes, Barndt, Bell, Benedict, Biehl, Blakes, Bows, Boyer, Bravo, Browne, Burns, Butler, Cannan, Christmann, Clarke, Cuniff, Dawson, Del Vecchio, Detweiler, Doherty, Donovan, Drobish, Eisenmann, Elsey, Englebert, Engelke, Eten, Frame, Freeman, Frezza, Gaida, Gorman, Gross, Hesser, Hoffnagle, Hopfner, Houser, Ingerson, Javardian, Kam, Kehoe, Kennard, Kennedy, Kopycinski, Kurpiel, Lawrence, Lopez, Love, Lynch, Malloy, McDonnell, McGuire, McManus, Means, Milks, Novak, Ortiz, Parker, Pederson, Peszek, Powell, Raignuel, Rankin, Rhinebeck, Rosenbaum, Sasso, Sauerman, Scaliase, Schmidt, Sears, Seibert, Shenberger, Shields, Singrella, Smith, Spring, Staedtler, Stewart, White, Wolfgang, Yakscoe, Young, Zaroli, and Zimmermann families.

Please pray for the following petitions:

That God would bless and protect all members of Holy Trinity, together with those they love and pray for. That God would guide each of us to grow in grace and that He would please send workers into the Harvest.

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

For the sick and the grieving.

For all congregations of the NALC.

For all travelers and for the dying.

For the military and their families.

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

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

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

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

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

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

For all in financial difficulty that they may be totally restored.

Join the Conversation!

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

Support Us

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

Treasurer's Report

September 30, 2017 (For the Year 2017)

	Holy Trinity Ministries	Wider Church
Year to date received for current income	\$ 299,927.37	\$ 35,190.52
Carry over from 2016	\$ 0.00	\$ 16,568.30
Expenses paid to date	\$ 318,723.39	\$ 36,851.96
Surplus/(Deficit) 2017	(\$18,796.02)	\$ 14,906.86

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

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

"The Church ceases to be a spiritual society when it is on the lookout for the development of its own organization."

- Oswald Chambers

"God's Word is a flame that shines in the darkness... if we use this light, then God will no longer remain hidden from us."

- Martin Luther

"With thankful hearts, O Lord, we come to praise Thy name in grateful song. Accept the offering, Lord, we bring, and help us loud Thy praises sing."

- J. S. Mohler



Please remember your Church in your will.



DUTY AND DELIGHT

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

† Stewardship Thoughts for November †

Duty and delight are a wonderful combination. In Romans 15:27, Paul wrote, “For they were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe it to them.” One of my seminary professors used to say, “A text without a context is a pretext,” and he was certainly correct. Paul is talking about going on to Spain by way of Rome, but first he’s going to carry some relief for the saints to Jerusalem. Sharing that offering brought those who gave it a sense of both duty and delight.

“They were pleased to do it...,” suggests **delight**; “and indeed they owe it to them” means they realized it was their **duty**. For the mature Christian, the offering is an act of worship. The mystic Evelyn Underhill wrote that the primary purpose of worship is to adore God. Our worship through the offering should always be our delightful duty — indeed, our adoration of God. The story is told of a pastor who, upon receiving a rather skimpy offering one Sunday, presented it at the altar, raised his head and voice, and said, “Well, God, this is what we think of you.”

Duty is a wonderful thing. We do have a duty to God. Our duty is in response to God’s saving grace in Jesus Christ. Duty is found frequently throughout Scripture. In Luke 17:10, Jesus said, “So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants, we have only done what was our **duty**.’”

Duty has to do with obligation. We have obligations to pay our bills, to care for our families, to serve our communities and our country, and the list goes on.

In the Parable of the Unjust Steward there are elements of accountability and responsibility. Membership in a congregation carries responsibility and also accountability. We are a part of the body of Christ, with all parts of the body working together that all may know Christ’s love.

As Christians, we take delight in our duty. Serving our Lord Jesus Christ is a joy. Duty is not a dirty word. The more active we become in serving our Lord through our church, the closer we walk with Him.

God delights in us, and we delight in God.

Duty and Delight seem to work best when they play off one another. We can think of the delightful duty of serving our Lord Jesus Christ. Duty is not a chore. There have been times when we Lutherans have been stuck on duty, and so need to move from duty to delight. This is all right as long as we don’t stop thinking of them together.

Stewardship Weekend will be November 11 & 12, 2017

What do we mean by the term *Stewardship*

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

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

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

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

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

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

Will I be solicited personally in my home?

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

Does this church talk about money all the time?

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

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

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

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

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

When is Stewardship Sunday?

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



Simply Giving

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

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

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

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

How much does this program cost?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

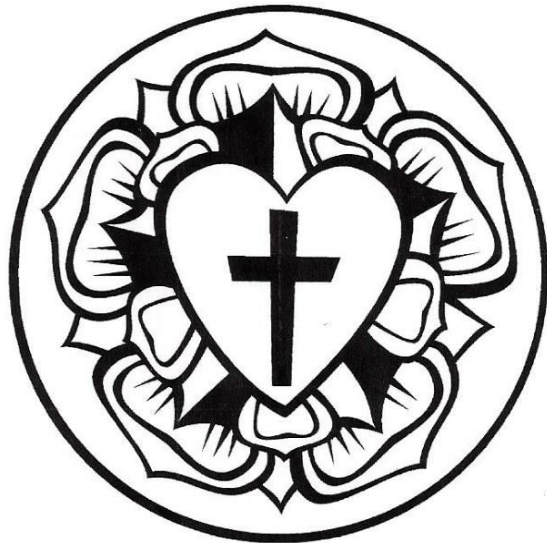
What are some banking advantages for using electronic fund transfers for church contributions?

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

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

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

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





NOTES OF THANKS

October 19, 2017

Dear Holy Trinity,

THANK YOU! Your donation that helps us fulfill our disaster response efforts is greatly appreciated!

May the LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

N.A.L.C. Disaster Response

"We are saved by faith, not works - but we live out our faith by loving others and caring for their needs."

- Arny Pye

Our Daily Bread

June 29, 2017



Dear Holy Trinity Congregation,

I would like to say thank you for the cards, calls, and emails I received after the loss of my sister. It's always hard to lose a sibling. It's nice to hear the kind, caring words of friends.

I am blessed to have such a wonderful Church family.

Pat Heller



October 1, 2017

Dear Friends,

We are very grateful for your support of the programs and families of Inter-Faith Housing Alliance. For more than 30 years, Inter-Faith has met the needs of the many families with children who are experiencing homelessness in our community. We thank you for being a partner in this work.

It is only through the help of generous partners like you that we can fulfill our goal to set families in need on the path to self-sufficiency. Thank you again for your support, and please be assured that, as always, we take our responsibility to be good stewards very seriously.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Marsha".

Marsha Eichelberger
Executive Director



Carson Simpson Farm
3405 Daviessville Road
Hatherso, PA 19040
Phone: 215-659-0232
www.CSFarm.org

Dear Holy Trinity Mission Committee,

On behalf of the staff and children at Carson Simpson Farm Christian Camp we would like to thank you for your kind donation. We are humbled that you have again shared your resources with us.

We wanted to report that the funds that you donated are going directly into our PEACE Ministries scholarship fund for 2018. A great story from last summer was a young boy who came from Philadelphia and was sitting down to his first dinner at camp and he told the cook "I can tell this is going to be the best week of my life," and we believe it was. Your donation 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.

Our mission is to glorify God and share the love of Christ with children. Praise God for individuals and churches who see camp as an important place for God to work in the hearts of children.

In Christ,
Meg Neitz,
Program Manager,
PEACE Ministries Coordinator

October 2, 2017

Dear Friends at Holy Trinity,

Thank you for your recent gift to Lutheran World Relief. I'd like to share with you one way your support is making a big difference. Just like me, I'm sure you've been praying for the people of Syria. Years of ongoing conflict have left the country in shambles, with many people struggling for daily survival. High on the list of needs for the people of Syria is a daily staple: bread.

With your support, LWR is able to work inside Syria, helping to repair and renovate bakeries in two areas of the Aleppo district. Those bakeries will go on to provide affordable, daily bread to more than 80,000 people.

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



Lutheran World Relief
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. LASTING PROMISE.



Our Christian Sympathy to

Pat Heller and family
on the death of her sister
Rita D. Kloepfer
October 1, 2017

Bob, Rob, Scott and family
on the death of
Mina Ischinger
October 19, 2017
Beloved wife, mother and grandmother

Psalm 112:6

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



Correction from October Echoes

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



All Saints

November 5, 2017

Their Lights still shine!

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

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

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

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

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

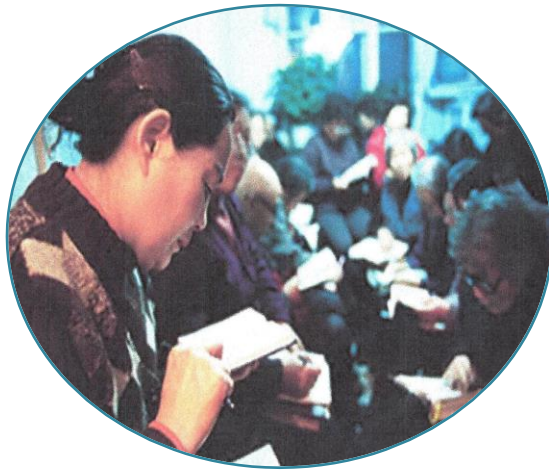
During the processional, you will carry your lit candle to the altar. You will then place your candle on the altar, as you speak aloud the name of the person whom you are remembering before God.

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

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

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY





Why Bibles? And, Why Bibles for China?

Imagine if no one at Holy Trinity had a copy of the Bible,
including Pastors Mandy and Mike?

Imagine them preaching without firsthand reference to the Scripture?

What if we had to rely on word-of-mouth and memorization
by those who came in contact with Scripture in other places?

This is the situation for many people groups living in China. These people have often come to Jesus through the underground house church movement and are praying desperately for a copy of the Holy Bible. **They are not begging for food and clothing but BIBLES!**

November 12 is the International Day of the Bible.

We at Holy Trinity have been partnering with Asia Harvest through our contributions each November to provide Bibles for our Chinese brothers and sisters. For only \$1.80, Asia Harvest can print and distribute a Bible. In fact, Asia Harvest can print and distribute 230,000 Chinese Bibles per month depending on incoming funds.

Please help equip our Chinese brothers and sisters in Christ and fuel the fires of revival that are burning throughout the world's largest nation. What might you be willing to give up this week to put \$5, \$10, or \$20 towards Bibles for believers?

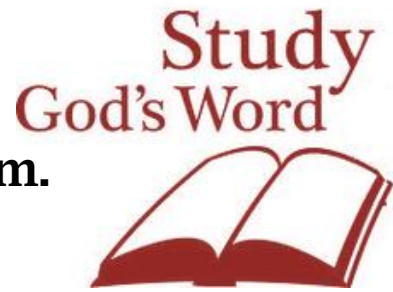
Factoid: “something which becomes accepted as fact, although it may not be true”
Oxford English Dictionary

1. Many people believe China is now a rich country so people there no longer need our help.

90% of China's house church Christians live in rural areas thousands of miles away from modern cities like Beijing and Shanghai. The revival in China is burning bright in remote provinces where thousands are coming to Christ daily and they are among the poorest of the poor in China.

2. Many Christians have heard that Bibles are now legally printed inside China by the government approved Amity Press. However, in a country of more than 1,300 million people, allowing a trickle of legal Bibles only available in the registered churches cannot satisfy the need of 60 million + Christians who do not belong to the government-approved churches.

The Lectionary Bible Study
will begin on Tuesday night
November 7th at 7:30 p.m.
followed by Compline.



New **Sunday, November 26**

Member After Church in the
SS Peter & Andrew Study

Orientation If you are interested in membership
Please contact Pastor Mike.

Caring Evangelism

A follow up meeting for
all who have taken the course.

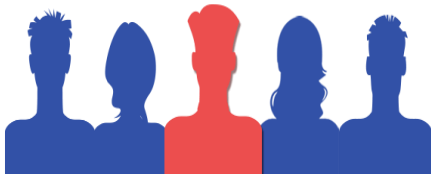
Sunday, December 3
in the Study after Sunday school.



Do you know someone struggling with addiction?
Do you want to understand & break the chains of addiction?

1 in 10 Americans aged 12 and older
is living with a drug problem.

Welcome to **OPEN MEETING ABOUT ADDICTION**
2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month - **Nov. 8th & Nov. 22nd**



7:00 PM - the Carriage House
(red building) located on property of
Abington Baptist Church
1501 Huntingdon Road, Abington, PA



NIH

Not your ordinary meeting.
Comfortable, relaxed, open atmosphere

For more info: contact **Rande** at **215-301-1437**
or mstroup@sundaybreakfast.org



Coram Deo

Living in the Presence of God

We meet in the SS Peter & Andrew Study on most **Mondays at 7:30 PM**

You do not have to read the selection in advance,
and can drop in for any or all sessions.

List of Readings for November 2017

November 6: *Stranger in a Strange Land* by Robert Heinlein

November 13: *The Spy Who Came in From the Cold* by John LeCarre

November 20 and 27: No Meeting.

December 4: *Jude the Obscure* by Thomas Hardy.

December 11: Two short stories -

The Man Who Would be King by Rudyard Kipling.

The Toys of Peace by Saki.

December 18 and 25: No Meeting

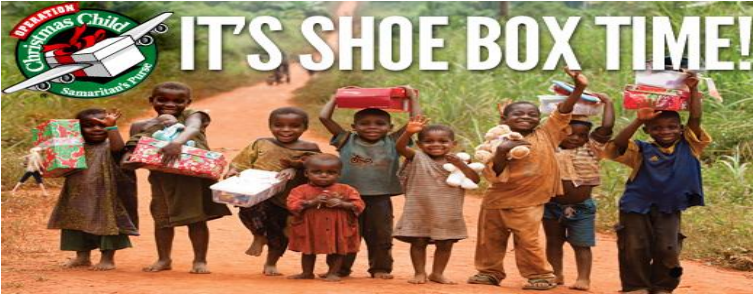


At Annual Meeting this year, **Sunday, January 28, 2018** the first item of business will be the adoption of Rules of Procedure. This adoption of Rules of Procedure has always been done at the outset of every denominational or synodical convocation (LCA, ELCA, or NALC). This adoption needs only a simple majority and is done to make the meeting run smoothly.

Among other things, The Rules of Procedure say that Holy Trinity's Annual Meeting will be governed by Roberts Rules of Order, that all speeches will be limited to three minutes, and that anyone can present a resolution but that this resolution must be presented in writing to the Committee on Reference and Counsel by 3:00 p.m. on the Monday immediately prior to Annual Meeting.

At the time each resolution is presented to Annual Meeting, Reference and Counsel will advise the Annual Meeting as to whether or not the resolution should be adopted.

Copies of these Rules of Procedure and Forms for Resolutions are available in the Narthex.



It's Time to Pack and Send Our Shoeboxes And Support Shipping Costs

Here are 3 Ways You Can Participate in Operation Christmas Child at Holy Trinity in November

1. **Come to our Breakfast and Shoebox Packing Party on Saturday, November 11, 9:00 AM, in Fellowship Hall.** The meal will be provided by our cooks for the monthly Adult Breakfast Fellowship. Experience the fun and joy of putting together boxes of gifts for children in need.
2. **Bring your personally packed shoeboxes to our ingathering at Saturday & Sunday worship services the weekend of November 11/12.** A special time in these services will be devoted to praying for the delivery of these boxes and the children who will receive them.
3. **Make a contribution to defray the shipping costs incurred by Samaritan's Purse.** Shipping shoe boxes is costly. Samaritan's Purse suggests a \$9 donation per box, which does not cover all their costs. Please help Holy Trinity cover the \$9/box for all the boxes that will be packed at our party. Please place your contribution in the white pew envelope and mark it "OCC". When writing a check, please make it out to Holy Trinity and write OCC in the memo section.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Women: Remember to bring your *Thank Offering* to the Packing Party! It will be put toward shoe box shipping costs.

Thank you one and all for everything you do to make a multitude of filled shoe boxes possible for so many children!



Volunteer in Baltimore with Holy Trinity

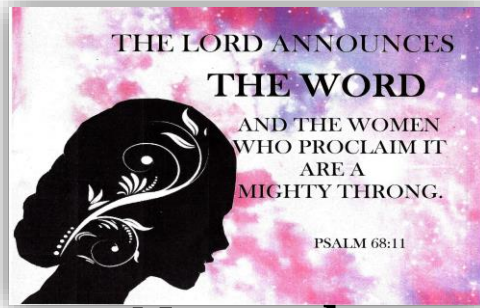
Holy Trinity has currently been given volunteer spots at the Operation Christmas Child processing center outside Baltimore on **Fri., Dec. 1, 3:00 - 7:00 PM** and **Tues., Dec. 12, 2:00 - 6:00 PM.**

We have requested **wait-list status for Saturday, Dec. 2.**

If you'd like to join with others from Holy Trinity (and bring friends) to help inspect and final seal shoe boxes for shipping contact **Rosemary Hinkle @ 215 704 3701** as soon as possible.

Holy Trinity members have volunteered in the past and found the experience most gratifying.

Lutheran Church Women's Circle Bible Study



November

How to Meet, Gather, and Accept Your Neighbors

Note to all topic presenters: Prior to your circle gathering, you will need to make copies for each circle attendee of the indicated page in the topic folder back pocket.

What about your home makes it a good starting place for getting to know your neighbors? How can it be an important step toward inviting them to church? If not your home, what are other ways you can meet and begin to relate to your neighbors? Loving our neighbors without being weird involves unconditional acceptance of people who are different from us. This might feel weird at times, but it wasn't weird to Jesus. Do you think there are any special exceptions to the second greatest commandment to love your neighbor as yourself? We will cover all these questions and more at our November circle studies and discussions.

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

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

Miriam Circle - Monday, November 13 at 12:30 pm in the SS Peter & Andrew Study.

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

Ruth Circle - Wednesday, November 8 at 7:30 pm at home of Donna Zar,
104 Loney Street, Rockledge, PA 19046

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

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

Eve Circle - Thursday, November 9 at 7:30 pm in the SS Peter & Andrew Study.

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

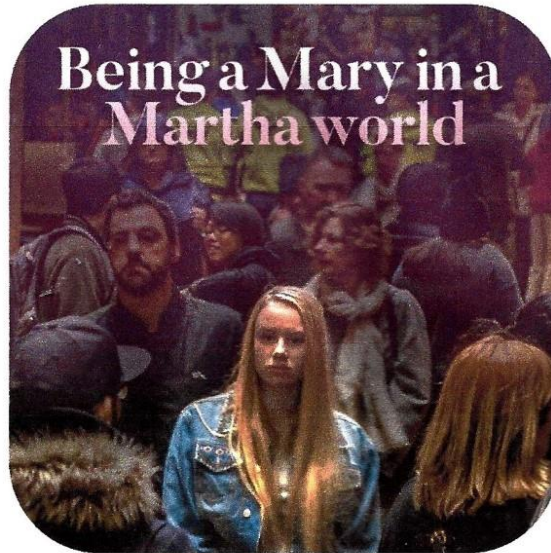
Hannah Circle - Wednesday, November 15 at 7:30 pm in the SS Peter & Andrew Study.

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

LCW 2018 RETREAT

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9
THROUGH SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2018

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



WHERE: The Mother Boniface Spirituality Retreat Center

RETREAT LEADER: Barbara Abramek

COST: \$150 per person (Scholarships available; see Joy Alderfer)

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

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

HTLCW RETREAT FEBRUARY 9 - 11, 2018

NAME: _____

DEPOSIT PAID: _____

BALANCE DUE: _____

FRIDAY NIGHT HOAGIE FEST: YES _____ NO _____

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

Thank you.

The LCW Retreat Committee

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you for your support.

The LCW Winter Collection begins now...

If you find yourself out early Christmas shopping, we pray you can join us in our support of the Trinitarian Nuns at Mother Boniface Spirituality Center.

Both our Men's & have held retreats



Women's groups there since 1996.

We are collecting: **NEW & IN THE ORIGINAL PACKAGING**

Twin bed sheets, twin mattress covers, pillows
Bath towels and wash clothes.

The collection basket will be in the Narthex after Christmas.



Youth Ministry -- Schedule 2017 / 18

All events are on SUNDAY unless otherwise noted

November 5, 2017



Youth Group (5 PM - 7 PM)

November 12, 2017

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

Today's Cooks: Call out for pizza

Today's Story: Joshua and the Walls of Jericho

Craft: Decorate Plastic Crosses (Victory)

November 19, 2017

Holy Trinity hosting *The Forge* (5 PM - 8 PM)
(Ecumenical Youth Group)

Interfaith Food Cupboard Service project
and continuing *Alpha for Youth* series.

Mark your calendars for



**Saturday, December 9th
9 AM - 12 PM**

If you are a **BAKER** or looking to **VOLUNTEER**
(WE CAN ALWAYS USE BOTH)
for our **3rd annual Cookie Sale**

Please contact Tina at (215) 659 - 6048 or Deb in church office
to sign-up (215) 659 - 2642 email her at secretary@holyltrinity.net

Ecumenical Event During Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Thursday, January 18 The Confession of Saint Peter

7:30 PM at Our Lady Help of Christians RC Church

"The Challenge of Secular Humanism"

The Rev. Anthony Janton and

The Rev. Dr. Michael Tavella speaking.



Inter - faith Food Cupboard Donation suggestions for Thanksgiving Holiday:



Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

Wednesday, November 22, 2017 7:30 PM

Please join your church family
in thanks and worship

Remember to bring your food donations
for the Inter-faith Food Cupboard.



2017 Social Ministry Holiday Appeals



Brighten the holiday season for those who will be receiving Inter-Faith food by contributing money to purchase food certificates to be added to the bags distributed between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Please place contributions in the pew envelopes and mark **"Food Baskets"**.

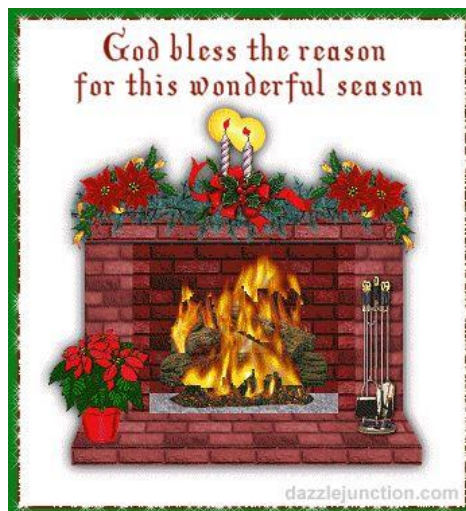


Make a wish come true for a **child** living at the Silver Springs/Martin Luther School or meet a *Heart's Desire* for a resident at Artman Home. A monetary contribution toward a gift would be welcomed. Please place in a pew envelope and mark **"SS/Artman Christmas Gift"**. Lois Hamilton and Katie Beyer will shop for the gifts. Please have all contributions in by **November 12**.



We invite you to share your love and care by picking up a suggestion in the Narthex and purchasing the suggested item for the Good Behavior Store at SS/ML School. Purchases should be placed in the narthex by **December 17th**. Contributions provide positive motivation for the children to learn appropriate ways of acting.

Thank you so very much for extending God's love to others...
may your holidays be ones of love, joy and peace
as you acknowledge this blessed Season.





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BLOOD
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THAT YOU MAY HAVE
LIFE



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

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

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

THEOLOGY WITH BAGELS

THURSDAY MORNINGS AT 9:30 AM

CONTINUES THROUGH NOV. 9TH

Topic: Luther's Theology of the Cross

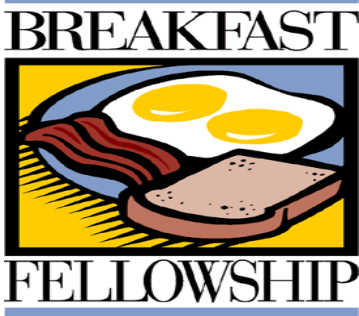
Book: On Being A Theologian of the Cross



Donations most needed for Interfaith Food Cupboard



Salmon, sardines, canned chicken,
canned mixed vegetables, carrots, potatoes
tomato paste, tomato sauce, jelly, flour
Toothbrushes and toothpaste.



Adult Fellowship Breakfast Saturday, November 11, 2017

Time: 9:00 AM

**The Adult Fellowship Breakfast is Honored to Host
the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Breakfast**

**Come in, join the fun and camaraderie and stay afterwards
to help pack the shoeboxes for a very worthy cause.**

**\$5.00/pp suggested donation to help defray
the cost of food is greatly appreciated.**



Men's Devotional Group

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

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

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



November Worship Assistants Schedule

November 5

Usher 3	Greeter Allan Shikhvarg Charlie Tolton	Presenters of Gifts Maryann Leventhal, Eleanor & Marilynn Murphy
Count 4	Acolyte Hannah Mumford	
Christophers Mike Breslin	Crucifer Charlie Tolton	
Healing Prayer Sue Tolton	Lector- Sat George Powell	Communion Assistants Gil & Betsy Zimmermann
	Sun Deborah Mumford	Setup Maryann Leventhal

November 12

Usher 4	Greeter SS Classes K - 5th grade	Presenters of Gifts Jody Cheeseborough, Barb Harvey, Kevan Berkovitz
Count 1	Acolyte Charlotte Whipple	
Christophers Sue Tolton	Crucifer Heather Lee Whipple	
Healing Prayer Nancy Ischinger	Lector - Sat Linda Cassady	Communion Assistants Linda Bell-Powell, Linda Frezza
	Sun Todd Kuenstner	Setup Tina Bednarczyk

November 19

Usher 5	Greeter Rich and Lois Hamilton	Presenters of Gifts The Nilsen Family
Count 2	Acolyte Kevan Berkovitz	
Christophers Deb Mumford	Crucifer Conor Breslin	
Healing Prayer Deb Mumford	Lector-Sat Katie Beyer	Communion Assistants Eric Gregg and Deb Mumford
	Sun Nancy Necker	Setup Sue Tolton

November 22 Thanksgiving Eve Usher 4 Lector Jim Necker

November 26

Usher 1	Greeter John and Anita Ickler	Presenters of Gifts Tina Bednarczyk, George Powell, Cindy Biehl
Count 3	Acolyte Michael Caputo	
Christophers Nancy Necker	Crucifer Lauren Caputo	
Healing Prayer Barbara Harvey	Lector-Sat Linda Cassady	Communion Assistants Tom Schied and Randy Gettmann
	Sun Charles Tolton	Setup Deb Mumford

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

Called to *Serve*



NOVEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			7:30 Council	9:30 Theology w/Bagels 1:30 Artis Sing along 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	7:30 AA	5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
5 ALL SAINTS 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult SOT Youth Group 5 - 7 PM	6 6 - 8:30 Jr. Girl Scouts 7:30 Coram Deo 7:30 Women's Prayer Group	7 ELECTION DAY 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 Compline	8 7:00 Evangelism 7:30 Ruth Circle at home of Donna Zar	9	10	11
				9:30 Theology w/Bagels 12:00 Sarah Circle 6:30 Handbell Choir 7:00 Men's Group 7:30 Eve Circle 8:00 Chancel Choir	7:30 AA	9 AM OCC SHOEBOX PACKING PARTY  5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
12 PENTECOST 23 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 11:30 Lunch Bunch	13 12:30 Miriam Circle 6 - 8:30 Jr. Girl Scouts 7:30 Coram Deo	14 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 Compline	15 7:30 Hannah Circle	16 1:30 Artis Sing along 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	17 7:30 AA	18 12 - 3 Cub Scouts Can Drive drop-off 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
19 PENTECOST 24 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 5:00 <i>The Forge</i> at HT	20 SHOP & COOK AIDS DINNER 6 - 8:30 Jr. Girl Scouts 7:30 Women's Prayer Group	21 DELIVER AIDS DINNER	22 7:30 Thanksgiving Eve Service	23  Happy Thanksgiving!	24  BLOOD DRIVE 7:30 AA	25 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
26 Christ the King 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult New Member Orientation in Study	27 6 - 8:30 Jr. Girl Scouts	28 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 Compline	29 1:30 Artis Sing along	30 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	 <p>THOSE WHO SEEK THE LORD LACK NO GOOD THING. PSALM 34:10</p>	

Special Dates:

- ◆ All Saints' Day, November 1, 2017
- ◆ Daylight-Saving Time ends, November 5, 2017
- ◆ Election Day, November 7, 2017
- ◆ Veteran's Day, November 11, 2017
- ◆ Thanksgiving, November 23, 2017
- ◆ Christ the King, November 26, 2017