

HOLY TRINITY

Evangelical Lutheran Church

ECHOES NEWSLETTER

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Pastors

The Rev. Dr. Michael G. Tavella

The Rev. N. Amanda Grimmer

Staff

The Rev. John Bradosky,
*Bishop of the North American
Lutheran Church*

Mrs. Jacqueline Smith, *B. Mus.
M. Mus., Director of Music*

Mrs. Deborah Mumford,
Parish Secretary

Worship Services

Saturday at 5 pm

Sunday at 9 am

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

Holy Communion

Saturday evening, Sunday morning
& Festival Days

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

From the Pastors

Dear Parish Family,

We have now come to observance of the Nativity (birth) of our Lord Jesus Christ. We do not know when Christ was born, but the Church has designated an old pagan holiday as the time to observe our Lord's nativity.

In Mark John the Baptizer announces the coming of One who is mightier than he, whose sandals he is not fit to untie. John baptizes with water as a sign of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Jesus comes to grant forgiveness and to baptize with the Holy Spirit. We already know from the very first line of this Gospel that Jesus is the Christ and Son of God.

Mark does not include a story of Jesus' birth. He begins with John's announcement and Jesus' Baptism. At His baptism a voice from heaven declares Him the Son and Beloved. Near the end of the Gospel the centurion at the cross exclaims that Jesus is truly the Son of God.

In Matthew and Luke Jesus is declared the Son of God in their stories of His birth. In Luke the angel Gabriel says to Mary, "And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." (Luke 1: 31-32 NRSV)

In Matthew the angel in a dream of Joseph instructs him to take the child to Egypt to protect Jesus from Herod. Matthew cites a passage from the Old Testament that indicates Jesus' Sonship. "Out of Egypt I have called my son." (Luke 2:15 from Hosea 11:1)

In John the Son is the Word with the Father who comes in the flesh among us. We are among those who have seen His glory.

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From The Pastors

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.

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Jesus is the Son of God. His birth is wrought by the Holy Spirit through a virgin. The ecumenical creeds confess Jesus as the Son born of a virgin. In the Nicene Creed we confess that Christ was incarnate (a word from Latin) of the Holy Spirit, that is he was made man.

Christmastide is a very special time in the Church year. We celebrate the birth of Christ, His coming in the flesh. He was made man and crucified **for us**. On the third day He rose from the dead. Because of Christ we receive the forgiveness of sins and life everlasting. He is the Son of God, one with the Father.

The birth of the child at Bethlehem is the most momentous event in history alongside His crucifixion and resurrection. May we as His disciples know the blessings of this season. We are a people that live in the light of Christ. Christmas is truly a time for us to be merry on account of the birth of Jesus Christ, Son of God.

Merry Christmas,

In Christ,

The Rev. Dr. Michael G. Tavella

The Rev. N. Amanda Grimmer





Healing Prayer Ministry

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

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



Women's Prayer Group

The Holy Trinity
Women's Prayer Group
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,
come as you are able.

Questions contact Rosemary
@

Rosemaryhinkle@comcast.net

2018 Schedule

Resumes Jan. 15, 2018

Feb. 5 & 19 March 5 & 19

April 2 & 16 May 7 & 21

June 4 & 18

Prayer List



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

Please pray for the following:

Please pray for the following individuals & their families: *(we cannot add last names or initials)* The families of the members Holy Trinity together with those they love, including: Bette, Brendan, Carolann, David, Diane, Gerda, Jason, Jeanette, Jeff, Jen, Jessica, Joan, John, Katie, Kelsey, Ken, Linda, Lisa, Mae, Melissa, Pat, Scott, Vicki, Warren, Zach.

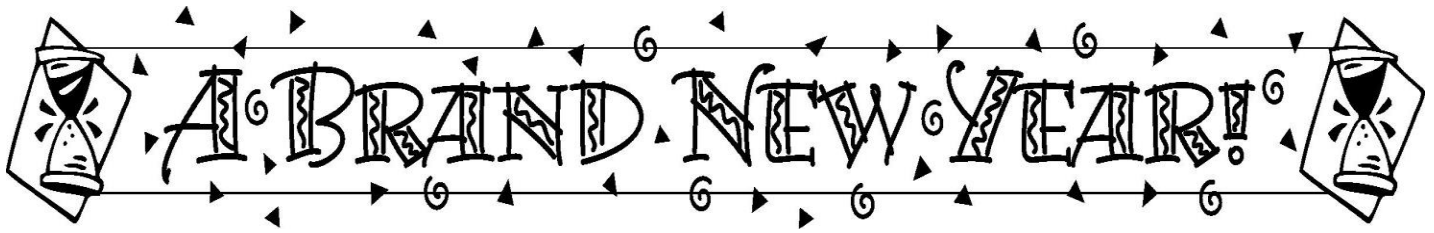
*** We encourage you to bring us your prayer requests for individuals and families in 2018.**

Please pray for the following families:

All of the families of Holy Trinity, together with those they love and pray for; especially we pray for: Bamberger, Raiguel, Robinson, Selman, Shinn.

Please pray for the following petitions:

- That God would bless and protect all members of Holy Trinity, together with those they love and pray for.
- That God would guide each of us to grow in grace & that He would please send workers into the Harvest.
- For all who are chronically ill and/or shut-in.
- For all who struggle with 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 and hurricanes and for favorable weather and an abundance of crops.
- For all in financial difficulty that they may be totally restored.



Is Just Beginning!

Mark your calendar and be sure to join us

Sunday, January 28, 2017

directly after the service at 10:30 am

for our Annual Congregational Meeting

Items of Business:

Reports, Budget, Elections,

Items from the NALC

Join the conversation- make your voice heard!

We invite you to play an active role in the life of Holy Trinity in 2018

- Your Church Council-

AT THE  **Annual Meeting** SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

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, **Monday, January 22nd**. 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.

Memorials have been received



In Memory of...

Miriam Alderfer

Elva Bell

Bob Berger

Helen G. Frey

In honor of Howard H. Frey

Sallie Heller

Mina Ischinger

Herta Laemmle

Betty Lee

Charles Myers

Jane Schmus

Merle Thompson

Evelyn Tolton

Jacob Wildemore, Jr.

Join the Conversation!

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

Treasurer's Report

November 30, 2017 (For the Year 2017)

	Holy Trinity Ministries	Wider Church
Year to date received for current income	\$ 370,565.29	\$ 49,346.82
Carry over from 2016	\$ 0.00	\$16,568.30
Expenses paid to date	\$ 382,264.61	\$ 45,689.36
Surplus/(Deficit) 2016	(\$11,699.32)	\$20,225.76



Our Christian Sympathy to

Mark, Jim, John, Jeanne
and their families
on the death of
Barbara Selman
December 21, 2017

Psalm 112:6

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

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 @ alanhinkle@comcast.net

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

Christopher Biehl
Michael Boerner
Conor Gowton
Shaun Hall
Eric Henderson
CJ Hess
John Quici
Nathan Quinlan
Vikas Shah
Jonathan Skilton, MD

Please remember your Church in your will.



NOTES OF THANKS

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! 357 Love-filled Boxes!

Holy Trinity sent 357 shoe boxes to Operation Christmas Child this past November, 2017. That means there are 357 children who would have been left out of receiving their first gift ever and learning about Jesus if not for your loving, generous efforts!

We thank everyone who had a hand in this mission to children in great need around the world. These gifts represent not only the physical items that fill many basic needs and bring joy to children and their parents alike, but also the opportunity to hear the Gospel story through *The Greatest Journey* booklet given with each shoe box and then be invited to participate in a 10-week Bible study course.

A Heart full of thanks to:

- ◆ **The Mission Commitment Task Force** for the \$2,500 grant that was used to purchase needed supplies for the packing party and help defraying shipping charges which were raised to \$9 per box.
- ◆ **The Men's Devotional Group** for their special contribution/shopping spree of toys for boys.
- ◆ **The Lutheran Church Women** who designated their semi-annual Thank Offering and additional funds from their benevolence account to help defray shipping costs.
- ◆ **Allan Shikhvarg** who coordinated having the monthly Fellowship Breakfast on packing party Saturday, which increased our participation this year.
- ◆ **Bob Miller and Al Schmidt** who cooked breakfast for all our packers at the party.
- ◆ ALL who made items, including **Heidi Simmons** for dresses, t-shirts, and stuffed animals; **Dot McGowan** and **Lois Hamilton** for beautifully knit/crocheted hats, and **Katie Beyer** for book marks.
- ◆ ALL who purchased items and lovingly packed boxes.
- ◆ ALL who made generous contributions toward shipping costs.
- ◆ ALL who bridgaded the boxes out of church.
- ◆ **The Ischinger Family** for delivering 357 boxes to Covenant Church in Hatboro.

What a list! What a Church! And how God provides. We don't plan too specifically, but everyone's contributions and Mission Task Force grant completely covered supplies and shipping for 230 packed party boxes. That is no small miracle!!

Remember, this is a year-round project, so begin collecting now for 2018!

Fun To Know: We did not advertise but quietly applied for a new shoe box challenge. If we could pack at least 7 more boxes this year, we could win tickets to Adventure Aquarium through the generous funding of a family helping to motivate the packing of more boxes. We delivered 356 boxes initially, then quickly found enough supplies to pack one more. So now we can send (**our youth group/Sunday school children**) on a great Adventure this year.

Rosemary Hinkle for The Holy Trinity Shoebox Committee





NOTES OF THANKS (cont...)

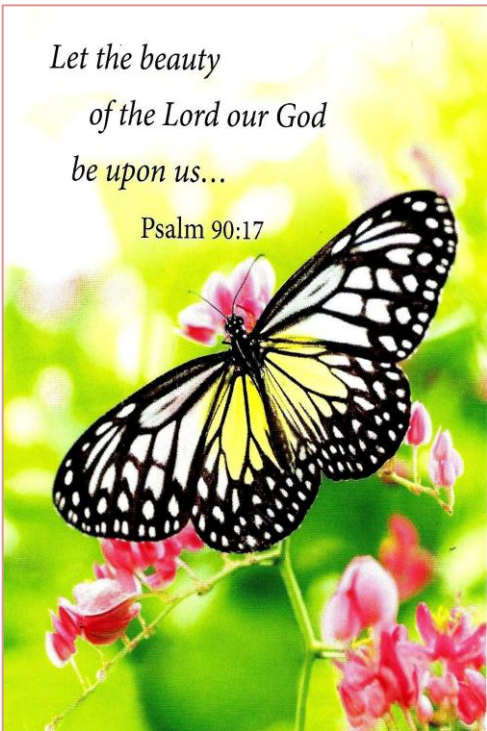
As is our usual, the Holy Trinity Blood Drive was a great success! We were able to collect 32 units of blood, which has the potential to help 96 people who need blood products. The Red Cross was very grateful for all Holy Trinity's efforts. The blood donors as well as the cooks and those who helped to orchestrate the event were and are much appreciated.

Thank you, The Social Ministry Team.



*Let the beauty
of the Lord our God
be upon us...*

Psalm 90:17



Dear Fellow Servants in Christ at Holy Trinity,

Happy Advent, as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior! Many thanks for your generous support of the Lord's work in the Dominican Republic and our family's missionary service! Bill is enroute to Puerto Rico to help with the hurricane disaster response to those in need in that region. Please keep our family in prayer through this time of transition. Thank you again for being a part of our service!

- Bill, Nicole, Kiersten, & Karissa Lohmeyer



St. Benedict's Toolbox

The Nuts and Bolts of
Everyday Benedictine Living



Jane Tomaine

St. Benedict's Toolbox Study
in Pastor Mike's SS Class
begins **Sunday, January 14th**
at 10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

*Please remember to bring your copy
of the book by Jane Tomaine
and the Rules of Saint Benedict.

Ecumenical Dialogue

Pastor Mike & Father Anthony Janton, speakers
during the *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*

Date: Thursday, January 18, 2018

Time: 7:30 PM

Place: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Topic: The Challenge of Secular Humanism

Prayerfully consider joining us
for a time of enlightenment & fellowship



....A
**Place for
Bible Study**

Pastor Mike's **Tuesday night Bible Study**
resumes on **Tuesday, January 16th**
7:30 pm Bible Study
8:30 pm Compline

CHURCH COUNCIL

As with many things we experience in this earthly life, change can be both nerve wracking and exciting, sometimes both at the same time. Such a change has now come for the Interfaith Food Pantry.

This ecumenical ministry was begun 47 years ago, back in 1970, by the clergy of Abington. Volunteers came from all of the congregations of Abington and their service was coordinated for many, many years by Bob Miller, Sr. and Dagmar Burgess. Bob and Dagmar were volunteers themselves, spending many hours per week on this task. And for years and years, all of this was run from Holy Trinity's second grade Sunday School room and its huge closet.

In 2003, neither Bob Miller nor Dagmar Burgess could continue their volunteer coordination. With no volunteers to fill their shoes, the food cupboard was handed over to the agency, Interfaith Housing Alliance of Ambler. It was thought best to hand the operation of the food cupboard to an actual agency with paid staff that was equipped to continue this worthwhile outreach.

As time has progressed, and unfortunately the need has increased, we have seen the Food Cupboard grow in its ability to provide support and sustenance. Almost 4 years ago members of our congregation got together to remake and paint what was once a back hallway room into a beautiful waiting area for individuals and their families when they came to pick up food. Many times during heavy donation periods more of our rooms have been filled with cans, boxes and bags of food until such time the volunteers could weigh and have it shelved.

As a social service agency, Interfaith Housing Alliance of Ambler is committed to expanding their services to include fresh produce and an area for shopping. Ongoing planning has resulted in a need for them to find more space to accomplish this goal. They have long wanted a first floor area of 1,000 square feet so as to facilitate not only their expansion goals but to make it easier for donors and elderly volunteers with bringing the food into the cupboard. (Anyone who has ever lugged heavy grocery bags knows whereof we speak...now imagine, 1,000 or more pounds in one single donation which is very typical of many Boy Scout or Police food drives.)

Due to our inability to provide such a space, Interfaith will be moving out of Holy Trinity as we begin the New Year. Our sadness to see them depart is tinged with excitement at the promise of a new venture for them and the outstanding service they provide. As of mid-January they will be located in a storefront at 1356 Easton Road in Roslyn. This has brought us back to where we, as a congregation, began in the '70's. We are praying and listening for the Holy Spirit to speak words of wisdom and courage as we embark on *The Bread of Heaven* Food Pantry. We invite your prayers and open ears to hear God's direction for this new/old ministry.

Pastor Mike has organized the first meeting of volunteers for *The Bread of Heaven* Food Pantry on **Wednesday, January 17th at 7:30 p.m.** in his office, so we may begin to serve our neighbor's needs for daily bread. But much more than that, as disciples of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we are excited to bring those who have an eternal need that no amount of food can fill in contact with the One Who provides for all our needs. May God be praised and glorified in all we do and say.

A blessed New Year to you all.

In Christ,
Eric Gregg, Church Council President
Deborah Mumford, recording secretary.



Interfaith Food Cupboard is moving to 1356 Easton Road in Roslyn in mid-January. A new food pantry program, called *Bread of Heaven*, is under development at Holy Trinity. Right now, we need food for the pantry. Place your donations in the Narthex as in the past. The food will temporarily be stored on the stage in Fellowship Hall.

All food collected henceforth will go to the new food pantry program.

Volunteers also would be most welcome. A meeting of interested members is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 17 at 7:30 p.m.** in Pastor's Mike's office.

To start, the pantry will be open one day a week. Hopefully, over the next year we will be able to expand this ministry. The program will combine social service with evangelization. In the future we hope to have fellowship dinners with our recipients and to extend the food pantry program into Kensington to assist those addicted to drugs and alcohol.

Bread of Heaven Food Pantry needs:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Instant mashed potatoes | Canned and dried soup |
| Rice | Peanut butter & jelly |
| Canned vegetables and fruit | Pasta and spaghetti sauce |
| Cereal | Ketchup and mustard |
| Coffee | Paper towels |
| Canned meats | Toilet paper |

*We wish you and your family a Blessed New Year
Remember you Library offers you many
book selections to enrich your spiritual life.*

Your Library Staff

Jeanne, Linda, Noreen, Karen, and Sandy

CHURCH LIBRARY

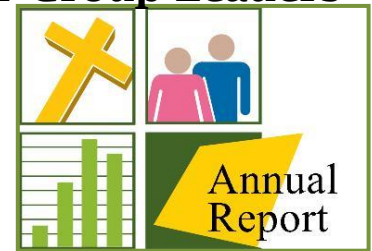
"Love the Lord your God with all your mind."



REMINDER TO

All Committee Chairpersons & Other Group Leaders

Please submit your Annual Reports
to the Church office by
Monday, January 8, 2018



All are welcome to attend the 2018 Budget Meeting

Sunday, January 21st at 10:30 AM

Q & A with Rich Hamilton, Chairperson of Finance Committee

during Pastor Mike's Fellowship Hall SS Class

Copies of the Annual Report will be available.

**A LOOK
at the
BUDGET**

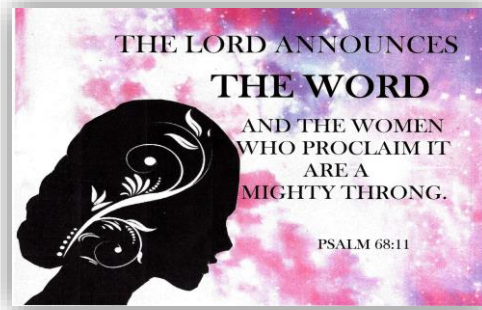
The Annual Congregational meeting is Sunday, Jan. 28th

Immediately following Worship service at 10:30 am

There is **NO Sunday School**. Please make every effort
to attend this important meeting. Make your voice heard.



Lutheran Church Women's Circle Bible Study



JANUARY CIRCLES

FASTING: The Best Pre-Lent Topic Ever!

The beginning of a new year always signals a time to take inventory and think about how one wants to go forward. People clean out offices and home spaces to feel less cluttered and more able to focus on the future, their own future. They begin diets and exercise regimens. But what about fasting...Biblical Fasting? Do you know the difference? Please come to your circle prepared to share any past experiences with fasting, especially during Lent. We will discuss how changing what you eat or don't eat can allow your spirit to become uncluttered and for God to break through to you in ways not otherwise experienced. We will also cover what combining fasting with prayer does for your prayers before the Lord.

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 LCW President Nancy Ischinger (267) 803 - 1384 or by email at nancymaesch@yahoo.com or church secretary Deb Mumford (215) 659 - 2642, to explore what might work best for you. Here are the circle times and dates as well as leader with contact information. Do not hesitate to contact a Circle leader to find out more about an individual Circle.

Miriam Circle - Monday, January 8 at 12:30 pm in the SS Peter & Andrew Study
Leader: Sandy Schmidt (215) 657-5065 sandyschmidt19001@yahoo.com

Hannah Circle - Monday, January 8 at 7:30 pm in the SS Peter & Andrew Study
Leader: Marilyn Murphy (610) 304-7601 mvetal4@verizon.net

Ruth Circle - Wednesday, January 10 at 7:30 pm at home of Lydia Dugan
2150 Willow Brook Dr., Huntingdon Valley (215)657-4034
Leader: Nancy Necker (215) 884-2123 nnecker52@gmail.com

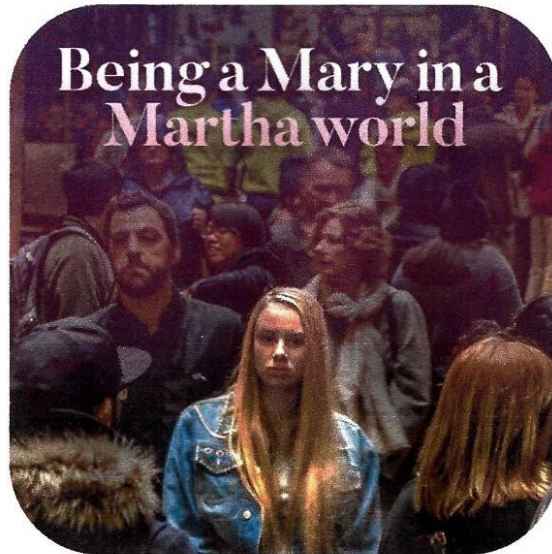
Sarah Circle - Thursday, January 11 at 12:00 pm in the SS Peter & Andrew Study

Eve Circle - Wednesday, January 17 at 7:30 pm in the SS Peter & Andrew Study
Leader: Sharon Koch (215) 355-7875 sharonkoch1304@gmail.com

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)

There is still time to register & attend!

(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

The LCW Winter Collection continues...

While out after Christmas bargain 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 is now in the Narthex.



Giant Gift Cards – A great way to shop!

Whether you are purchasing for yourself or as a gift the LCW makes it easy and convenient!

Plus our program is a wonderful fundraising tool as the LCW receives a 5% cash back for each card sold!

This money goes to our scholarship fund which is utilized to offset the cost of any LCW related function for any church women who may want to attend but need financial assistance.



See Joy Alderfer for purchase or orders.

**The Social Ministry Committee of
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**



Freedom Steps Collection

If anyone knows of someone in the military deployed overseas
Please have them contact Cindy Biehl at cindybiehl@msn.com
Or (267) 475- 5435 and we will add them to our list.

There is a need for donated items such as:

- Full size tooth brushes & toothpaste
 - Shampoo & conditioner
 - Body wash & deodorant
 - Foot & body powder
 - Baby wipes & sunscreen
 - Non-perishable food & snacks
 - In addition, small toys, games & crafts
- as well as books & magazines are always welcome

The cost of shipping packages is anywhere from \$700 - \$1,000
so we are always grateful for monetary donations!



There is a box in the Narthex that is checked before the shipments are made.
We do shipments ever couple of month
So donations & names are always welcome!



Coram Deo

Living in the Presence of God

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

Winter/Spring 2018

January 15: *Killer Angels* by Michael Shaara

January 22: *The New Boy* by Tracy Chevalier

January 29: *Roman Fever* by Edith Wharton - selected short stories

February 5: Selections from Pushkin and/or Chekov

February 12: Selections from Shelly

February 26: *The Red Badge of Courage* by Stephen Crane

March 5: *By the Skin of Our Teeth* by Thornton Wilder, a play

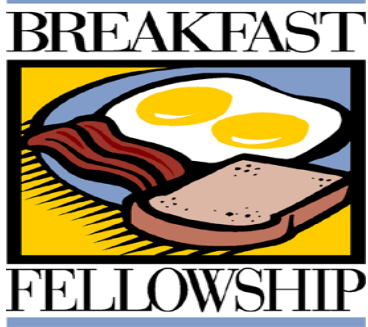
March 12: No Meeting

March 19: *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis*
by J.D. Vance

March 26 - April 9: No Meeting

April 16: *The Deerslayer* by James Fenimore Cooper

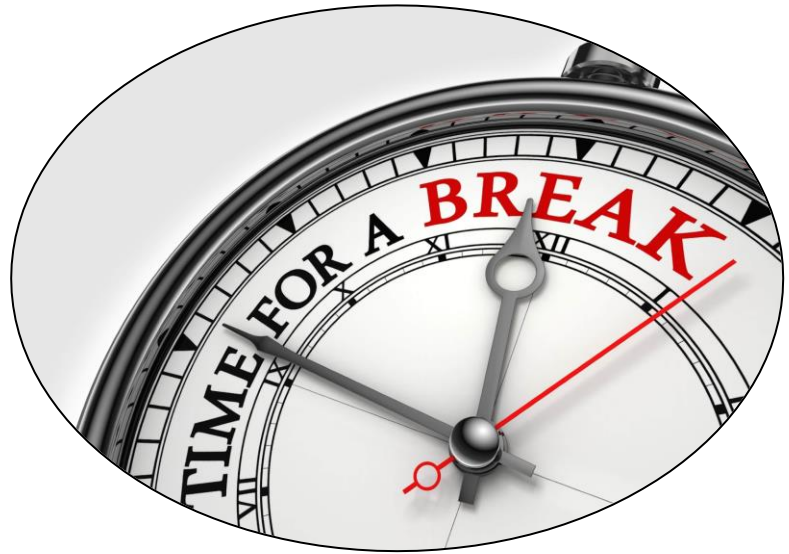




Adult Christian Breakfast Fellowship

(All Adults Young & Old are invited)

AFB will be taking a break
for the months of
January and February.
Look for our return in March.



Men's Devotional Group

Mark your calendar & don't miss out
on the Men's Devotional Group Meeting.
They meet the second Thursday of every month.
Join us **Thursday, January 11th at 7:00 P.M.**
in the Sons of Thunder 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.

2018 Youth Ministry

All events are on SUNDAY unless otherwise noted

January 7, 2018 5:00 – 7:00 PM
SOT Youth Group



Join us for dinner & planning
for Youth Sunday & our next Lock-In 2018

January 14, 2018 Lunch Bunch 11:30 AM

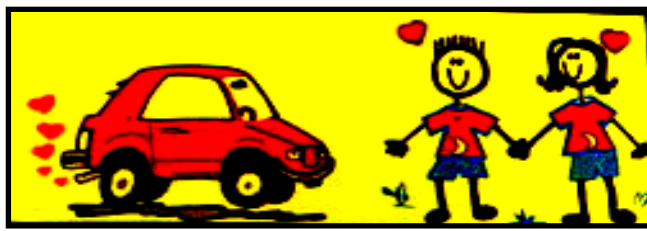


Call out for pizza

Today's Story: The Boy Jesus in the Temple
Today's Craft: Anna & Simeon Sticker Scene

* Sign up to carry Alleluia Banners on Transfiguration Sunday *





**YOUR CAR . . . YOUR MARRIAGE
BOTH RUN SMOOTHER WITH A TUNE UP!**

Attention Married Couples

So you've done maintenance for your car—how about your marriage?
Make 2018 the year you decide to attend a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend
to learn how to make your marriage a more intimate, loving, Christian union.

Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends run from Friday night at 8 PM to Sunday around 5 PM
and have been enriching marriages of couples of all ages for 40 years! In addition to the \$100 per
couple registration fee, you will be given an opportunity near the end of the weekend to make a
confidential contribution of whatever amount you wish toward the continuation of the program.
Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included.

The 2018 Pennsylvania Weekends are:



The Heritage Hotel, Lancaster, PA

March 16 - 18, 2018

A newly-renovated hotel, home of the unique
treehouse-inspired restaurant, "Loxley's."

Toftrees Golf Resort, State College, PA

April 6-8, 2018

A peaceful resort surrounded by a golf course
and nestled in the woods in the center of PA.



Spruce Lake Retreat, Canadensis, PA

September 14-16

A lovely hotel-style facility in a wooded area
of the Poconos, an hour north of Allentown.



Olmsted Retreat Center, Ludlow, PA

October 19-21

A stunning, hotel-style retreat next to Olmsted Mansion
in Allegheny National Forest, 2 hours north of Pittsburgh.



Registrations are limited, so act today to attend the Weekend of your choice.

To sign up online, go to: www.GodLovesMarriage.org pay the registration fee using your credit card
or mark the option to mail in a check. For questions or if you would like a brochure mailed to you
contact Pennsylvania Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter
Fred & Julie Schamber at 724-325-3166 or email: fjschamber@comcast.net.

New Bible Study



**Get Started
With The
Gospel of Mark**

All are welcome to participate in a new Bible Study which will explore the *Gospel of Mark* 10:30 AM on Sunday mornings in Fellowship Hall.

**Study begins on Sunday, January 7th
and will run for 5 weeks**

Since our Gospel Readings in our worship this year will be primarily from Saint Mark this is a good opportunity to dig a bit deeper into what is believed to be the earliest the Gospel of the New Testament. Pastor Guenzel will be the leader. Please join us!

Please join Tom Schied in the SS Peter & Andrew Study for the next Adult Class. **Start date TBD**

We will be studying:



Put aside what you may think about the classic David vs. Goliath story. In **Goliath Must Fall**, author Louie Giglio shows us how to dwell on the size of our God, not the height of our giants. Once we understand the source of our giants, we can ensure us that whatever our affliction is, it can, will, and must fall down with the power of Jesus. Prayerfully consider joining Tom in this 6 part video series study.

Fastnacht '18

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2018

7:00 PM

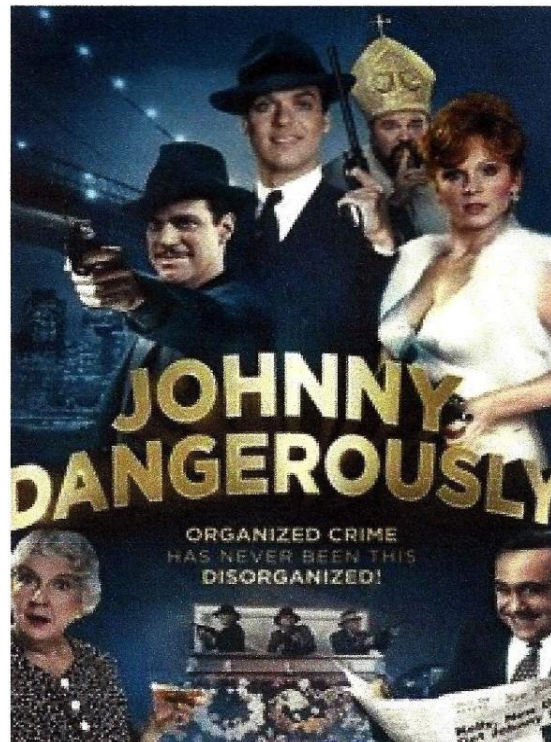
Join us for  Movie Night
complete with a  Theater Snack Bar



Just for fun come dressed as your favorite Mobster!
Win some beads for best dressed...

Spend the night before Ash Wednesday laughing with family & friends
Enjoy Hot Dogs, Pop Corn, Candy, Soda Pop and of course....DONUTS!

Featuring the Hit 1984 Comedy:





January Worship Assistants Schedule



January 7

Usher 2	Greeter Kevan Berkovitz, Linda Frezza, Nancy Myers	Presenters of Gifts The Gregg Family
Count 1	Acolyte Ryan Schied	
Christophers Chris Quici	Crucifer Charlie Tolton	
Prayer Team Barbara Harvey	Lector- Sat Linda Cassady	Communion Assistants Marilyn Murphy Kevan Berkovitz
	Sun Nancy Berkovitz	Setup Maryann Leventhal

January 14

Usher 3	Greeter George & Sandra Powell	Presenters of Gifts Janice Donnelly and Al & Pam Eisenmann
Count 2	Acolyte Hannah Mumford	
Christophers Mike Breslin	Crucifer Eric Gregg	
Prayer Team Sherry Breslin	Lector- Sat Katie Beyer	Communion Assistants Charles Tolton Allan Shikhvarg
	Sun Sherri Gregg	Setup Tina Bednarczyk

January 21

Usher 4	Greeter Jim & Nancy Necker	Presenters of Gifts Maryann Leventhal, Ella & Marilyn Murphy
Count 3	Acolyte Audrey Brown	
Christophers Sue Tolton	Crucifer Frank Ganther	
Prayer Team Kathy Ingerson	Lector-Sat George Powell	Communion Assistants Mark & Erica Affleck
	Sun Suzanne Brown	Setup Sue Tolton

January 28


Usher 5	Greeter Youth Sunday	Presenters of Gifts Jody Cheeseborough, Kevan Berkovitz, Barb Harvey
Count 4	Acolyte Elli Nilsen	
Christophers Deb Mumford	Crucifer Jared Ickler	
Prayer Team Sue Tolton	Lector- Sat Linda Cassady	Communion Assistants Youth Sunday
	Sun Matthew Gregg	Setup Deb Mumford

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

Called to *Serve*



January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Office Closed 	2	3 7:30 Council	4 6:30 Handbell Choir	5 7:30 AA	6 Epiphany Pastors on vacation 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
7 Baptism of our Lord 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult Pastors on vacation 5:00 – 7:00 S.O.T. Youth Group	8 12:30 Miriam Circle Pastors on vacation 6 – 8:30 Jr. Girl Scouts 7:30 Hannah Circle	9 Pastors on vacation	10 Pastors on vacation 7:00 Evangelism 7:30 Ruth Circle at the home of Lydia Dugan	11 12:00 Sarah Circle Pastors on vacation 6:30 Handbell Choir 7:00 Men's Group	12 Pastors on vacation 7:30 AA	13 Pastors on vacation 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
14 Epiphany 1 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 11:30 Lunch Bunch	15 SHOP & COOK AIDS DINNER 6 – 8:30 Jr. Girl Scouts 7:30 Coram Deo 7:30 Women's Prayer Group	16 DELIVER AIDS DINNER 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 Compline	17 7:30 Eve Circle 7:30 Food Pantry Meeting	18 6:30 Handbell Choir 7:30- Ecumenical Dialogue	19 7:30 AA	20 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
21 Epiphany 2 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 10:30 Budget Meeting In Fellowship Hall	22 6 – 8:30 Jr. Girl Scouts 7:30 Coram Deo	23 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 Compline	24 7:30 Worship & Music meeting	25 6:30 Handbell Choir	26 7:30 AA	27 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
28 Youth Sunday 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING	29 6 – 8:30 Jr. Girl Scouts 7:30 Coram Deo	30 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 Compline	Special Dates: * New Year's Day, January 1, 2018 * Epiphany, January 6, 2018 * Baptism of our Lord, January 7, 2018 * Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Observance, January 15, 2018 * Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18 – 25, 2018			

