

HOLY TRINITY

Evangelical Lutheran Church

ECHOES NEWSLETTER

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Pastors

The Rev. Dr. Michael G. Tavella

The Rev. N. Amanda Grimmer

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The Rev. John Bradosky,
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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*

Dear Parish Family,

What is the connection between Jesus' resurrection and our own? Christian confession says that Jesus rose from the dead and that we also shall rise. A great Easter hymn proclaims the relationship.

Jesus, You were dead,
But You rose and, living,
Made Yourself our bread,
In Your goodness giving
Life though we were dead.

LBW Hymn 207

This hymn is actually one to be sung at Holy Communion. In the Eucharist we receive the body and blood of the risen and glorified Jesus Christ.

More needs to be said to answer the question. What is the connection between Jesus' resurrection and our own?

In the Synoptic Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke Jesus predicts His death three times. Mark was first to use this structure of three predictions. After Peter declares Him the Christ, Jesus tells of the necessity of His suffering and death. Peter rebukes Him for this. Jesus responds with a strong counter rebuke.

Christ then announces the requirement that disciples take up their crosses and follow Him. As Jesus bears His cross and sheds His blood for our redemption, we take up our cross in service to Him.

Jesus' cross must be set within the context of sacrifice. As sacrifice was central to the establishment of the covenant with Israel, so it is in the new covenant established by Jesus. "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many." (Mark 14: 24 ESV) Jesus' sacrifice is accomplished on behalf of the human race.

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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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This is not the whole story. The question remains, how does Jesus' resurrection connect to our resurrection? Saint Paul gives us insight in 1 Corinthians 15. In that chapter Paul makes a statement of faith, "For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures..."

Paul argues against those in the church at Corinth who did not believe in the resurrection from the dead. If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ was not raised. If Christ is not raised both Paul's preaching and believer's faith is in vain.

Paul along with the early church preached that Christ is raised from the dead. The Lord is the first fruits of those being raised. We are united in Adam from whom comes death. Believers are united to Jesus Christ through whom comes life.

Paul writes, "For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through one man Jesus Christ." (Romans 5:17 ESV) Baptism into Christ's death and resurrection means union with Him. Through the Sacrament we die with Him and are brought to newness of life which leads to the resurrection. (Romans 6) The Paschal Mystery we will celebrate in a few weeks is Jesus' victory over death and our union with Him in the Sacraments. Alleluia, Christ is risen!

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 p.m.**
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

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)*

Albert, Alex, Alexander, Allyson, Amanda, Amy, Anna, Art, Baby Hudson, Ben, Betty, Bill, Blair, Brenda, Brendan, Brian, Brianna, Carolann, Carol, Carole, Carolyn, Chris, Chuck, Clark, Colleen, Connie, Dallas, Dave, David, Denys, Diane, Dobbie, Dolores, Don, Donna, Dot, Drew, Dru, Eda, Edda, Eric, Esther, Frank, Gene, George, Gerda, Hannah, Harper, Harry, Helen, Irina, Jamie, Jason, Jean, Jeanette, Jeff, Jen, Jennifer, Jessica, Joan, Joanne, Joe, John, Julia, Katie, Kelly, Kelsey, Ken, Keri, Kerry, Kim, KJ, Kyle, Leah, Levi, Linda, Lisa, Lori, Lorraine, Mae, Maeve, Maggie, Marissa, Mark, Marsha, Martha, Maryanne, Matt, Matthew, Maureen, Megan, Melissa, Miles, Natalia, Pat, Peter, Phillip, Rick, Robert, Rodney, Roger, Rose, Samantha, Scott, Sharon, Steve, Suzy, Teresa, Terri, Terry, Therese, Tim, Tina, Tony, Tonya, Travis, Tricia G., Trudy, Tyler, Valentina, Vera, Vicki, Vivian, Walter, Wanda, Warren, Xavier, Zach, Zachariah.

Please pray for the following families: Alston, Andreassen, Bamberger, Bell, Blackwell, Bolig, Borkowski, Burns, Carter, Chapman, Clarke, Drobish, Engelbert, Etlén, Frey, Gaw, Gregg, Hawkins, Hill, Jackson, Lyons, Maddox, Martin, Meade, Miller-Blakes, Mumford, Paul, Powell, Quinn, Raiguel, Reiff, Robinson, Rose, Scarbor, Sears, Selman, Shinn, Smith, Smyser, Springs, Vandersluis, Vile, Yakscoe and Young.

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.

A MORNING PRAYER

A Liturgy for After Rising from Sleep



Memorize this service so that you can recite it as you prepare for the day.

Make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your Baptism:

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Recite the Collect for Purity.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Or in Latin.

Deus cui omne cor patet et omnis voluntas loquitur; et quem nullum latet secretum: purifica per infusionem sancti spiritus cogitationes cordis nostri: ut te perfecte diligere et digne laudare mereamur, per dominum nostrum iesum christum filium tuum qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate eiusdem spiritus sancti deus, per omnia secula seculorum. Amen.

Repeat the Ten Commandments, remembering how you have sinned against God.

I am the Lord your God.

You shall have no other Gods.

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not kill.

You shall not commit adultery.

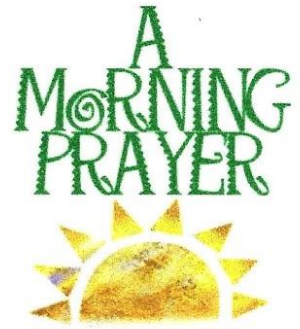
You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his cattle, or anything that is your neighbor's.

(Translation from The Small Catechism Augsburg/Fortress, 1979).



The penitent says:

I am truly sorry for my sins.

The words of Jesus to the paralytic are also words for us. Hear the words of forgiveness from the Lord Himself.

Your sins are forgiven.

Say three times while making the sign of the cross each time.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy and hear us.

The Catechism continues with the Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

As you reflect on the Creed, think of the blessing you received the day before and during the past week. Think also of how God has blessed you on your life's journey.

Recite The Lord's Prayer.

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

As you reflect on the petitions of the Lord's Prayer, pray for those whom you know are sick or in any need.

A MORNING PRAYER



***Recite the evangelical Angelus which Martin Luther approved.
These words are from the Gospel of Luke.***

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Recite the Gloria patri.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Recite this prayer of St. Bridget of Kildare.

I arise today
Through a mighty strength:
God's power to guide me,
God's might to uphold me,
God's eyes to watch over me,
God's ear to hear me,
God's Word to give me speech,
God's hand to guard me,
God's way to lie before me,
God's shield to shelter me,
God's host to secure me.

(From A Collection of Prayers. Source http://www.faithandworship.com/Celtic_Blessings_and_Prayers.htm)

While making the sign of the cross say:

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever. Amen.

Then go to serve the Lord in your daily work.



Our Christian Sympathy to

Betsy, Jeff, Greg, Amy and families
on the death of Betty Wenhold
February 28, 2018
Beloved mother and grandmother.

Psalm 112:6

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

Welcome to God's World
& Congratulations to first time parents

John and Molly Cappel,
on the birth of their son,

James Joseph Cappel, March 8, 2018

Height: 21"

Weight: 9 lbs., 4 oz.



Welcome to God's World
& Congratulations to first time parents

Steve and Lauren Nedl,
on the birth of their daughter,

Penelope Brynn Nedl, March 12, 2018

Height: 19 3/4"

Weight: 7 lbs., 3 oz.

Congratulations to Grandparents Tom and Noreen Weld

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

February 28, 2018 (For the Year 2018)

	Holy Trinity Ministries	Wider Church
Year to date received for current income	\$ 63,809.40	\$ 8,160.66
Carry over Benevolence from 2017	\$ 0.00	\$ 16,646.83
Expenses paid to date	\$ 74,181.13	\$ 8,575.81
Surplus/(Deficit) 2018	(\$10,371.73)	\$ 16,231.68

"The resurrection...was only the beginning of a great, grand and vast outreach that has never ended and will not end until our Lord Jesus Christ comes back again." – A. W. Tozer

"It is the hour to rend thy chains, the blossom time of souls." – Katherine Lee Bates

"Nothing is so strong as gentleness, and nothing so gentle as true strength." –St. Francis de Sales

"Easter is the soul's first taste of spring." – Richelle Goodrich



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
C.J. Hess
John Quici
Nathan Quinlan
Vikas Shah
Jonathan Skilton, MD

Please remember your Church in your will.



NOTES OF THANKS



**Marge
Krikorian**

Pray for Marge serving
homeschooling families
in the Mexico branch.

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March 11, 2018

Dear Friends of Holy Trinity,

Greetings in the name of our precious Lord Jesus. I want to thank you for your prayer and financial support over these recent years. It has been such a blessing and encouragement to have you on my team.

I am enclosing prayer reminders. If you would like more please e-mail me. (mail to Mexico is quite slow). May God richly bless you as you shine for Him in Abington.

Blessings,

Marge Krikorian

Serving in education of missionary children in Mexico.



March 13, 2018

Dear Holy Trinity Family,

Greetings from Southampton Estates to everyone. Nancy Necker brought me beautiful flowers the other day that were in church and I appreciate it so much!

It's such a pleasure to belong to such a caring church. And I appreciate Pastor Mandy bringing me Communion, too! I love you all.

Dottie Gerlach



20 February 2018

Dear *Brothers & Sisters in Christ at Holy Trinity,*

It is with bittersweet emotions that we write to you--most likely for the last time—regarding our missionary service in the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico. You have faithfully partnered with us, bringing to fruition the Lord's command in St. Matthew to "...go and make disciples of all nations." People who previously had no relationship with the Lord now know Him as their Savior. Your prayers and financial gifts played a huge part in making this possible. With a grateful heart, we thank you for sharing the love of Jesus with us and those we served.

We hope you know the impact that you made in the mission field in which we served for the last several years. Here are memorable ways that we saw Christ at work:

*More than 250 children who attended the two Dominican Lutheran Schools heard the Gospel daily. Their recitations of Bible verses, commandments, and creeds were amazing!

*The second, Dominican Lutheran pastor was ordained and now leads the congregation in Palmar Arriba. Additionally, four Dominican deaconesses were commissioned to serve and share Christ throughout the community.

*With the opening of the Seminary in Palmar, it became possible for seminary students across Latin America to study God's word, preparing them for pastoral service throughout the world.

*The faith of many Dominicans and Puerto Ricans were often seen in their contentment--despite few material possessions, they reminded us that we are blessed most importantly by our heavenly treasures.

*The construction of a new church and school began in Licey; upon completion, the new, larger facility will make it possible to accommodate more students and congregants and reach out to the community, bringing Jesus to more people.

*Devastation in Puerto Rico, however disconcerting, opened the door to show mercy and share Christ with those recovering from Hurricane Maria.

And there were more. They all point us to recall that God is good, and His handiwork can be seen around the world. Like we heard in an Ash Wednesday service, being a Christian isn't about what WE do or say; rather, it's all about CHRIST. We hope that throughout the years we have not mistakenly drawn the focus onto us or "our" work—although our sinful nature tempts us to take credit, we know that it was all about Christ and nothing about us. As Paul writes to the church in Philippi, "...for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure (2:13). We have been privileged and blessed to be your hands and feet working for Christ.

And now, the work goes on, both for us and for you. Through the darkness of the world, we can be His light. There is much work to be done; He has gifted all of us, giving us ways to shine His mercy, love, and saving grace. We pray that our paths will cross again and that God will continue to use you in mighty ways. Again, we humbly thank you for prayers, support and encouragement these past five years!

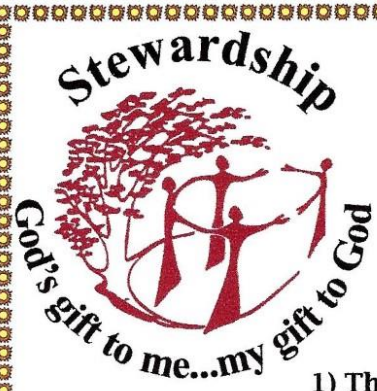
*We enjoyed our visits to Holy Trinity and hope to see you all again.
Thank you for your generous support!*

Your fellow servants in Christ,
The Lohmeyer family

*You have been a blessing
to us + those we
served.*

Bill, Nicole, Kiernsten + Harissa

*The Lord's work continues: visit www.lcms.org/missionarysupport# to support another missionary.



Human Effort + The Love of God = Over the Top!

While the Fall Stewardship drive focuses on the financial gifts of each member, the Spring Stewardship drive focuses on our time and talents. Do you have a talent or two (or three or four) you'd like to share at Holy Trinity? Can you find some time to share that talent? In addition to the ongoing committees, some new committees have been added this year. They are:

- 1) **The Kensington Ministry** in tandem with The Last Stop and Sarnelli House at K & A in Philadelphia; this ministry is right on the frontlines of the opioid epidemic;
- 2) **The Artis Ministry** which is on the front lines of the growing Dementia crisis in this country - a crisis no one is even talking about yet.
- 3) **The Bread of Heaven Food Pantry** - a ministry that cares about feeding people's souls as well as their bodies.

If you find yourself saying, "I have a talent, but, I can't give 100% of my time to the task", consider:

Stewardship - From a strictly mathematical viewpoint:

What makes up 100%? What does it mean to give MORE than 100%? Ever wonder about the possibility of giving 100%? We have all been in situations where we want to "give it our all". How about achieving 101%? What makes up 100% in life?

Here's a little mathematical formula that might help you answer these questions:

If:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

is represented as:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26

Then:

H - A - R - D - W - O - R - K

$$8+1+18+4+23+15+18+11=98\%$$

and

K - N - O - W - L - E - D - G - E

$$11+14+15+23+12+5+4+7+5=96\%$$

But,

A - T - T - I - T - U - D - E

$$1+20+20+9+20+21+4+5=100\%$$

Then,

Look how far the Love of God will take you:

L - O - V - E - O - F - G - O - D

$$12+15+22+5+15+6+7+15+4=101\%$$

Therefore, one can conclude with mathematical certainty that while **Hard work and Knowledge** will get you close, and **Attitude** will get you there, it's the Love of God that will put you over the top.

Stewardship weekend is May 12th and 13th. In the next few weeks, you will be receiving a Time & Talent Packet via email. God can use you to your full potential. It has been mathematically proven.



Prayer Walk:
Wednesday, March 28th
 7:30 PM
 All are invited
 Meet in the Sanctuary



Prayer Vigil:

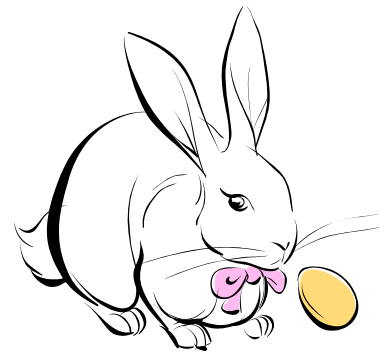
Friday, March 30th

6 AM TO 6 PM

Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex
 (So we are aware of how many people are in the building)

Holy Trinity Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, March 31st
 1:00 - 2:30 PM

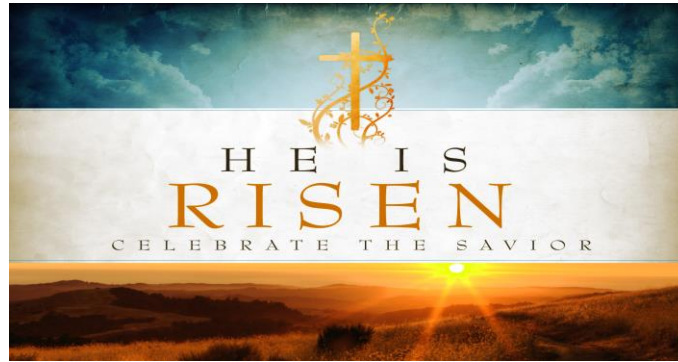
Come join us for our 9th Annual Easter Egg Hunt.
 The kids will be hunting for Easter Eggs,
 making a craft & playing games.
 Please have your child bring an Easter basket
 with them to collect the eggs.
 Some of the eggs will be filled with surprises!!
 Join us on the **lawn in front of** fellowship hall.
 In case of bad weather, we will hold the egg hunt **IN** fellowship hall.
 We are asking for donations of filled plastic eggs.
 Kindly leave donations in the kitchen no later than today.



Questions?
 Contact either Dani Rowley @ 215-830-0177
 or Susan Schied @ 215-517-5505

Thank you!

The Son is Risen Breakfast



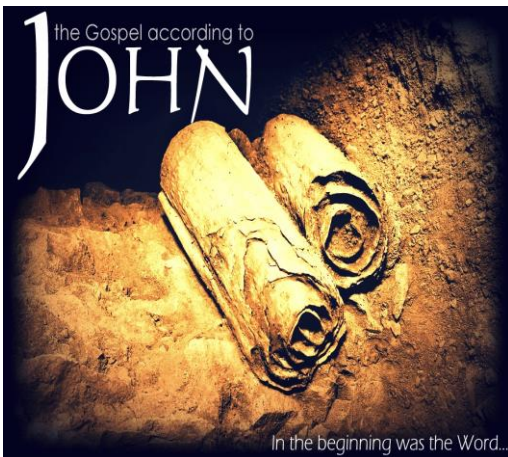
Easter Sunday, April 1st

7:30 am – 8:45 am

Potluck breakfast before worship, Sign - up sheet in the Narthex

Last year we had so much food... please, even if you don't sign up or don't have an item to bring come anyway! Come early - Come later

Join us as we celebrate our Savior & break bread with our church family!



The Gospel of John Bible Study will begin
April 8 and continue for 8 weeks

Sunday mornings in Fellowship Hall.

Older teens & adults
of all ages are invited.

Pastor Guenzel will be the teacher
and the Holy Spirit will be our Guide.

Most of the Gospel readings between Easter and Holy Trinity Sunday are from the Fourth Gospel. Join us for this study of the

"Gospel of Life".



Join your Holy Trinity family for *Faith Night*
at The Philadelphia Union Game
Saturday, April 7th

The Men's Devotional Group is sponsoring this outing
to see Philadelphia Union vs San Jose Earthquake.

Then after the game stay to hear inspiring testimonials
from some of the players about their faith.

Tickets are \$24 each

Contact Tom Schied (215) 517 - 5505

Digital Bells

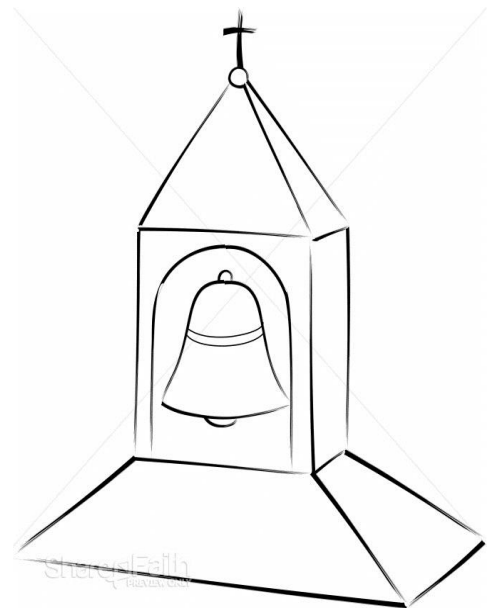


The Council has approved a fundraiser
to purchase a digital bell system
that would be heard in the neighborhood.

Three bids have been sought.
A decision on which to choose
will be made in the near future.

We begin with a fundraiser.
For every dollar raised,
a dollar will be matched
from the Memorial Fund.

Make checks out to Holy Trinity,
designated "Digital Bell Fund."



WHEN: **Sunday, April 22nd**

WHERE: Martin Luther/ Silver Springs School

TIME: depart from Holy Trinity @ 1:30 PM

arrive back @ 4:00 PM

We are looking for interested children & adults alike to join us
in celebrating with the children at Martin Luther School
If you cannot join us food donations are always welcome!



We need an **AIDS dinner shopper**
for the even months of the year
(Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct., & Dec.)

Interested individuals
contact Pastor Mandy.



Sunday, May 20th
The LCW is collecting for
Cradle of Hope



The blue basket marked "Cradle of Hope" will be in the Narthex on April 15
- gift cards can be given to Katie Beyer

The Cradle of Hope Wish List

HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES: Toilet paper, paper towels, kitchen sponges, Lysol, Mr. Clean, Soft Scrub, disinfectant wipes, Windex, Brillo pads, anti-bacterial hand soap, Purell, liquid dish detergent, liquid laundry soap (regular and Dreft) printer paper, tin foil, Saran wrap, food storage bags.

PERSONAL: Gift cards in small amounts (\$15, \$20, \$25) for Target, Wal-Mart, CVS, Giant, Acme.

BABY SUPPLIES: Pampers in size 3, 4, and 5, diaper wipes, Crib sheets, (blue, pink and yellow).

GIANT

GIFT CARDS are a great way to shop!

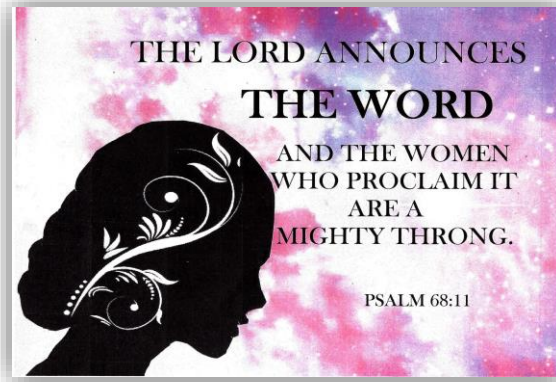
Holy Trinity LCW have Giant Food Stores Gift Cards for purchase. Cards are available in denominations of \$5.00, \$10.00, \$20.00, \$25.00, \$50.00 and \$100.00. If you are interested in obtaining Giant Gift Cards, there is an order form in the Narthex. It can be completed and left in the box or turned 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 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.

Lutheran Church Women's Circle Bible Study



APRIL CIRCLES

Faith and Miracles

A Closer Look at Two Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Do you ever say to yourself, I wish I had more faith.

Do you believe that miracles still happen as in Bible times and that they can happen in your life?
In March, we will take a closer look at these two gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Where faith is concerned, one of our problems is that we often try to generate faith from within, using human methods. But, as a gift of the Spirit, faith endows us with the confidence that God is going to work in a specific instance. Remember that even for the apostles, faith was not there for every situation. It came on special occasions according to God's sovereign grace. The apostles did not heal all the sick people they encountered. We will explore this gift in our lives in more detail.

As for miracles, we will consider that the most amazing miracle facing every one of us is that it is impossible for us to save ourselves on our own. Yet, God promises to save us through Jesus Christ. So it is a miracle that we are granted salvation and will enter eternal life, and yet we have no idea exactly how that happens. We will look at this miracle and what works for or against us having this gift or working miracles.

Here is the listing of the Circles, when and where they meet in April, and the Circle leader with contact information. Do not hesitate to contact a Circle leader to find out more about an individual Circle.

Miriam Circle - Monday, April 9th at 12:30 p.m. in the SS Peter & Andrew Study
Leader: Sandy Schmidt (215) 657-5065 sandyschmidt19001@yahoo.com

Hannah Circle - Monday, April 9th at 7:30 p.m. in the SS Peter & Andrew Study
Leader: Marilyn Murphy (610) 304-7601 mvetal4@verizon.net

Ruth Circle - Wednesday, April 11th at 7:30 p.m.
at home of Joy Alderfer, 202 Newington Drive, Hatboro, PA 19040
Leader: Nancy Necker (215) 884-2123 nnecker52@gmail.com

Sarah Circle - Thursday, April 12th at 12:00 p.m. in the SS Peter & Andrew Study

Eve Circle - Thursday, April 12th at 7:30 p.m. in the SS Peter & Andrew Study
Leader: Sharon Koch (215) 355-7875 sharonkoch1304@gmail.com



All Are Invited!

Spring Luncheon Program

Cindy Biehl presents *Freedom Steps*

How did *Freedom Steps* start? Who and how does it serve?

What are the needs? How is it funded?

Cindy will discuss her involvement, talk about shipments,
and share pictures and letters.

Sunday, April 22, 11:30-1:30

Fellowship Hall

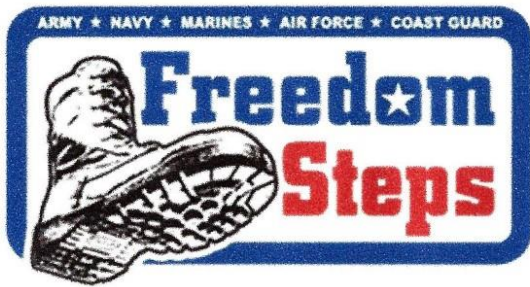
Holy Trinity supports this outreach to our service men & women
with a year-round collection box in the Narthex esp. during January.

Please bring a contribution—currently needed:

Men/Women's Shaving Cream or Gel & Razors, Baby Wipes
Eye drops, Foot powder, Mouthwash, Dental floss, Q-tips & cotton balls.

Thank Offerings: Church Women: remember your spring
Thank Offerings, which will be contributed to Freedom Steps.

**Please sign up in the Narthex
to help us prepare for YOU!**



www.FreedomSteps5k.com



11th Annual 5K Walk/Run for our Troops

Help Raise Awareness & Supplies for Our Troops

May 6, 2018

*Masons Mill Park, Huntingdon Valley, PA
Registration starts at 8:00 a.m.
Walk/Run Begins at 9:00 a.m.*

*Visit www.facebook.com/FreedomSteps OR
www.freedomsteps5k.com
for more information*

*Contact Lorna Salazar@ 215-657-3992 or
FreedomSteps5k@gmail.com*

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT OUR TROOPS!!!!



Men's Devotional Group

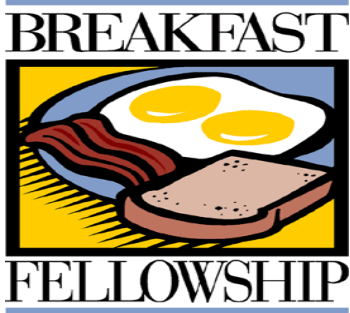
Mark your calendar & don't miss out on the
Men's Devotional Group Meeting.

They meet the second Thursday of every month.

Join us **Thursday, April 12th 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.



Adult Christian Breakfast Fellowship

(All Adults Young & Old are invited)

When: Saturday, April 14th at 9:00 AM

Topic: Saxonische Slideshow von Smiths

Speakers: Kile & Jackie Smith



2018 Youth Ministry

All events are on SUNDAY unless otherwise noted

April 8th



Youth Group

5:00 - 7:00 PM

April 15th



11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Call out for pizza

Today's Story: Jesus Makes the
Disciples Breakfast

Craft: Fishers of Men



Join Pastor Mike for *Theology with Bagels* beginning April 12th



By author James K.A. Smith

**Thursday mornings 9:30 AM in the SS Peter & Andrew Study
April 12th thru May 17th (six week course)**

This course offers a practical philosophical guide on how to live in our secular age. It offers an adventure in self-understanding and maps out a way to get our bearings in today's secular culture.



Coram Deo

Join us for lively discussions of literature and living life in *Coram Deo*, in the presence of God. Our meetings are in the SS Peter & Andrew Study most Mondays at 7:30 p.m.

Please bring your own copy of the reading selection.

Spring 2018

April 16 – *The Deerslayer* by James Fenimore Cooper



Holy Trinity Kensington Ministry

Pastor Tavella goes into Kensington every other Thursday.

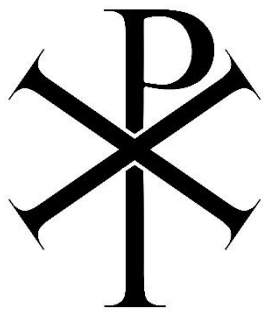
Here are the needs:

The Last Stop

Packs of men's underwear & socks
Peanut butter & jelly sandwiches
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Loaves of bread
Spaghetti (No. 8) & tomato sauce
Thermal cups (8 oz. and 12 oz.)

Sarnelli House

Spaghetti (No. 8) & tomato sauce
Oil, sugar, spices (salt, pepper, Oregano, various peppers)
Oatmeal (in cylinders)
Laundry detergent
Dish soap



Bread of Heaven Food Pantry

Tuna	Coffee
Cereal	Hand soap
Canned beef stew	Toothbrushes & toothpaste
Canned fruit & vegetables	Paper towels
Instant potatoes	Toilet tissue



*As often as you did it for one
of my least brothers, you did
it for me.*



2018 Vacation Bible School

Yes, it's that time of year again. Spring has sprung and summer is not far off. With that in mind, we are beginning to plan this years VBS.

Our theme for VBS 2018 is "Splash Canyon, God's Promise on Life's Wild Ride!"

We need *your* prayers, and we also need **your participation** to provide the best Vacation Bible School possible.

We need all kinds of people, with all kinds of gifts and abilities. Please consider volunteering your time and talent to make this years VBS one of the best weeks of the summer for the children in our community.

Thank you for your willingness to help! Please place the volunteer form in the offering plate or return it to the office. The earlier I have the classes and centers staffed, the sooner I can distribute all of the necessary materials.

If you have any questions please contact Susan Schied at 215-517-5505 or slschied@verizon.net.

VBS Dates: July 30th to August 3rd 9:00AM to 12:15 PM

**Be a Vacation Bible School Volunteer!
Don't miss the fun!!**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Full Address: _____

Yes! I would like to help with VBS in the area's I have marked below.

- Pre-School teacher/helper
- Kindergarten teacher/helper
- Music Center leader/helper
- Art Center teacher/helper
- Snack Center coordinator/helper
- Bible Story Center leader/helper.
- Game center leader/helper
- Bible Challenge Center leader/helper
- Group Guide
- Service Project Coordinator

All volunteers over the age of 18, will need to provide a copy of their PA state clearances in order to volunteer

HOLY TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
2018 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
REGISTRATION FORM

STUDENTS'S NAME: _____

BIRTH DATE: _____ AGE _____ SCHOOL GRADE IN FALL: _____

ALLERGIES, MEDICAL CONCERNS OR SPECIAL NEEDS: _____

PARENT'S NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

TOWN: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT (name and number): _____

PARENT'S CHURCH: _____

BROTHER'S & SISTER'S: _____

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April Worship Assistants Schedule



April 1 EASTER

Usher 1	Greeter Nancy Myers, Linda Frezza and Kevan Berkovitz.	Presenters of Gifts	The Gregg Family
Count 1	Acolyte Elli Nilsen		
Christophers Sue Tolton	Crucifer Charlie Tolton		
Healing Prayer Barbara Harvey	Lector- Sat Linda Cassady	Communion Assistants	Linda Borkowski Sherry Breslin
	Sun Charlie Tolton	Setup	Maryann Leventhal

April 8

Usher 2	Greeter George & Sandra Powell	Presenters of Gifts	Janice Donnelly, Al & Pam Eisenmann
Count 2	Acolyte Sophia LaRocca		
Christophers Deb Mumford	Crucifer Mike LaRocca		
Healing Prayer Sherry Breslin	Lector- Sat Katie Beyer	Communion Assistants	Eric Gregg and Randy Gettmann
	Sun Nancy Necker	Setup	Tina Bednarczyk

April 15

Usher 3	Greeter Jim & Nancy Necker	Presenters of Gifts	Maryann Leventhal, Ella & Marilyn Murphy
Count 3	Acolyte Audrey Brown		
Christophers Nancy Necker	Crucifer Frank Ganther		
Healing Prayer Kathy Ingerson	Lector-Sat Linda Cassady	Communion Assistants	Marilynn Murphy Charles Tolton
	Sun Kevan Berkovitz	Setup	Sue Tolton

April 22

Usher 4	Greeter The Schied Family	Presenters of Gifts	Jody Cheeseborough, Barbara Harvey, Kevan Berkovitz
Count 4	Acolyte Jayden Butler		
Christophers Chris Quici	Crucifer Jared Ickler		
Healing Prayer Sue Tolton	Lector-Sat George Powell	Communion Assistants	Mark & Erica Affleck
	Sun Betsy Zimmermann	Setup	Deb Mumford

April 29


Usher 5	Greeter Don & Linda Borkowski	Presenters of Gifts	The Nilsen Family
Count 1	Acolyte Hannah Mumford		
Christophers Mike Breslin	Crucifer Jim Necker		
Healing Prayer Nancy Ischinger	Lector- Sat Katie Beyer	Communion Assistants	Scott & Suzanne Brown
	Sun Linda Bell-Powell	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@holyltrinity.net

Called to *Serve*



2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 EASTER 7:30 Breakfast 9:00 Holy Communion 	2 Office Closed 6 – 8:30 Jr. Girl Scouts 7:30 Women's Prayer Group	3 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 Compline	4 7:30 Council	5 BOH 10 a.m. Pastors on Vacation 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	6 Pastors on Vacation 7:30 AA	7 Pastors on Vacation 5:00 Holy Communion "Faith Night" at Union Soccer Game 7:00 AA
8 Easter 2 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult Pastors on Vacation 5:00 – 7:00 SOT Youth Group	9 12:30 Miriam Circle Pastors on Vacation 6 – 8:30 Jr. Girl Scouts 7:30 Hannah Circle	10 Pastors on Vacation	11 Pastors on Vacation 7:00 Evangelism 7:30 Ruth Circle at home of Joy Alderfer	12 9:30 Theology w/bagels BOH 10 a.m. 12:00 Sarah Circle 6:30 Handbell Choir 7:00 Men's Group 7:30 Eve Circle 8:00 Chancel Choir	13 7:30 AA	14 9:00 Adult Breakfast Fellowship 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
15 Easter 3 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 11:30 Lunch Bunch	16 SHOP & COOK AIDS DINNER 6 – 8:30 Jr. Girl Scouts 7:30 Coram Deo 7:30 Women's Prayer Group	17 DELIVER AIDS DINNER 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 Compline	18	19 9:30 Theology w/bagels BOH 10 a.m. 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	20 7:30 AA	21 Confirmation Retreat 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
22 Easter 4 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 11:30 Spring Luncheon "Freedom Steps" 1:00 ML/SS Party at Silver Springs	23 6 – 8:30 Jr. Girl Scouts	24 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 Compline	25 7:30 Worship & Music Meeting	26 9:30 Theology w/bagels BOH 10 a.m. 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	27 7:30 AA	28 11 a.m. Betty Wenhold Funeral 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
29 Easter 5 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult	30 6 – 8:30 Jr. Girl Scouts					

Special Dates:

Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018
 Administrative Professionals Day, April 25, 2018

