

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*

Dear Parish Family,

During the season of Easter the paschal candle is lit at the beginning of the service. It is also lit whenever we have a Baptism. Easter and Baptism are intimately connected. Jesus died and rose from the dead at Easter. In Baptism, when we are united to Christ, our old self dies, and the new self rises to life. Daily we are buried with Christ and, as Christ was raised from the dead, we are given new life. (See Romans 6:4)

The word paschal, comes from the Greek word *Pascha*, a reference to Christ, His sacrifice, and His victory over death. It is the Greek word from the Hebrew, *Pesach*, for the Jewish Passover. In the Eastern Orthodox Church *Pascha* is the word for Easter.

In 1 Corinthians 5:7 Paul writes, "Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival..." This text is set in the midst of an ethical admonition to the congregation to stop boasting. The old leaven must be discarded for "the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth." (1 Corinthians 5: 7-8)

This Pauline text is found in the Gradual for Easter Day from the *Service Book and Hymnal*. In LBW it is found in the proper offertory song. The liturgy that we are using right now, *Mass for Philadelphia*, by our own Kile Smith, includes the text "Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed."

In the Gospel of John, Jesus is condemned to crucifixion at the time of the sacrifice of the lambs for Passover. These two events do not occur simultaneously by accident or coincidence. There is a purpose in their association. Jesus is the sacrificed Passover lamb for the sin of the world. Before Communion we sing: "Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world."

Jesus Christ, the crucified one, is the same as He who has risen from the dead. Because of this mystery, we who are united to Him in Baptism are given eternal life.

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

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.



Using Our Gifts to Serve God and the Church

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen." 1 Peter 4:10-11
ESV

As believers, we are to give and bring glory to God. Every time we give, a story begins and the rippling effects of one simple act are immeasurable. Every contribution we make is an opportunity to bring glory and honor to God. To "glorify" God means to give glory to Him. The word **glory** as related to God in the Old Testament bears with it the idea of greatness of splendor. In the New Testament, the word translated "glory" means "dignity, honor, praise and worship." Putting the two together, we find that glorifying God means to acknowledge His greatness and give Him honor by praising and worshiping Him, primarily because He, and He alone, deserves to be praised, honored and worshipped. Pr. Dona Johnson (NALC Stewardship Bible Study, 2016)

The work of the church requires every member's effort in order for the body of Christ to function effectively. Each of us has been given a talent and a purpose in this life by God, and when we use that talent, we are serving and worshiping Him and His Son, Jesus Christ.

By now we hope that you have received your Spiritual Gift Commitment packet via email. If not, there are copies of the Spiritual Gift Commitment Sheets in the Narthex. Please bring your Spiritual Gifts Commitment Sheet to worship with you during the weekend of May 12th & 13th, where you will have the opportunity to place your commitment sheet in the Jehoida Chest.

As mentioned in the April Echoes, in addition to the ongoing committees, there are some new ones that have been added this year. They are: **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; **The Artis ministry**, which is on the front lines of the growing Dementia crisis in this country; and, **The Bread of Heaven Food Pantry** - a ministry that cares about feeding people's souls as well as their bodies. Please prayerfully consider how you might serve and become a vital part of the church community in whatever capacity that God would have you serve.



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

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: Albert, Alex, Alexa, Alexander, Allan, Allyson, Amanda, Ambre, Amy, Anna, Art, Baby Hudson, Baby Mac, Barbara, Barb, Ben, Betty, Betty Ann, Bill, Billy, Blair, Brenda, Brendan, Brian, Brianna, Bruce, Carolann, Carol, Caroline, Carolyn, Chris, Christopher, Chuck, Clark, Claudine, Colleen, Connie, Dallas, Dan, Dave, David, Deb, Debbie, Denys, Diane, Dobbie, Dolores, Don, Donna, Dorothy, Dot, Drew, Dru, Eda, Edda, Elena, Elizabeth, Elyse, Eric, Ernie, Esther, Frank, Gene, George, Gerda, Gloria, Hannah, Harper, Harry, Helen, Helena, Irina, Jamie, Jason, Jeanette, Jeff, Jen, Jennifer, Jenny, Jeremy, Jessica, Jim, Joan, Joanne, Joe, John, Julia, Karen, Katie, Kelly, Kelsey, Ken, Keri, Kerry, Kevin, Kim, KJ, Kyle, Larry, Levi, Linda, Lisa, Logan, Lori, Lorraine, Mae, Maeve, Maggie, Marissa, Mark, Marsha, Martha, Maryanne, Matt, Matthew, Maureen, Megan, Melissa, Miles, Nancy, Natalia, Nate, Pam, Pat, Paula, Paul, Peter, Phil, Phillip, Rachel, Rae, Rick, Richard, Robert, Rodney, Roger, Rose, Samantha, Sandy, Scott, Sharon, Sherri, Stacey, Stephanie, Steve, Sue, Suzy, Teresa, Terri, Terry, Therese, Tim, Tina, Tony, Tonya, Travis, Tricia G., Trisha, Trudy, Tyler, Valentina, Vera, Vicki, Vivian, Walter, Wanda, Warren, Wayne, Xavier, Zach, Zachariah.

Please pray for the following families:

All of the families of Holy Trinity, together with those they love and pray for; especially we pray for the: Alston, Andreassen, Bamberger, Barnes, Bell, Benincasa, Blackwell, Bolig, Borkowski, Burns, Caputo, Carter, Chapman, Clarke, Costello, Drobish, Engelbert, Engelke, Eten, Frey, Gaw, Gregg, Hawkins, Hill, Ingerson, Jackson, Koch, Lyons, Maddox, Martin, McFall, Meade, Miller-Blakes, Minges, Mumford, Paul, Powell, Quinn, Raiguel, Reiff, Robinson, Rose, Scarbor, Sears, Selman, Shinn, Singrella, 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 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.
For all Native Americans living on U.S. reservations.
For refugees and immigrants.
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.



**CONGRATULATIONS
CONFIRMANDS
CLASS OF 2018**

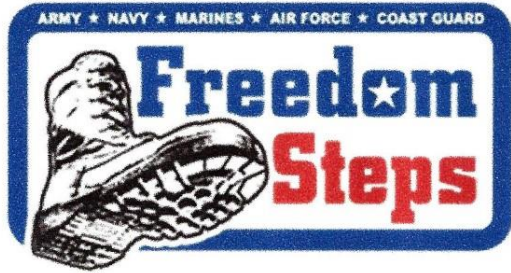
JAYDEN VICTORIA BUTLER

MICHAEL JAMES CAPUTO, III

ELIZABETH MARGARET NILSEN

RYAN CARL SCHIED

Don't let anyone look down
on you because you are young,
but set an example for the believers
in speech, in conduct, in love,
in faith and in purity.
1 Timothy 4:12



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!!!!



Without your help, she might go hungry.

Your Social Ministry Committee is collecting for **Baby Manna**
Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13th

- 12,000 children are born into poverty in the Delaware Valley each year.
- Often raised by caregivers, not their mothers, who must purchase expensive formula. If they cannot afford this formula, babies receive watered-down formula or sugar water. Or worse yet, solid foods before their bodies can process it.
- Young children, too may receive less expensive “junk” foods that are less nutritious, putting them at risk for malnutrition, the negative effects of which are lifelong.
- Baby Manna has been collecting money to support these babies & children for 13 years and has raised over half a million dollars to help them succeed in the early years of life.

Checks made payable to Holy Trinity designated "Baby Manna"

YOU CAN HELP

The *Bread of Heaven* Food Pantry is in need of:

Spam, Beef stew, canned chicken, rice, pasta sauce,
Boxed & canned potatoes, canned ravioli, Spaghetti-O's
Peanut butter & Jelly, canned fruit, pancake mix & syrup
Coffee, ketchup, mayonnaise, mustard,
salad dressings & barbeque sauce,
toothbrushes & toothpaste, toilet tissue,
bar soap, paper towels and sanitary pads.



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

March 31, 2018 (For the Year 2018)

	Holy Trinity Ministries	Wider Church
Year to date received for current income	\$ 95,558.92	\$ 13,495.19
Carry over from 2017	\$ 0.00	\$ 16,646.83
Expenses paid to date	\$ 109,038.29	\$14,455.95
Surplus/(Deficit) 2018	(\$13,479.37)	\$ 15,686.07

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

"Whenever anything disagreeable or displeasing happens to you remember Christ crucified and be silent."

- John of the Cross

"There is no greater lifestyle and no greater happiness than that of having a continual conversation with God."

- Brother Lawrence (1614-1691)

"The Bible is alive, it speaks to me; it has feet, it runs after me; it has hands, it lays hold of me."

- Martin Luther

"To know the Word of God, to live the Word of God, to preach the Word, to teach the Word, is the sum of all wisdom, the heart of all Christian service."

- Charles E. Fuller



Please remember your Church in your will.



NOTES OF THANKS

April 2018

Dear Holy Trinity Family,

Once again, thanks so much for the beautiful Easter Lily that Nancy Necker brought me. It's beautiful and so fragrant.

I am also grateful to Pastor Mandy for bringing me Communion.

As I said before, it's wonderful to belong to such a thoughtful and caring church.

Love to all,
Dottie Gerlach.



April 2018

Dear Friends of Holy Trinity,

I just wanted to "Thank You" for all your prayers, calls, lovely cards and visits, while I was homebound with a rare form of vertigo. It is a long road to recovery, and quite easy to become sad, but then the phone would ring or an encouraging card would arrive and I know the Lord was reaching me through you. Thanks again!

Yours In Christ,
Marsha Humphreys



Dear Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church,

On behalf of Lutheran World Relief, **THANK YOU** for your gifts to support Syrian refugees and others affected by the unrest in the Middle East. Enclosed is a report describing what your support has accomplished so far.

You have reached some of the most desperate and vulnerable families in the world with immediate aid, like food and household essentials, and longer-term support so they can start to rebuild their lives after years of war and trauma. These are families – mothers, fathers, grandparents and children – from Syria and Iraq who have fled their home cities and countries in fear for their lives, or have lived trapped in their homes under cruel ISIS rule.

Your generosity has been critical for so many from Syria, Iraq and neighboring countries. And, we'd like to introduce you to a few of the people you've reached: Safa, a Syrian refugee and mother who is starting a business to support her family; 8-year-old Zahraa, who survived Mosul's cruel, 3-year-long siege; and Beesan and Sawsan, young Syrian refugees who are using LWR School Kits at their new school in Lebanon.

We are grateful for your gifts that make life for each of these people a little easier.

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

With Gratitude,



Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhard (rt.)
President & CEO



Lutheran World Relief
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. LASTING PROMISE.

lwr.org



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Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity

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"Visit us on the web" www.msbt.org/mbsc.htm

February 28, 2018

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Women's Group
1620 Rockwell Road
Abington, PA 19001

Attention: Katie Beyer

Dear Friends,

We are deeply touched and grateful for your generous gift of bath towels, comforter, twin sheet sets, mattress covers and pillows! We can't thank you enough for your thoughtfulness in wanting to share in our celebration of our centenary year in such a magnanimous way.

Your presence and spirit has always been a gift to us!

Prayerfully
united in the Holy Trinity,

Sr. Geraldine Whelan, MSBT

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A History of Church Bells

Jacqueline Smith

Today church bells are perhaps viewed as a beautiful and traditional, but non-essential, decorative element of church life, sending peals and hymns out across a city or town, or into a valley in the countryside. However, they were not only an important communication method in early church history, but also were considered very significant for what they brought to the life of the church.

Bells called people to the services of the church.



A bell in Saxony named Glaube, or Faith. German Lutheran bells are often named Faith, Hope, and Love.

Before people had ways to keep time, the sound of church bells was important to announce the beginning of a church service and call the faithful to worship. Although no longer a practical need, the pealing of church bells on a Sunday morning is still a powerful, stirring communication, witnessing to all within earshot that Christian worship is beginning in their community.

When our family was in Wittenberg in the summer of 2017, we walked to the Castle Church on an August Sunday morning to the sound of church bells pealing, first from the City Church behind us, where Luther often preached. As we walked with others along the cobblestone street, the bells from the Castle Church in front of us began ringing as well, in lower, deeper tones than the bells of the City Church. The air was filled with the soul-stirring sounds of the two carillons in duet, calling Christians to worship. It was an experience I will never forget!

Bells announced the times of daily prayer of the church.

The *Didache*, a first century Christian treatise which is kind of an early catechism, is a key to how the early Church lived and practiced their faith on a daily basis. There are instructions on rituals of the church, including baptism, fasting, and daily prayer. Christians are instructed to pray the Lord's Prayer three times a day. Church bells were rung at 6:00 A.M., 12:00 noon, and 6:00 P.M., to summon Christians to pray the Lord's Prayer, wherever they might be, at home, in the town, or out in a field. The sound of the bells was an important reminder to pray in this scheduled, disciplined way. These prayer times eventually developed into the Daily Office of the church, with the full liturgies.

Another regular devotion signaled by bell ringing was the Angelus, a Catholic devotion which consists of three biblical verses narrating the mystery of the incarnation along with three Hail Marys. It is called Angelus because the first verse begins, "The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary" (in Latin, *Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariae*). The peal for the Angelus was very distinctive, consisting of three sets of a triple stroke, with pauses in between the sets. The Angelus was considered a very important devotion, reminding Christians that without the incarnation of the Son of God, there would be no salvation.

My family visited the Church of the Good Shepherd in Rosemont one summer Sunday morning several years ago. After the service, everyone went out on the church lawn for lemonade or coffee. At noon the church bells began ringing the time for the Angelus. Everyone stopped chatting and immediately went into the Angelus prayer together there on the church lawn. What a strong witness of Christian faith and unity that was!

Bells were rung on special occasions.

In many Christian Churches, church bells have been rung joyously at the end of weddings and in tolls at funerals. They were also rung on All Hallows' Eve, and during Candlemas and Palm Sunday processions. In later centuries, bells were rung on Christmas Eve to welcome Christmas with a "joyful noise." When I was the Organist/Director of Choirs at Tabor Church, the bells were always rung as the names of people who had died during the year were read at the end of the church year .

The only times in the church year when churches refrained from ringing their bells were the days from Maundy Thursday through Easter Vigil. However at the end of Easter Vigil, the bells would be rung joyously to announce the resurrection!

During a religious service bells might be rung to signify that a particular part of the service had been reached.

When people outside the church heard the ringing, they would know that the Sanctus was being sung, or the Lord's Prayer prayed together.



A bell-cot

The term "Sanctus bell" referred to a bell which in medieval churches was often suspended in a bell-cot in the nave roof, or hung in the church tower. This bell was rung at the singing of the Sanctus and again at the elevation of the elements, to indicate to those not present in the building that the moment of consecration had been reached.

We are all probably familiar with the modern practice of the ringing of a small set of bells by an altar server in Catholic churches at these moments in the Eucharist. In the Roman Mass, the ringing of the bells announces the miracle of the elements becoming the body and blood of Christ atop the altar.



Altar bells

In Lutheran churches, altar bells were retained into the 18th century and rung at the words, “This is my body” and “This is my blood.” The purpose of the bells was to signify the Real Presence of Christ in the bread and wine and call people’s attention to the importance of this, right there in the moment. As all church ceremonies are meant to do, the bell ringing at communion points to Gospel truth, in this case the concrete meaning of the sacrament, so that the reception of communion does not degenerate into a mere emotional experience.

Some churches ring church bells during the congregational recitation of the Lord’s Prayer, in order to alert those who are unable to be present to unite themselves in spirit with the congregation.

We are drawn to Christ by steeple bells.



The new bells of Notre Dame de Paris on display in the nave in February 2013 before being hung in the towers of the cathedral.

Steeple bells reside in a bell tower, and thus provide all who see and hear with a visual as well as aural sign. The church steeple points our eyes upwards to heaven. The pealing of the bells announces to our ears the presence of Christ and His Church. The bells remind us of our need to honor Him in adoration and prayer, and they welcome and witness to those outside the church.

As announced last month in the Echoes and from the lectern, our congregation has begun work to allow Holy Trinity's steeple bells to again ring in our neighborhood. To accomplish this project, a task force has been formed. As would be expected in today's technologically overwhelming environment, many different electronic bell systems are available, each with numerous options. Over the upcoming months, the task force will be evaluating which options would best serve our church. The project specifications drafted from our evaluation will permit vendors to tailor their quotes to our requirements. It's the expectation of the task force to have an appropriate cost for the project by early summer. To pay for this project, Church Council has approved using the Memorial Fund to match all donations received from the congregation. If donating, please note "Digital Bells" on your envelope and check.

With great excitement, Tony Quici,
Electronic Steeple Bell Task Force.



Our Christian Sympathy to

Patty, Andrew and Kevin on the death of
George McFall, Jr.

April 11, 2018

Beloved husband and father;
brother-in-law to Marc & Maryann Leventhal
and Godfather to Stephen Leventhal

Michael, Jr., Heide, Lauren and Michael, III
on the death of **Jean Caputo,**

April 16, 2018

Beloved mother, mother-in-law and grandmother

Dan, Linda, Janet, Constance and Karl
on the death of **Leah Cytrynowicz,**

April 21, 2018

Beloved wife, mother and grandmother

Psalm 112:6

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

Memorials received



In Memory of...

Barbara Selman

Betty Wenhold

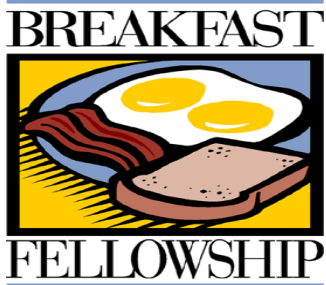
George McFall, Jr.

In honor of Pat Minges



Men's Devotional Group

Mark your calendar & don't miss out on the Men's Devotional Group Meeting. Due to Holy Week this month's meeting will be on the third Thursday of the month. Join us **Thursday, May 10th 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, May 5th at 9:00 AM

Topic: Oh, Dem Russians!

Speaker: Allan Shikhvarg



Cradle of Hope



A Home for Single Mothers and Children

Cradle of Hope Sunday is Sunday, May 20, 2018 *The Cradle of Hope Wish List is...*

The blue basket is in the Narthex
- gift cards can be given to Katie Beyer

KITCHEN ITEMS: Aluminum foil, trash bags, freezer bags, various sized Ziploc bags.

PAPER PRODUCTS: Paper towels, toilet paper, tissues.

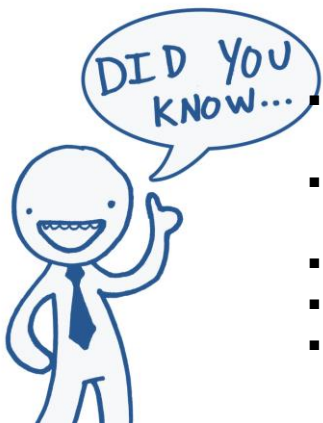
CLEANING PRODUCTS: Disinfecting wipes, disinfecting spray, mops, laundry detergent, (Dreft/free and clear for babies and regular detergent), liquid hand soap, dishwasher pods, liquid all-purpose cleaner, dish soap.

BABY: Baby wipes, (fragrance free/sensitive skin), crib sheets, diapers sized 4 - 6.

OFFICE ITEMS: Plastic file boxes, stamps, ink cartridges, Canon PG-30 (black) & PG-31 (color), Brother LC75 Series & LC71 Series, tokens.

GIFT CERTIFICATES: Target, Shoprite, Walmart, Acme, Home Depot, Lowes, Amazon.

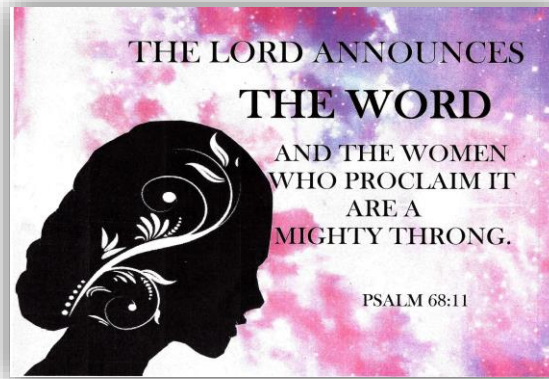
Regarding the LCW's Giant Gift Card Program...



- If you don't happen to shop at the Giant you could buy the cards to donate to the Interfaith Food Cupboard...
- Every card purchased goes to help the LCW provide scholarships for the women of Holy Trinity...
- It's easy to order (speak to Joy Alderfer) any given Sunday...
- Card purchases are offered in any denomination...
- Now that you know why not order some...



Lutheran Church Women's Circle Bible Study



MAY CIRCLES

Bibles Precious Bibles

Chances are you own a number of Bibles in various translations. Maybe you have regular and large print. Maybe you have Bibles you hold in your hands and Bibles you read on your devices. Maybe you even own a treasured family Bible. Now imagine if you had no access to a Bible, yet, you are a devout Christian living in a culture where you are threatened for your faith. Imagine your joy to obtain even a book from the Bible, even one ripped out page, which was the case for one people group.

This is the lot for many of our brothers and sisters throughout the world. We will learn about the various ways Bibles are smuggled and otherwise gotten to people who are begging God for His Holy Word. You might be surprised to learn of the create ways that are currently being used to get Bibles into restricted countries, including North Korea.

Please prayerfully consider to one of the following circles. You are welcome at any time to any circle. Circles offer wonderful opportunities to enrich your Christian walk in fellowship with other women. Please direct questions either to Lutheran Church Women President Janice Donnelly (267) 679 - 9343 or church secretary Deb Mumford (215) 659-2642. 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, May 14 at 12:30 pm in the SS Peter & Andrew Study
Leader: Sandy Schmidt (215)657-5065 sandyschmidt19001@yahoo.com

Ruth Circle - Wednesday, May 9 at 7:30 pm at the home of Barbara Harvey
2228 Hillthorpe Ave., Abington, PA 19001 (215) 887-6354
Leader: Nancy Necker (215) 884-2123 nnecker52@gmail.com

Sarah Circle - Thursday, May 10 at 12:00 pm in the SS Peter & Andrew Study

Eve Circle - Thursday, May 10 at 7:30 pm in the SS Peter & Andrew Study
Leader: Sharon Koch (215) 355-7875 sharonkoch1304@gmail.com

Hannah Circle - Monday, May 14 at 7:30 pm in the SS Peter & Andrew Study
Leader: Marilynn Murphy (610) 304-7601 mvetal4@verizon.net



Yes, we want your empty shoe boxes! They will be filled with school supplies, toiletries, and toys for children in need around the world and packed at our annual November packing party. We purchased and tried using the Operation Christmas Child (OCC) Go boxes for two years and found that they often did not quite accommodate all the wonderful items that have been lovingly made by members of our congregation (knit hats, dresses, t-shirts, stuffed animals).

Operation Christmas Child is a ministry of Samaritan's Purse. Holy Trinity has been lovingly participating for 12 years. The overarching purpose of OCC is evangelism—to reach children and their families with the love of Christ and bring them into a worshipping church community. Children receive the gospel story in their heart language and are invited to a 12-week “The Greatest Journey” program to teach them about God and Jesus.

Please place your boxes on shelves in the Narthex or behind the curtain on the stage in Fellowship Hall where we organize and store them.



2018 Youth Ministry

May 6 Sons of Thunder Youth Group



5:00 - 8:00 PM

Road Trip to *The Forge* @ St. John's
1150 Bristol Road, Churchville

May 20 Lunch Bunch 11:30 – 1:00 PM

Last Lunch Bunch of the Season

Today's Cooks: Call out for pizza

Today's Story: Jesus Will Return Again

Craft: Jesus Will Return



Join Pastor Mike for *Theology with Bagels* continuing until May 17th

Spring 2018

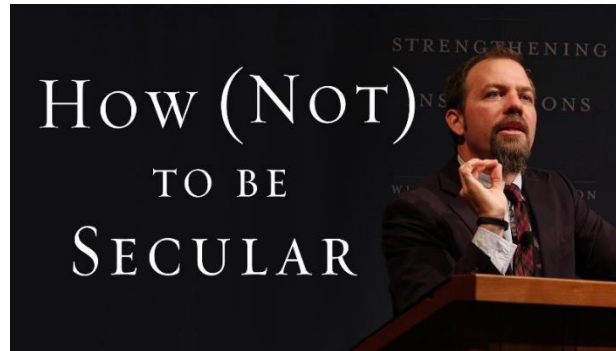
MEETS IN THE SS PETER & ANREW STUDY

DATES: THURSDAYS APRIL 12 THRU May 17th

TIME: 9:30 AM

TOPIC:

BOOK:



By author James K.A. Smith

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.

A note from your friendly Holy Trinity Librarians...

There is a nice selection of **FREE** paperback children's books in the Library basket next to the book cart in Fellowship Hall. Help yourself to the books!

CHURCH LIBRARY

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





2018 Vacation Bible School

Yes, it's that time of year again.

Spring has sprung & summer is not far off.

With that in mind, we are beginning to plan this year's 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 year's 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 3th 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: _____

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May Worship Assistants Schedule







May 6			
Usher 1	Greeter Allan Shikhvarg and Charlie Tolton	Presenters of	Sherry Breslin, Cindy Biehl and George Powell
Count 2	Acolyte Gia Berkovitz		
Christophers Sue Tolton	Crucifer Kevan Berkovitz		
Healing Prayer Deb Mumford	Lectors-Sat Linda Cassady	Communion Assistants	Frank & Erica Ganther
	Sun Linda Borkowski	Setup	Maryann Leventhal
May 13			
Usher 2	Greeter The Schied Family	Presenters of Gifts	The Brown Family
Count 3	Acolyte Ryan Schied		
Christophers Deb Mumford	Crucifer Frank Ganther		
Healing Prayer Barbara Harvey	Lectors-Sat Katie Beyer	Communion Assistants	Linda Bell-Powell Linda Frezza
	Sun Allan Shikhvarg	Setup	Tina Bednarczyk
May 20			
Usher 3	Greeter Rich and Lois Hamilton	Presenters of Gifts	Jim & Nancy Necker and Linda Frezza
Count 4	Acolyte Eric Gregg		
Christophers Nancy Necker	Crucifer Charlie Tolton		
Healing Prayer Sherry Breslin	Lectors - Sat George Powell	Communion Assistants	Rob Ischinger Kevan Berkovitz
	Sun Nancy Berkovitz	Setup	Sue Tolton
May 27			
Usher 4	Greeter John and Anita Ickler	Presenters of Gifts	Tina Bednarczyk, Dani Rowley, Deb Mumford
Count 1	Acolyte Michael Caputo		
Christophers Chris Quici	Crucifer Lauren Caputo		
Healing Prayer Kathy Ingerson	Lectors-Sat Linda Cassady	Communion Assistants	Allan Shikhvarg Ann Frey
	Sun Scott Brown	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 contact the office (215)659-2642 or email Deb at secretary@holyltrinity.net

Called to *Serve*

MAY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:30 Lost Books Class 7:30 Lost Books Class	2 7:30 Council	3 9:30 Theology w/bagels 10:00 BOH 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	4 7:30 AA	5 9:00 Adult Breakfast Fellowship 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
6 Easter 6 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 5:00 - 8:00 SOT Youth Group @The Forge	7 6 - 8:30 Jr. Girl Scouts 7:30 Coram Deo 7:30 Women's Prayer Group	8 9:30 Lost Books Class 7:30 Lost Books Class	9 7:00 Evangelism 7:30 Ruth Circle at home of Nancy Necker	10 9:30 Theology w/bagels 10:00 BOH 12:00 Sarah Circle 6:30 Handbell Choir 7:00 Men's Devotion 7:30 Eve Circle 8:00 Chancel Choir	11 7:30 AA	12 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
13 Easter 7 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult Happy Mother's Day 	14 12:30 Miriam Circle SHOP & COOK AIDS DINNER 6 - 8:30 Jr. Girl Scouts 7:30 Coram Deo 7:30 Hannah Circle	15 9:30 Lost Books Class DELIVER AIDS DINNER	16	17 9:30 Theology w/bagels 10:00 BOH 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	18 7:30 AA	19  5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
20 Pentecost 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 11:30 Lunch Bunch Last one of the season	21 6 - 8:30 Jr. Girl Scouts 7:30 Women's Prayer Group	22 9:30 Lost Books Class 7:30 Lost Books Class	23	24 10:00 BOH 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	25 7:30 AA	26 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
27 Trinity 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult	28 OFFICE CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY  <small>Thank you to all our soldiers who give of themselves for our freedom! © Our Great Place - 10/17/2009</small>	29	30	31		

SPECIAL DATES:

- *National Day of Prayer, May 3, 2018
- *Ascension, May 10, 2018
- *Mother's Day, May 13, 2018
- *Armed Forces Day, May 19, 2018
- *Memorial Day, May 28, 2018