

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*
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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,

As we prepare our hearts and homes for Christmas, let us recall the mood of that first Christmas. Sherwood Wirt captures the mood of that first Christmas in this description, which he wrote in a Christmas card:

The people of that time were being heavily taxed, and faced every prospect of a sharp increase to cover expanding military expenses. The threat of world domination by a cruel, ungodly, power-intoxicated band of men was ever just below the threshold of consciousness. Moral deterioration had corrupted the upper levels of society and was moving rapidly into the broad base of the populace. Intense nationalistic feeling was clashing openly with new and sinister forms of imperialism. Conformity was the spirit of the age. Government handouts were being used with increasing lavishness to keep the population from rising up and throwing out the leaders. Interest rates were spiraling upward in the midst of an inflated economy. External religious observances were considered a political asset, and abnormal emphasis was being placed upon sports and athletic competition. Racial tensions were at the breaking point. In such a time and amid such a people, a child was born to a migrant couple who had just signed up for a fresh round of taxation, and who were soon to become political exiles. And the child who was born was called, among other things, Immanuel, God with us.

The Lord Jesus Christ whom we exalt at Christmas is not just a baby in a manger.

The first time He came, He came veiled in the form of a child. The next time He comes, and Christians believe it will be soon, He will come unveiled, and it will be abundantly and immediately clear to all the world just Who He really is.

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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.

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The first time He came, a star marked His arrival. The next time He comes, the entire heavens will roll up like a scroll, all the stars will fall out of the sky, and He Himself will be its light.

The first time He came, shepherds and wise men brought Him gifts. The next time He comes, He will bring the gifts, rewards for His own.

The first time He came, there was no room for Him. The next time He comes, the whole world will not be able to contain His glory.

The first time He came, only a few people even noticed. The next time He comes, every eye shall see Him.

The first time He came, He came as a baby. The next time, He will come as Lord of the Universe.

And so we sing, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel..."

Both pastors wish you a blessed, enchanted, marvelous Christmas.

Merry Christmas!

Fondly,

The Pastors.





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 cordially invites all women to join us **Mondays, Dec. 3rd & 17th** at 7:30 PM in the room over Rosemary Hinkle's garage. (see church directory for phone # and address)

“Prayer is the breath, the watchword, the comfort, the strength, the honor of a Christian.”
– Spurgeon.

Resumes Jan. 21, 2019

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) Adelle, Al, Albert, Alex, Alexa, Alexander, Alexis, Allan, Allyson, Alvin, Amanda, Ambre, Amy, Anita, Anna, Anne, Antoinette, Arlene, Art, Ashley, Asyl, Alvin, Baby Hudson, Baby Mac, Barbara, Barbara Jo, Ben, Bethany, Betty, Betty Ann, Bill, Billy, Blair, Bob, Bonnie, Brenda, Brendan, Brian, Brianna, Bruce, Carolann, Carol, Carole, Caroline, Carolyn, Carter, Cathy, Cecilia, Ceil, Celeste, Charles, Chris, Christopher, Chuck, Clark, Claudine, Colleen, Connie, Dale, Dale, Dalillah, Dallas, Dan, Dave, David, Deb, Debbie, Denys, Derek, Diane, Dolores, Don, Donna, Dorothy, Dot, Drew, Dru, Ed, Eda, Edda, Edgardo, Elaine, Elena, Elizabeth, Elyse, Emerson, Eric, Ernie, Esther, Francesca, Frank, Gene, George, Gerda, Gladys, Glenn, Gloria, Greg, Hannah, Harper, Harry, Helen, Helena, Henry, Hildegard, Holly, Howard, Ingrid, Irina, Ivy, Jackie, Jamie, Jamil, Jan, Jason, Jeanette, Jeff, Jen, Jennifer, Jenny, Jeremy, Jessica, Jim, Jimmy, Joan, Joanne, Joe, John, Julia, Justin, Karen, Kate, Katie, Kayla, Kelly, Kelsey, Ken, Keri, Kerry, Kevin, Kim, KJ, Kyle, Larry, Laura, Lauren, Leah, Lee, Levi, Lilly, Linda, Lisa, Logan, Lori, Lorraine, Louisa, Luke, Lynne, Mae, Maeve, Maggie, Marge, Major Carol, Marissa, Mark, Marsha, Martha, MaryAnn, Maryanne, Matt, Matthew, Mary, Mary Ann, Maureen, Megan, Melissa, Michaie, Michelle, Mickie, Miles, Monica, Morris, Nancy, Nate, Niesha, Pam, Pat, Patti, Paula, Paul, Pauline, Peter, Phil, Phillip, Rachel, Rae, Randie, Rick, Richard, Robbin, Robert, Robbin, Robin, Rodney, Roger, Ronnie, Rose, Rosemarie, Ruth Ann, Samantha, Sandy, Sarah, Scott, Sharon, Sahwna, Sheila, Sherri, Stacey, Stephanie, Steve, Sue, Suzy, Tara, Teresa, Terri, Terry, Therese, Tim, Tina, Tish, Todd, Tony, Tonya, Travis, Tricia G., Trisha, Trudy, Tyler, Valentina, Vera, Vicki, Vivian, Walter, Wanda, Warren, Wayne, Wes, Xavier, Yvonne, Zach, Zachariah.

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

Please pray for the following families: Affleck, Alston, Andreassen, Bamberger, Barnes, Bell, Benincasa, Bergmann, Bertram, Blackwell, Bolig, Borkowski, Burns, Bush, Caputo, Carter, Casey, Chapman, Clarke, Costello, DiNapoli, Doyle, Drobish, Engelbert, Engelke, Eten, Frame, Frey, Gaw, Gehris, Gill, Gregg, Grifferton, Hagy, Hall, Hawkins, Hill, Ingerson, Jackson, Kelly, Koch, Lyons, Maddox, Martin, McCann, McFall, Meade, Miller-Blakes, Minges, Mumford, Myers, Naylor, Ortiz, Ortolani, Oxman, Paranti, Paul, Powell, Quinn, Raiguel, Reid, Reiff, Ritter, Robinson, Rose, Sartor, Scarbor, Sears, Selman, Sheehan, Shinn, Singrella, Smith, Smyser, Springs, Vandersluis, Vile, Witwer, Wolfe, 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.

We welcome to the Lord's Table
on Sunday, December 2, 2018

Julia Gregg

Gloria Ischinger

Rebecca Nilsen



"For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,
you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes."

1 Corinthians 11:26

It's that time of year again!

Holy Trinity will begin the drive to stock the shelves
of the Martin Luther-Silver Springs Positive Behavior store

Beginning **Sunday, December 2nd** the Christmas tree will be out in the Narthex and wrapped presents will be available for everyone to take home. Within the wrapped present are the typical suggestions for purchase such as: stuffed animals, basketball and footballs, puzzles, crayons and coloring books, board games and card games.

If you are interested in a challenge, please see the list of somewhat larger items for the store that is on the table next to the Christmas tree/presents in the Narthex. They will be used to reward students who have achieved their behavior goals at a high level.

Merry Christmas!

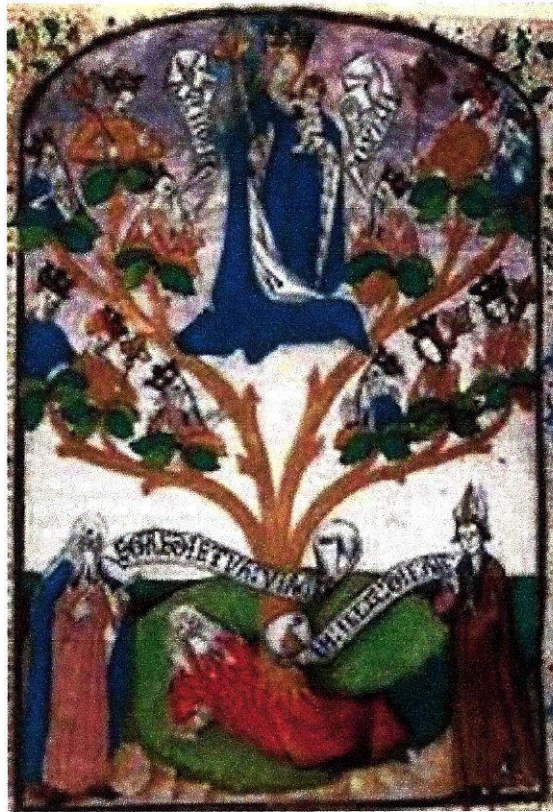
Ann Frey



Advent Choral Vespers

MUSICA CONCORDIA
Jacqueline Smith, Director

Music by Farrant, Near, Pitoni, Praetorius and others



Two performances:

Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church
2086 Parkview Ave., Abington, PA 19001
Sunday, December 9, 2018 at 5:00 pm

St. Cecilia's Church
535 Rhawn St. Philadelphia, PA 19111
Sunday, December 16, 2018 at 4:00 pm

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

October 31, 2018 (For the Year 2018)

	Holy Trinity Ministries	Wider Church
Year to date received for current income	\$317,327.00	\$ 69,971.78
Carry over from 2017	\$0.00	\$ 16,646.83
Expenses paid to date	\$ 358,718.50	\$ 52,312.38
Surplus/(Deficit) 2015	(\$41,391.50)	\$ 34,306.23



Our Christian Sympathy to

To the entire Stradling family
on the death of Gladys Stradling
November 22, 2018
Beloved mother and grandmother.

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
Connor 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

(The following is an e-mail that was sent to the pastors from a former member of Holy Trinity. The names have been deleted to respect the family's privacy. The person who wrote this letter grew up in this congregation, married and moved away, but her father and brother remained members of this congregation until the father's death.)

A voice from the past, it is [name deleted], daughter of [name deleted].

The last time I saw you was at my father's funeral. I was always troubled by the relationship between my father and brother, and even spoke with you about it.

After my dad's passing in 2001, [my brother] lived in Philadelphia, and we saw him for holidays and the summer. He was wonderful with my sons and grandchildren!

However, in 2009 he lost his job and moved to my home in Pittsburgh. Seeing him every day, it was apparent that the same hostile relationship he had with my dad still existed -- a nasty temperament, anger, hostility, unbalanced gait ...

My son and I took him for a checkup, and a neurologist solved the mystery of my brother's hostile behavior and loss of balance, which my dad had always been sure was drunkenness, was actually Huntington's disease: a combination of ALS, MS, and dementia. Many questions were answered with the diagnosis. The psychosis associated with the genetic disease made [my brother] unable to know day from night, drive correctly, wear appropriate clothes and behave appropriately, to name a few. Genetically the disease was always in his chromosomes, and generally speaking the onset of the symptoms is age 40. The neurologist said that only because of his high IQ could he have survived as long as he did on his own.

He went into assisted living in 2009 and then hospice care in 2016. His inability to walk, talk, eat, swallow, were devastating to us, but [my brother] loved our visits and we enjoyed our time together.

He made a lasting impression on all of us, especially my sons and grandchildren. They all enjoyed spending time with [my brother], laughing and sharing a milkshake. The Arizona family would come from Arizona and play baseball with him, an elementary form of the game, but still, in a wheelchair, barely able to hold the bat, he could still connect with the ball and enjoy the game. My granddaughters said that it was the best day of the year for them; they embraced his unusual behaviors and appearance,

[My brother] passed gracefully with us by his side. While severely disabled, he brought joy to everyone. He loved singing, "Jesus loves me!" I am sure this came from his Holy Trinity Sunday School days. His last words were, "Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so!"

Thank you for the love of Jesus that you and the members of Holy Trinity nurtured in my mom, dad, [my brother], and me. It blessed these years, knowing that Jesus loves us!

Warmest regards,
[Name Deleted]

A 364 Shoe Box Salute and Thank You

Yes, 364: 1 Late Addition!



We learned about the evangelistic difference shoe boxes are making in Namibia and Cambodia.

364 children will now receive a shoe box full of gifts because of YOU.

364 Children and their Families will be touched by Jesus' love and encouraged to become part of a church community.

364 Children will be offered *The Greatest Journey*, a 12-week Gospel study program tailored for their age and culture.

Thank You's All Around

The Mission Commitment Task Force for the \$3,000 grant that was used to purchase needed supplies for the packing party and help defray \$9/box shipping charges.

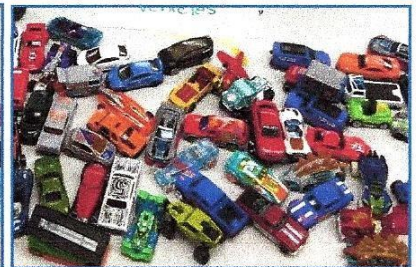
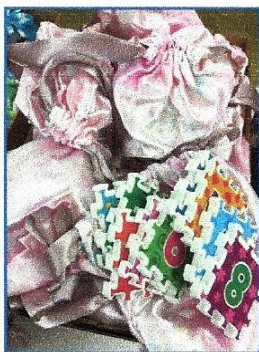
The Men's Devotional Group for their generous shopping spree/contributions of toys for boys.

Allan Shikhvarg who coordinated the monthly Fellowship Breakfast on packing party Saturday.

Bob Miller and Al Schmidt who cooked breakfast for all our packers at the party.

Heidi Simmons for creating and sewing dresses, t-shirts, stuffed animals, and drawstring puzzle bags.

Dot McGowen for beautifully knit hats and **Katie Beyer** for bookmarks.



ALL Who packed their own additional boxes, purchased and deposited needed items in the Narthex collection basket, contributed empty shoe boxes, lovingly packed boxes, made generous contributions toward shipping costs, and brigaded the boxes out of church.

The Ischinger Family for delivering 364 boxes to Covenant Church in Hatboro.

YOU Are God's hands and feet through this project. You make Jesus real to hurting children who may never have received any gift. ***Remember, this year-round project and begin collecting now for 2019!***

Fun To Know: We are seven boxes over 2018's number, which will allow us to provide a surprise (in March) to the seven children who helped us pack this year, thanks to OCC's Shoe Box Challenge.



October 23, 2018

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Attn: Ann Frey
2086 Parkview Avenue
Abington, PA 19001

Dear Ann and Holy Trinity friends:

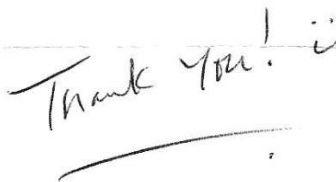
Thank you for allowing me to visit and share Silver Springs – Martin Luther School’s ministry with Holy Trinity recently. It was a joy getting to talk with everyone and see their enthusiasm for supporting Silver Springs and the vulnerable children we serve!

Thank you also for the wonderful collection of items for the Good Behavior Store. The children will be thrilled to see the games, puzzles, art supplies, Play Doh sets, toy cars, and more in the store! We also appreciate the gift of seven \$5 gift cards to Five Below (\$35 total value). The gift cards, toys, and more are sure to inspire the children to work hard toward their behavioral goals!

We are grateful for your support of our mission. Thanks to the partnership of caring friends like you, Silver Springs is able to assist more than 2,400 children and families each year through our Residential Treatment Program, Approved Private School, and Community Based Programs. Our goal is for all children to know they matter and, along with their families, to reach for and achieve brighter futures.

Sincerely,

Amanda Bryant
Development Officer



Silver Springs – Martin Luther School is a 501(c) (3) organization, Tax ID # 23-2310084. Contributions are tax-deductible as permitted by law. Silver Springs – Martin Luther School certifies that this gift was not contingent upon sale or exchange of goods or services. Valuations of gifts in kind are the privilege and responsibility of the donor.

Endless thanks members of Holy Trinity
for your generous response to our **L & P Challenge!**

In the end, the finally tally was **Lectern side: 600**

***Pulpit side: 737**

(each number represents item for item/dollar for dollar)

Congratulations to the Pulpit side sitters - you pulled off a "come from behind" win!
But the true winners here are our guests at our Bread of Heaven Food Pantry,
thanks to your donations their Thanksgiving holiday was considerably brighter!

For those of you keeping count we gave away a total of 11 turkeys, 47 Thanksgiving bags
and 53 gift cards. On the final Thursday before Thanksgiving alone we served 27 families,
12 of them new to the Food Pantry, totaling 102 people.

We had a much needed assist with the items gathered by Cub Pack #1, Sue Schied's troop.
We give thanks for the partnership with and donations from Saint Anne's and Abington
Baptist. Many thanks to our dedicated staff of volunteers who work so tirelessly to help
others in need in our community! We couldn't do it without you!

A picture of a small portion of items donated.



Dear Holy Trinity family,

Many thanks for the delicious and well timed Care
Package! The snacks and sweets were just the ticket for
studying! I am truly blessed to be a part of such a wonderful
and caring congregation.

Sincerely,

Samantha Mumford





Why are Poinsettias the Flower of Christmas?

Bright, flaming red, star-shaped Poinsettias are known as “The Flower of the Holy Night” or the “Flame Leaf Christmas Star” in the United States.

One of the most popular flowers in Central America, it was brought here by Dr. Joel Poinsett, the first US ambassador to Mexico, over 100 years ago. The legend of the Poinsettia also comes from Mexico and explains how this flower came to represent the deep love of innocent hearts shown, by poor children, for the Baby Jesus.

Once upon a time, two very poor children lived in a village in Mexico. They were a brother and sister named Maria and Pablo. Just like all the other children in the village, Maria and Pablo looked forward to the special Christmas parade and the annual Nativity play. During this Nativity play, a large manger scene was set up in the village church. All the children of the village marched in the Christmas parade to bring their presents to the Baby Jesus on Christmas Eve.

Maria and Pablo loved Jesus and the season of His birth very much, but they had no money to buy a gift for Him. That evening as they walked to join the other children in the Christmas parade, they took the long route in hopes that they might be able to find some flower blossoms to lay before the manger of the Christ Child. But they couldn't find any.

Although they were sad at heart and quite disheartened by their poverty, they picked the prettiest green leaves they could find, squared their shoulders, and joined the parade of children. The other children teased them cruelly for bringing “weeds” to the Christ Child, yet Pablo and Maria braved their way to the Nativity Scene, knelt in worship, and placed the greenery carefully around the manger. As the children lifted their heads, a miracle occurred. Bright red star-shaped flowers burst forth from the greens and were the most beautiful of all the gifts that the Christ Child had received that day.

Poinsettia Order for Christmas Eve **Deadline - December 17, 2018**

___ Red Poinsettias @ \$10.00 apiece ___ White Poinsettias @ \$10.00 apiece

Amount enclosed: \$_____ Dedicate or memorialize as follows (if desired):

Your Name: _____ Envelope Number (If known) _____

Please enclose order and payment in small pew envelope marked “Poinsettias” and place in offering plate.

Make checks payable to: Holy Trinity

The LCW Winter Collection begins now...

SOAP

for Lutheran World Relief



We are collecting: **FULL SIZE BARS OF SOAP ONLY**

The collection basket will be in the Narthex
January through February.



GIFTS FOR THE CHILDREN OF KENSINGTON

On Wednesday, **December 19th** *Sarnelli House* and *The Last Stop* will be hosting a **Saint Nicholas Party** for the children of Kensington. Your help is needed!

- ◆ Please pick up a gift (\$15 limit) for a boy or a girl ages birth - 12 years old.
- ◆ Do NOT wrap the gift.
- ◆ If you prefer, you can give money. Just put cash or check made out to Holy Trinity in a small white pew envelope, write KENSINGTON GIFTS on the outside of envelope.
- ◆ Bring gifts to Holy Trinity by noon on Sunday, December 16th. Someone from *Sarnelli House* or *The Last Stop* will be picking up the gifts later that afternoon.



At Annual Meeting this year, **Sunday, January 27, 2019** the first item of business will be the adoption of Rules of Procedure. This adoption of Rules of Procedure has always been done at the outset of every denominational or synodical convocation (LCA, ELCA, or NALC). This adoption needs only a simple majority and is done to make the meeting run smoothly. Among other things, The Rules of Procedure say that Holy Trinity's Annual Meeting will be governed by Roberts Rules of Order, that all speeches will be limited to three minutes, and that anyone can present a resolution but that this resolution must be presented in writing to the Committee on Reference and Counsel by 3:00 p.m. on the Monday immediately prior to Annual Meeting. At the time each resolution is presented to Annual Meeting, Reference and Counsel will advise the Annual Meeting as to whether or not the resolution should be adopted. Copies of these Rules of Procedure and Forms for Resolutions are available in the Narthex.



To All Committee Chairpersons

If you haven't already, please submit your Annual Report to Deb in the office or email to secretary@holyltrinity.net



***Bread of Heaven* Christmas Meal Collection:**

for Homemade Chili Dinner

We will be putting together Christmas Bags for our guests at the *Bread of Heaven* Food Pantry for 3 Thursdays in December.



Donations needed for these items:

Diced Tomatoes, Kidney Beans, Vegetable Oil, Brownie mix, onions, Corn bread mix, Applesauce, or Cuties/Halos, Chili Seasoning packets, canned tomatoes with chilies, and money to purchase ground beef and peppers.

Thanks be to God for the outpouring of His Holy Spirit which inspires Holy Trinity's faithful disciples to provide so generously to those in need!

Lutheran Church Women's Circle Bible Study



December Topic

"The Cure"

"You are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed." Luke 10:41-42
In November, our topic was, "The Diagnosis". This month we get the "Cure". We'll be talking about the classis, "Wagon Story" and whether we all tend to have an overloaded one. If we do have an overloaded wagon, how do we dump some of those rocks? Which rocks has God asked you to carry? Which rocks have you unconsciously volunteered to carry for someone else? What is that "one thing" that Jesus is referring to in this verse from Luke? In this season of giving, we'll discuss how to give the gift that God desires. We're asking God to reveal to us the next step. Please join us.

Please direct questions either to LCW President Nancy Ischinger (267) 803-1384 or church secretary Deb Mumford (215) 659 - 2642.

★ DECEMBER CIRCLES ★

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

Sarah Circle - Thursday, December 13 at 12:00 pm in the SS Peter & Andrew Study
Leader: Marsha Humphreys (215) 659-3373

Miriam Circle - Monday, December 10 at 12:30 pm in the SS Peter & Andrew Study
Leader: Sandy Schmidt (215) 657-5065 sandyschmidt19001@yahoo.com

Hannah Circle - Monday, December 3 at 6:30 pm
Place: TBD
Leader: Marilyn Murphy (610) 304-7601 mvetal4@verizon.net

Ruth Circle - Wednesday, December 12 at 7:30 pm at home of Vicki Coleman
2073 Parkview Ave., Abington (215) 657-0162
Leader: Nancy Necker (215) 884-2123 nnecker52@gmail.com

Eve Circle - Tuesday, December 11 at 6:30 pm in the SS Peter & Andrew Study
Potluck dinner & Pollyanna game.
Leader: Sharon Koch (215) 355-7875 sharonkoch1304@gmail.com

The holidays are upon us
so if you have started to think
about shopping, remember
Giant Cards make great gifts.

I have a small number of cards on hand,
but will be happy to order whatever you need.

See Joy Alderfer for cards or orders.



HTLCW receive 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 an LCW related function for any church women who may want to attend but may need some financial assistance.



Mark your calendar!

The Sunday after Christmas Eve,
December 30th
is Bell Sunday

Bring a small bell with you from home.
Any kind of bell is OK.

The Sunday after Christmas Day is **Bell Sunday**. Everyone is encouraged to bring a small bell from home. These bells are to be rung throughout the liturgy and the hymns of the worship service on the first Sunday following Christmas. The ringing of bells during Christian worship is an ancient custom. We ring bells in obedience to God's command to "make a joyful noise," as a sign that something supernatural is happening in our midst, and as a way to celebrate the defeat of evil through the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. You are encouraged to ring your bells every time you hear (or sing) Gloria, "Holy, holy, holy", Praise, or any reference to joy, bells, singing, ringing, angels, celebration, or Jesus Christ.

Don't forget your Bells!



Coram Deo

We meet in the SS Peter & Andrew Study most Mondays at 7:30 PM
You don't have to read the selection in advance
and can drop in for any or all sessions.

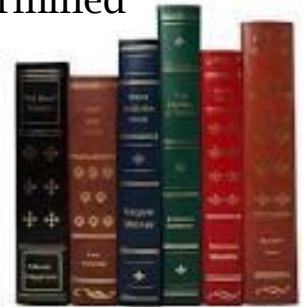
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December 3 - *A Hero of Our Time* by Mikhail Lemontov

December 10- Short stories by Isaac Bashevis Singer: To be Determined

December 17: *An Enemy of the People* by Henrik Ibsen

December 24 & 31: No meeting.



Adult Christian Breakfast Fellowship

(All Adults Young & Old are invited)

Date: **Saturday, December 1, 2018**

Time: **9:00 AM**

Topic: "Connections between the Old Testament
and the New Testament"

Speaker: Kevan Berkovitz

The Old Testament



**In the
Light of**

THE NEW TESTAMENT

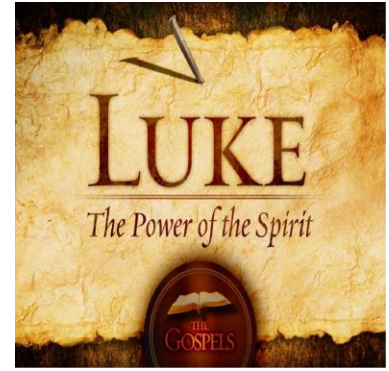
\$5.00 pp suggested donation to help cover the cost of food.

Join us for breakfast & fellowship.

*Please be advised that AFB is taking a Winter break for January & February, 2019
We will be back on 1st Saturday of March 2, 2019. Hope to see you then.
Have a very Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and a wonderful wintertime! *

NEW BIBLE STUDY

All are welcome to participate in a new Bible Study which will explore the Gospel of Luke at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings in Fellowship Hall. The study will start this Sunday, **December 2** and will continue through **February 24**. No class on **December 23, 30, and January 27**.



Since our Gospel Reading in our worship this Liturgical year (which starts Advent 1, December 2) will be primarily from St. Luke, this is a good opportunity to dig a bit deeper into the only Gospel written specifically to the Gentiles, that's us!

Pastor Larry Guenzel will be the teacher
and we depend upon the Holy Spirit to be our Guide.
Please join us!



(Especially Carpenters)

Thanks to all the members who have been sharing their gently used clothing for the Kensington mission at the *Blessed Sarnelli House*.

We are now desperately in need of a few handy and organized-minded men and women to determine a better way to optimize the clothing ministry. Folks are needed with the gifts to measure, drill, and install clothing racks so that we can organize the clothes and other donations.

Right now the little room is packed with donations but it is hard for the community to access and find what they need.

If any of this makes you want to be a part of the plan, please contact Nancy Berkovitz at nckb520@verizon.net and look for more information in the bulletins to come.

EUCHMENICAL GATHERING WITH SAINT DAVID'S

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24TH 7:30 PM

TOPIC: "THE CHURCH REACHING OUT TO YOUTH"

PLACE: HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



JOIN US FOR LIVELY DISCUSSION
AND A LIGHT RECEPTION AFTERWARDS.

KNITTERS FOR KENSINGTON MINISTRY

Saturday, January 26, 2019

10 AM

Learn to knit scarves & hats
Meet in SS Peter & Andrew Study
Bring size 13 needles
if you have them and bulky yarn
(we use Wool-Lion brand Wool-ease)
If you have a hat pattern bring that.

Interested knitters
Contact Katie Beyer
(215) 572-6864

KNITTER'S CLUB NEWS





Youth Ministry

All events are on SUNDAY unless otherwise noted



December 2, 2018 5 - 7 PM

Sons of Thunder Youth & friends are invited

Sanctuary Christmas Trees Decorating
& Christmas Gift Exchange Game

Join us on the first Sunday of Advent
to help decorate the trees in the Sanctuary

Bring a wrapped gift (gift limit \$10)
& participate Christmas gift exchange gam



Don't miss out on the annual presentation of

Tucker's Tales Puppet Show

Sunday, December 9, 2018

Time: 11:30 a.m.



Where: In the Sanctuary

Followed by Lunch Bunch where we will call out for pizza.



December Worship Assistants Schedule



December 2

Usher 1	Greeter	The Schied Family	Presenters of Gifts	The Ischinger Family
Count 4	Acolyte	Rob Ischinger		
Christophers Sue Tolton	Crucifer	Charlie Tolton		
Prayer Team Deb Mumford	Lector- Sat	George Powell	Communion Assistants	Charlie Tolton and Jean Raiguel
	Sun	Suzanne Brown	Setup	Maryann Leventhal

December 9

Usher 2	Greeter	The Ischinger family	Presenters of Gifts	The Ickler Family
Count 1	Acolyte	Audrey Brown		
Christophers Deb Mumford	Crucifer	Ken Tredinnick		
Prayer Team Barbara Harvey	Lector- Sat	Linda Cassady	Communion Assistants	Sherry Breslin Tony Quici
	Sun	Sherri Gregg	Setup	Deb Mumford

December 16

Usher 3	Greeter	Jim and Nancy Necker	Presenters of Gifts	The Schied Family
Count 2	Acolyte	Sherry Breslin		
Christophers Nancy Necker	Crucifer	Charlie Tolton		
Prayer Team Sherry Breslin	Lector- Sat	Karen McGovern	Communion Assistants	Jim & Nancy Necker
	Sun	Barbara Harvey	Setup	Sue Tolton

December 23

Usher 4	Greeter	Don and Linda Borkowski	Presenters of Gifts	The Gregg Family
Count 3	Acolyte	Kevan Berkovitz		
Christophers Chris Quici	Crucifer	Matthew Schied	Communion Assistants	Ann Frey, Stephen Brown
Prayer Team Kathy Ingerson	Lector Sat	Linda Cassady	Setup	Deb Mumford
	Sun	John Ickler		

Monday, December 24 7:30 PM

Ushers 2	Greeter	George & Sandra Powell	Presenters of Gifts	Kevan Berkovitz, Rob & Nancy Ischinger
	Acolyte	Elli Nilsen	Communion Assistants	Mark & Erica Affleck
	Crucifer	Charlie Tolton		

December 30

Usher 5	Greeter	Al and Pam Eisenmann	Presenters of Gifts	Janice Donnelly, Al & Pam Eisenmann
Count 4	Acolyte	Charlie Tolton		
Christophers Mike Breslin	Crucifer	Stephanie Powell		
Prayer Team Sue Tolton	Lector- Sat	Linda Cassady	Communion Assistants	Kevan Berkovitz and Allan Shikhvarg
	Sun	Kathy Ingerson	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

DECEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Special Dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ First Sunday of Advent, <i>December 2, 2018</i> ♦ Second Sunday of Advent, <i>December 9, 2018</i> ♦ Third Sunday of Advent, <i>December 16, 2018</i> ♦ Fourth Sunday of Advent, <i>December 23, 2018</i> ♦ Christmas Eve, <i>December 24, 2018</i> ♦ Christmas Day, <i>December 25, 2018</i> ♦ New Year's Eve/ Watch Night, <i>December 31, 2018</i> 						1 9:00 Adult Breakfast Fellowship 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
2 ADVENT 1 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult  First Sunday in Advent 5-7 SOT Youth Group	3 6 – 8:30 Jr. Girl Scouts 6:30 Hannah Circle at TBD 7:30 Coram Deo 7:30 Women's Prayer Group	4	5 7:30 Council	6 10:00 Bread of Heaven 1:30 Artis Ministry 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	7 7:30 AA	8 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
9 ADVENT 2 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 11:30 Tucker's Tales Puppet Show and Lunch Bunch 5:00 Advent Vespers	10 12:30 Miriam Circle 6 – 8:30 Jr. Girl Scouts 7:30 Coram Deo	11 10:00 -12:00 PB & J 6:30 Eve Circle	12 9:00 Kensington Ministry 7:00 Men's Group 7:30 Ruth Circle at the home of Vicki Coleman	13 10:00 Bread of Heaven 12:00 Sarah Circle 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	14 7:30 AA	15 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
16 ADVENT 3 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult	17 SHOP & COOK AIDS DINNER 6 – 8:30 Jr. Girl Scouts 7:30 Coram Deo	18 DELIVER AIDS DINNER	19 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	20 10:00 Bread of Heaven 1:30 Artis Ministry 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	21  7:30 AA	22 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
23 ADVENT 4 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 11:00 Carol Sing and Cookies	24 SERVICE 7:30 	25 OFFICE CLOSED 	26	27 10:00 Bread of Heaven 1:30 Artis Ministry	28 7:30 AA	29 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
30 Bell Sunday 9:00 Holy Communion 	31					