HOLY TRINITY Evangelical Lutheran Church ECHOES NEWSLETTER

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The Rev. John Bradosky,
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M. Mus., Director of Music
Mrs. Deborah Mumford,
Parish Secretary

Worship Services

Saturday at 5 pm Sunday at 9 am (Sunday Church School at 10:30 am)

Holy Communion

Saturday evening, Sunday morning & Festival Days

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

From the Pastors

Dear Parish Family,

Last Friday, I (Pastor Mike) travelled to Washington on a bus with people from Saint David's Roman Catholic Church, as I have done many times over the past twenty years. The object of our trip was the March for Life, held every year in January. Until this year, I marched with hundreds of thousands of others down Constitution Avenue to the capitol building and the Supreme Court. This year, I remained behind at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception with Monsignor Bolger and Sister Mary Saint Mark. We older folks just don't have the stamina we used to have!

I spent the day praying and enjoying the beauty of the basilica. I overheard a Mass led by two bishops from North Carolina. I felt as if I was at the portal of heaven.

While we prayed in the church, many young people marched with the large crowd down the avenue. It is so encouraging to see them represent the Lord and His Church in a matter of such great importance, the preservation of unborn human life. I have great hope that the next generation will carry the torch.

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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.



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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We are proud to say that our own North American Lutheran Church is pro-life. For many years previous to the formation of the NALC we languished in a church (ELCA) that had no pro-life commitments and still does not. Today our individual pro-life commitments are backed up by a pro-life church. It is good no longer to wander in the wilderness on this vital matter.

Once again, we will make available the NALC pro-life statement. It should appear in the narthex soon. I ask you to pray for the unborn. Pray also that people's hearts may be changed so that abortion no longer holds sway over our nation. More than 60,000,000 unborn have been terminated since the early 1970's. "A voice is heard in Ramah, mourning and great weeping, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because her children are no more." (Jeremiah 31:15 NIV)

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



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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.



The Holy Trinity
Women's Prayer Group
1st & 3rd Mondays
of each month.
We gather at 7:30 pm
In the month of February
we will be meeting
in the youth room
at Holy Trinity.
Every woman is welcome,
come as you are able.
Questions contact Rosemary

Rosemaryhinkle@comcast.net 2019 Schedule

Feb. 4 & 18 March 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: Al, Albert, Alex, Alvin, Amanda, Amy, Andy, Barb, Bill, Bob, Brian, Brianna, Carol, Chris, Chuck, Dale, Daniel, David, Deborah, Denis, Diane, Dick, Donna, Doug, Drew, Emily, Gloria, Grayson, Greg, Harry, Heather, Helen, Ivy, Jason, Jeannette, Jen, Jennifer, Jenny, John, Karen, Kate, Kathleen, Ken, Mark, Marsha, Martha, Megan, Melissa, Michele, Mickie, Nancy, Otis, Pat, Patsy, Richard, Rick, Russell, Sandy, Scott, Sharon, Suzanne, Tony, Tyler, Vicki, Warren, Wayne, Xavier, Yasmin.

• We encourage you to continue to bring your 2019 prayer requests to us.

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: Ammon, Bamberger, Bell, Bell-Powell, Boyer, Bricker, Brown, Chan, Clarke, Corker, Corwell, Dieterly, Drobish, Elsey, Erb, Etlen, Heller, Hummel, Milarch, Minges, Moorman, Mumford, Novak, Robinson, Sears, Smyser, Suhr, Tredinnick, Zarolli,

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.



Our Christian Sympathy to

Otis and Angela Bricker and family on the death of Otis' mother

Sharon Koch and family on the death of her Aunt Jeanne Purich, January 1, 2019

Psalm 112:6
"For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever."

Congratulations to Holy Trinity Grandparents



Jim & Nancy Necker on the birth of their 4th granddaughter, **Willa James Necker**, born **January 21, 2019**

Height: 19.25" Weight: 6 lbs.

Firstborn child to Keith & Sondra Necker

It's a Girl!

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.

Ponder anew...

The psalmist declares: "How good is it to sing praises to our God; for He is gracious" (Psalm 147:1) So then, let us worship.

God told the disciples: "This is my Son...Listen to Him." (Mark 9:7) We welcome all to worship at Holy Trinity, where we pause intentionally to listen to Jesus.

"Why are not our hearts continually set on heaven?" asks the 17th-century pastor and author Richard Baxter. Focusing on heaven stirs our faith, guards against temptation, eases suffering and makes us an encouragement to others, Baxter says. He urges: "Bend thy soul to study eternity, busy thyself about the life to come...and let not those thoughts be seldom and cursory, but bathe thyself in heaven's delights."

"Self-denial means knowing only Christ, and no longer oneself. It means seeing only Christ, Who goes ahead of us, and no longer the path that is too difficult for us...Self-denial is saying only: He goes ahead of us; hold fast to Him."

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Support Us

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

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

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

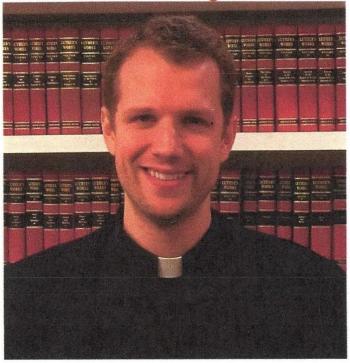
Please remember your Church in your will.

Announcing a Service of

Ordination to the Holy Ministry of Word and Sacrament

For

Caleb Douglas



4 PM Sunday, February 10, 2019

Immanuel Lutheran Church

122 East 88 Street, New York, NY 10128 www.immanuelnyc.org

Reception afterwards

Ordaining: Rev. John F. Bradosky, Bishop of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC)

Preaching: Theologian David S. Yeago, Professor of Systematic Theology and Ethics, North American Lutheran Seminary, Ambridge, PA

All clergy are invited to vest and process. Alb and stole or cassock and surplice.

The color is red.

Let's gather in Immanuel's undercroft by 3:40 PM if possible.

RSVP to Pastor Gregory P. Fryer: gpfryer@gmail.com

January 6, 2019

Dear Pastor Mandy,

Thank you so much for officiating Penelope's baptism. It was a beautiful service and a memorable event with God and the congregation. We look forward to teaching and helping her grow in her faith each and every day.

The baptismal gifts from the congregation were so thoughtful. She is a very blessed little baby! The prayer shawl and prayer is so special, we look forward to sharing that with her throughout her life!

Thanks again, Lauren, Steve and Penelope Nedl.



January 9, 2019

Dear Holy Trinity Family,

Thanks so much for the continued prayers, cards and well-wishes during the final phase of my appendix journey.

It's gone now and I am happy to be on the road to recovery daily. I give thanks to God for the love and kindness shown by everyone here at Holy Trinity.

I am humbled to be so blessed by such a loving congregation!

In Christ, Deb Mumford.



December 31, 2018

Dear Holy Trinity Family,

Thank you to Pastor Mike for his visit during my hospital stay and for bringing Communion to us at home. Thank you also to all of you for your prayers, cards, and flowers. Best wishes to all for a happy, healthy 2019.

Sincerely, Sandy Schmidt.





December 27, 2018

Katie Beyer Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 2086 Parkview Avenue Abington, PA 19001

Dear Katie:

Thank you and all of our friends at Holy Trinity for the wonderful collection of gifts for the children served by Silver Springs - Martin Luther School this Christmas! The boys and girls were thrilled to receive the superhero action figures, toy cars, dolls, cuddly stuffed animals, and so much more!

We are grateful for Holy Trinity's support of our ministry during the holidays and throughout the year. As you know, for many of our boys and girls this is the first time they will experience an abundant and festive Christmas. Through the help of caring friends like you, we are able to Thank you for making christmes our pop and gods everyone at bushir, with a happy of the Trinity New year. provide a joyful Christmas full of wonderful memories for the children in our care. Thank you for helping us to make Christmas special for our boys and girls!

Sincerely,

Amanda Bryant Development Officer

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consult with your tax advisor to discuss your individual situation.



January 11, 2019

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

Dear Ann and Holy Trinity friends:

Thank you for your generous donation of items for the Good Behavior Store. The children will be excited to see coloring books, markers, colored pencils, games, Pokémon cards, fun paper airplane kits, toy cars, and so much more added to the store next week when they go "shop." You collected something to interest everyone and inspire them to work even harder toward their behavioral goals!

We greatly appreciate your ongoing support of our ministry. It is only through the partnership of caring friends like Holy Trinity that Silver Springs is able to assist more than 2,700 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. Thank you all so much!

Sincerely,

Amanda Bryant

Development Officer

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Lutheran Church Women's Circle Bible Study



FEBRUARY CIRCLES

Martha's Teachable Heart/Mary's Extravagant Love "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:31-32

"Then Mary...poured it on Jesus feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of perfume." John 12:3

This month we'll ask the question, "Are you teachable?" Jesus was and is looking for teachable hearts. Even though we all appreciate the thought of transformation, most of us don't like the process that gets us there. We'll take a little quiz to determine how teachable we really are. Jesus does a lot to prepare our hearts to listen and learn. Teachable moments. How do we react to being wrong and having it pointed out to us, as Jesus did with Martha? Martha had an open, teachable heart and transformed into the Martha we find in John 11 and 12. How can we be teachable? Three ways: Being willing to listen; Acting on what we hear; Responding to discipline. We'll ask the question, "How does God to talk to you?" Do we want a holy makeover as transforming as Martha's?

We'll also delve into Mary's Extravagant Love. Mary had a heart of gratitude. The secret to happiness isn't in getting what you want, but in wanting what you have. We'll discuss the "two kinds of hearts" that Mary and Judas had. Which kind of heart do we have? Is it overflowing with gratitude or clutching with greed? Are we prepared to make Jesus our Lord?

We encourage all Holy Trinity women to consider attending a circle. If you are not yet attending a circle, please contact LCW President Nancy Ischinger (267) 803 – 1384 or by email at nancymaeisch@yahoo.com or church secretary Deb Mumford (215) 659 – 2642, to explore what might work best for you. Here are the circle times and dates as well as leader with contact information. Do not hesitate to contact a Circle leader to find out more about an individual Circle.

Ruth Circle - Wednesday, February 13 at 7:30 pm at home of Katie Beyer

500 West Avenue, Apt. A-9, Jenkintown, PA (215) 572-6864

Leader: Nancy Necker (215) 884-2123 <u>nnecker52@gmail.com</u>

Sarah Circle - Thursday, February 14 at 12:00 pm in the SS Peter & Andrew Study

Eve Circle - Thursday, February 14 at 7:30 pm in the SS Peter & Andrew Study Leader: Sharon Koch (215) 355-7875 **sharonkoch1304@gmail.com**

Miriam Circle – Monday, February 11 at 12:30 pm in the SS Peter & Andrew Study Leader: Sandy Schmidt (215) 657-5065 sandyschmidt19001@vahoo.com

Hannah Circle – Monday, February 4 at 7:30 pm in the SS Peter & Andrew Study Leader: Marilynn Murphy (610) 304-7601 **mvetal4@verizon.net**

The LCW Winter Collection continues...

While out bargain shopping, we pray you can join us in our support of *Lutheran World Relief*











We are collecting: <u>FULL SIZE BARS OF SOAP ONLY</u>
The collection basket will be in the Narthex through February.

Giant Gift Cards - A great way to shop!

Whether you are purchasing for yourself or as a gift the LCW makes it easy and convenient! Plus our program is a wonderful fundraising tool as the LCW receives a 5% cash back for each card sold!



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

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See Joy Alderfer for purchase or orders.

Ash Wednesday Soup Supper- All Invited Wednesday, March 6th (prior to the Service) Dinner served continuously, come anytime

between 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM 2 homemade soups, salad, bread & drinks provided.

A free will offering will be taken.

Can't physically be in church for worship?

The weekly sermons are now available on our website <u>www.holytrinity.net</u>

Simply scroll down on the home page to





Kensington Needs:



Men's and Women's underwear & socks

Small tubes of toothpaste

Toothbrushes

Small bars of soap

Deodorant

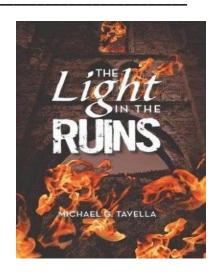
Thanks, Pastor Mike

The Library is now featuring Pastor Mike's novel

"The Light in the Ruins"

We are requesting that after signing the book out that you return it in two weeks to the Return Box located in the Library. There are two copies available.

Enjoy!



CHURCH LIBRARY

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



The Social Ministry Committee of

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church



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

There is a need for donated items such as:

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

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



There is a box in the Narthex that is checked before the shipments are made.

We do shipments ever couple of month

So donations & names are always welcome!

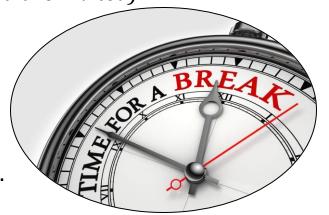


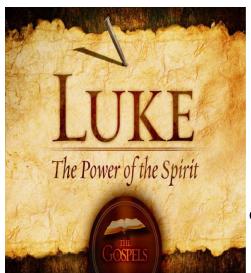
Adult Christian Breakfast Fellowship

(All Adults Young & Old are invited)

AFB will be continuing their break for the month of February.

Look for our return in March.





Continuing Bible Study

All are welcome to participate in the ongoing Bible Study which explores the *Gospel of Luke* 10:30 AM on Sunday mornings in Fellowship Hall.

The Study continues on **Sunday, February** 3rd and will run through **February** 24th Since our Gospel Readings in our worship this year will be primarily from Saint Luke this is a good opportunity to dig a bit deeper into the only Gospel written specifically to the Gentiles, that's us! Pastor Guenzel will be the leader. Please join us!

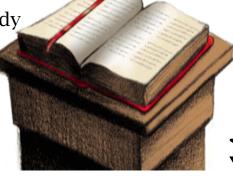
Bible Study continuing in February Tuesday nights through February 19, 2019

Bible Study will be offered in the SS Peter & Andrew Study beginning with Vespers in the Chapel at 7:15 p.m.

The class concludes at 8:30 p.m. This study will include the examination of the words: Repentance,

Forgiveness, Justification, Reconciliation, Mystery.

Hope you can join us!



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Save the Date!



Holy Trinity is hosting a Blood Drive

Fri., Feb. 15, 2019 1:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Did you know...

- lacktriangle That every 2 seconds, someone in the US needs blood
- ♥ That every unit donated can save up to three lives
- That type O blood is the blood that hospitals request most
- That 16 year-olds can donate blood w/parent's permission
- That you can donate blood every 56 days



Men's Devotional Group

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

They meet the second Wednesday of every month.

Join us **Wednesday, February 13th 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.



2019 Youth Ministry

All events are on SUNDAY unless otherwise noted

February 10, 2019



Youth Group

5:00 - 7:00 PM

March 3, 2018 Transfiguration Day

All are invited during the Sunday School hour to participate in the burning of last year's palms for use in our Ash Wednesday services.

Mark your calendar for:

Fastnacht Family Movie Night '19

Tuesday, March 5

6:30 PM

Enjoy hot dogs, popcorn, candy, soda at our free concession stand and of course....DONUTS!

Movie selection: TBA





February Worship Assistants Schedule



February 3				
Usher 1	Greeter Don & Linda Borkowski	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
Count 1	Acolyte Charlie Tolton			
Christophers Mike Breslin	Crucifer Jim Necker			
Prayer Kathy Ingerson Team	Lector- Sat Karen McGovern	Communion Gil & Betsy Assistants Zimmermann		
	Sun Todd Kuenstner	Setup Maryann Leventhal		
February 10				
Usher 2	Greeter Allan Shikhvarg and Charlie Tolton	Presenters of The Ickler Family Gifts		
Count 2	Acolyte Hannah Mumford			
Christophers Sue Tolton	Crucifer Kevan Berkovitz			
Prayer Sue Tolton Team	Lector- Sat George Powell	Communion Ann Frey and Assistants Linda Frezza		
	Sun Nancy Necker	Setup Deb Mumford		
February 17				
Usher 3	Greeter Al & Pam Eisenmann	Presenters of The Schied Family Gifts		
Count 3	Acolyte Elli Nilsen			
Christophers Deb Mumford	Crucifer Matthew Schied			
Prayer Nancy Ischinger Team	Lector-Sat Karen McGovern	Communion Rob Ischinger Assistants and Scott Brown		
	Sun Allan Shikhvarg	Setup Sue Tolton		
February 24				
Usher 4	Greeter Rich & Lois Hamilton	Presenters of The Gregg Family Gifts		
Count 4	Acolyte Audrey Brown			
Christophers Nancy Necker	Crucifer Charlie Tolton			
Prayer Deb Mumford Team	Lector- Sat George Powell	Communion Sherry Breslin Assistants Frank Ganther		
	Sun Charles Tolton	Setup Deb Mumford		

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



FEBRUARY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Special Da	ıtes:				1	2
*African-Americ		nth				
*Transfiguration						
* Valentine's Da	y, February 14,	2019				
* President's Da	y, February 19,	2018				5:00 Holy Communion
* Ordination of Caleb Douglass, February 10, 2019					7:30 AA	7:00 AA
3 Epiphany 4 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult Souper Bowl of Caring	4 6 - 8:30 Jr. Girl Scouts 7:30 Women's Prayer Group 7:30 Coram Deo	5	6	7 10:00 Bread of Heaven 1:30 Artis Ministry	8	9
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4:00 Ordination of Caleb Douglass	6 – 8:30 Jr. Girl Scouts	7:15 Bible Study	7:00 Men's Group 7:30 Ruth Circle at home of Katie Beyer	6:30 Handbell Choir 7:30 Eve Circle	BLOOD DRIVE 1:30 PM - 6:30 PM	5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
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