

# HOLY TRINITY

## Evangelical Lutheran Church

# ECHOES NEWSLETTER

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**May, 2019**

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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,

From "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" to "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" the hymns for Holy Week rehearse the great acts of salvation that are at the heart of the Christian faith. Holy Week begins with Passion (Palm) Sunday. In that service we remember both the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem and His death on the cross. The service begins with the palm procession to the hymn "All Glory, Laud, and Honor," (*LBW, 108*) written by Theodulph, Bishop of Orleans, during the time of Charlemagne and his son, Louis the Pious. Jesus is the Son of David and King, whom heaven and earth praise. The worshipping congregation joins the universal church and the angelic choirs in praise.

"At the Cross, Her Station Keeping," (*LBW, 110; Stabat Mater dolorosa*, the first words of the hymn in Latin, means "the sorrowful mother was standing") is a thirteenth century hymn that focuses on the sorrow of Mary at the suffering and death of Christ. This hymn was sung throughout the ecumenical Stations of the Cross at Our Lady Help of Christians.

Thomas Aquinas, the great medieval scholastic theologian, wrote "Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling," (*LSB, 630*) a hymn sung on Maundy Thursday concerning the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The Lord gives His very body and blood every time we partake of the Sacrament.

Venantius Honorius Fortunatus (sixth century) wrote a hymn that we sang on Good Friday, "Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle." (*Hymnal 1982, 166*) Its theme is told in the first verse: "Jesus Christ, the world's redeemer from that cross now reigns as King." His death on the cross was a great victory that won for us redemption.

"The Royal Banners Forward Go" (tune, *Vexilla Regis; LBW, 125*) was also written by Venantius Fortunatus. Again the theme is of Christ's victory over evil. The writer lays emphasis on the cross that is called "tree of beauty, tree most fair."

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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.

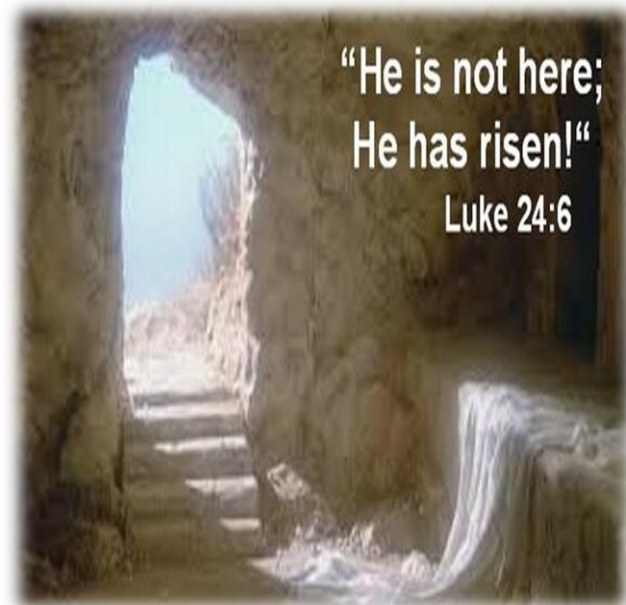
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On Good Friday we also sang "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded," (*LBW 116, 117*) written by Bernard of Clairvaux. Bernard was a member of the Cistercian Order. During his life he wrote numerous works including sermons on the Song of Songs. Bernard was one of Martin Luther's favorite saints. In the portion of the hymn included in the *Lutheran Book of Worship*, the emphasis is on the head of Jesus that is "with grief and shame weighed down." Jesus' "grief and bitter Passion were all for sinners' gain."

On Easter Sunday we sang among many hymns "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia." (*LBW, 128*) The paschal victim, Jesus Christ, is now the triumphant Lord, for through His death and resurrection Christ has reconciled sinners. Alleluia means "Praise the Lord." It is the Latin spelling of the Hebrew word, Hallelujah.

In coming months we will unpack the meaning of these and other hymns. Until then, may you have a joyous Easter season.

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





# Healing Prayer Ministry

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

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



## † Women's Prayer Group

The Holy Trinity  
Women's Prayer Group  
**1st & 3rd Mondays**  
of each month.  
We gather at **7:30 p.m.**  
in the room over  
Rosemary Hinkle's garage.  
(See church directory for  
phone # and address)

This space offers privacy.  
Coffee, tea, and dessert  
are served!

Every woman is welcome,  
come as you are able.

Questions contact Rosemary @  
[Rosemaryhinkle@comcast.net](mailto:Rosemaryhinkle@comcast.net)

### 2019 Schedule

May 6 & 20

(Last meeting until fall)

# 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: Abby, Adelaide, Al, Albert, Aleksandr, Alex, Alexsei, Allyson, Alvin, Amanda, Amy, Andy, Angela, Anita, Ann, Annora, April, Arnie, Arye, Audra, Barb, Barbara Jo, Ben, Bill, Bob, Bonnie, Brian, Brianna, Brother Kan, Brother Yi, Caleb, Carol, Chris, Christopher, Chuck, Cindy, Claire, Colette, Dale, Dalliah, Dallas, Dan, Daniel, Dan-Ning, Dave, David, Deb, Debbie, Deborah, Denis, Derek, Diane, Dick, Donna, Don, Dottie, Doug, Drew, Dylan, Edmund, Edward, Ekaterina, Elaine, Ella, Emily, Eric, Erik, Frank, Gail, Gene, Gloria, Grayson, Greg, Hannah, Harold, Harry, Heather, Heide, Heidi, Helen, Hilma, Howard, Hunter, Irina, Ivy, Jackson, Janet, Jason, Jeanne, Jeannette, Jen, Jennifer, Jenny, Jhansi, Jim, John, Joseph, Josh, Julia, Karen, Kate, Katie, Kathleen, Ken, Kelly, Kerry, Kevin, Kim, Kyle, Larry, Larsen, Levi, Lewis, Leo, Lex, Linda, Lisa, Logan, Lorna, Lorraine, Louise, Maggie, Marge, Marina, Marion, Mark, Marsha, Martha, Maryjane, Mason, Matthew, Mayet, Megan, Melissa, Melody, Michael, Michele, Michelle, Mickie, Nancy, Noreen, Otis, Pam, Pat, Patsy, Peter, Pierce, Rachel, Renee, Rho, Rhonda, Richard, Rick, Robert, Robin, Roger, Rose, Rubbin, Russell, Ruth Anne, Ruth, Ryan, Sam, Samantha, Sandy, Scott, Sharon, Sheila, Sherri, Steve, Sue, Suzanne, Tara, Tiffani, Tiffany, Tina, Tom, Tony, Tricia, Trudy, Tyler, Valentina, Vicki, Walter, Warren, Wayne, William, Xavier, Yasmin.

### **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: Ammon, Bamberger, Bednarczyk, Bell, Bell-Powell, Berger, Borgia, Boyer, Bricker, Brown, Caldwell, Cassidy, Chan, Clarke, Corker, Corwell, Del Rio, Dieterly, Donahue, Drobish, Elsey, Engelbert, Erb, Eten, Fisher, Frame, Freedman, Frezza, Heller, Hoyle, Hummel, Joseph, Kan, Lewis, Matkowski, McCann, Milarch, Minges, Moorman, Moyer, Mumford, Naylor, Novak, Payne, Powell, Reid, Renner, Richetta, Robinson, Ruth, Sears, Smyser, Spangler, Suhr, Swift, Tredinnick, Videtto, Williams, Yakscoe, Yi, Young, Zarolli, Zieger.

### **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.



## SALT AND LIGHT

*"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so, they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."*

*Matthew 5:13-16*

Jesus Christ means we are either salt or we are not salt. But the salt may lose savor. It may lose its ability to cleanse and preserve and it then ceases to be salt at all. It stops working. Likewise, Dietrich Bonhoeffer states in his book, *The Cost of Discipleship*, "The discipleship mission is to save the world, but if the community ceases to live up to its mission, if it loses its saltiness, its mission may be lost. The call of Christ makes those who respond to it the salt of the earth in their total existence." He continues, "...either we follow the call or we are crushed beneath it."

Jesus also calls his disciples the light of the world. Jesus says, "Let your light shine before others, so they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." "The light is not an instrument which has been put in your hands, such as preaching. It is the disciples themselves.... You are the light in your whole existence, provided you remain faithful to your calling.... And since you are the light, you can no longer remain hidden, even if you want to. It is the property of light to shine" (Bonhoeffer).

There are so many ways we can witness our faith to others. But one common denominator in all testimonies is this: they describe a turning point in one's life — how Christ's saving action made a difference and change in one's life — relationships, lifestyles and ministries.

Although there are countless ways to give testimony to how God is making a difference in your life, there are two ways, not often mentioned, that we can be salt and light which leave a lasting impression on others and lead them towards Christ: goodwill ambassadors and legacy giving.

**First: Is your witness salty? Does it flavor, cleanse and preserve the mission of Holy Trinity? How do you leave a lasting impression, a stamp of "goodwill" on others?** Paul states in 2 Corinthians 5:20, "Therefore, we are ambassadors of Christ, God making his appeal through us." Through Christ's death and resurrection, God reconciled the world. We through faith become God's agents for reconciliation. Thus, as ambassadors, with God's help, we are to comply with every part of the gospel in our relationships. Every day, God gives us opportunities to recognize, exercise and maximize our influence through testimony!

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You are called to be goodwill ambassadors for Christ, being unified, talking positively about Holy Trinity’s mission and promoting the greater mission of the NALC. You and I are God’s representatives. People are influenced by our words, actions and decisions. When we speak positively and passionately about our congregation’s leadership and ministry, we are more apt to draw family members, coworkers and friends into the church rather than turn them away.

**Second: Do you speak well of Holy Trinity’s mission and ministry to others? Words have power and can influence for good or bad. Even when you disagree, does your light continue to shine?** “Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another” (Proverbs 27:17). The responsibility of testimony is in the hands of each of us. And our testimony is sharpened in community.

Paul is imploring us to be reconciled to God, to be coworkers in the ministry of the gospel and to not be a stumbling block to each other. “Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person” (Colossians 4:5-6). A goodwill ambassador is one who works for the greater good of the mission — not tarnishing but building up the reputation of Holy Trinity and the NALC.

How do others outside the church experience the testimony of Holy Trinity? “Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things” (Philippians 4:8).

You are salt. You are light. How will your choices in the way you serve flavor and reflect the mission of Holy Trinity? Spiritual Gifts Commitment Weekend is May 11 & 12. You should have received the Time & Talent Packet by email. If you are not on the email list, copies are available in the narthex. Please review the ministry teams and select when and how you want to serve our community.

You will have the opportunity to place your completed form in the Jehoida Chest during the service you attend. The Stewardship Team is praying that during these next few weeks, the Holy Spirit will open your heart and mind to hear God’s Word and put into action the work of the Lord.



**Be these.**

Matthew 5:13-16



12<sup>th</sup> Annual

# 5K Walk/Run

Support our troops on

**Sunday, May 5th**



[www.FreedomSteps5k.com](http://www.FreedomSteps5k.com)

 Registration starts at 8 AM  
 Walk/Run starts at 9:15 AM

★ Hosted at: ★

Masons Mill Park  
3500 Masons Mill Rd  
Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006

Pre Register  
\$20 per adult  
\$10 per youth  
Free for ages  
10 or under



Reach of contact: Lorna Salazar 215-657-3992

[FreedomSteps5k@gmail.com](mailto:FreedomSteps5k@gmail.com) with any comments or questions  
[www.FreedomSteps5k.com](http://www.FreedomSteps5k.com) or [www.facebook.com/FreedomSteps](http://www.facebook.com/FreedomSteps)

Designed by Ryan Coughlan at Eastern Center for Art and Technology



# KidsBites

a Philabundance initiative

Your Social Ministry Committee is collecting for KidsBites  
(formerly known as Baby Manna)

**Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**

- 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.
- KidsBites (Baby Manna) has been collecting money to support these babies & children for 15 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 "KidsBites"



The Bread of Heaven guests were so very grateful for your generous donations to our Easter Feast bags. We had more than enough to fill the bags and many willing hands to sort, pack, and assist people to their cars. Thanks to all who donated supplies, money and time for this event.

Thanks,  
Heidi

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

Volunteers to help collect donated food from the Post Office

**YOU CAN HELP**

**Meet at Holy Trinity  
Saturday, May 11th  
3:30 p.m.**



## 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](http://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, 2019 (For the Year 2019)

	Holy Trinity Ministries	Wider Church
<b>Year to date received for current income</b>	\$ 99,857.09	\$ 23,394.46
<b>Carry over from 2018</b>	\$ 0.00	\$ 21,634.64
<b>Expenses paid to date</b>	\$ 107,569.95	\$ 16,353.65
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) 2018</b>	(\$7,712.86)	\$ 28,675.45

## 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](mailto: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

Dear Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,

This letter is in thanks for the continued support for Asia Harvest. Your gift was allocated for the purchase and delivery of 1,434 Bibles for Christians across China and in support for our Living Martyr's Fund, specifically Brother Yi, who your donation was applied to. Here is the most recent news received from him:

Both Brother Yi, who is now 65, and his wife are paralyzed, and apart from a miracle will be so for the remainder of their lives in this world. Because of their involvement in the work of the Lord, and their subsequent "criminal" records they are not entitled to travel or to receive any government pension or disability payments. Despite many hardships and poverty, this much loved couple continue to be salt and light to those they meet. Your loving support has enabled them to buy daily necessities including food and clothing. They are deeply thankful. Please continue to pray for this precious couple.

Until All Have Heard,

Thank you to the Pastors and congregation of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church for your continued support of Freedom Steps. Without generous supporters like you, we would not be able to continue our mission to send care packages to service men and women who are serving overseas or on ships and submarines.

With your help we have sent over 600 packages in the last 12 years. If you know of anyone you would like to receive a care package please contact us at [www.freedomsteps5k.com](http://www.freedomsteps5k.com) or at [cindybiehl@msn.com](mailto:cindybiehl@msn.com)

Thank you,  
Freedom Steps Committee  
Officers: Heather Salazar, President  
Edel McPeak, Vice-President  
Lorna Salazar, Treasurer  
Cindy Biehl, Secretary



## ASIA HARVEST

"Put in the Sickle, for the Harvest Has Come!" (Mark 4:29)

Email: [office@asiaharvest.org](mailto:office@asiaharvest.org)

Website: [www.asiaharvest.org](http://www.asiaharvest.org)

### Living Martyrs' Fund

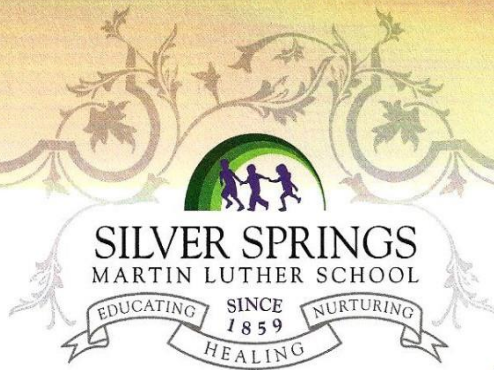


*Photos of individual workers cannot be shown for security reasons*

Name: **Brother Yi**  
Born: **1953**  
Location: **Jiangsu, China**

Brother Yi has been faithfully serving the Lord for many years and is a great blessing to many believers. He has proved faithful in the face of many persecutions and arrests. Due to illness and injuries, Brother Yi is now paralyzed and his wife is also disabled. They live in terrible poverty. Please pray for them, and thank you for your loving support.

Thank you for supporting the Living Martyrs' Fund. Please pray for this church leader. He is unable to work and your loving help enables his family to provide essential items such as food and medicine.



*Thank you all for your generosity!*

April 17, 2019

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

Dear Ann and Holy Trinity friends:

Thank you for your wonderful collection of items for the Good Behavior Store. The three big bags were filled with things the children will be thrilled to “buy” the next time they shop at the store. The Lego sets, Nike socks, Hatchimals, Shopkins toys, puzzles, art supplies, sunglasses, games, and much more are sure to help the children work to reach their behavioral goals!

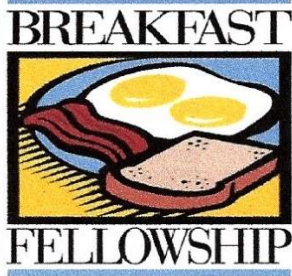
We are very grateful for your ongoing and caring partnership in our ministry. With the help of friends like Holy Trinity, Silver Springs is able to inspire hope through education, healing, and specialized support for more than 2,700 children and families each year. On behalf of the boys and girls, thank you!

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.*





# Adult Christian Breakfast Fellowship

*(All Adults Young & Old are invited)*

\*last one until September\*

When: Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM

Topic: *From Front Lines to the White House*

Speaker: Allan Shikhvarg





# NALC's\* Disaster Response Tool Trailer Project

JOIN WITH REFORMATION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
AND THE ATLANTIC MISSION REGION TO

## SECURE & EQUIP A FULLY FUNCTIONING RAPID RESPONSE DISASTER "TOOL TRAILER"

TO HELP REBUILD THE LIVES OF THOSE AFFECTED BY DISASTERS

**SPONSORING CONGREGATION:** *Reformation Lutheran Church, Lancaster, PA*

**PROJECT COORDINATORS:** *Lee and Judy Mills*

Donations help rebuild the lives and homes of those dramatically affected by hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding, fires, and more. Volunteers who donate their time, hands, skills and hearts for needed rehab work do not always have appropriate equipment for needed tasks.

*Outfitting a 'tool trailer' for disaster relief cannot be done without monetary contributions.*

An estimated \$15,000 is needed to complete the project with all planned equipment.

**MONETARY DONATIONS WILL FULLY FUND:**

- Purchasing the cargo trailer (*pictured*)
- Customizing the inside for tool transportation and storage
- Equipping it with the power and hand tools needed

The outfitted trailer will be turned over to the NALC's national Disaster Response Coordinator. Funding over & above cost will be sent directly to NALC Disaster Response.

**PLEASE SEND DONATIONS TO:**

**Tool Trailer Project**

**PO Box 172, Mount Joy, PA 17552-0172**

Make *checks payable* to **Reformation Lutheran Church**

Clearly mark the memo section '*Tool Trailer*' & receipts will be available.

**QUESTIONS?** Email [news.atlantic.nalc@gmail.com](mailto:news.atlantic.nalc@gmail.com) or call 844.442.9442 —leave a message and you'll be called back.



*Serve one another humbly in love.*

*Galatians 5:13b*

\*North American Lutheran Church.....<https://thenalc.org/nalc-disaster-response/>  
Also see the Atlantic Mission Region's website.....<https://www.atlantic-nalc.org/>

Let us "BAG" your old tee-shirts! All invited!!

**Saturday, May 18th at 10 AM**

Meet in Fellowship hall for a fun project:  
creating **Tee-Shirt Tote Bags**

Requesting donations of your old, clean T-shirts  
(no holes or rips please) bring fabric shears  
Drop off in the blue basket in the Narthex.



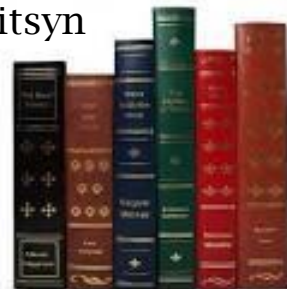
## Coram Deo

*Living in the Presence of God*

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

### Spring 2019

- May 6 - *The Light in the Ruins* (part 2) - by Michael G. Tavella
- May 13 - *The Light in the Ruins* (part 3) - by Michael G. Tavella
- May 20 - Movie Night
- May 27 - No meeting
- June 3 - *August 1914* (part 1) - by Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn





## Congregation members

Interested in submitting a worthy charity to be one of the recipients of our ongoing Mission/Commitment Task Force...

The Task Force will be making its final distributions in September, 2019. If anyone would like to request monies for a charity/organization that meets the funds criteria, forms are available in the church office.

Completed forms should be returned to the church office by

**Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**

The MCTF will meet on Sunday, September 15, 2019

If you submitted a proposal last year, please feel free to re-submit your charity for consideration. If you did not participate last year but have an idea for an eligible charity (see form for requirements) by all means - submit a form!



## *Memorials received*



*In Memory of...*

*John Robinson*





## 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 second Wednesday of the month. Join us **Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM.** 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.



"We are Easter people and alleluia is our song!"  
so said St. Augustine many years ago.

The saying is still true for us. **The Book of Acts** is full of Easter People and we'll hear about them in our readings in worship throughout the Sundays of the fifty days of Easter. These passages from Acts proclaim the ongoing power of Christ's resurrection, which is not a single day's event, but is the continuing power of God in the believing community.

Pastor Guenzel will lead  
a **5 week Bible Study, *Easter People***,  
Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall  
during the Sunday School hour starting **May 5.**  
**May 5 through June 2**

Each class is self-contained so come to all or come to one.  
All are welcome!

# Cradle of Hope



A Home for Single Mothers and Children

## Cradle of Hope Sunday is Sunday, May 19, 2019 *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.

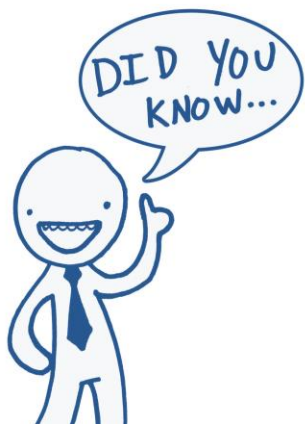
**PAPER PRODUCTS:** Paper towels, toilet paper, tissues.

**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, twin bed sheets.

**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

### **Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World**

"To Him who is able to keep you from falling and to preserve you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy." Jude 24

Our question for this month's study: Is it really possible to live a balanced life of Living Room Intimacy and Kitchen Service? The author of our study, Joanna Weaver, says, now more than ever, the answer is yes. But what we need to remember is that Christianity is a process and not an event. It's a journey, not a destination. Jesus has made us His own. He died and rose again. He sent the Holy Spirit to teach and guide us. But we're still expected to partner in the process. Whenever we experience difficulties, Ms. Weaver says we can pray, "Take my struggles and use them for Your glory. Change me. Give me a Mary heart in my Martha world." God uses the pressure of trials to perfect our lives. The key word is: Persevere. Do you want more of God? Then don't settle for anything less. Do you want to be more like Jesus? Then persevere - press in, press on, press through! God is right beside you! He's the one who's in charge. All He asks is that you partner with Him and surrender to what He is doing in your life. So don't worry that you haven't arrived. Just don't give up on the process. Don't miss the journey. It will be worth it all.

Please prayerfully consider to one of the following circles. Please direct questions either to Lutheran Church Women President Nancy Ischinger (267) 803-1384 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 13 at 12:30 pm** in the SS Peter & Andrew Study  
Leader: Sandy Schmidt (215)657-5065 [sandyschmidt19001@yahoo.com](mailto:sandyschmidt19001@yahoo.com)

**Ruth Circle - Wednesday, May 8 at 7:30 pm** at the home of Rosemary Hinkle  
1164 Wheatsheaf Lane, Abington, PA 19001 (215) 704 - 4511  
Leader: Nancy Necker (215) 884-2123 [nnecker52@gmail.com](mailto:nnecker52@gmail.com)

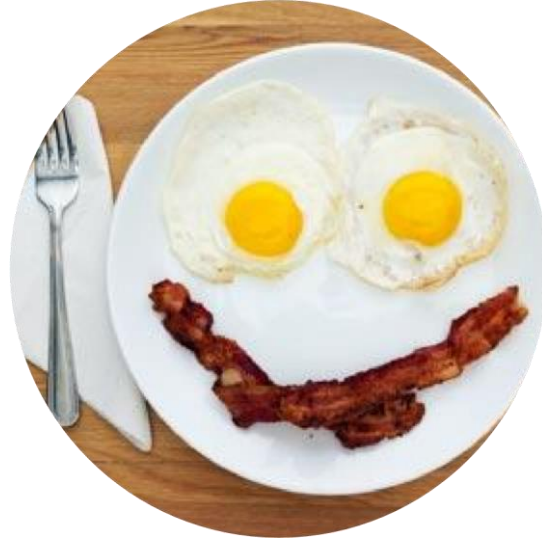
**Sarah Circle - Thursday, May 9 at 12:00 pm** in the SS Peter & Andrew Study  
Leader: Marsha Humphreys (215) 659-3373

**Eve Circle - Thursday, May 9 at 7:30 pm** in the SS Peter & Andrew Study  
Leader: Sharon Koch (215) 355-7875 [sharonkoch1304@gmail.com](mailto:sharonkoch1304@gmail.com)

**Hannah Circle - Monday, May 6 at 7:30 pm** upstairs in the HTLC Café  
Leader: Marilyn Murphy (610) 304-7601 [mvetal4@verizon.net](mailto:mvetal4@verizon.net)



*The Lutheran Church Women*  
are sponsoring a church wide breakfast  
**Saturday, May 11 @ 9:00 AM**  
**ALL ARE INVITED!**



**Theme: *Cradle of Hope***

Director, Rachel Mullelly will speak to us  
about Cradle of Hope and their mission.  
A brief LCW general meeting will follow.



**ENJOY A DELICIOUS BREAKFAST  
AND LEARN ABOUT THIS WORTHY CHARITY  
THAT HOLY TRINITY HAS SPONSORED FOR MANY YEARS NOW.**

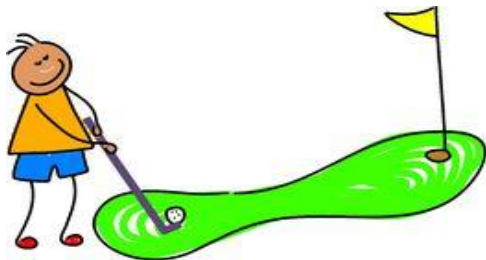
# 2019

## Youth Ministry

May 5 **SONS of THUNDER** Youth Group

5:00 - 7:00 PM

Miniature Golf



Meet at **The Mad Golfer**

114 Street Road, Southampton

Mini golf, dinner & ice cream

May 19 Lunch Bunch 11:30 – 1:00 PM

*Last Lunch Bunch of the Season*

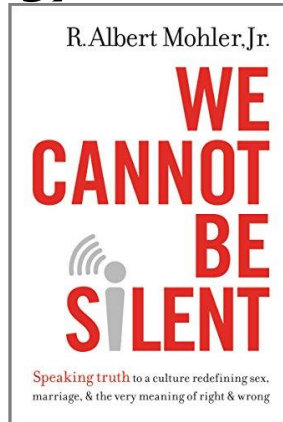
Today's Cooks: Call out for pizza

Today's Story: Paul's Vision of New Jerusalem

Craft: He Lives Bingo Game



Join Pastor Mike for *Theology with Bagels* beginning **May 2<sup>nd</sup>**



By author R. Albert Mohler, Jr.

**Thursday mornings 9:30 AM in the SS Peter & Andrew Study  
May 2<sup>nd</sup> thru May 30<sup>th</sup> (five week course)**

Speaking truth to a culture redefining sex, marriage,  
and the very meaning of right and wrong.

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Pastor Mandy is continuing to teach:

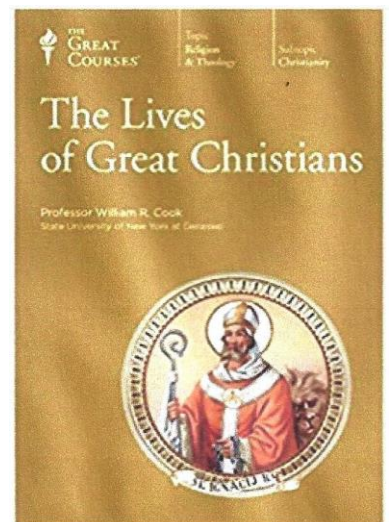
***The Lives of Great Christians***  
**Mid-week Course**

Returning to Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

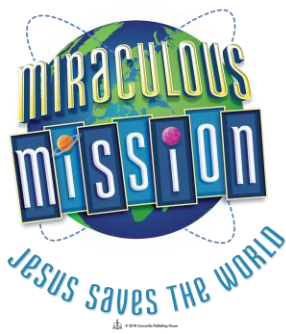
**May 7 - Damien of Molokai and Teresa of Calcutta**

**May 14 - From Slavery to Martin Luther King**

**May 21 - Defining the Christian Life**







## 2019 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 2019 is "Miraculous Mission: Jesus Saves the World!"

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](mailto:slschied@verizon.net).

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**VBS Dates:** July 29<sup>th</sup> to August 2<sup>nd</sup>      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  
2019 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
REGISTRATION FORM

STUDENTS'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTH DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL GRADE IN FALL: \_\_\_\_\_

ALLERGIES, MEDICAL CONCERNS OR SPECIAL NEEDS: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT (name and number): \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S CHURCH: \_\_\_\_\_

BROTHER'S & SISTER'S: \_\_\_\_\_

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# May Worship Assistants Schedule



## May 5

<b>Usher</b> 2	<b>Greeter</b> Don & Linda Borkowski	<b>Presenters of</b>	Kevan Berkovitz, Jody Cheeseborough, Barbara Harvey
<b>Count</b> 2	<b>Acolyte</b> Sherry Breslin		
<b>Christophers</b> Nancy Necker	<b>Crucifer</b> Kevan Berkovitz		
<b>Healing Prayer</b> Sue Tolton	<b>Lectors-Sat</b> Linda Cassady	<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Gil & Betsy Zimmermann
<b>Sun</b> Alyson Kuenstner			

## May 12

<b>Usher</b> 3	<b>Greeter</b> Allan Shikhvarg Charlie Tolton	<b>Presenters of Gifts</b>	The Nilsen Family
<b>Count</b> 3	<b>Acolyte</b> Kevan Berkovitz		
<b>Christophers</b> Chris Quici	<b>Crucifer</b> Charlie Tolton		
<b>Healing Prayer</b> Nancy Ischinger	<b>Lectors-Sat</b> Linda Cassady	<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Linda Frezza Ann Frey
<b>Sun</b> Nancy Ischinger			

## May 19

<b>Usher</b> 4	<b>Greeter</b> The Schied Family	<b>Presenters of Gifts</b>	Sherry Breslin, George Powell, Ken Tredinnick
<b>Count</b> 4	<b>Acolyte</b> Kelly Darreff		
<b>Christophers</b> Mike Breslin	<b>Crucifer</b> Steph Powell		
<b>Healing Prayer</b> Deb Mumford	<b>Lectors - Sat</b> Karen McGovern	<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Rob Ischinger Stephen Brown
<b>Sun</b> Julia Gregg			




## May 26

<b>Usher</b> 5	<b>Greeter</b> Rich & Lois Hamilton	<b>Presenters of Gifts</b>	The Brown Family
<b>Count</b> 1	<b>Acolyte</b> Rob Ischinger		
<b>Christophers</b> Sue Tolton	<b>Crucifer</b> Matthew Schied		
<b>Healing Prayer</b> Barbara Harvey	<b>Lectors-Sat</b> George Powell	<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Frank Ganther Eric Gregg
<b>Sun</b> Barbara Harvey			

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](mailto:secretary@holyltrinity.net)

Called to *Serve*

# MAY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>"All of heaven is interested in the cross of Christ, hell afraid of it, while men are the only ones to ignore its meaning." -- Oswald Chambers</p>			<p><b>1</b> 9:00 Kensington</p> <p>7:30 Council</p>	<p><b>2</b> 9:30 Theology w/bagels 10:00 BOH 1:30 Artis Ministry</p> <p>6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>7:30 AA</p>	<p><b>4</b> 9:00 Adult Breakfast Fellowship</p> <p>5:00 Holy Communion</p> <p>7:00 AA</p>
<p><b>5 Easter 3</b> 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult</p> <p>5:00 - 7:00 SOT Youth Group Miniature Golf</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>6 - 8:30 Girl Scouts Cadets 7:30 Coram Deo 7:30 WPG 7:30 Hannah Circle</p>	<p><b>7</b> 9:30 Lives of Great Christians 10 PB &amp; J</p> <p>7:00 Lives of Great Christians</p>	<p><b>8</b> 9:00 Kensington</p> <p>7:30 Men's Devotion 7:30 Ruth Circle at home of Rosemary Hinkle</p>	<p><b>9</b> 9:30 Theology w/bagels 10:00 BOH 12:00 Sarah Circle</p> <p>6:30 Handbell Choir 7:30 Eve Circle 8:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>7:30 AA</p>	<p><b>11</b> 9:00 LCW Breakfast Speaker</p> <p>5:00 Holy Communion</p> <p>7:00 AA</p>
<p><b>12 Easter 4</b> 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult</p> <p><b>Happy Mother's Day</b></p> 	<p><b>13</b> 12:30 Miriam Circle</p> <p>6 - 8:30 Girl Scouts Cadets 7:30 Coram Deo</p>	<p><b>14</b> 9:30 Lives of Great Christians</p> <p>7:00 Lives of Great Christians</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>7:00 Evangelism</p>	<p><b>16</b> 9:30 Theology w/bagels 10:00 BOH 1:30 Artis Ministry</p> <p>6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>7:30 AA</p>	<p><b>18</b> 10:00 Tee Shirt Totes project</p>  <p>5:00 Holy Communion</p> <p>7:00 AA</p>
<p><b>19 Easter 5</b> 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult</p> <p>11:30 Lunch Bunch Last one of the season</p>	<p><b>20</b> <b>SHOP &amp; COOK AIDS DINNER</b></p> <p>6 - 8:30 Girl Scouts Cadets 7:30 Coram Deo 7:30 WPG</p>	<p><b>21</b> <b>DELIVER AIDS DINNER</b></p> <p>9:30 Lives of Great Christians 10 PB &amp; J</p> <p>7:00 Lives of Great Christians</p>	<p><b>22</b> 9:00 Kensington</p>	<p><b>23</b> 9:30 Theology w/bagels 10:00 BOH 1:30 Artis Ministry</p> <p>6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>7:30 AA</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>5:00 Holy Communion</p> <p>7:00 AA</p>
<p><b>26 Easter 6</b> 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult</p>	<p><b>27</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY</b></p>  <p><small>Thank you to all our soldiers who give themselves for our freedom! © Our Great Place - 10/17/15</small></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b> 9:30 Theology w/bagels 10:00 BOH 1:30 Artis Ministry</p> <p>6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>7:30 AA</p>	

## SPECIAL DATES:

- \*National Day of Prayer, May 2, 2019
- \*Mother's Day, May 12, 2019
- \*Armed Forces Day, May 18, 2019
- \*Memorial Day, May 27, 2019
- \*Ascension, May 30, 2019

