

# HOLY TRINITY

## Evangelical Lutheran Church

# ECHOES NEWSLETTER

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## October, 2019

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### **Pastors**

The Rev. Dr. Michael G. Tavella

The Rev. N. Amanda Grimmer

### **Staff**

The Rev. Dr. Dan Selbo,

*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*

## From the Pastors

Dear Parish Family,

An excerpt from The Templeton Project blog:

*Apology in the New Testament II.*

The word, defense or apology, is found twice at the beginning of Paul's letter to the Philippians. The letter starts out with mention of sender and recipients, followed by a greeting. Paul continues by giving thanks for the Philippian Christian community. He speaks of his defense and confirmation of the Gospel in partnership with the Philippians. Paul is in prison when he writes this letter. A little bit later in the thanksgiving, Paul mentions that his imprisonment has served to advance the Word. Furthermore, the Philippians have become bolder to share the Word as a result of Paul's situation and example. He emphasizes that he finds himself in prison for the purpose of defending the Gospel.

The defense of the Gospel involves its proclamation so that others may believe. To defend the Gospel is to witness to Christ. When Christians are witnessing, they are proclaiming Christ so that people may believe. To defend the Gospel is not a defensive measure in response to hostility, though hostility may be the case, but is an opportunity to share its power and truth boldly and humbly. An apology is not an "I'm sorry," the primary use of the word in English, but is a "Let me tell you about Jesus Christ and why He is the truth." Challenges to this witness will require answering questions and clearing up misunderstandings. The Christian response should be respectful of the antagonist, rather than coarse, crass, and caustic. The disciple is called to conduct oneself courteously both in word and action without a deference that compromises the sharing of God's powerful Word.

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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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Saint Peter put it well: "Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a **defense** (mine) to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you: yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the Spirit." (1 Peter 3: 14 - 17 ESV)

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





# Healing Prayer Ministry

After the 9:00 AM 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 meets once a month on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Monday** 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, please come as you are able.

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

### 2019 Schedule

Oct. 21

Nov. 18

Dec dates TBD

## 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 individuals & their families:** *(we cannot add last names)*

Abby, Adelaide, Al, Albert, Aleksandr, Alex, Alexsei, Alicia, Allyson, Alvin, Amanda, Amy, Andy, Angela, Anita, Ann, Annora, Anthony, Antonette, Antrims, April, Arnie, Arthur, Arye, Audra, Barb, Barbara, Barbara Jo, Ben, Bernadine, Beth, Betty Lou, Bill, Bob, Bonnie, Brayden, Brian, Brianna, Brother Kan, Brother Yi, Bruce, Caleb, Carol, Caroline, Chris, Christopher, Chuck, Cindy, Claire, Colleen, Colette, Dale, Daliliah, Dallas, Dan, Daniel, Dan-Ning, Dave, David, Deb, Debbie, Deborah, Denis, Derek, Devin, Diane, Dianna, Dick, Donna, Don, Dorothy, Dottie, Doug, Drew, Dylan, Edmund, Edward, Ekaterina, Elaine, Eda, Ella, Emely, Emily, Eric, Erica, Erik, Florance, Francesca, Frank, Gail, Gene, George, Glenn, Gloria, Grayson, Greg, Hannah, Harold, Harry, Heather, Heide, Heidi, Helen, Hilma, Howard, Hunter, Ingrid, Irina, Isabel, Ivy, Jackson, Jake, James, Jana, Janet, Jason, Jean, Jeanne, Jeannette, Jen, Jenn, Jennifer, Jenny, Jhansi, Jim, Joan, Joanie, Joanne, Jocelyn, Joe, John, Johnny, Joseph, Josh, Joyce, Julia, Julie, Juliet, Juwan, Karen, Kate, Katie, Kathleen, Kathy, Kayla, Ken, Kelly, Kerry, Kevin, Kim, Kyle, Larry, Larsen, Laura, Lauren, Lauryn, Levi, Lewis, Leo, Lex, Linda, Lisa, Logan, Lorna, Lorraine, Louise, Lynn, Maggie, Margaret, Marge, Marina, Marion, Mark, Marsha, Martha, Maryjane, Mason, Matthew, Matt, Mayet, Megan, Melissa, Melody, Michael, Michele, Michelle, Mickie, Nancy, Nannette, Neena, Noel, Noreen, Otis, Pam, Pat, Patsy, Paul, Peg, Peggy, Peter, Pierce, Rachael, Rachel, Ray, Renee, Rho, Rhonda, Richard, Rick, Ricky, Rita, Robert, Robbin, Robin, Roger, Rose, Russell, Ruth Anne, Ruth, Ruthie, Ryan, Sam, Samantha, Sandy, Scott, Sharon, Sheila, Sherri, Sister Rita, Stephen, Steve, Sue, Suzanne, Sylvia, Tanisha, Tara, Thelma, Tiffani, Tiffany, Tom, Tony, Tricia, Trudy, Tyler, Valentina, Vicki, Walter, Wanda, Warren, Wayne, William, Woodie, Xavier, Yasmin, Zac.

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

**Please pray for the following families:** Ammon, Baltera, Bamberger, Bednarczyk, Bell, Bell-Powell, Berger, Berman, Borgia, Bott, Boyer, Bricker, Brown, Caldwell, Cassidy, Chan, Clarke, Corker, Corwell, Danskin, Del Rio, Dieterly, Donahue, Douglas, Drobish, Elsey, Engelbert, Erb, Etlén, Fisher, Frame, Freedman, Frezza, Ganther, Guenzel, Hayson, Heller, Hendricks, Hoyle, Hummel, Joseph, Kan, Leary, Leventhal, Lewis, Matkowski, McCann, McFadden, McGovern, Meixel, Milarch, Minges, Montgomery, Moorman, Moyer, Mumford, Myers, Naylor, Nilsen, Novak, Payne, Powell, Quaker, Reid, Renner, Rhinebeck, Richetta, Robinson, Rogers, Ruth, Schied, Sears, Smyser, Spangler, Suhr, Sullivan, Swift, Tasher, Tredinnick, Videtto, Williams, Wilson, Witner, Yakscoe, Yi, Young, Zarolli, Zieger, Zimmermann.

**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.

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, hurricanes; for favorable weather & an abundance of crops.

For all in financial difficulty that they may be totally restored.



## 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.

## 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 at [alanhinkle@comcast.net](mailto:alanhinkle@comcast.net)

## Treasurer's Report

*August 31, 2019 (For the Year 2019)*

	Holy Trinity Ministries	Wider Church
<b>Year to date received for current income</b>	\$ 263,335.58	\$ 48,210.41
<b>Carry over from 2018</b>	\$ 0.00	\$ 21,634.64
<b>Expenses paid to date</b>	\$ 286,703.55	\$ 54,126.57
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) 2018</b>	(\$23,367.97)	\$ 15,718.48

### 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  
Jeremy Zar

**"Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words."  
- Francis of Assisi**

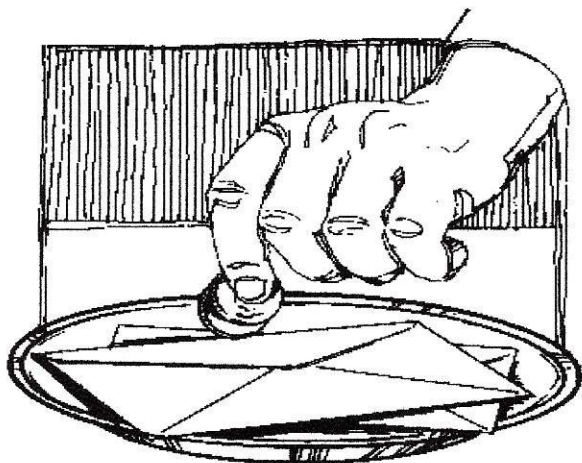
**"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about the things that really matter." - Martin Luther**

**"I see nothing in Scripture except Christ crucified."  
- Martin Luther**



**Please remember your Church in your will.**

## The Right Time



# A TIME FOR GIVING

There are all sorts of very good reasons why **now** is just not the right time to give to the Church.

When people are kids, they don't have any money except the little bit they earn at home or at minimum wage. So that's not the right time to give.

Once the kids are in school and college, people **definitely** don't have any money, so that's not the right time to give.

Even after the kids are out of college and the house is paid for, people still can't give because they're saving for retirement.

And once people are retired, they're living on a fixed income. That means there's less to live on every year. So that's not the right time to give either.

In fact, it's never the right time.

But on the other hand, there are all sorts of reasons why it's **always** the right time to give.

When people are kids, they're filled with idealism. Since they know the Church is working to make the world a better place, they give.

And when people are just starting out, they believe you can live on love -- and the Church teaches about that kind of love loose in the world. So they give.

When the kids are in school and college, worship is the only place where people can find some time to get in touch with God and their real selves. So they give.

Once the kids are grown and gone, people think a lot about the meaning of life and what they're going to do with what's left of their own. Through the church, God keeps reminding them there's life after mid-life. So they give.

And after people retire, they have the time to act on the idealism of their youth. By now, they've known God for a long time. They are grateful for the way God has walked with them through the trials they have had to face. It's the Church that has always lifted up the goodness and love of God. So they give.

In fact, for some people, it's **always** the right time to give. But I guess that's the way time works for most of us -- either it's never the right time to give or it's always the right time to give ... What time is it for you?



# Stewardship Weekend will be November 9 & 10, 2019

**What do we mean by the term *Stewardship Weekend*?** It is the name we use for the Weekend on which we return our *Pledge Card* for the support of the church program in the New Year beginning in January.

**How do I get a *Pledge Card*?** You will get one via e-mail during October. Others will be available in the narthex.

**Why should I return a *Pledge Card*? Can't I just put my offering in the offering plate at worship?** The church has many expenses for curriculum materials, heat, light, building upkeep, salaries, insurance and other things. These expenses must be budgeted in order that we may know what kind of program of worship, fellowship, education, music, evangelism and other parts of our witness can be carried out -- and what we can do for others. Unless our members decide in advance the amount they can give we can't plan an effective ministry.

**What if I return a *Pledge Card* and then suffer financial reverses during the year that make it impossible to pay that amount?** The Church is the Body of Christ; it is not a loan company. If circumstances you did not foresee make it necessary to reduce or even cancel the amount you thought you could give, all you need to do is to tell God. True Christians also make adjustments upward when their incomes are increased or they receive unexpected additional income during the year.

**Will I be solicited personally in my home?**

No. You will never receive a telephone call or visitor soliciting you for money. You will receive e-mails that we hope you will read carefully and prayerfully.

**Does this church talk about money all the time?** No. This church is not always talking about money. The church is always talking about Jesus Christ. It is only with money that the program of the church as we know it today can continue to exist.

**Why does the church ask for an increase in giving from each of us every year?**

Every year deeply committed Christians who gave substantially either die, experience grave financial reverses, or move to other communities. It is only with new and increased pledges that we can replace this loss. We especially hope that those who give \$5 a week or less will increase their giving by \$2 or more a week.

**How much should I give?** Did you know that Holy Trinity presently receives offerings from approximately 320 households. Of these, 240 households give \$1 - \$25 per week.

If each of these households were to increase their giving by \$2.00 per week, Holy Trinity would have \$20,000 more per year. The remaining 80 households give more than \$25 per week. If each of these households were to increase their giving by \$5.00 per week, we'd have another \$20,000. A small amount from many families would make a huge difference to Holy Trinity for next year's budget.

**When is Stewardship Sunday?**

Stewardship Sunday is the Second Sunday in November. Please prayerfully consider increasing the amount you give to Holy Trinity by just \$2 to \$5 a week. Please also think about participating in Simply Giving.



## **Simply Giving**

**What is *Simply Giving*?** It is a convenient, safe, and simple way for you to handle church offerings through electronic fund transfers directly from your checking or savings account. This automated program allows payments to be deposited directly into Holy Trinity's account on a steady, uninterrupted basis, providing the church with greater financial stability, less bookkeeping, and more confidence in meeting financial obligations. Many people already know how convenient electronic fund transfers are in paying bills and simplifying their records.

**How does *Simply Giving* work?** Church members who wish to give their offering through electronic transfer fill out a Member Enrollment and Authorization Form, indicating the amount they wish to have withdrawn and the frequency B weekly (Monday), semi-monthly (1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>), or monthly (1<sup>st</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>). They also attach a voided check or savings deposit slip. These forms may be placed in the

Jehoiada Chest at a service on the second Sunday in November, turned in to the church office, or placed in the offering plate at any time. The church submits this information to Vanco Services, LLC, a Minnesota-based financial-technology services company.

**Who sees the information on the Member Enrollment and Authorization Form?** The church secretary and financial secretary process these forms for Holy Trinity and keep this information confidential. Vanco Services, LLC employees who process the information at their end are bonded and have signed confidentiality agreements. None of the participant information is shared with any other organization.

### **How much does this program cost?**

All *Simply Giving* transaction fees are paid by Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Donors pay nothing to use this service.

**Is there a minimum amount?** Yes. \$5 is the minimum amount per transaction.

**If participants have a joint signature account, do both parties need to sign the form?** Only one signature is required.

**How do participants change the amount, account and/or frequency of their contribution, and how quickly is it processed?** You can change the amount, the account from which it is withdrawn, and/or the frequency of withdrawal by completing a new authorization form. You request this form from the church office, fill it out, and return it. If you are changing the account, you must also attach a voided check or withdrawal slip. Within a week, your request is faxed and processed.



**When and where should I turn in my Member Enrollment and Authorization Form?**

You may bring your completed form with the attached voided check or deposit slip to one of the worship services during Commitment Weekend, the second weekend in November. A time will be provided at each worship service to place your information in the Jehoiada chest. Or you may place your information in the offering plate at any worship service that is convenient for you. Or you may bring it to the church office at any time.

**How do participants keep a record of the amounts they have contributed?**

The participant's bank statement will include an itemized list of all electronic fund transfers from their account. A record of these transactions will also be provided on annual offering statements.

**What if a transaction is rejected due to non-sufficient funds, closed account, etc.?**

This information will be e-mailed or faxed to the congregation immediately after Vanco Services, LLC receives notification from the bank. The church financial secretary will contact the person to determine together how to proceed.

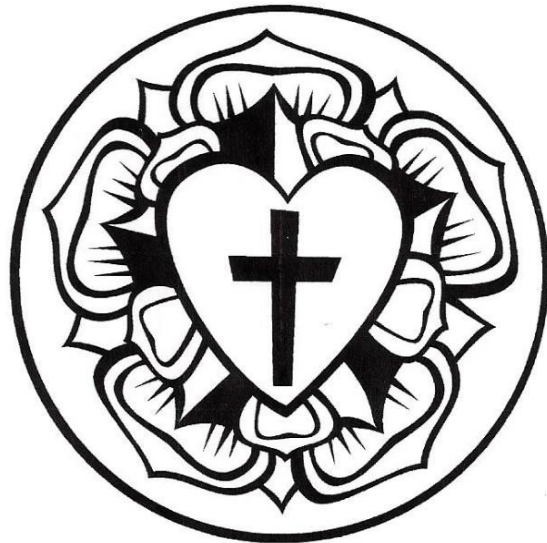
**What are some banking advantages for using electronic fund transfers for church contributions?**

Electronic fund transfers are safe, reliable, and convenient. All such transfers are governed by strict national rules and guidelines set by the Automated Clearing House Network and

governed by Regulation E of the Federal Reserve. More than four billion electronic fund transfers are processed annually in the United States. This process is more efficient, more secure, and less expensive than credit card transactions and more efficient and timely than check collection.

Some years ago, our Church Council and finance-people examined this program and found it to be a good one. Since then *Simply Giving* has been offered as a way that members could support Holy Trinity's ministries.

Our financial gifts through the Church are a response to God's abundant gifts to us. Ministries flourish at Holy Trinity because of your faithful giving in response to the gifts of God.







## NOTES OF THANKS



August 9, 2019

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

Dear Ann and Our Friends at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church:

Thank you for your wonderful collection of items for the Positive Behavior Store. The three large bags full of swim goggles, toy cars, basketballs, and art supplies will be a great addition to the store and the children will be so excited to see all the new items to choose from. Your donation is sure to help our children surpass their behavioral goals.

We are grateful for your ongoing support of our mission. With the help of caring friends like you we are able to provide high quality education, nurturing, and healing services to more than 2,700 children and families each year. Together we are helping children and families reach for bright futures!

On behalf of the boys and girls, thank you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynn Unipan".

Lynn Unipan, MSW, CFRE  
Development Director

A handwritten note in black ink that says "Thank you, Ann!".



## NOTE OF THANKS (cont...)

September 16, 2019

To My Holy Trinity Family,

A heartfelt thanks to Nancy Necker for delivering the beautiful bouquet of flowers! Everyone here has commented on how marvelous they are and I have let them know they are from my church! What a blessing to be part of such a thoughtful and caring congregation.

Sincerely, Dottie Gerlach



### Our Christian Sympathy to

To Eric, Mark and Amy  
and their families on the death of  
**Louise Shiffer, August 24, 2019**  
Beloved mother and grandmother.

To Elaine Melair and family  
on the death of  
**Nick Melair, September 13, 2019**  
Beloved husband, father and grandfather.

To David Beck on the death of his Aunt,  
**Jane Murphy, September 15, 2019**  
Beloved wife, mother, Aunt, and grandmother

Psalm 112:6

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

### Memorials received

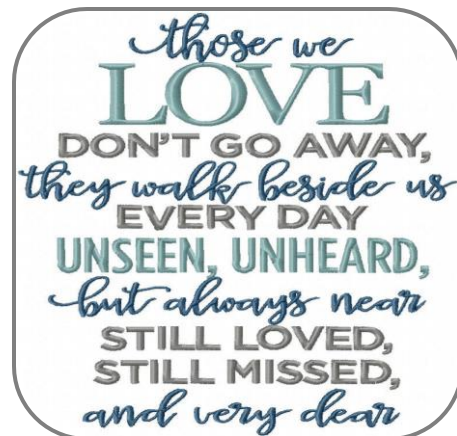


*In Memory of...* **Sandra Powell**

*Louise Shiffer*

*In honor of Pastors*

*Mike and Mandy*





## *Bread of Heaven* Food Pantry Thanksgiving Bags

The calendar may say October, but it's already time to think about the upcoming holidays for our Bread of Heaven guests. For the month of October, we are asking that you shop for items needed for a typical holiday meal (see list below). We will begin to distribute bags on November 7. We are also asking for \$20 gift cards or money to purchase them, which also be distributed to allow guests to purchase turkeys, and fresh items. If you earn a free turkey or voucher for one from your grocery store and don't want it, we'll be happy to gift it to one of our families. Please see Deb Mumford or Heidi Simmons for help with storage. Thank you for your generous support of this vital ministry.



"But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth." 1 John 3: 17- 18



## **A LOOK at the BUDGET**

### **Calling all Committee Chairpersons**

Start thinking of your **budgets for 2020**  
Rich Hamilton, chair of Finance/Budget  
needs your budgets by  
the beginning of **October**.

Many thanks for your attention to this important matter.

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## **Care Package Addresses Needed...**

If you know of a college/grad student  
Or anyone serving in the military  
Please contact Cindy Biehl at [cindybiehl@msn.com](mailto:cindybiehl@msn.com)  
or by phone (267) 475-5435  
Or contact Deb in the office at [secretary@holyltrinity.net](mailto:secretary@holyltrinity.net)  
or by phone (215) 659-2642



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## **Abington Life Chain event**

**Celebrate Life;  
Make a Difference.**



**Sunday, October 6, 2019**

**2 to 3 p.m.**

Old York Road  
between Keith & Horace Roads

Spend one hour walking in  
silent prayer for the unborn.

Signs will be provided at the two  
corners of Horace and Keith.

We will end in communal prayer and hymn.





# Coram Deo *Living in the Presence of God*

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

## List of Readings for October 2019

**October 7:** *Beneath Wandering Stars* by Ashlee Cowles

**October 14:** *The Grass Harp* by Truman Capote

**October 21:** *H is For Hawk* by Helen McDonald

**October 28:** *The Violent Bear It Away* by Flannery O'Connor



Pastor Mike will be holding  
New Member Orientation

**Sunday, October 27th at 10:30 a.m.**

During the Sunday School hour.

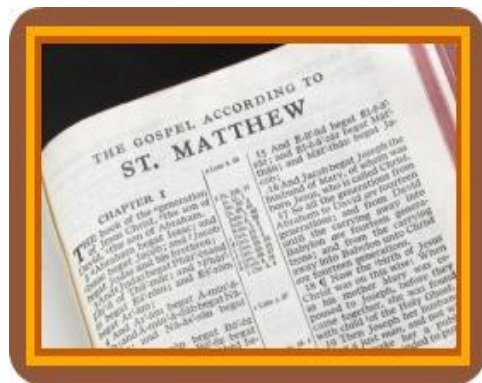
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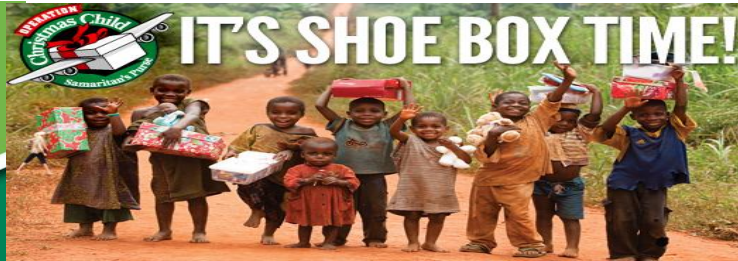
[MGTavella@msn.com](mailto:MGTavella@msn.com)

## SAINT MATTHEW BIBLE STUDY

With the new Church Year approaching, starting Advent 1 (December 1) our Gospel readings in worship will be principally from St. Matthew. Enhance your hearing of this marvelous message of the Savior by participating in the **St. Matthew Bible Study** Sunday mornings following worship **starting November 3** in the Fellowship Hall.

The apostle Matthew writes his gospel to proclaim to the world that its promised Savior has come. Pointing to Jesus as the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies, Matthew proclaims the universality of Jesus' love. Pastor Guenzel will be the leader as we together depend on the guidance of the Holy Spirit in this study/discussion group. All are welcome!





## Collection of Shoebox Items Continues

Our goal for our church Packing Party on Saturday, November 16, is to fill 220 boxes! That breaks down to 35 in each age category both for boys and girls. With prayers to meet this goal, we ask you to consider your contributions to needed items.

## October Wish List

Although all contributions are welcome at any time, please especially consider these needs in October:

### Toys and Accessories

**Please supply two rounds of batteries for any item that requires them.**

Balls, marbles, yoyos, jump ropes, balloons, small Etch-a-Sketches, puzzles, Lego kits, small dolls, stuffed animals (such as Beanie Babies, My Little Pony) plastic animals, dinosaurs, coloring books, flashlights with 2<sup>nd</sup> set of batteries, all kinds of vehicles, cars, trucks, engines, boats, etc. Jewelry for all three age groups (2-4; 5-9; 10-14) bead making kits, T-shirts, socks, gloves, scarves/bandanas, small purses or cosmetic-size cases.

### Shoe Box FAQ for Your Personal Boxes

In general, Samaritan's Purse receive more boxes for girls than boys.

Overall, they receive the most shoebox gifts for girls 5-9 and the fewest number of boxes for boys 2-4 and 10-14.

**Reminder: NO food/candy or toothpaste, liquids (lotions), or military toys.**

**Please consider these contributions BEYOND the boxes you choose to pack individually.**

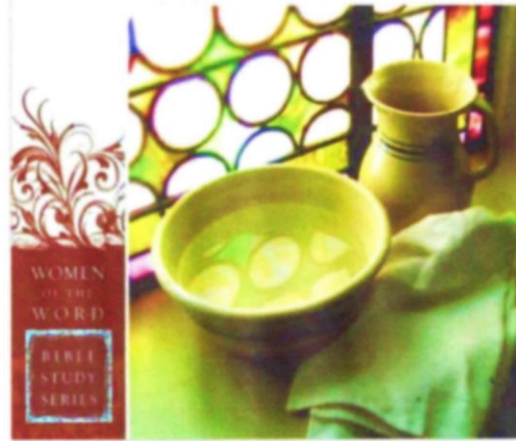
We do not want to take anything away from your personal, loving efforts.

We hope you will consider also having the joy of participating in packing the general boxes on **Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 9:00 AM in Fellowship Hall. Brunch will be served!

**\*See the Operation Christmas Child shoe box display and pick up a brochure in the Narthex.\***



# Lutheran Church Women's Circle Bible Study



## OCTOBER

### Love is powerful

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law." Galatians 5: 22-23

It's easy to understand that God has commanded us to love, and that our love or lack of love for others can be a reflection of our relationship with Him. We need more than just knowing this to make us more loving. Sometimes it's very difficult to love another person and our lack of love can leave us with immense feelings of guilt and failure. We need to remember these 2 things: 1) Love is an incredible power. 2) God is our ultimate source of love and His power will enable us to love when we simply can't love through our own strength. This month we'll be encouraged to keep a journal. In the journal, we can keep track of our progress, write prayers asking God where we need to improve and ask God's strength in those areas.

We encourage all Holy Trinity women to consider attending a circle. If you are not yet attending a circle, please contact Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Women President Rosemary Hinkle @ 215-704-3701 or [rosemaryhinkle@comcast.net](mailto:rosemaryhinkle@comcast.net) OR contact church secretary Deb Mumford @ 215-659-2642 to explore what might work best for you.

**Miriam Circle** - Monday, October 14 at 12:30 p.m. in the SS Peter & Andrew Study.

Leader: Sandy Schmidt (215) 657-5065 [sandyschmidt19001@yahoo.com](mailto:sandyschmidt19001@yahoo.com)

**Ruth Circle** - Wednesday, October 9 at 7:30 p.m. at home of Audrey Ruddy,

2545 Martin Road, Willow Grove, PA 19090

Leader: Nancy Necker (215) 884-2123 [nnecker52@gmail.com](mailto:nnecker52@gmail.com)

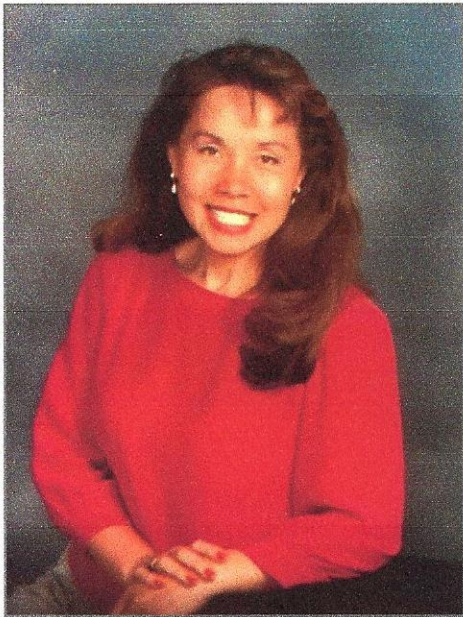
**Eve Circle** - Thursday, October 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the SS Peter & Andrew Study.

Leader: Sharon Koch (215) 355-7875 [sharonkoch1304@gmail.com](mailto:sharonkoch1304@gmail.com)

**Hannah Circle** - Sunday, October 13 at 11:30 a.m. in the SS Peter & Andrew Study.

Contact: Deb Mumford (215) 443-5132 [debssam@msn.com](mailto:debssam@msn.com)

# Holy Trinity Church Invites the Community to



*A Free Brunch Program with*

## **JULIE HENNING**

**RAISED BY  
PEARL BUCK**

**Saturday, October 26, 9:00 AM**

Fellowship Hall, 2086 Parkview Ave. Abington  
(diagonally behind Craft Givnish Funeral Home)

**Church wheelchair accessible • Parking Lots**

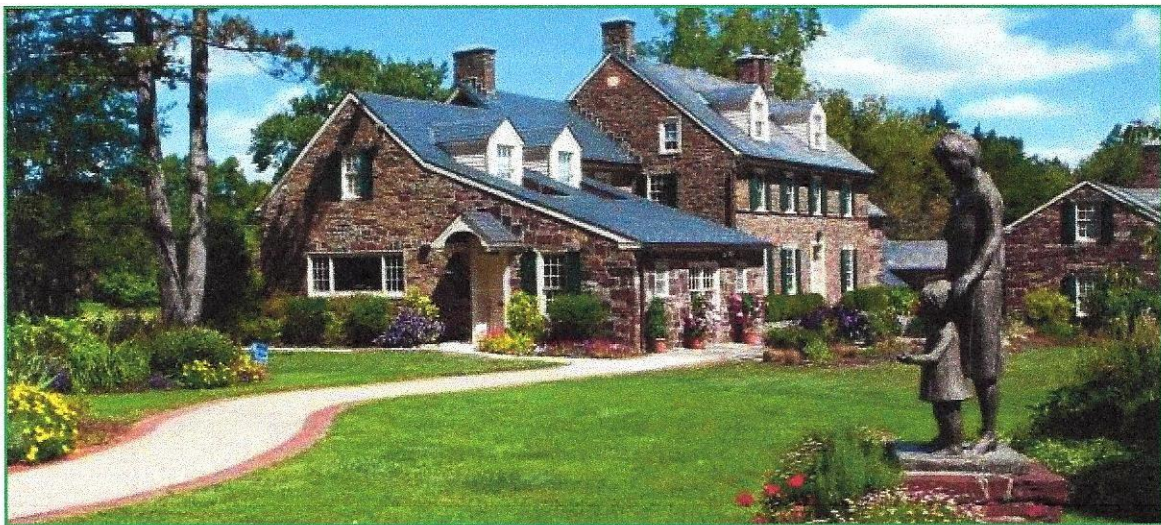
**Julie will share Her Heart-Piercing Story of Being**

**Shunned and Impoverished as a mixed-race child in Korea.**

**Raised by Pearl Buck who brought her home to Bucks County.**

**Shaped and Saved by the God she didn't know.**

**AND...How each of us is Chosen for A Purpose.**



**RSVP REQUIRED: 215.659.2642 by Sunday, October 20, 2019**



# **GIANT** GIFT CARDS

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It's an easy way to shop and a great way to help...

The Holy Trinity LCW have Giant Food Stores Gift Cards for purchase. Cards are available in denominations of \$5, \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50 and \$100.

There are order forms in the Narthex, fill it out and leave it in the box.

(No money with order form please).

Joy Alderfer is coordinating this project for HTLCW. She will complete your orders. Cash purchases are always welcome. All checks for gift cards should be made payable to "Holy Trinity Giant". Joy will be available in Fellowship Hall after Church to take orders, payment and deliver cards.

HTLCW receives a 5% cash back award for each card sold which goes to our scholarship fund. Our scholarship fund is utilized to offset the cost of any LCW related function for any Church women who may want to attend but needs financial assistance.

Thank you for your support.



At Annual Meeting this year, 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.





# Youth Ministry -- Schedule 2019/20

All events are on SUNDAY unless otherwise noted

October 6, 2019



Youth Group (5 PM - 7 PM)

October 13, 2019

**Lunch Bunch (11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)**

Today's Lunch: Call out for pizza

Today's Story: The Tower of Babel

Craft: Shine with the Light of Jesus reflector necklace

October 12, 2019

Annual Confirmation Field Trip 5:00 p.m.

We are going to St. Stephen's Orthodox Cathedral in Philadelphia. St. Stephen's is a congregation of the Orthodox Church in America (OCA). We will be attending worship with our Orthodox friends. Ideally, a parent will accompany each student, but if necessary, we may be able to arrange a ride. St. Stephen's Orthodox Cathedral, 8598 Verree Road, Philadelphia, PA 19115 (215) 745-3232

[www.ststephenscathedral.org](http://www.ststephenscathedral.org)

## All Saints



*Their Lights still shine!*

## Sunday, November 3, 2019

On All Saints Sunday, families (and individuals) who wish to commemorate a loved one are invited to join the procession and place a lighted memorial candle on the altar. Come to the narthex before the beginning of the service to join the formation of the procession.

**If you wish to participate, be sure to bring a votive candle with you from home.**

**Your votive candle must be in a glass votive candle holder.**

**(Suggested colors for the glass candle holder are clear, red, or white.)**

During the processional, you will carry your lit candle to the altar. You will then place your candle on the altar, as you speak aloud the name of the person whom you are remembering before God.

These are the saints. Their lights still shine before the throne of God.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

**After worship, please remember to take your candle home with you, to use during your personal or family devotions.**





## Red Cross Blood Drive at Holy Trinity

Black Friday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>

1:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Call Marilynn Murphy (610) 304 – 7601 to schedule an appointment

- ✓ Every unit donated can save up to 3 lives!
- ✓ Every 2 seconds someone in the US needs blood!

## Theology with Bagels



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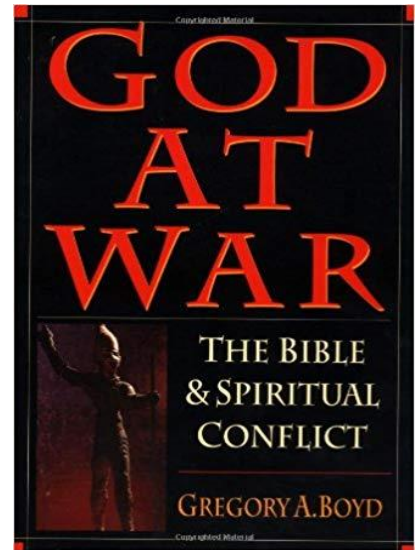


We have all heard about spiritual warfare, and putting on the armor of God.

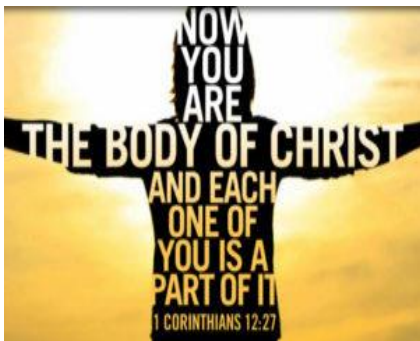
But who are we fighting?

And what form does our conflict take?

In *God at War: The Bible and Spiritual Conflict*, Greg Boyd attempts to answer these questions & more.



Class start date **Thursday, October 3, 2019 at 9:30 AM** in the Study

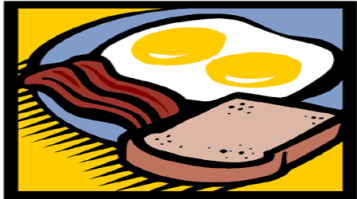


## How will you serve the Lord in worship?

We are in need of additional adult **Acolytes and Crucifers.**

Interested persons contact Charlie Tolton at (215) 659-7054 or [ctolton@comcast.net](mailto:ctolton@comcast.net)

**BREAKFAST**



**FELLOWSHIP**

## Adult Fellowship Breakfast

**SPECIAL DATE OF**

**Saturday, November 16, 2019**

**Time: 9:00 AM**

Join us for a delicious breakfast & church-wide Shoebox packing party!

Graciously hosted by the Lutheran Church Women of Holy Trinity.



**PACKING PARTY**



### **Men's Devotional Group**

The Holy Trinity Men's Devotional Group continues to meet Wednesday nights in 2019-2020

Please join us at our next meeting:

**Wed., October 9th, 7 PM**

in the Sons of Thunder Youth Room

Hope to see you there!!!





# October Worship Assistants Schedule



## October 6

Usher 4	Greeter Kevan Berkovitz, Linda Frezza, Nancy Myers	Presenters of Gifts	Kevan Berkovitz, Jody Cheeseborough, Nancy Ischinger,
Count 4	Acolyte Matthew Gregg		
Christophers Sue Tolton	Crucifer Charlie Tolton		
Healing Prayer Sue Tolton	Lector- Sat Linda Cassady	Communion Assistants	Kevan Berkovitz, Deb Mumford
Sun Nancy Berkovitz			

## October 13

Usher 5	Greeter John & Anita Ickler	Presenters of Gifts	The Nilsen Family
Count 1	Acolyte Kevan Berkovitz		
Christophers Deb Mumford	Crucifer Steph Powell		
Healing Prayer Nancy Ischinger	Lector - Sat Linda Cassady	Communion Assistants	Linda Bell-Powell, Linda Frezza
Sun Ann Frey			

## October 20

Usher 1	Greeter The Ischinger Family	Presenters of Gifts	Sherry Breslin, George Powell, Ken Tredinnick
Count 2	Acolyte Rob Ischinger		
Christophers Nancy Necker	Crucifer Charlie Tolton		
Healing Prayer Deb Mumford	Lector-Sat Karen McGovern	Communion Assistants	Jim & Nancy Necker
Sun Matthew Gregg			

## October 27

Usher 2	Greeter The Schied Family	Presenters of Gifts	The Brown Family
Count 3	Acolyte Ryan Schied		
Christophers Chris Quici	Crucifer Ken Tredinnick		
Healing Prayer Barbara Harvey	Lector-Sat Karen McGovern	Communion Assistants	Mark & Erica Affleck
Sun Lawrence Guenzel			

If you cannot serve please contact someone on the list for that particular service team and find a replacement.

If you can't find a replacement simply contact the office (215) 659-2642 or email Deb at [secretary@holyltrinity.net](mailto:secretary@holyltrinity.net)

Called to *Serve*

# OCTOBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God stands forever." Isaiah 40:8</p>		<p><b>1</b> 1:00 PM Cathedrals Class/ repeat 7:15 PM</p>	<p><b>2</b>  7:30 Council</p>	<p><b>3</b> 9:30 Theology with bagels 10 am - 12 pm Bread of Heaven  1:30 Artis Ministry  6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>4</b>  7:30 AA</p>	<p><b>5</b>  5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA</p>
<p><b>6 PENTECOST 17</b> 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult  SOT Youth Group 5 - 7 PM</p>	<p><b>7</b>  6 - 8:30 Girl Scout Cadets 7:30 Coram Deo</p>	<p><b>8</b> 10:00 PB &amp; J making session  1:00 PM Cathedrals Class/ repeat 7:15 PM</p>	<p><b>9</b> 9:30 Kensington Sarnelli House  7:00 Men's Group 7:30 Ruth Circle at the home of Audrey Ruddy</p>	<p><b>10</b> 9:30 Theology with bagels 10 am - 12 pm Bread of Heaven  6:30 Handbell Choir 7:30 Eve Circle 8:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>11</b>  7:30 AA</p>	<p><b>12</b> 9:15 AM FREE MOVIE "HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA" at Hiway Theater 5:00 Confirmation Class to St. Stephen's  5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA</p>
<p><b>13 PENTECOST 18</b> 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult <b>11:30 Lunch Bunch</b> 11:30 Hannah Circle</p>	<p><b>14</b> <b>SHOP &amp; COOK AIDS DINNER</b>  12:30 Miriam Circle  6 - 8:30 Girl Scout Cadets 7:30 Coram Deo</p>	<p><b>15</b> <b>DELIVER AIDS DINNER</b>  1:00 PM Cathedrals Class/ repeat 7:15 PM</p>	<p><b>16</b>  7:00 Evangelism</p>	<p><b>17</b> 9:30 Theology with bagels 10 am - 12 pm Bread of Heaven 1:30 Artis Ministry  6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>18</b>  7:30 AA</p>	<p><b>19</b>  5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA</p>
<p><b>20 PENTECOST 19</b> 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult</p>	<p><b>21</b>  6 - 8:30 Girl Scout Cadets 7:30 Coram Deo 7:30 Women's Prayer Group</p>	<p><b>22</b> 10:00 PB &amp; J making session  1:00 PM Cathedrals Class/ repeat 7:15 PM</p>	<p><b>23</b> 9:30 Kensington</p>	<p><b>24</b> 9:30 Theology with bagels 10 am - 12 pm Bread of Heaven 1:30 Artis Ministry  6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>25</b>  7:30 AA</p>	<p><b>26</b> 9:00 Brunch &amp; Program with Julie Henning  5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA</p>
<p><b>27 REFORMATION</b> 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 11:30 New Member Orientation Class</p>	<p><b>28</b>  6 - 8:30 Jr. Girl Scouts 7:30 Coram Deo</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b> 9:30 Theology with bagels 10 am BOH 1:30 Artis Ministry   6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir</p>		

## Special Dates:

- World Communion Sunday, *October 6, 2019*
- Reformation Sunday, *October 27, 2019*
- Reformation Day, *October 31, 2019*

