

HOLY TRINITY

Evangelical Lutheran Church

ECHOES NEWSLETTER

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Pastors

The Rev. Dr. Michael G. Tavella
The Rev. N. Amanda Grimmer

Staff

The Rev. 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,

Apology in the New Testament III from The Templeton Project Blog: The previous article ended with a quotation from First Peter, "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 regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense 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." (1 Peter 3: 13-17 ESV)

Let's summarize the letter of which this extended passage is a part. Peter writes to the "elect exiles in the dispersion," a specific reference to Christians' living in several Roman provinces of what is today the country of Turkey. By God's mercy in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are "born again to a living hope," fulfilled in end time salvation. Though the recipients have been through various trials, they are to rejoice in their salvation. Persecution is always a possibility and may have been experienced by the recipients of the letter.

Peter calls on Christians in their exile, not to be conformed to the passions, but to be holy as God is holy. The exiles are to remember that they were redeemed by the precious blood of Christ. The apostle continues with admonition to put away deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander and yearn for the "pure spiritual milk."

Peter reminds the exiles that they are a spiritual house, a royal priesthood, a chosen race, a holy nation that "proclaim the excellencies" of God who called them out of darkness into His light. They are to avoid the passions of the flesh. Among the Gentiles they are to be honorable in their conduct. Though non-believers speak of them as evildoers, the result will be that on the day of God's visitation, they will glorify God.

Peter continues by exhorting them to submit to human authority, respecting the emperor and the governors sent by him. Their doing good will silence foolish people. It is of no benefit to be punished for doing evil and endure, rather it is good in God's sight to endure for suffering for the good.

Christ is the example for Christians to follow. He suffered, though He committed no sin, on the cross so that we may "die to sin and live to righteousness."

Peter continues with a section on the proper conduct of husbands and wives and servants, followed by an admonition to the churches to "unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind." The exiles are not to respond to evil with evil but respond with blessing. After some relevant quotes from the Old Testament, Peter writes the words that were quoted at the beginning of this article. In our defense of the faith, Christians are to be gentle and respectful.

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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.

From the Pastors

Continued from pg. 1

It is better to suffer for good than evil. Christ suffered for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous.

Christians are to live for the will of God, not for evil passions. The end is approaching for which we are to prepare. He exhorts the recipients of the letter to live self-controlled lives and love one another in the community.

Peter returns to the theme of the trial of the exiles. They are not to be surprised that trials are happening. They should rejoice in the sharing of Christ's sufferings as they will rejoice when Christ returns and are to glorify God in their suffering. Judgment begins in the household of God and then among those who do not believe the Gospel. The elders are instructed on how to lead the flock and the young are reminded of their proper duty.

The exiles suffer now but will inherit the eternal glory of Christ. Finally the apostle calls the exiles to stand firm in their belief.

Christians are to suffer for the good, never for the evil. Our conduct is to be good as a witness to others. This includes a respectful and gentle way of speaking and conducting themselves with those who ask for an account of their faith. The appropriate way to present a defense of the faith is very important as is its content.

What can we learn from this text?

1. The Christian community consists of elect exiles in this world and also is a holy nation and royal priesthood. Christians are elect exiles, because of God's choosing us as His people in a world hostile to the Gospel. Our true home is heaven, an imperishable inheritance.
2. The churches and the people in them have gone through and will continue to go through various trials, not because we are evildoers, but because of doing good. Persecution is always a possibility for Christians.
3. We are not to conform to the passions, but remember that we are a holy nation. Our lives should be one of self-control.
4. Christ, who suffered for our salvation, is the model for our own suffering.
5. To respond to others with an apology, or defense, is a witness to Christ.
6. Our defense should be with gentleness and respect, no matter how the challenger behaves.
7. We are to rejoice in our trials.

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 the **3rd Monday** of each month.

We gather at **7:30 pm** 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

2019 Schedule

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)

Aaron, Abby, Adelaide, Al, Albert, Aleksandr, Alex, Alexsei, Alicia, Allyson, Alvin, Amanda, Amy, Andy, Angela, Anita, Ann, Anna Mae, Annora, Anthony, Antonette, Antrims, April, Arnie, Arthur, Arye, Audra, Barb, Barbara, Barbara Jo, Ben, Benet, Bernadine, Beth, Betty Lou, Bill, Bob, Bonnie, Brayden, Brian, Brianna, Brittany, Brother Kan, Brother Yi, Bruce, Caleb, Carol, Caroline, Celso, 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, Dot, Doug, Drew, Dylan, Edmund, Edward, Ekaterina, Elaine, Eda, Ella, Emma, Emely, Emersyn, 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, Kristi, Kyle, Larry, Larsen, Laura, Lauren, Lauryn, Levi, Lewis, Leo, Lex, Linda, Lindsay, Lisa, Logan, Lorna, Lorraine, Louise, Lynn, Maggie, Margaret, Marge, Marina, Marion, Mark, Marsha, Martha, Mary, Maryjane, Mason, Matthew, Matt, Mayet, Megan, Melissa, Melody, Michael, Michele, Michelle, Mickie, Nancy, Nannette, Neena, Nieves, 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.

Please pray for the following families: Ammon, Baltera, Bamberger, 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, Glenn, Guenzel, Hayson, Heller, Hendricks, Hoyle, Joseph, Kan, Leary, Leventhal, Lewis, Matkowski, McCann, McFadden, McGovern, Medveckus, Milarch, Minges, Montgomery, Moorman, Moyer, Mumford, Myers, Naylor, Nilsen, Novak, Payne, Powell, Primus, Quaker, Reid, Renner, Rhinebeck, Richetta, Robinson, Rogers, Ruth, Schied, Sears, Smyser, Spangler, Stoeffler, Suhr, Sullivan, Swift, Tasher, Thern, 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. 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

September 30, 2019 (For the Year 2019)

	Holy Trinity Ministries	Wider Church
Year to date received for current income	\$ 298,767.14	\$ 53,161.41
Carry over from 2018	\$ 0.00	\$ 21,634.64
Expenses paid to date	\$ 322,156.45	\$ 56,682.04
Surplus/(Deficit) 2018	(\$23,389.31)	\$ 18,114.01

"The Church ceases to be a spiritual society when it is on the lookout for the development of its own organization."

- Oswald Chambers

"God's Word is a flame that shines in the darkness... if we use this light, then God will no longer remain hidden from us."

- Martin Luther

"With thankful hearts, O Lord, we come to praise Thy name in grateful song. Accept the offering, Lord, we bring, and help us loud Thy praises sing."

- J. S. Mohler



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

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

Please remember your Church in your will.

MARTIN LUTHER: The Three Necessary Conversions

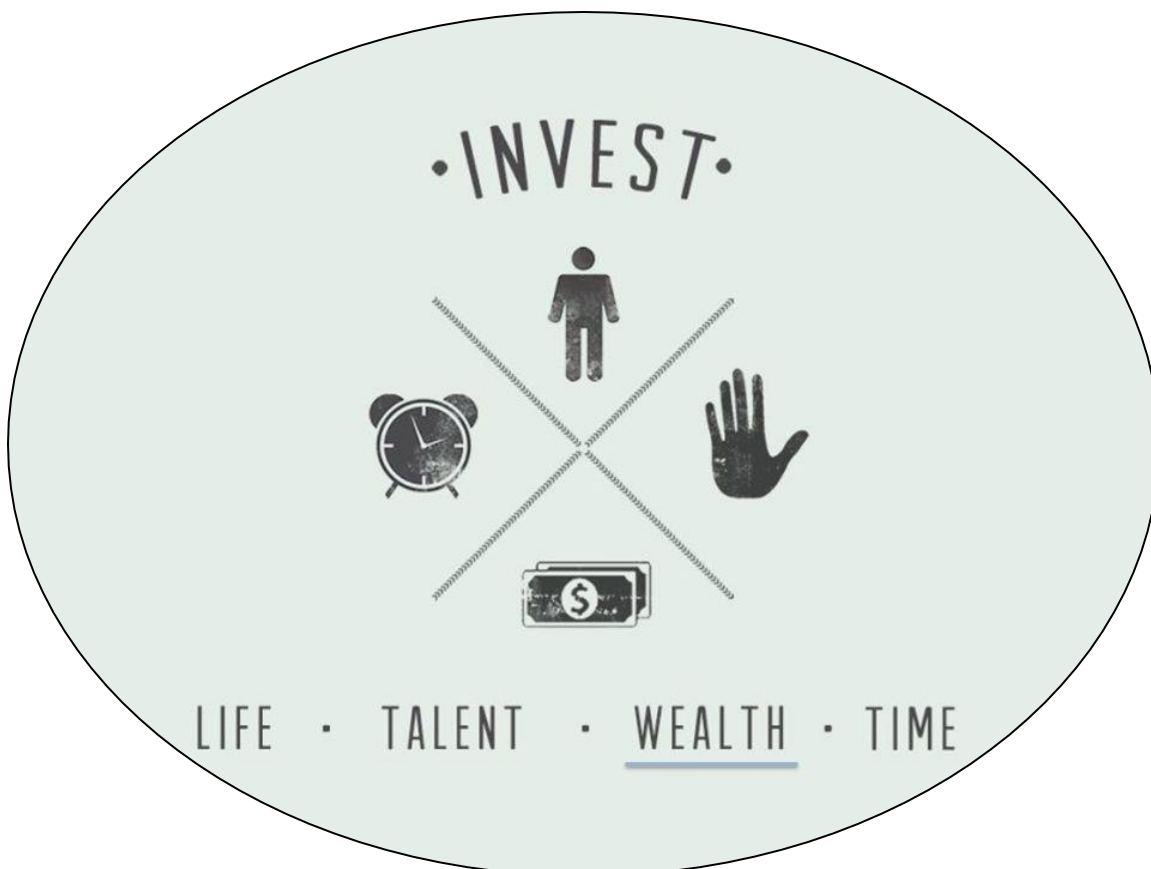
"There are three conversions necessary,"
Martin Luther wrote of Christian discipleship,
"the conversion of the heart, the conversion of the mind,
and the conversion of the purse."

Luther was experienced enough in the affairs of the world to add, "Of these three, it may well be that we moderns find the conversion of the purse the most difficult." Five centuries later, Luther's words still ring true.

Although "stewardship" involves the proper use of all the gifts that God has given us ~ time, health, intelligence, talents, friends, family, church ~ and the list goes on ~ God wants us to share our financial gifts with others as well.

God gives us these gifts to minister to the world around us with the love of Christ. When people are generous with their money, it often indicates their hearts and minds are also in the right place. That's what Jesus meant when He taught "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

As you reflect on the gifts God has given you, please ask yourself: Is your giving an adequate reflection of what you treasure?



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 (1st and 15th), or monthly (1st or 15th). 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.

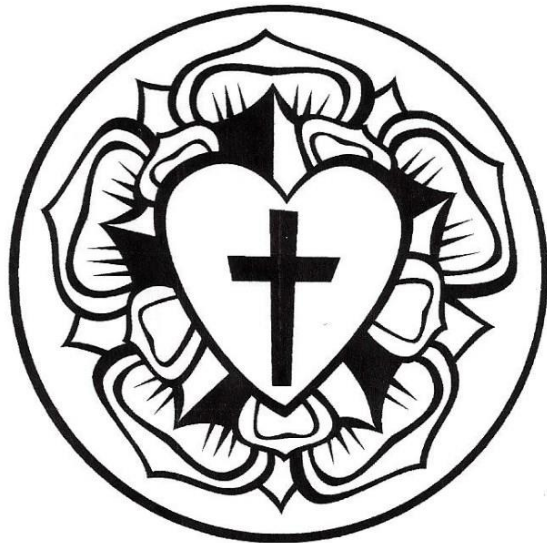
What are some banking advantages for using electronic fund transfers for church contributions?

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.





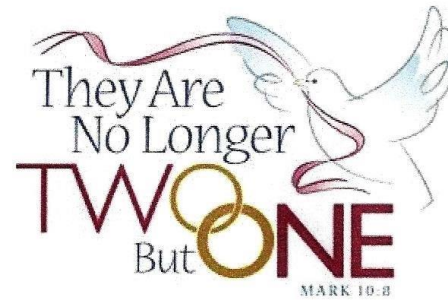
**CONGRATULATIONS
CONFIRMAND**

James Patrick McLaughlin

October 26, 2019

Congratulations to proud parents
Linda and Ben Frezza

On the marriage of their son,
Michael Frezza to Maria Aversa
Saturday, October 19, 2019



Congratulations and welcome to God's world:

John (Jack) Dean Michael Hannon Born **October 9, 2019**
Weight: 8 lbs., 11 oz. Height: 21"

To parents Samantha (Lawrence) and Francis Hannon
And proud grandfather Dean Lawrence.



Heidi Anne Lawrence Born **October 17, 2019**
Weight: 8 lbs., 11 oz. Height: 21"

To parents Kristin (Krupsha) and Maxwell Lawrence
And proud grandfather Dean Lawrence.



Larson Andreas Raiguel Born **October 17, 2019**
Weight: 7 lbs., 10 oz. Height: 20"

To parents Melissa and Jarrett Raiguel
And proud grandmother Jean Raiguel.





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The E.E.C.M.Y. Central Ethiopia Synod
Nefas Silk Congregation

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Date : 11 September 2019

Rev.Amanda Grimmer
 Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
 Abington, Philadelphia, USA

Dear Rev. Amanda Grimmer

Greetings in the wonderful name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ !

We extend our gratitude to your church for your generous continued support to Ethiopian Evangelical Church of Mekane Yesus Nefas Silk Congregation. We are thrilled to have your continuous support in the area of Sunday School Children growth in the grace of our Lord Jesus. You are truly making the difference with our children, and we are so grateful for the good work you have done in the kingdom.

As you remember when you visited the church in 2013, we were using leased space with a garage type of building which was not conducive to worship. Now by grace of God, a longtime member of our church donated a 700 sq.m plot of land and the church leaders are excited to announce our latest church project. This decision has come to reality after almost two decades'waiting for God's timing. We are highly thankful for God's work continues to conquer this world through us.

Currently, Ethiopian Evangelical Church of Mekane Yesus Nefas Silk Congregation has launched church building project that incorporates number of facilities for church ministries. Among others, the G+5 construction project consists church worshipping hall, ministers' offices, children and youth ministries facility, library, accommodation suites, are part of the design program. The project cost estimated Eth.Birr 45,000,000(1.5 million USD) to complete and made usable. The project plan video document is sent to you with this letter.

We are pretty clear that we cannot pull this off without your support, and hence we are making you aware where we are standing. We're asking you to consider contributing to this massive undertaking prayerfully. It's something we need the church community's help with. It's more about coming together as a kingdom community united behind a common cause. We hope that you will consider making a donation towards this great step forward that we are making together.

If you have specific questions about how your gift is being used in our Congregation as a whole, please don't hesitate to contact through the following address.

Blessings,

Rev. Fekadu Ejeta

Cellphone: 251 913 78 82 29, email :ejeta.fekadu@gmail.com

EECMY Nefas Silk Congregation, Elders' Chairperson





NOTES OF THANKS

Oct. 18, 2019

Dear Holy Trinity Congregation,
Thank you for all the cards and well wishes from so many of the Holy Trinity family. Your encouragement and prayers were comforting to me.

I am feeling well and hope to be "back in the pew" soon.

Yours,
Barbara Harvey



All Saints



Sunday, November 3, 2019

Their Lights still shine!

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.

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

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY



Why Bibles for China?

A Story of Fast-Increasing Persecution

What do you notice about this picture?



They come to worship
*(outside because their church
has been closed)*
with packed bags...expecting
possible arrest and
incarceration, along with
torturous persecution.

And all they want from us,
besides our prayers, is BIBLES!

WHY???

Thousands of Churches across China are being closed in both cities and rural areas due to new anti-religious laws passed in 2017 & 2018.

Large city churches are trying to provide resources, finances, and teaching to brothers & sisters in the countryside to strengthen their faith to withstand this storm.

Many house church leaders have gone missing due to invasive technology:

- ◇ Video cameras with facial recognition have been placed behind pulpits and above church entrances to view the congregations.
- ◇ Scripture posters on church walls have been forcibly removed and replaced with pictures of President Xi and or the national flag.
- ◇ The government has BANNED CHILDREN'S MINISTRY.
- ◇ The government is paying citizens to inform on each other's Christianity.

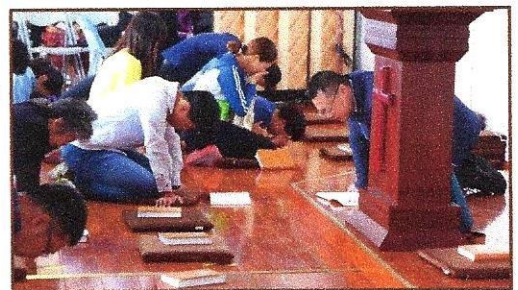
CURRENTLY There is A MASSIVE SHORTAGE OF BIBLES in China!

ASIA HARVEST is one of only a few organizations able to continue providing Bibles to House Churches in China.

Asia Harvest prints & delivers Bibles for only \$1.80.

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY any time this month.

Place your contribution in a pew envelope
and mark it "Bibles for China."





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 November 2019

November 4: *Camping and Tramping With Roosevelt* by John Burroughs

November 11: *Poetry by Patton* by George Patton (will read at the meeting)

November 18 and 25: No Meeting.

December 2: *There's Raquin* by Emil Zola

December 9: *Movable Feast* by Ernest Hemingway

December 16 and 23: No Meeting

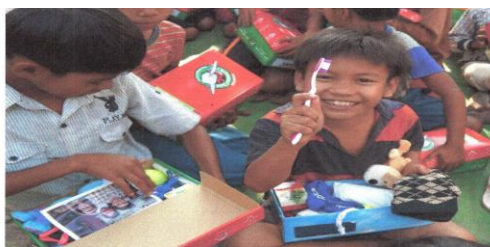
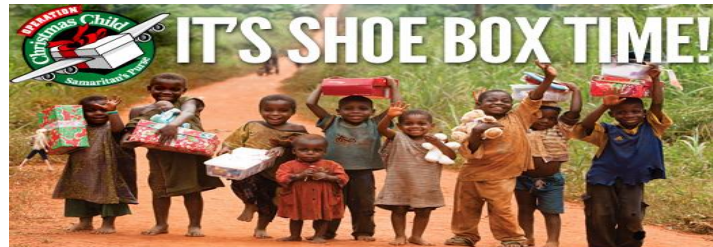


At Annual Meeting this year, **Sunday, January 26, 2020** the first item of business will be the adoption of Rules of Procedure. This adoption of Rules of Procedure has always been done at the outset of every denominational or synodical convocation (LCA, ELCA, or NALC). This adoption needs only a simple 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.



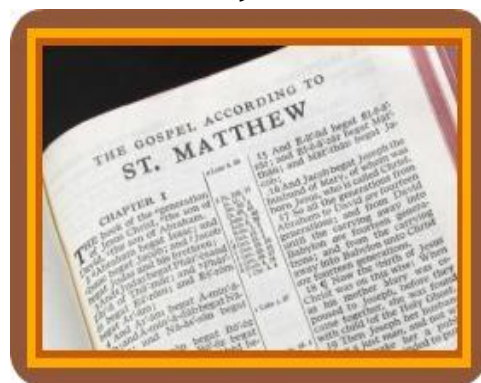
It's Time to Pack and Send Our Shoeboxes And Support Shipping Costs

3 Ways You Can Participate in Operation Christmas Child at Holy Trinity in November

- 1. Come to our Breakfast and Shoebox Packing Party on Saturday, November 16, 9:00 AM, in Fellowship Hall.** The meal will be provided by our cooks for the monthly Adult Breakfast Fellowship. Experience the fun and joy of putting together boxes of gifts for children in need.
- 2. Bring your personally packed shoeboxes to our ingathering at Saturday & Sunday worship services the weekend of November 16/17.** A special time in these services will be devoted to praying for the delivery of these boxes and the children who will receive them.
- 3. Make a contribution to defray the shipping costs incurred by Samaritan's Purse.** Shipping shoe boxes is costly. Samaritan's Purse suggests a \$9 donation per box, which does not cover all their costs. Please help Holy Trinity cover the \$9/box for all the boxes that will be packed at our party. Please place your contribution in the white pew envelope and mark it "OCC". When writing a check, please make it out to Holy Trinity and write OCC in the memo section.
Thank you one and all for everything you do to make a multitude of filled shoe boxes possible for so many children!

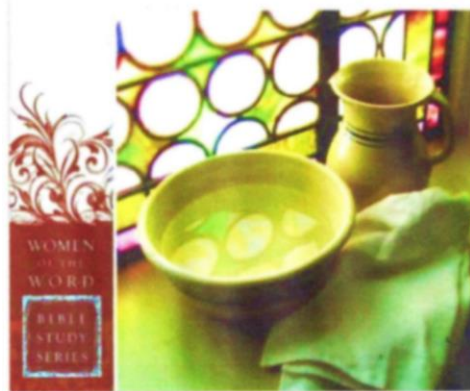
SAINT MATTHEW BIBLE STUDY, SUNDAY, NOV. 3

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!

Lutheran Church Women's Circle Bible Study



November

"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know Him."
1 John 3:1

This month we'll try to understand the loving acceptance that God has demonstrated toward each of us and learn how to extend that loving acceptance to others who are difficult to love. No human being is perfect. We all have faults. Often we come into a relationship with unrealistic expectations. People disappoint us and fail to live up to our standards. How can we love them in spite of our unmet needs and disappointments? Beginning with this month, each of our remaining lessons will examine specific actions of Jesus' love toward us. We'll see how we can build these same actions of love whether we have feelings of love or not. This topic will demonstrate that acceptance is both an action and an attribute of love. We'll be asked this month to recognize how the love of Jesus reaches out to accept us, even with our faults and weaknesses. We'll be encouraged to fully receive His accepting love for each of us. And we'll learn practical ways to overcome a negative focus and build accepting love into our relationships.

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 OR contact church secretary Deb Mumford @ 215.659.2642 to explore what might work best for you.

Hannah Circle - Sunday, November 10 at 11:30 a.m. in the SS Peter & Andrew Study.
Contact: Deb Mumford (215) 443-5132

Miriam Circle - Monday, November 11 at 12:30 p.m. in the SS Peter & Andrew Study.
Leader: Sandy Schmidt (215) 657-5065 sandyschmidt19001@yahoo.com

Ruth Circle - Wednesday, November 13 at 7:30 p.m. at home of Ilze Berzins,
3920 Countrywood Lane, Hatboro, PA 19040

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

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

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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. Order forms are in the Narthex and can be completed and left in the box or turned into the Church office. (No money with order form please).

Joy Alderfer 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.

Thank you for your support.



women's
retreat

Friday, April 17 - Sunday, April 19, 2020



Incense will be used during Worship
on Christ the King Sunday
November 24, 2019



Best Wishes from the Holy Trinity Library Staff
for a **BLESSED** and **HAPPY THANKSGIVING** ~
and remember you are always welcome to check out books
from our well stocked Library located in the Chapel.
Sign-out sheet is on the library cart in Fellowship Hall.

CHURCH LIBRARY

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





Youth Ministry -- Schedule 2019/2020

All events are on SUNDAY unless otherwise noted

November 3, 2019



Youth Group (5 PM - 7 PM)

November 10, 2019

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

Today's Cooks: Call out for pizza

Today's Story: Thanksgiving Celebration

Craft: Thanksgiving Wreath/Pilgrim Craft

Kensington

Needs:



Men's & Women's Underwear & Socks sizes M - XXL

Men's & Women's Tee-shirts sizes M - XXL

Small tubes of toothpaste & Toothbrushes

Small bars of soap

Health kits of any sort



As often as you did it for one of my least brothers, you did it for me.

The Property Committee is requesting members of the Congregation submit a list of suggested Church infrastructure projects to Deb Mumford @ secretary@holytrinity.net by November 17, 2019.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU



The submitted projects will be reviewed and prioritized by the Property Committee as they develop a Capital Plan for the coming years. The prioritized list will then be submitted to the Church Council for their consideration.

Special Collection for Mother Boniface Gift Shop



GOT STUFF?

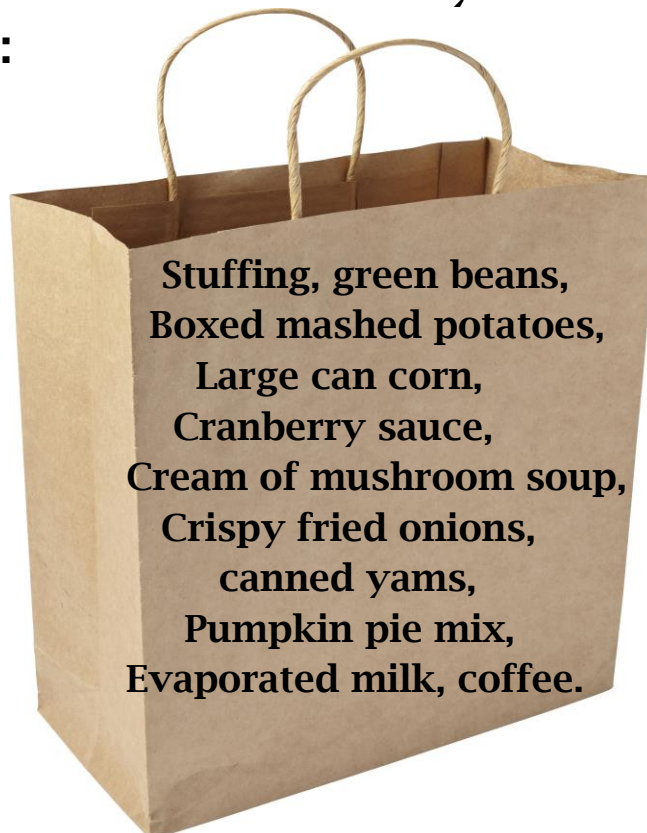
To help the sisters restock their gift shop at the Mother Boniface Spirituality Center where our men and women hold retreats, we are asking for your contributions of new and gently used items from your home.

These can include costume jewelry, scarves, note paper, household décor items and collectibles, clean small plant containers, unopened toiletries, small holiday decorations...you get the idea.

A white basket is provided in the Narthex for this collection through January (to include those Christmas gifts that don't quite meet your needs).

Questions: speak to or contact Rosemary Hinkle 215.704.3701

The *Bread of Heaven* Food Pantry Thanksgiving Bags are filled with:



Stuffing, green beans,
Boxed mashed potatoes,
Large can corn,
Cranberry sauce,
Cream of mushroom soup,
Crispy fried onions,
canned yams,
Pumpkin pie mix,
Evaporated milk, coffee.

Bags are distributed to our guests **beginning Thursday, November 7th**. If you can pick up one or more of these items that would be a big help! Can't shop? We need \$20 gift cards or cash to purchase them, which will be distributed to buy turkeys and other fresh items. Did you earn a free turkey or voucher for one? We would be happy to gift it to one of our families. See Heidi Simmons or Deb Mumford for help with storage. Thank you for your support of this vital ministry!

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

Wednesday, November 27, 2019 7:30 PM

Please join your church family
in thanks and worship
Remember to bring your food donations
for our *Bread of Heaven* Food Pantry.



Red Cross Blood Drive at Holy Trinity

Black Friday, Nov. 29th

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!

2019 Social Ministry Holiday Appeals



Brighten the holiday season for our guests who frequent our *Bread of Heaven* Food Pantry by contributing money or food that will be distributed between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Please place contributions in the pew envelopes and mark "*Bread of Heaven*".

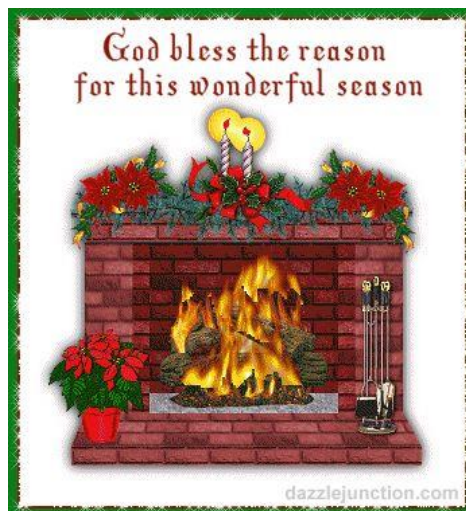


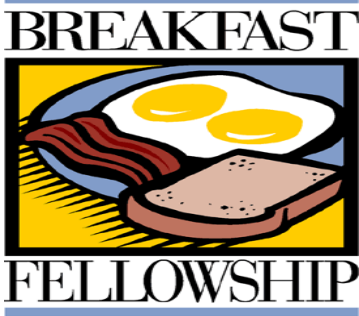
Make a wish come true for a *child* living at the Silver Springs/Martin Luther School or meet a *Heart's Desire* for a resident at Artman Home. A monetary contribution toward a gift would be welcomed. Please place in a pew envelope and mark "*SS/Artman Christmas Gift*". Lois Hamilton and Katie Beyer will shop for the gifts. Please have all contributions in by **November 10**.



We invite you to share your love and care by picking up a suggestion in the Narthex and purchasing the suggested item for the Good Behavior Store at SS/ML School. Purchases should be placed in the narthex by **December 15th**. Contributions provide positive motivation for the children to learn appropriate ways of acting.

Thank you so very much for extending God's love to others...
may your holidays be ones of love, joy and peace
as you acknowledge this blessed Season.





Adult Fellowship Breakfast Saturday, November 16, 2019

Time: 9:00 AM

The Adult Fellowship Breakfast is Honored to Host the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Breakfast again! Come in, join the fun and camaraderie and stay afterwards to help pack the shoeboxes for a very worthy cause.

\$5.00/pp suggested donation to help defray the cost of food is greatly appreciated.



PACKING PARTY



Men's Devotional Group

Remember we are at our new night -

Wednesday, November 13th at 7:00 PM

We meet in the 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.



November Worship Assistants Schedule

November 3

Usher 3	Greeter Don & Linda Borkowski	Presenters of Gifts	The Schied Family
Count 4	Acolyte Elli Nilsen		
Christophers Mike Breslin	Crucifer Rob Ischinger		
Healing Sherry Breslin Prayer	Lector- Sat Karen McGovern	Communion Assistants	Gil & Betsy Zimmermann
	Sun John Ickler		

November 10

Usher 4	Greeter SS Classes K - 5th grade	Presenters of Gifts	Jim & Nancy Necker, Linda Frezza,
Count 1	Acolyte Becca Nilsen		
Christophers Sue Tolton	Crucifer Charlie Tolton		
Healing Kathy Ingerson Prayer	Lector - Sat Karen McGovern	Communion Assistants	Charlie Tolton, Linda Frezza
	Sun Kathy Ingerson		

November 17

Usher 5	Greeter The Schied Family	Presenters of Gifts	Deb Mumford, Janice Donnelly, Marilynn Murphy
Count 2	Acolyte Julia Gregg		
Christophers Deb Mumford	Crucifer Charlie Tolton		
Healing Sue Tolton Prayer	Lector-Sat Karen McGovern	Communion Assistants	Al & Pam Eisenmann
	Sun Julia Gregg		

November 24

Usher 1	Greeter Rich and Lois Hamilton	Presenters of Gifts	Charlie & Sue Tolton, Ann Frey
Count 3	Acolyte Hannah Mumford		
Christophers Nancy Necker	Crucifer Jim Necker		
Healing Nancy Ischinger Prayer	Lector-Sat Linda Cassidy	Communion Assistants	Kevan Berkovitz, Rob Ischinger
	Sun Nancy Ischinger		

November 27 Thanksgiving Eve Usher 3 Lector Jim Necker

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

Called to *Serve*



NOVEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 7:30 AA	2  5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
3 ALL SAINTS 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult SOT Youth Group 5 - 7 PM	4 6 - 8:30 Girl Scout Cadets 7:30 Coram Deo	5 ELECTION DAY 	6 Council 7:30	7 9:30 Theology with bagels 10:00 Bread of Heaven 1:30 Artis Sing along 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	8 7:30 AA	9 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
10 PENTECOST 25 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 11:30 Hannah Circle 11:30 Lunch Bunch 2:00 - 3:30 pm Fall Fair hosting Martin Luther/ Silver Springs	11 12:30 Miriam Circle  6 - 8:30 Girl Scout Cadets 7:30 Coram Deo	12 10:00 - 12:00 PB&J	13 9:00 Kensington Ministry Sarnelli House 7:00 Men's Group 7:30 Ruth Circle at the home of Ilze Brezins	14 10:00 Bread of Heaven 6:30 Handbell Choir 7:30 Eve Circle 8:00 Chancel Choir	15 7:30 AA	16 9 AM OCC SHOEBOX PACKING PARTY  5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
17 PENTECOST 26 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult	18 SHOP & COOK AIDS DINNER 6 - 8:30 Girl Scout Cadets 7:30 Women's Prayer Group	19 DELIVER AIDS DINNER	20	21 10:00 Bread of Heaven 1:30 Artis Sing along 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	22 7:30 AA	23 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
24 Christ the King 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult	25 6 - 8:30 Girl Scout Cadets	26 10:00 - 12:00 PB&J	27 9:00 Kensington Ministry Sarnelli House 7:30 Thanksgiving Eve Service	28 Happy Thanksgiving  Happy Thanksgiving!	29 1 - 6 p.m.  BLOOD DRIVE 7:30 AA	30 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA

Special Dates:

- ◆ All Saints' Day, November 1, 2019
- ◆ Daylight-Saving Time ends, November 3, 2019
- ◆ Election Day, November 5, 2019
- ◆ Veteran's Day, November 11, 2019
- ◆ Christ the King, November 24, 2019
- ◆ Thanksgiving, November 29, 2019

