

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,

Pastor Mandy and I wish everyone a blessed Christmas
and joyous New Year!

Merry Christmas,

Pastors Mike and Mandy.



Is Just Beginning!

Mark your calendar and be sure to join us
Sunday, January 26, 2020
directly after the service at 10:30 a.m.
for our Annual Congregational Meeting

Items of Business:

Reports, Budget, Elections,
Items from the NALC

Join the conversation-
make your voice heard!

We invite you to play an active role
in the life of Holy Trinity in 2020!

- Your Church Council-

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.



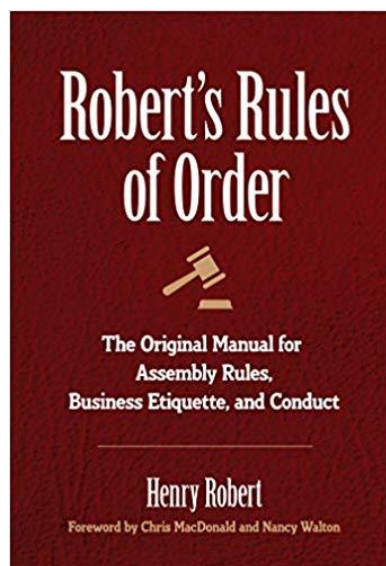
AT THE **Annual Meeting** SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

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, **Monday, January 20th.**

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.**





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
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,
come as you are able.
Questions contact Rosemary
@

Rosemaryhinkle@comcast.net

2020 Schedule

Resumes Jan. 20, 2020

Feb. 17 March 16

April 20 May 18

June 15

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:

*** We encourage you to bring us your prayer requests for individuals and families in 2020.**

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:

Please pray for the following petitions:

- That God would bless and protect all members of Holy Trinity, together with those they love and pray for.
- That God would guide each of us to grow in grace & that He would please send workers into the Harvest.
- For all who are chronically ill and/or shut-in.
- For all who struggle with addiction to drugs and alcohol.
- For the sick and the grieving.
- For all congregations of the NALC.
- For all travelers and for the dying.
- For the military and their families.
- The unemployed, the underemployed & the uninsured, especially those in our own families.
- All Caregivers, rescue workers, doctors, nurses, firefighters, EMTs,
- For the members of the Mekane Yesus Lutheran Church in Ethiopia, and for the Nifas Silk Congregation.
- For our sister congregations: Nifas Silk in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and First Lutheran in Kirkland Illinois.
- For all Christians who are being persecuted for the faith throughout the world.
- For the victims of rains, wildfires, earthquakes and hurricanes and for favorable weather and an abundance of crops.
- For all in financial difficulty that they may be totally restored.



Our Christian Sympathy to

Nancy Myers and family on the death of
her brother-in-law **Carl Thern, December 10, 2019**

Sandy (Yoder) Miller on the death of
her husband, **Glenn, December 14, 2019**

Carol, Violet, and Irene Taubenberger
on the death of their brother **Heinz, December 14, 2019**

Noreen Weld and family on the death of
Noreen's sister **Alice, December 19, 2019**

Psalm 112:6

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

Memorials have been received



In Memory of...

Pastor Alvin Shiffer

Mr. and Mrs. Robert & Margaret Stoeffler

Mr. Robert Ronald Stoeffler

Mr. Carl A. Musse

Katherine Cook

Mr. and Mrs. Warren B. & Doris E. Shinn

Mr. Mark Freas

Mr. Paul Hendricks

Mrs. Margaret Phipps

Miss Virginia Gregg

Mrs. Louise R. Shiffer

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

November 30, 2019 (For the Year 2019)

	Holy Trinity Ministries	Wider Church
Year to date received for current income	\$ 361,113.85	\$ 74,834.41
Carry over from 2018	\$ 0.00	\$ 21,634.64
Expenses paid to date	\$ 392,335.28	\$ 67,491.94
Surplus/(Deficit) 2016	(\$ 31,221.43)	\$ 28,977.11

"The Holy Scriptures are our letters from home."
- Augustine

"Prayer is a strong wall and fortress of the church;
it is a goodly Christian weapon."
- Martin Luther

"You are never too old to set another goal or to
dream a new dream."
- C. S. Lewis

"I have a great need for Christ; I have a great
Christ for my need."
- Charles Spurgeon

"Get into the habit of saying, 'Speak, Lord,
and life will become a romance."
- Oswald Chambers

Support Us

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

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

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

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



NOTES OF THANKS


Dear Holy Trinity Family,
 Thank you so much for the care package of candy and other food sent to my dorm room at Temple University. It's great to see the support of my church family while I'm away at school.

- Matthew Schied.



Dear Holy Trinity Family,
 I would like to thank you for the care package that was sent to me while I was at Duquesne University. It was very kind and I appreciate it very much. I can't wait to come back to Holy Trinity around Christmas.

Thank you again,
 Love,
 Eleanor Murphy



Dear Parish Family,
 Thank you so much for your wonderful Christmas gift! We are grateful and humbled by your generosity. Thank you. I hope your own Christmas was merry and blessed.

Always with love,
 Pastor Mike and Pastor Mandy



Dear Holy Trinity friends,
 Thank you very much for hosting a party for some of our children recently. They all had a terrific time!

We are grateful to everyone at Holy Trinity for your friendship and ongoing support of our mission. You help us provide healing and education services to the children and families in our care. Thank You!

Sincerely,
 Amanda Bryant.



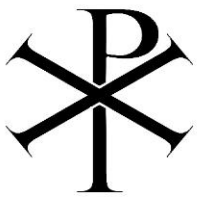


NOTES OF THANKS (cont...)

Holy Trinity began taking meals to people with AIDS in 1989. We have taken meals in to University Lutheran Church on the third Tuesday of every month since we began. By 2019, AIDS in the United States has become a treatable, chronic condition that people can live with - but this was not the case when we began this ministry 30 years ago. Back in those days, AIDS was a hellish plague that killed anyone who acquired it.



On Tuesday December 17, Holy Trinity made its last trip in to UniLu with this meal that feeds over 100 people. In its stead, Holy Trinity has begun a similar hospitality ministry to the drug addicts in Kensington, where the opioid epidemic is currently killing people. Thank you, thank you to everyone who has been involved with the AIDS Dinner for all these years!



Update from The *Bread of Heaven* Food Pantry

Thanks to your SOUPER response to all of our appeals, we have a winter's supply of soup in the pantry.

We were able to provide a complete chili meal for **61 families (263 people)** during the first three weeks of December. While we appreciate and use all of the items you provide, the following items appear on our shopping list every week:

Spaghetti sauce, jelly, canned fruit, canned ravioli, salmon, hamburger helper, paper towels, toilet paper, and dish soap.

Please consider purchasing these items as you do your personal grocery shopping.

Thanks to all of you who make this ministry possible with your donations of money, food and time. The SNAP benefit rules are due to change so there will be even more food insecure people in the coming months.



"It is more blessed to give than to receive"
Acts 20:35

A 389 Shoe Box Salute and Thank You

A 26-Box Increase Over 2018!

389 Children and their Families will be touched by Jesus' love, encouraged to be part of a church community, and offered *The Greatest Journey* 12-week Gospel study program.



Thank You's All Around TO

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

The Men's Devotional Group for their generous shopping spree/contributions of toys for boys.
Bob Miller who cooked breakfast for all our packers at the party.

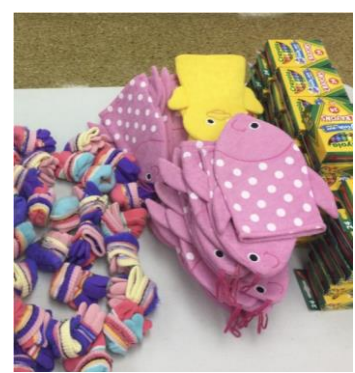
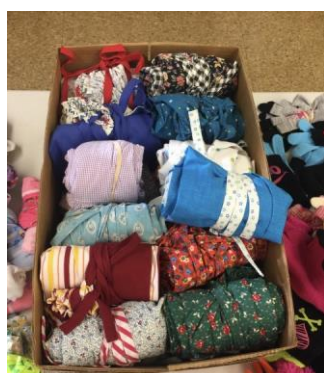
Heidi Simmons, Nancy Matteo, Dot McGowen, and Katie Beyer for sharing their sewing, knitting, crocheting talents...Such beautiful dresses, drawstring bags & hairbands, hats, and bookmarks!

Thrivent Representative Marlyss Smith who contributed filled shoeboxes and money for shipping.

ALL Who helped remove packaging and tags from hundreds of items for our church packing party, purchased and deposited needed items in the Narthex collection basket, contributed empty shoe boxes, lovingly packed boxes at the packing party and/or on their own, made generous contributions toward shipping costs, and brigaded the boxes out of church.

Rob Ischinger for delivering 389 boxes to Covenant Church in Hatboro.

The Run Around, Roslyn, for saving boxes for Holy Trinity throughout the year.



You Are God's hands and feet through this project.

Mission Task Force Thank-You Letters

The Mission Task Force recently completed its five-year distribution of funds to numerous Christian organizations, recommended by members of Holy Trinity.

These organizations were deeply appreciative to benefit from our largess. As you might recall, this money was gifted from a bequest to Holy Trinity from Dan and Emma Hettler, longtime members of our congregation.

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Following are six of the letters we have received to date, along with the picture below of a highly motivated Guatemalan student who received scholarships for her studies.



Linda Ericka Graciela Zuarex Armas writes in part:

"On September 14, many schools go out to pick torches. All the students run with trumpets and flags and at the end they sing the national anthem. I'm very happy because I'm the best student among my classmates from 9th grade and I got to carry the flag from Guatemala. Thank you for your support.

Blessings for you and your families.



Carson Simpson Farm

**3405 Davisville Road
Hatboro, PA 19040
Phone: 215-659-0232
www.CSFarm.org**

October 23, 2019

Dear Linda and the Holy Trinity Mission Committee,

On behalf of the staff and children at Carson Simpson Farm Christian Camp we would like to thank you for your kind donation. We are humbled that you have again shared your gifts with us. To date Holy Trinity Mission Committee has shared \$7500.00 to bring children to camp who could not afford the cost. Oh, what a blessing you have been.

We wanted to report that the funds that you donated this year are going directly into our PEACE Ministries scholarship fund for 2020. Last summer because of your generosity and others we were able to give out a record number of full paid scholarships, Praise God! The greatest story from last summer were the number of children who put their faith in Christ. It was truly a blessing.

Your donation will go directly to bringing low income children to summer camp where they will hear the gospel message of Jesus Christ each week. They will have the opportunity to receive Christ as Savior and take away from camp a life transformed by the Holy Spirit. Your church will be a part of that.

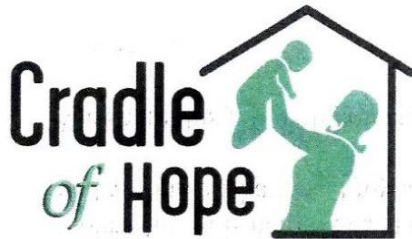
As your special fund is ending, again we are humbled that you continued to choose this vital ministry to share with. Our mission, to glorify God and share the love of Christ with children will continue and we praise God for individuals and churches who see camp as an important place for God to work in the hearts of children.

If you need any further documentation from us, please let us know. Again, we receive your gift with thankful hearts and know that God will use it in a mighty way. God bless you as you continue as a committee to make decisions for the kingdom.

In Christ,

Meg Neitz,
Program Manager,
PEACE Ministries Coordinator

The mission of Carson Simpson Farm is to glorify God and share the love of Christ with children



A Home for Single Mothers and Children

November 12, 2019

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
2086 Parkview Avenue
Abington, PA 19001

Dear Ms. Linda Cassady,

Thank you so much for your very generous contribution of \$2000 to the Cradle of Hope and for your support over the years. We provide housing and services to 6 women and children in two houses. We have been able to continue because of individuals and groups in the community, like you, who support the home.

The mothers at Cradle of Hope pursue goals related to training and/or education, and full-time work. Your support is helping each mother choose life and live in a safe, healthy home with her child. Our staff and volunteers have real joy as the mothers grow, learn and succeed.

We share this joy with you and thank you again for joining in our work.

Sincerely,

Rachel Mullelly
Director, Cradle of Hope

Board Members: Theresa Supka, Heather Larocca, Levita Burroughs, James J. Chun, Ray Cwiertniewicz,
Dr. Bryan Gouge, Mershon Hinkel, Michelle Nejman

*"So do not fear, for I am with you: do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you... Isaiah 41:10"*

Cradle of Hope is a 501-(c) (3) charitable organization. Your gift is tax-deductible. You did not receive any goods or services in exchange for your contribution. The official registration and financial information of the Cradle of Hope, Inc. may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, 1 (800) 732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

Cradle of Hope

1657 The Fairway, #140 • Jenkintown, PA 19046 • 215-572-5937

www.cradleofhope.net

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Borrowes and Beaver Avenues
State College, PA 16801

November 22, 2019

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
2086 Parkview Avenue
Abingdon, PA 19001

Attention: Ms. Linda Cassady

Dear Ms. Cassady,

Over the past five years Holy Trinity's mission task force has provided mission funds for our congregation, Emmanuel Lutheran Church. We are most grateful to you for this needed support. We have used these funds to sustain our general budget – principally the rent we pay for our use of a local United Methodist church and the compensation for our pastor.

We are presently in the process of calling our first full-time pastor. Our overall membership (members and regular visitors) now numbers 86, including young children and Penn State students. Our average attendance has grown from 20 persons to 60. We are thankful to God for all of this growth. We are particularly pleased that Claire Brown, a Holy Trinity member, is a regular worshiper with us.

We are grateful for Holy Trinity's support for us over the last five years. The funds from your bequest have helped us greatly. We covet your prayers for us as together we serve him who is our Savior and Lord.

In Christ,

Paull E. Spring

C: Pastor Tavella



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Dresher, PA 19025
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Email: info@harvestusa.org
Website: www.harvestusa.org

October 2019

Linda Cassady, Chair
Missions Committee

Dear Linda,

Thank you so much for your recent kind and heart-felt letter to us --- and for your extremely generous gift to the ministry!

I want you to know just how very much you, the Missions Committee and all God's people there at Holy Trinity Church mean to all of our staff here. You have blessed our ministry beyond words. You have enabled us to reach hearts and lives locally, nationally and even globally.

We recently had two ministry trips, one to China and one to South America, where we ministered to and trained pastors, church planters and their wives on how to better minister the gospel to those experiencing sexual brokenness and struggles in their congregations. So, you have been an integral part of this kingdom work!

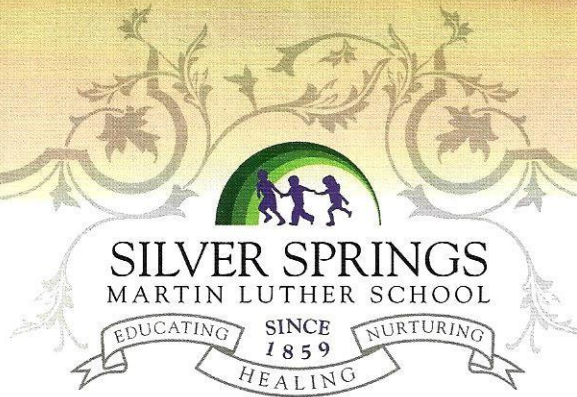
We are forever in your debt and with gratitude thank you all so much! And, do, please keep us in our prayers as we minister. Our youth today are often so very sexually confused --- with over 75 sexual \ gender identities to choose from on Facebook, how could they not be?. May the Lord bless the committee and all your leadership as you minister His word there at Holy Trinity Lutheran.

In Christ Jesus,


John Freeman
Founder & Ministry Liaison

Harvest USA brings the truth and mercy of Jesus Christ by:

• *Helping individuals and families affected by sexual sin* • *Providing resources that address biblical sexuality to individuals and churches*



October 25, 2019

Linda Cassady
Mission Commitment Chairperson
Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
2086 Parkview Avenue
Abington, PA 19001

Dear Linda,

We are honored that the Mission Task Force at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church has once again made a generous donation to Silver Springs – Martin Luther School. Thank you for the \$2,000 gift (check dated October 17, 2019) to be divided as follows: \$1,000 to be used as needed and \$1,000 to support Christmas gifts for the children. As you requested, we will be happy to share how this donation was used.

We are delighted that the Mission Task Force has supported our ministry and mission. As you may have heard, we are also pleased to have announced that Silver Springs – Martin Luther School is in the process of merging with the Village, an organization based in Rosemont that provides many of the same trauma-informed services we do. This will allow us to greatly expand the reach of our services to bring hope and healing to more vulnerable children and families in the Philadelphia area.

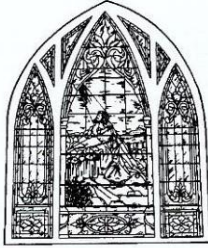
If you have any questions, please contact Lynn at 610-825-4440, ext. 206 or Lunipan@silver-springs.org. Thank you again for your support of “our” children.

Sincerely,


Kristen E.M. Gay, Ph.D.
President/CEO


Lynn Unipan, MSW, CFRE
Development Director

No goods or services were received in exchange for this gift. Silver Springs – Martin Luther School is a 501(c)(3) organization, (Tax ID # 23-2310084). Contributions are tax-deductible as permitted by law.



First Evangelical Lutheran Church

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December 13, 2019

Linda Cassady, Mission Commitment Chairperson
Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
2086 Parkview Avenue
Abington PA 19001-1136

Dear Friends in Christ at Holy Trinity,

This is to thank you for your very generous gift of \$2,000 of financial support to our congregation, and for your lovely letter marking the end of your distributions from the bequest of the dear couple that you so fondly remember. We have always been touched by the fact that you and your committee chose to make us one of the ministries that has been blessed by that legacy.

This year, your gift will help the congregation in the purchase of new, Windows10-compatible computers for our offices (both for the office secretary and the pastor). I anticipate that it will also help in providing for interim ministry, and other transition expenses, beginning in July 2020. I am retiring at the end of June, after forty-one years of ordained ministry, thirty-one of which have been here at First Lutheran Church, Kirkland, Illinois. The transition to an interim pastor, and eventually to a newly called pastor, will be a challenge to the congregation – a challenge that I am fully confident they will meet with great strength, and with faith, hope, and love. Your observation that reaching the end of your distributions is bittersweet reminded me of how I feel approaching my retirement! For you, and for me and my congregation, we reach the end of one chapter, and we move forward into a whole new one, with God leading the way.

Please greet Pastor Grimmer and Pastor Tavella from me. They are treasured colleagues, just as Holy Trinity is a treasured fellow congregation of the North American Lutheran Church. We thank God for our partnership in the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

Sincerely in the Name of Christ,

*Pastor Carl L.M. Rasmussen - (815)522-3886 Office - (815)762-4666 Cell
"First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First"*



NALS

North American Lutheran Seminary

www.theNALS.org

December 12, 2019

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Rev. Michael G. Tavella
2086 Parkview Ave
Abington PA 19001-1136

Dear Pastor Tavella and the congregation of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,

Grace, mercy, and peace to you from God our Father, and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your gift of \$2,000.00 in October 2019 in support of the North American Lutheran Seminary. As our partner, we always appreciate your prayers for our students as well as your generosity in financial giving. Our students and staff, too, are keeping you in our prayers.

Our semester has ended at the NALS, and we are getting ready for the new year. But before that, we want to reflect on all the ways God has blessed us in 2019. We are excited and grateful to welcome NALS President-Elect the Rev. Dr. Eric Riesen. His term will begin on February 1 of the coming year.

In addition, we are thankful for our 2019 graduate, Janessa Fisk, who has officially accepted the position of Director of Admissions for Trinity School for Ministry and the NALS. With her help, we are looking forward to welcoming four new NALS students for Spring 2020—raising our total number of online and residential students to 24. All in all, 2020 holds great promise and many possibilities. We are thankful for your constant and faithful support!

As we join in prayer together we also ask you to pray for potential students who are yet discerning a call to ministry. Please help us to identify future students who will serve our NALC parishes in the years to come. Your gift will assist us in continuing to pursue our goal financially and will also support our efforts to educate NALC seminarians. With the help of our ministry partners, we are continuing to prepare faithful pastors for the harvest.

Blessings in Christ,

The Rev. Dr. Amy C. Schifrin

President, North American Lutheran Seminary

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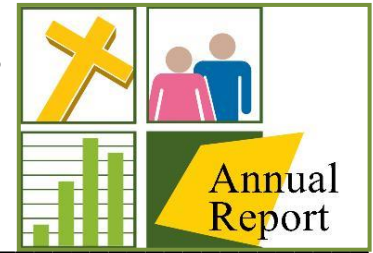
"Love the Lord your God with all your mind."



REMINDER TO

All Committee Chairpersons & Other Group Leaders

Please submit your Annual Reports
to the Church office by
Monday, January 6, 2020



All are welcome to attend the 2020 Budget Meeting

Sunday, January 19th at 10:30 AM

Q & A with Rich Hamilton, Chairperson of Finance Committee

during Pastor Mike's Fellowship Hall SS Class

Copies of the Annual Report will be available.

**A LOOK
at the
BUDGET**

The Annual Congregational meeting is Sunday, Jan. 26th

Immediately following Worship service at **10:30 am**

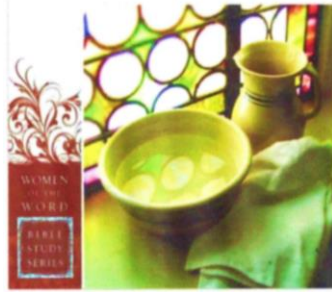
There is **NO Sunday School**. Please make every effort

to attend this important meeting. Make your voice heard.



**Annual
Meeting**

Lutheran Church Women's Circle Bible Study



JANUARY CIRCLES

Love is Forgiving.

"But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."
Romans 5:8

Our Circles will begin the New Year with a tough task. We'll be asked to fully experience God's forgiveness and extend that forgiveness to others. We acknowledge that we live in a world that is cursed by sin. Some people are deliberately abusive. Others, through their careless or thoughtless actions, can hurt our feelings, disappoint us and leave us wounded. Our natural human tendency is to refuse to forgive those people who hurt us. With our unforgiveness and unresolved anger comes prolonged pain which prevents healing and sabotages future relationships.

Jesus' love toward us is a forgiving love. If we are to love as Jesus loves us, we must also extend forgiveness to others. In this month's session, we'll learn how to do just that, even when we don't want to. We'll be asked to examine ourselves and become aware of our own sin. By doing that, we're not so quick to condemn others. Jesus asks that we leave our lives of sin, and He gives us the ability to change. When we choose forgiveness, we free God to begin His work of healing in our lives. The most unhappy people on earth are those who will not forgive. So, we'll begin this New Year asking God to give us the desire and the power to forgive. God will give us the grace to do it when we sincerely ask for His help. We thank God for the freedom and the forgiveness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. What a great way to begin a New Year!

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, January 13 at 12:30 pm in the SS Peter & Andrew Study

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

Hannah Circle - Sunday, January 12 at 11:30 am in the SS Peter & Andrew Study

Contact: Deb Mumford (267) 210-1789 debssam@msn.com

Ruth Circle - Wednesday, January 8 at 7:30 pm at home of Lydia Dugan

2150 Willow Brook Dr., Huntingdon Valley (215)657-4034

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

Eve Circle - Thursday, January 9 at 7:30 pm in the SS Peter & Andrew Study

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

The LCW Winter Collection continues...

Earlier this year we put together 50 Tee-shirt Tote bags
Now it is time to fill them...we are looking for 50 donations
of these FULL SIZE items:

Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
Shampoo, soap & deodorant
Washcloths & tissues
Band-aids & socks



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

Giant Gift Cards – A great way to shop!

Whether you are purchasing for yourself or as a gift
the LCW makes it easy and convenient!

Plus our program is a wonderful fundraising tool
as the LCW receives a 5% cash back for each card sold!

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



See Joy Alderfer for purchase or orders.

Women's Retreat April 17-19, 2020

Held at Mother Boniface Spirituality Center in Northeast Philadelphia

Full weekend and All-Day Saturday Options



Meet Retreat Leader Nancy Hicks

Nancy Hicks is an inspirational communicator who has a passion for Christ and his call to life. Her mission is to raise up women around the globe by igniting and equipping them. Nancy regularly engages across the media spectrum, speaking at conferences, on college campuses, at retreats, or via radio, television, and social media.

Nancy grew up in Canada. Initially her father was responsible for taking his family to church, but that would all change when he left his family and her mother came to Jesus.

Nancy holds a Master of Theology from Palmer Seminary of Eastern University and an Honors Degree in Voice Performance from the University of Toronto. Her singing talents span musical theater, classical, and gospel. She was a QVC on-air spokesperson from 2006-2017 when she left to devote her full attention to her ministry.

Nancy and her husband, Cam, have been married since 1990 and have raised two sons. In September, Nancy released her first book, *Meant to Live: Living in Light of the Good News*. In it she unpacks how Christians can live in the power and glory of the Gospel—the Good News of Jesus Christ—and celebrate God's glory in themselves, and the Church.

So Join Us!

Sign-ups begin NOW. You can either register through your circle (leaders will have forms) or through Deb Mumford, our Church Secretary.

Cost will be posted shortly for full weekend or full day attendance with meals included.

We encourage all women to avail themselves of our Scholarship Fund for part or all of the cost, as needed.

The Social Ministry Committee of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church



Freedom Steps Collection

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

There is a need for donated items such as:

- Deodorant (non-aerosol)
- Razors
- Foot powder (non-aerosol)
- Eye drops
- Hair ties
- Bobby pins
- Nail files (Emory board)
- Q-tips
- Sunscreen (non-aerosol)

Cash donations to offset the cost of food are greatly appreciated.
The cost of shipping 18, 45- 50 lb. packages is around \$2,000
so we are always grateful for monetary donations!



There is a box in the Narthex that is checked before the shipments are made.
We do shipments ever couple of months.
So donations & names are always welcome!

**SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE
UPDATE MEETING
AND CALL FOR NEW MEMBERS**



The Social Ministry Committee will meet on **Sunday, January 12** immediately following Sunday school - **11:30 AM** - **in the Café room** upstairs from Fellowship Hall. Existing members are encouraged to come as we review important current programs and make some changes and new introductions.

We invite any church members who are interested...
would like to learn more...have ideas to share...to join us.
There are many ways we can be Jesus as we minister to people's needs.

Questions: speak to Rosemary Hinkle.

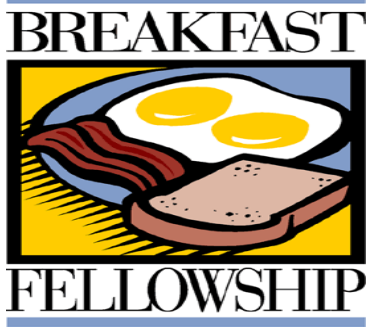
**KNITTERS FOR KENSINGTON MINISTRY
Saturday, Jan. 18, 2020 at 10 AM**

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

**Interested knitters contact Katie Beyer
(215) 572-6864**

KNITTER'S CLUB NEWS

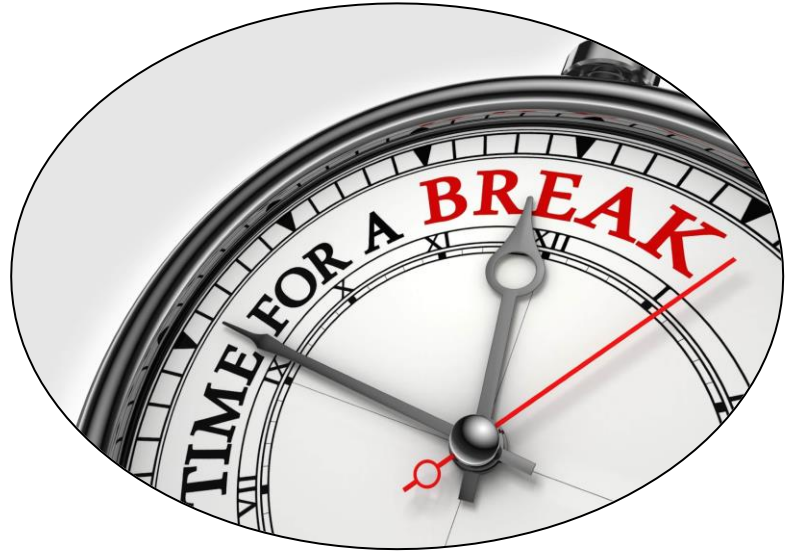




Adult Christian Breakfast Fellowship

(All Adults Young & Old are invited)

AFB will be taking a break
for the months of
January and February.
Look for our return in March.



Men's Devotional Group

Mark your calendar & don't miss out
on the Men's Devotional Group Meeting.
They meet the second Wednesday of every month.

Join us **Wednesday, January 8th at 7:00 P.M.**

in the Sons of Thunder Youth Room.

If you've never joined us before,
now is the time to start
and see what we are all about!

Hope to see you all there.

2020 Youth Ministry

All events are on SUNDAY unless otherwise noted

January 5, 2020 5:00 – 7:00 PM
SOT Youth Group



Join us for dinner, fellowship & fun!

January 12, 2020 Lunch Bunch 11:30 AM



Call out for pizza

Today's Story: Boy Jesus in the Temple

Today's Craft: Anna & Simeon Craft/

God Keeps His Promises.

* Sign up to carry Alleluia Banners on Transfiguration Sunday *





January Worship Assistants Schedule



January 5

Usher 3	Greeter The Schied Family	Presenters of Gifts Marilyn Murphy Sue & Ryan Schied
Count 1	Acolyte Julie Gregg	
Christophers Mike Breslin	Crucifer Charlie Tolton	
Healing Nancy Ischinger Prayer	Lector- Sat Karen McGovern	Communion Eric Gregg Assistants Linda Borkowski
Sun Betsy Zimmermann		

January 12

Usher 4	Greeter John & Anita Ickler	Presenters of Gifts Linda Frezza Jim & Nancy Necker
Count 2	Acolyte Hannah Mumford	
Christophers Sue Tolton	Crucifer Ken Tredinnick	
Healing Deb Mumford Prayer	Lector- Sat Linda Cassady	Communion Deb Mumford Assistants Kevan Berkovitz
Sun Nancy Necker		

January 19

Usher 5	Greeter Jim & Nancy Necker	Presenters of Gifts Cindy Biehl, Janice Donnelly, Deb Mumford
Count 3	Acolyte Rob Ischinger	
Christophers Deb Mumford	Crucifer Jim Necker	
Healing Barbara Harvey Prayer	Lector-Sat Karen McGovern	Communion Allan Shikhvarg Assistants Charlie Tolton
Sun Linda Bell-Powell		

January 26 **YOUTH SUNDAY**

Usher Becca Nilsen Hannah Mumford Gloria Ischinger Kylie Cheeseborough	Greeter All Youth SS classes	Presenters of Gifts Julia Gregg, Becca Nilsen, Kylie Cheeseborough
Count 4	Acolyte Elli Nilsen	
Christophers Nancy Necker	Crucifer Ryan Schied	
Healing Sherry Breslin Prayer	Lector- Sat Linda Cassady	Communion Kelly Darreff Assistants Matthew Gregg
Sun Gia Berkovitz		

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

Called to *Serve*



2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Special Dates: New Year's Day, Jan. 1, 2020 Epiphany, Jan. 6, 2020 Baptism of our Lord, Jan. 12, 2020 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Jan. 19 - 26, 2020 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Jan. 20, 2020			1 OFFICE CLOSED 	2 10:00 Bread of Heaven 6:30 Handbell Choir	3 7:30 AA	4 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
5 Epiphany 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 5:00 - 7:00 S.O.T.	6 6 - 8:30 Girl Scout Cadets	7 10-12 PB & J	8 9 Kensington 7:30 Council 7:30 Ruth Circle at Lydia Dugan's	9 10:00 Bread of Heaven 1:30 Artis Ministry 6:30 Handbell Choir 7:30 Eve Circle	10 7:30 AA	11 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
12 Baptism of our Lord 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 11:30 Lunch Bunch 11:30 Hannah Circle 11:30 Social Ministry	13 12:30 Miriam Circle 6 - 8:30 Girl Scout Cadets 7:30 Coram Deo	14	15	16 10:00 Bread of Heaven 6:30 Handbell Choir	17 7:30 AA	18 Knitting Group 10 AM 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
19 Epiphany 2 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 10:30 Budget Meeting In Fellowship Hall	20 OFFICE CLOSED MLK Jr. Day 6 - 8:30 Girl Scout Cadets 7:30 Coram Deo 7:30 Women's Prayer Group	21 10-12 PB & J	22 9 Kensington 7:30 Worship & Music meeting	23 10:00 Bread of Heaven 1:30 Artis Ministry 6:30 Handbell Choir	24 7:30 AA	25 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
26 Epiphany 3 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING	27 6 - 8:30 Girl Scout Cadets 7:30 Coram Deo	28	29	30 10:00 Bread of Heaven 1:30 Artis Ministry 6:30 Handbell Choir	31 7:30 AA	



"Like the cold of snow in the time of harvest is a faithful messenger to those who send him, for he refreshes the soul of his masters." Proverbs 25:13