



Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Dear Parish Family,

April 2020

Every Fall we give Temple Talks during worship about how important it is to use your money in God's service. Each Spring, we give Temple Talks during worship about how you can use your time and talents for the furtherance of God's kingdom.

This is because all that we are and all that we possess comes to us from God – time, talent, and treasure. He has lent these things to us to use for a time, but they belong permanently to Him. He has told us that we will one day be held accountable for how we have used these gifts in service to Him and as a blessing to others.

Spiritual Gifts Commitment Weekend this year will be the weekend of May 9 & 10, 2020 (Mother's Day Weekend). This will be the Saturday and Sunday when members of this congregation will express their intended time-commitment in service to others through the church for the coming year – a very tangible way to show our love, devotion, and thankfulness to God. Holy Trinity could use your service in the Bread of Heaven Food Pantry, in the Kensington Ministry, at the Altar, in the gardens or in many different areas.

Attached to this e-mail you will find a Spiritual Gifts Commitment Sheet as well as a Tasks and Teams Descriptions guide. As Commitment Weekend approaches, your pastors ask you to make your commitment of time and talents to God, through Holy Trinity, a matter of prayer. That way, whatever commitment you decide to make in May will be a decision you and God have made together. In lieu of Covid-19 restrictions you have a few options for returning your completed sheets. Fill them out, scan and email them to secretary@holytrinity.net or drop them off at the office Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. or mail them in to the church at our address listed on the top of this letter.

We pray that you will let God lead you as you reflect on your gift of time to His ministry through Holy Trinity.

May God continue to bless and protect you and all those you love and pray for.

Pastor Michael Tavella *Pastor Mandy Grimmer* *Linda Bell-Powell*

The Rev. Dr. Michael G. Tavella

Pastor N. Amanda Grimmer

Linda Bell-Powell
Chairperson,
Stewardship Committee

SPIRITUAL GIFTS COMMITMENT SHEET 2020

Last Name _____ First Name _____
Date _____
Address _____
Email _____
Cell Phone _____ Land Line _____

EDUCATION MINISTRIES

<u>SUNDAY 10:30 AM</u>	<u>TEACH</u>	<u>HELP</u>	<u>SUB</u>
___ Pre-K (infant-5 year olds)	___	___	___
___ 1 st -5 th Grades	___	___	___
___ Confirmation (6 th -8 th Grades)	___	___	___
___ Youth Bible Study (9 th -12 th Grades)	___	___	___
___ Adult Class	___	___	___
_____ Pastor Guenzel	___	___	___
_____ Tom Schied	___	___	___

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

9 AM until Noon (Grades Pre-K through 5th Grades)

___ Planning Team
___ Director
___ Teacher- Grade Preferred _____
___ Classroom Helper-Grade Preferred _____
___ Art/Craft Center
___ Music
___ Snacks
___ Nursery Staff

CHOIRS

___ Chancel -Adults (Thurs 8 PM)
___ Handbells (Thurs. 6:30PM)

MUSICIANS

___ Pianist (varies)
___ Cantor
___ Instrumental Ensemble (Varies)

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

___ Annual Retreat
___ Miriam Circle (2nd Mon 12:30 PM)
___ Ruth Circle (2nd Wed 7:30 PM)
___ Eve Circle (2nd Thurs 7:30 PM)
___ Hannah Circle (1st Mon 7:30 PM)
___ Women's Prayer Group - 1st & 3rd Monday evenings from Sept. - May.
Meets at Rosemary Hinkle's.

MEN'S MINISTRIES

- _____ Annual Retreat
- _____ Devotions (2nd Wed. 7 PM)
- _____ Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission (at least twice a year)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL

- _____ Saturday Sewing Group
- _____ Adult Christian Fellowship Breakfast (1st Sat 9 AM)
- _____ Rally Day Event
- _____ Easter Breakfast _____ set up _____ clean up
- _____ Supply cookies/baked goods for Special Events
- _____ Library Staff (2 hours every other month)
- _____ Sanctuary Help (Sunday after worship)
- _____ Office Help (Monday or Thursday AM)
- _____ Society of the Hours
- _____ Coram Deo (Every Monday 7:30 PM in SS Peter & Andrew Study)

EVANGELISM

- _____ Sunday Fellowship Hour _____ 8:00 AM set up _____ 11:30 AM clean up
- _____ Greeter Scheduler
- _____ Greeter (8:45 AM Sunday)
- _____ Fastnacht Gala
- _____ Water Mission Helper
- _____ Water Mission Participant (Runner/Walker)

MEMBERSHIP

- _____ Care Packages for Deployed Military and College Students
- _____ Sons of Thunder Youth Group (6th - 12th grade)
- _____ Lunch Bunch (meets one Sunday a month Sept. - April 11:30 AM)

WORSHIP SUPPORT

- _____ Acolyte/Crucifer Coordinator
- _____ Acolyte/Crucifer (Both youth and adult)
- _____ Altar Services (Set up for Communion / Clean Up / Paraments & Banners)
- _____ Communion Assistant Coordinator
- _____ Communion Assistant
- _____ Lector Coordinator
- _____ Lector
- _____ Usher coordinator
- _____ Usher
- _____ Presenters of Gifts Coordinator
- _____ Presenter of Gifts
- _____ Vestments TEAM
- _____ Sanctuary Decorations TEAM (Christmas/Easter)

SOCIAL MINISTRY/ CHURCH AND SOCIETY

_____Blood Drive TEAM

_____Blood Donor _____Type

_____ *Bread of Heaven* Food Pantry - shop for food

_____ *Bread of Heaven* Food Distribution (Thursdays 10 a.m. to noon)

_____ *Bread of Heaven* organize food on shelves

_____ Kensington Ministry Go in (every other Thurs.)

_____ Kensington Ministry (make PB & J sandwiches)

_____ Kensington Ministry (donate clothes)

_____ ARTIS Sing-along (Thursdays at 1 p.m.)

_____ Silver Springs/Martin Luther School Team

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

_____ Christophers

_____ Dinners Ready Team

_____ Funeral Luncheon Team

_____ Funeral Luncheon Cake Bakers

_____ Hospitality Team

_____ Healing Prayer Ministry

TELEVISION/MEDIA MINISTRY

_____ Audio/Visual Equipment Maintenance

_____ Still Photography

FINANCE

_____ Counter Coordinator

_____ Count Offering After Service

STEWARDSHIP

_____ Financial Gifts Team

_____ Spiritual Gifts Emphasis Team

CHURCH PROPERTY

_____ Spring and Fall Clean up

_____ Gardening/ Memorial Garden & Gardens around Property

_____ Interior Wash & Clean

_____ Painting

_____ General Maintenance

TASK DESCRIPTIONS 2020

EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Sunday mornings, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Sept. – May

Very Pre K – 5th grade – You have an opportunity to teach or help in whatever grade you prefer. We are currently using Concordia Publishing House curriculum, which emphasizes the Gospel—the Good News about Christ—at each and every grade level! Every lesson is anchored on the Bible, God's Word.

Confirmation classes, 6th - 8th grades – Holy Trinity provides the youth of our congregation with three years of study and instruction designed to prepare them for confirmation. The curriculum provides for extensive review of the Scripture, the Small Catechism, and delves into church history as well as Martin Luther's life.

Youth Bible Study – This group is for High School and College age students. They are using the Serendipity curriculum Bible Study.

Adult Classes – Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is committed to a Christian education program for all ages that fosters the strengthening of faith in Christ and deepens knowledge of Christian doctrine and ethics. There are currently three Adult Sunday School classes available on Sunday mornings. Tom Schied's class meets in the Parlor alternating throughout the year with Pastor Larry's class, which meets at the kitchen-end of Fellowship Hall.

Vacation Bible School – There are many opportunities to help with this very vital ministry. You can help out by being class teacher, class helper, leader or helper in the Art & Craft center, leader or helper with the music, leader or helper with the snacks, story leader and helpers, nursery staff, and director(s).

CHOIRS

Chancel Choir – This choir for adults & youth, sings at 9:00 service September through Trinity Sunday and at all festival services. Members are invited to sing at funeral services. Meets Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. with generous time off from Thursday rehearsals in January and after Easter. New members are always welcome.

Handbell Choir – If you are interested, speak to the Director of Music. Basic music-reading skills are necessary. It is important for the entire choir to be present for every rehearsal and service when the bells are scheduled to play. This choir plays once a month at the 9:00 service and for special services. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings 6:30 p.m. New members are always welcome when we have openings.

MUSICIANS

Pianist – speak with the Director of music if you are interested in playing the piano for any special services.

Cantors – Those who have the gift of helping to lead the congregation in song will find many opportunities at Holy Trinity. If you are interested in being a cantor, please speak to the Director of Music.

Instrumental Ensemble & Recorder Consort – A loose ensemble of brass, woodwinds, and strings which plays for special services. We also form duets or trios to play for Sunday services. Other opportunities for instrumentalists are Holy Trinity Brass, which plays for Christmas, Easter, and occasionally other festival services, and Recorder Consort, which is formed on an ad hoc basis, playing for summer services or occasional prayer services. These groups rehearse as needed.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Annual Retreat – For women of Holy Trinity is held in the spring, and runs from Friday evening through Sunday noon. Look for details regarding the retreat in the weekly bulletin announcements and the monthly Echoes prior to the event.

Circles – The Women's Circle groups meet each month from Sept. – June. We hope you will make every effort to attend one of the circles listed. If you are already a circle member, then we look forward to seeing you at our regular monthly meetings. If you are new to Holy Trinity or have not yet visited a circle, then we hope you will select one to visit. You will enjoy lively discussions during our Bible study, wonderful refreshments and fellowship time. The Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Women organize outreach events throughout the year such as Blanket Sunday and LWR Health Kit collections.

Women's Prayer Group – The prayer group meets at 7:30 PM the first and third Monday of the month (Sept. – May) at the home of Rosemary Hinkle. This very vital ministry allows the women to confidentially share any concerns, praises and thanksgiving they wish to lift up to God in spontaneous, intercessory prayer. All women of Holy Trinity are welcome to attend and pray for members of Holy Trinity, our families, our communities and the world.

MEN'S MINISTRIES

The Men of Holy Trinity gather on the second Wednesday of each month for Bible study. During these gatherings the men have an opportunity to settle in for an hour, explore the Word and discuss how to put those Words into action in daily life. The Men's Devotional Group also sponsors an annual weekend retreat that provides participants with a wonderful opportunity for men to get away for the weekend and focus on their walk with the Lord. This time together is one of challenging discussion and Spirit filled worship with time spent learning the Word. This event is usually held the second weekend in June. Look for details in the weekly bulletin and the monthly Echoes. The Men's Devotional Group also organizes outreach events throughout the year such as support for the Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission. See Tom Schied for details on when they will be going to the SBRM. Volunteering time and talents are a hallmark of this group as we strive to put God's Words into action.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL

Saturday Sewing Group – Women meet in Fellowship Hall to work on projects such as Hats for Kensington, T-Shirt totes for Christmas Child shoeboxes, sleeping bags for homeless shelters, prayer shawls, etc.

Adult Christian Fellowship Breakfast – Sharing fellowship & breakfast with very interesting topics each month, Sept. through May. Anyone can help with cooking, serving, or leading a topic.

Rally Day Event – This fun social gathering is held each September on the Sunday following Labor Day as a kickoff to the start of the new Sunday School year at 10:30 am in Fellowship Hall. This year it will be a rain-or-shine picnic with an Ice Cream truck and fun events. We can always use help with setting the tables the day before and clean-up following the event. A free will offering will be taken to help offset the cost.

Easter Breakfast – This family pot-luck event is held on Easter Sunday each year at 7:30 a.m. in Fellowship hall. We can always use help with the setting of the tables the day before and clean-up following the meal.

Bake/Buy Cookies & Baked Goods – For Sunday School Christmas party, which is held each year the Sunday before Christmas during the Sunday School hour. We also supply baked goods for other special events as needed during the year.

Library Staff – Works 2 hours every other month in the Library.

Sanctuary & Office help – Straighten pew racks, check brochures and prayer request cards, computer entry of worship attendance, office help putting together weekly bulletins.

Society of Hours – This group meets approximately once a month on Sunday at 11:30 AM in Fellowship Hall from Sept. – May and once during the summer. Lunch is provided with a free will offering. The Society exists to encourage the daily recitation of the Divine Office by individuals according to evangelical and catholic principles found in the LBW, recite the appropriate Office when the Society meets, promote daily use of the Psalms in the Society and the congregation, emphasize the spiritual value of silence, give historical, theological, liturgical, and biblical instruction on the prayer offices, provide opportunities for the congregation to participate in the Liturgy of the Hours in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd and encourage attendance at the Prayer Offices prepared and planned by the Director of Music and Choir. The Offices observed are: Matins/Lauds, Terce/Sext/None (the little offices during the day), Vespers and Compline.

Coram Deo – Translation – Living in the presence of God. This group meets on Mondays at 7:30 PM in the Parlor. This is a literary group led by Nancy King-Berkovitz. If you love literature, wish you knew more about literature, or want to discuss books and poetry within a Christian context, then this is your kind of book club.

EVANGELISM

Sunday Fellowship Hour – This is every Sunday during the Sunday School year (Sept. – May) and is after the service before Sunday School in Fellowship Hall. Help is **very much needed** for clean-up at 11:30 a.m.

Greeter Scheduler – Schedules the greeters for Sunday Service.

Greeter – Stands at the entrance of the Naive in the Narthex and greets everyone who enters, and assists anyone in need. Should be at their station at least 15 minutes prior to the Worship Service. (8:45 AM).

Fastnacht Gala - This event is held annually on the Tuesday evening before Ash Wednesday. It is a fun filled time for the entire family! We enjoy a movie, snack at a concession stand complete with hot dogs and candy, and then the evening is topped off with yummy donuts. Help is always needed in planning the event, purchasing donuts and other miscellaneous items, set up and clean up.

Water Mission 5K (Participant) - Join us on the first Saturday in August for a fun-filled morning of running, jogging, walking, prizes and more! The 5K route is a double loop with plenty of challenges. 5K Run; 1 Mile Walk; Children's Fun Run. Roychester Community Center, Corinthian & Harding Avenues, Abington.

Water Mission 5K (Volunteer) - Not a runner or walker? Consider being a sponsor or donating to the cause. Funds raised will benefit "Water Mission" in its efforts to build safe, sustainable water supplies where they are most needed. Volunteers needed to help organize registration and race details.

MEMBERSHIP

Care Packages Team - This team purchases items (mostly food items) and sends them to our Holy Trinity youth who are away at college and to men and women who are in military and deployed overseas. Help is needed in purchasing the items, packing the boxes and mailing them.

Youth Group - If you are a youth in 6th - 12th grade, this is the group for you. They meet once a month on Sunday evenings at 5:00 – 7:00 (Sept. – June) for food, fellowship & fun.

Lunch Bunch – Meets in Fellowship Hall once a month (Sept. – April) from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM, for lunch, crafts & games. All ages welcome.

WORSHIP SUPPORT

Acolyte/Crucifer Coordinator – Prepares schedule for all Acolytes & Crucifers for every Worship Service and gives schedule to church secretary.

Crucifer – Carries the Processional Cross at the beginning and end of each Worship Service. (Both youth and adult)

Acolyte – Follows the Crucifer and lights / extinguishes the candles (Both youth and adult)

Altar Services – Prepare altar, set up and clean up for Communion, launder Communion linens, set up for Baptisms, fill candles with oil weekly, polish silver, place paraments and banners in chancel area, wash & iron altar linens, take altar flowers down and place in vases for Christophers to pick up.

Communion Assistant Coordinator – Prepares schedule for Communion Assistants for all Worship Services throughout the year, and gives schedule to church secretary.

Communion Assistant – helps with Communion: holding the chalice of wine during the distribution, closing the gate, positioning the cushion, (etc) as needed. You will need to wear an alb if you are assisting in the distribution. Training is required prior to the first time you are a communion assistant.

Lector Coordinator – Prepares schedule for all lay readers and gives schedule to the church secretary to send out to lay readers with their readings.

Lector – reads the first and second lessons at the lectern.

Usher coordinator – Prepares schedule for all Usher teams and gives copy to church secretary.

Usher – hands out bulletins prior to each service in the narthex, should be there at least 15 minutes prior to the Worship Service. Collects offering. Take a count of how many are attending Worship.

Presenter of the Gifts Coordinator – Prepares schedule for the presenters and gives copy to the church secretary.

Presenter of the Gifts – Bring the communion bread and wine to the Altar when the offering is taken up to the Altar.

Vestments team – Clean vestments of worship leaders (acolytes, crucifers, communion assistants) before Christmas and Easter. Supervise their storage. Make sure they are mended and clean.

Sanctuary Decorations team – Arrange Easter & Christmas plants in sanctuary, set out wreaths on doors to the sanctuary during Advent, set up Advent wreath & candles, set up and decorate Christmas trees, decorate for Lent, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday.

SOCIAL MINISTRY/CHURCH AND SOCIETY

Blood Drive team – Organize phone callers to confirm donors and mail reminder cards, organize people to cook dinner for nurses and aides for twice-yearly Blood Drives.

Bread of Heaven Food Pantry team – We need people to shop for food, to organize the food on shelves, and to help distribute food on Thursdays from 10:00 a.m until noon.

Kensington Ministry – Holy Trinity is very active with *The Last Stop*, and *Sarnelli House*, two ministries led by Roman Catholic lay people in Kensington. *Sarnelli House* is a ministry that offers meals, clothing and the love of Christ to drug addicts in Kensington, while *The Last Stop* is a ministry that offers sandwiches, clothing and immediate admittance to a non-traditional Christ-centered rehab center with a much higher than average success rate. Holy Trinity takes in peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, donates clothes, brings in beauty through music and top soil and mulch for gardens. We talk to these addicts and show the love of Christ.

Artis Sing-along – Artis is a memory unit for people, most of whom must be institutionalized due to early onset Alzheimers. We go out and sing songs that all of us (of a certain age) learned in elementary school. On good days, the residents remember the words to these songs, and singing brings them joy. Not all days are good, but some are.

Martin Luther/Silver Springs School Team – Run appeals in the weekly bulletin, Echoes and make announcements for gifts for the Good Behavior Store during Advent, Lent, Summer, and the Christmas wish gifts; sponsor parties twice a year for the children at Silver Springs.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Christophers – Visit and deliver the altar flowers to people in the hospital and shut-ins. Pastor Mike oversees this group and has meetings a few times a year with the group. See Sue Tolton & Nancy Necker if you are interested in becoming a Christopher.

Dinners Ready Team – Provide and deliver dinners to those in need in emergency situations.

Funeral Luncheon Team – Volunteers set tables, pick up food trays, serve food, and clean up for Funeral Luncheons at Holy Trinity.

Funeral Luncheon Cake Bakers – Volunteers to bake cakes, brownies, pies, etc. for desserts for the Funeral Luncheons at Holy Trinity.

Hospitality Team – Volunteers help with set up and clean up for the receptions before Confirmations, after Concerts, as well as other special events, such as Ecumenical events, etc.

Healing Prayer Ministry Team – This is a prayer ministry at Holy Trinity. A team member will be available in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd immediately following the 9:00 a.m. service on Sunday morning to offer prayer for anyone in need. Prayers are offered for your physical, emotional and spiritual health. If you are interested in becoming a member of this team, contact Sue Tolton as there is training necessary prior to becoming a member.

TELEVISION/INTERNET/MEDIA MINISTRY

Audio/Visual Equipment Maintenance Team – Volunteer use of personal audio/video equipment for special functions as needed, set up of audio/video equipment as needed for classes, and other special occasions.

Still Photography Team – Volunteers to take photographs when needed of new members, new council members, confirmation class, and other special occasions.

FINANCE

Counter Coordinator – Prepares schedule for the counting teams and provides copy to church secretary; provides training for counters; assigns head counter for each team.

Counting Team – Counts the offering after the service when your team is scheduled.

STEWARDSHIP

Financial Gifts and Spiritual Gifts Emphasis Team – prepares bulletin & Echoes articles, prepares Temple Talks for the spring Spiritual Gifts emphasis and fall Financial Gifts emphasis, updates the Plan-to-Serve Sheets and Task and Team description sheets for the Spring Spiritual Gifts Emphasis and publicizes Simply Giving information and pledge cards.

CHURCH PROPERTY

Ground Maintenance – Spring & fall clean up

Gardening/Flower Beds Team – Spring & Fall planting annuals & bulbs, weeding & maintaining flower beds through fall, etc.,

Interior Wash & Clean Team – Twice a year clean out closets, wash curtains, clean easily accessible windows, and clean kitchen thoroughly.

Painting Team – once a year repaint interior walls, doors, trims as needed.

General Maintenance: once a month replace easily accessible light bulbs, hardware & furniture repair, floor & wall patching, all as needed. For information regarding any property team you can contact the church office.