

# HOLY TRINITY

Evangelical Lutheran Church

## ***ECHOES*** NEWSLETTER

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### **September, 2020**

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#### **Pastor**

The Rev. Lawrence Guenzel

#### **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 Pastor**

My Dear Friends,

Greetings in the name of Jesus, the Lord of the Church!

We have stepped out together in this journey called Interim Ministry with some uncertainty, possibly fear, excitement, and hope. How will we embark on this journey together and to where will this journey lead us? There are many questions to be faced but as we face this journey together let us first recognize that we are not in this alone. Christ has promised to be with us and to lead us on our journey of faith as individuals, families, and congregation. Let us step out trusting in Christ and his promise.

The journey will lead us through different experiences that will enrich the journey. There are five developmental tasks that take place as we journey together:

1. Coming to Terms with History
2. Discovering a New Identity, a new sense of Mission
3. Allowing for Needed Leadership Changes
4. Rediscovering our Denomination
5. Commitment to New Directions in Ministry

These are fine experiences along the journey that are like the special things that happen during the journey that make the trip something to sit at home and reminisce about.

In the next several months, I will try to address these developmental tasks that will enhance our journey. As we go along this journey together, let us never forget that this Interim Ministry journey is just one part of the larger journey of this congregation which began in 1930 - 90 years ago! By God's grace, this larger journey will continue for many years to come.

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## From the Pastor

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But even more that these 90 years, we are part of an even greater journey of the Christian Church which has been moving forward for over two thousand years and will continue to move forward in the name of Christ, until He returns in all His glory.

I am excited about this journey we are taking together and I pray that God will lead us, not just to find a new Pastor, but to find out new things about ourselves as a congregation and the many new and exciting ventures of faith that God has in store for us! So keep on praying, serving, learning, and trusting in our all-sufficient God and watch out for the exciting future God has for us as we serve in the name of Christ.

The ideas and developmental tasks we will be following are from the book, [a Change of Pastors and How it Affects Change in the Congregation](#) by Loren Mead. I recommend this book to you all.

In Christ, our Lord,  
Pastor Larry Guenzel

# 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.





## Healing Prayer Ministry

Due to the ongoing restrictions caused by Covid-19, the Healing Prayer Ministry Team encourages any in need of prayer to place your prayer requests in the basket located on the Altar in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd. If you are so inclined you may leave your email/phone # and a Team member will contact you.

Otherwise, prayers will be offered for your specific prayer requests.

Should you be interested in one on one prayers please contact the church office ([secretary@holytrinity.net](mailto:secretary@holytrinity.net)) and private arrangements can be made.

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

“All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.” Acts 1:14

## 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)

The families of the members Holy Trinity together with those they love, including: Albert, Alessia, Alex, Alexandr, Alexei, Alan, Allan, Allyson, Alyson, Amanda, Amy, Ann, Antonette, Aubrey, Baby Brooklyn, Barb, Barbara, Barbara-Jo, Barry, Becki, Ben, Bette, Bill, Bob, Bobby, Bonnie, Brett, Brian, Brianna, Carl, Carly, Carol, Charles, Charlie, Christopher, Cindy, Craig, Dallas, Dan, Daniel, Dan-Ning, Dave, David, Deb, Denise, Derek, Diane, Dick, Donna, Dottie, Drew, Ed, Eda, Edie, Edith, Edward, Ekaterina, Eleanor, Elva, Emma, Eric, Erica, Erika, Frank, Gavin, Gene, Gina, Gloria, Greg, Guy, Hank, Hannah, Harry, Helen, Henry, Igor, Irina, Isabel, Jack, Jackson, Jaime, Jane, Janet, Jason, Jean, Jen, Jennifer, Jim, Joe, John, Johnny, Joseph, Joy, Joyce, Julia, Juwan, Karen, Kas, Kate, Katie, Kathy, Keith, Kelly, Kerry, Kim, Kyle, Laura, Lauren, Laurie, Leo, Levi, Linda, Logan, Lorraine, Lyn, Lynn, Maggie, Mandy, Marge, Margaret, Marie, Marina, Mark, Marissa, Matt, Matthew, Maureen, Max, Mayet, Megan, Michelle, Mikhail, Mike, Mina, Myrna, Nancy, Nate, Neena, Nikki, Norman, Pat, Patsy, Paul, Paull, Peter, Ray, Rebecca, Regina, Rich, Rick, Rita, Robert, Roger, Rosemary, Russ, Russell, Ruth, Ruth Anne, Sam, Samantha, Sandy, Sara, Scottie, Sharon, Shelli, Sherri, Solomon, Stanislav, Stephen, Stover, Susan, Suzanne, Suzie, Thomas, Tiffany, Tina, Todd, Trudy, Tyler, Valentina, Vicki, Xave, Yana, Zach.

**Please pray for the following families:** All of the families of Holy Trinity, together with those they love and pray for; especially we pray for the: Beck, Bell, Bell-Powell, Blakes, Bolger, Brown, Caldwell, Cassady, Cassidy, Custer, Delash, Disimone, Drobish, Engelbert, Erb, Frank, Frezza, Greco, Gregg, Guckin, Hale, Harris, Heineman, Heller, Hendricks, Hoffmann, Johnson, Kromer, Lacy, Lewandowski, Lewis, Maieron, McCardle, Meyers, Minges, Mitchell, Mumford, Novak, Powell, Reiff, Rosa, Schenck, Sears, Shikhvarg, Smith, Spring, Steinhof, Sullivan, Tredinnick, Vargas, Ward, Werner, Yakscoe, Young, Zaroli, Zaslow, 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 & that He would please send workers into the Harvest.  
For all who are chronically ill and/or shut-in. For all who are fighting addiction to drugs and alcohol.  
For the sick and the grieving.  
For all congregations of the NALC.  
For all travelers and for the dying.  
For the military and their families.  
For all Native Americans living on U.S. reservations.  
For refugees and immigrants.  
The unemployed, the underemployed & the uninsured, especially those in our own families.  
All Caregivers, rescue workers, doctors, nurses, firefighters, EMTs,  
For the members of the Mekane Yesus Lutheran Church in Ethiopia, and for the Nifas Silk Congregation.  
For our sister congregations: Nifas Silk in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and First Lutheran in Kirkland Illinois.  
For all Christians who are being persecuted for the faith throughout the world.  
For victims of rains, wildfires, earthquakes, hurricanes; for favorable weather & an abundance of crops.  
For all in financial difficulty that they may be totally restored.



# Rally Day '20 All Are Invited!!

Sunday, September 13, 2019 @10:30 AM

Picnic on the lawn immediately following worship

HOT DOGS

CHIPS

DRINKS

ICE CREAM



Masks (except when eating) ~ Socially distanced

In honor of Grandparents Day (Sunday, September 13th)  
We invite all Holy Trinity grandparents to bring their grandchildren to our Rally Day picnic celebration!

## Memorials received



Lorraine Hendricks



## Our Christian Sympathy to

To Nancy, Linda, Wayne and entire Myers family on the death of  
**Lisa Myers, July 19, 2020**  
Beloved daughter, wife and mother.

To Linda, Charlie and the entire Cassady/Hendricks families on the death of Linda's mother,  
**Lorraine Hendricks, August 11, 2020**  
Beloved wife, mother & grandmother.

Psalm 112:6

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

those we  
**LOVE**  
DON'T GO AWAY,  
they walk beside us  
EVERY DAY  
**UNSEEN, UNHEARD,**  
but always near  
STILL LOVED,  
STILL MISSED,  
and very dear



**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP IS NOW AVAILABLE LIVE ON YOUTUBE (HOLY TRINITY, ABINGTON) OR OUR WEBSITE HOLYTRINITY.NET OR OUR FACEBOOK PAGE. JOIN US AT 9 AM.**

## Treasurer's Report

*July 31, 2020 (For the Year 2020)*

	Holy Trinity Ministries	Wider Church
<b>Year to date received for current income</b>	\$ 239,763.49	\$ 36,091.22
<b>Carry over from 2019</b>	\$ 1,195.17	\$ 27,909.95
<b>Expenses paid to date</b>	\$ 243,472.70	\$ 36,806.68
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) 2020</b>	(\$4,904.38)	\$ 27,194.49

### Luther Quotes:

**"A Christian is a perfectly free Lord of all, subject to none.  
A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all."  
- "The Freedom of a Christian"**

**"If I rest, I rust"**

**"In domestic affairs I defer to Katie. Otherwise, I am led by the Holy Spirit."**

**"The Bible is alive, it speaks to me; it has feet, it runs after me; it has hands, it lays hold of me."**



## Support the Church

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

### 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.**



# NOTES OF THANKS



Dear Members of Holy Trinity,  
July 10th was the date for Holy Trinity's latest blood drive. Turn-out was great! A total of 45 productive units of blood were obtained. As a result of everyone's efforts, this blood will go on to help about 135 hospital patients.

Thank you to all who donated or reached out to donate, as the drive filled to capacity quickly.

We are blessed with a generous congregation!

The Blood Drive Team

August 24, 2020

Dear Holy Trinity Family,  
I want to give thanks to God for such a caring congregation. It was certainly a wonderful surprise to get a delivery of Altar flowers last Sunday from Sue & Charlie Tolton! They were just beautiful!

It is a comfort to know that I am being thought of and prayed for by my Holy Trinity family. I miss being at church in person but you all remain in my thoughts and prayers as I giving thanks to God for all of you.

My sincerest thanks,  
Dottie Gerlach



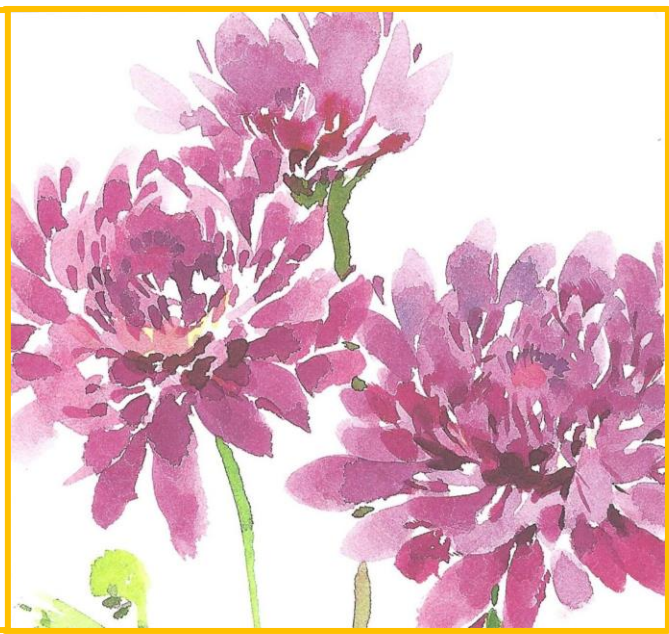
Dear Pastor Larry and Deb,

Thank you very much for the beautiful Church flowers. It was quite a surprise and it made our day!

The flowers are still beautiful on the kitchen table.

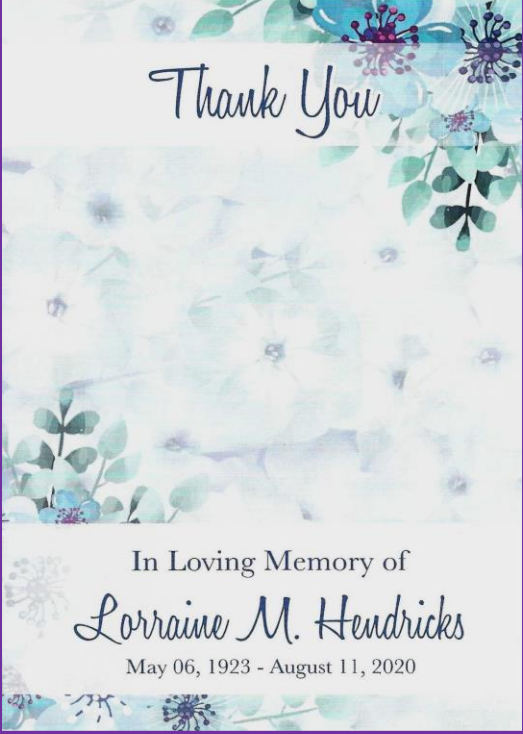
Thanks again from Harry & me.


Fondly,  
Helen.





## NOTES OF THANKS

 <p>Thank You</p> <p>In Loving Memory of <i>Lorraine M. Hendricks</i> May 06, 1923 - August 11, 2020</p>	<p>August 22, 2020</p> <p>Dear Holy Trinity Family,</p> <p>We would like to thank you for the cards, flowers, and kind expressions of Christian sympathy shown following the passing of my mother, Lorraine Hendricks.</p> <p>Your support at this difficult time was very much appreciated and a great comfort to our family.</p> <p>"And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son." 1 John 5:11</p> <p>In Christ, Linda and Charles Cassady</p>
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<p>August 12, 2020</p> <p>A big shout-out to Tom Weld &amp; Gil Zimmermann for cutting up and bundling the many tree limbs that came down in the recent storm. Your hard work saved the church money and did not go unnoticed!</p> <p>Also to the youth crew of Ryan Schied, Elli and Becca Nilsen for all of your hard work on Thursday mornings - cleaning, organizing and helping with the Bread Heaven Food Pantry.</p> <p>Your efforts are greatly appreciated!</p> 
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# The living liturgy

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.” Here in Colossians 3:16, St. Paul encourages his friends to let the word of Christ be so much a part of their lives that they sing them, speak them, and even pray them in their lives as disciples of Christ.

Did you ever realize that our weekly liturgy is jam-packed with the Word of God? Perhaps you noticed the Bible references in our Sunday bulletin next to the various parts of the liturgy. Each of these references reminds us that what we are speaking, singing, and praying is based on the words of Scripture. Hopefully, these words of our liturgy go with you into the week as you speak or sing or pray them throughout the week. Our whole liturgical worship service is grounded in the sacred Word of God. How cool is that?!

Please continue your living in the Word as you daily read and study the Bible at home, in Bible study groups, and in worship. You can follow a daily Bible reading Schedule on the internet, from the NALC website [www.thenalc.org](http://www.thenalc.org), or another site such as: <https://www.biblegateway.com/reading-plans>.

Our Sunday Bulletin now includes the readings for the coming Sunday so that you can read them at home before coming to worship in order to familiarize yourself with the Word of the Lord when it is read in worship.

Also, please use the devotional booklets available in the Narthex at church. If you have not been involved with continuing education, please join one of the classes offered in Holy Trinity's Education Program, Sunday mornings and during the week.

Whatever you use, keep reading, learning, and studying the Scriptures.  
“Lord to whom shall we go, You have the words of eternal life.” (John 6:68)



# FIRST STEPS IN ADDRESSING RACIAL TENSION

Over the past few weeks, much of the United States has been in turmoil following the sudden and tragic death of George Floyd at the hands of a Minneapolis police officer who had pledged "to protect and serve" the citizens of that community.

It was an inexcusable and unimaginable event. It was witnessed by a few and has been watched by millions. It was troubling in its cause and tragic in its result. No rationale can cover it. No responsible voice can deny it. No reliable reporting or reasoning can undo what was ultimately done. A life created by God was unwillingly taken, and countless lives, as a result, have been unnecessarily and unduly changed.

As tragic as the event itself was, it was, even more tragically, revealing of something worse. For many of us who live our lives largely unaware of the ongoing realities of racism, it uncovered some of our deepest problems and prejudices as a nation. It brought to light some of the troubles and turmoil we hoped we had dealt with long ago. It unleashed some of those most destructive and deplorable responses to some of the most challenging issues we have ever faced. And the tragedy of the event will continue if the root causes of the event go unaddressed.

This is not a new problem for our world, nor for our nation. When the United States first began, slavery was real and alive. It took a Civil War to face and address it head-on. The civil unrest of the 1960s was closely connected to the racial unrest that was found in people's lives and hearts. Even more recently, the death of Ahmaud Arbery in Georgia resulted in outrage and protests in cities across the U.S.



## FROM THE BISHOP

REV. DR. DAN SELBO  
BISHOP

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When Billy Graham was asked to identify the greatest social problem facing our nation, his answer was clear and direct: "Our greatest social problem is racism. Not only do we have continuing racism in our own country, but racism is a worldwide problem that has led to countless wars and conflicts. It is also at the root of much of the world's injustice and poverty."

It has always fascinated me how the events of this life and the fallen nature of our world serve to remind us of God's ultimate purpose for us in Jesus.

At the same time as some of our world's best scientific and medical minds have been working 24-7 to find a vaccine for a global pandemic, in the events surrounding the death of George Floyd, we have been reminded of an even more serious "virus" that needs a cure.

The root cause of every virus is sin. The root cause of every sin is a deep and destructive desire, in each of us, to live life our own way. It was there in the Garden when our world was first formed. It is alive and well in our world today. And it will be with us and among us until Jesus returns and God ultimately has His way.

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Until then, as the Church, we are called to offer living examples for others to see and to follow, and to offer a life-giving witness that provides real and lasting hope. As a Church, we have what the world does not have. His name is Jesus. We belong to the One the world does not fully know. His name is Christ. We also have been called to live in ways that show the world who this Jesus is and how much we and our world are loved by Him.

Knowing there are no simple answers to the questions we face and that no superficial responses will result in a cure to troubles that go deep, allow me to offer the following as first steps we can all take, as followers of Jesus, to address our nation's racial tension.

**Pray.** We can never pray too often or too much. Pray for God to intervene. Pray for the family of George Floyd. Pray for the Black community. Pray for our police officers, including the ones directly involved in this tragic event. Pray for our nation's leaders. Pray for race relations to be strengthened, and for all citizens of our world to acknowledge our common citizenship as children of the One God. Pray for those who have peacefully offered protests, in order that their voices be heard. Pray for those who have destroyed and looted properties, asking for justice to lead them to Jesus. Pray for our own hearts to change, and for God, ultimately, to hear our prayers and for our nations and our world to turn our hearts toward Him.

**Confess.** As much as it is always easier to point to someone else, that is not where the solution starts. It is the first step in any recovery program. It is the most important step in bringing about lasting change. Even if the part we have played is insignificant, even if we believe we have played no part at all, it is essential that we confess that we may have, even without knowing it, played a part, "by what we have done and by what we have left undone." There is a problem. It will not go away on its own. We need help. We need to acknowledge and confess our need.

**Listen.** This may be the most difficult step to take. It often is for me. It is much easier to speak and to offer counsel than it is to listen to and learn from and

accept counsel when it comes. I will never know what it feels like to be a Black man in this country. I have grown up with a calm and calming atmosphere and life. Before rushing to judgment, we need to listen and to learn and to do our best to "walk a mile" in our brother's or sister's shoes. We can all learn from each other, but only as we listen to what the other has to say.

**Speak up.** This should come natural for us as Lutheran Christians. Martin Luther spoke up when he saw abuse happening in the name of God. It is not wrong to protest. But do it peacefully. Regardless of where we find ourselves politically, we have a responsibility to speak up when we see things that are not right and to do so in ways that are helpful. We also have the reassurance, when we do, that we are not alone. God speaks through us. God will speak through you. But it will only happen as you speak up for what is right and speak out against what is wrong.

**Love.** This is at the heart of the Christian faith. This is at the heart of the Christian life. How can we say we love God if we fail to love others? The Bible is clear. We cannot. Love for God goes hand in hand with love for our neighbor. We need to work hard at loving those we see, even if we see in them things we do not love. There are no conditions in God's love for us. There must be no conditions in our love for others.

If we are to be faithful to the call we have in Jesus, as individuals and as a denomination, we must be faithful in our response to others by loving them as God has first loved us. God's love is always and only found in relationships. And relationships, if they are of God, are always and only rooted in love. Let us work to build relationships with each other, with our sisters and brothers of other races and colors, and to ground and root those relationships in Christ.

I invite you to join me in following Jesus, by taking these first and most important steps in addressing our world's racial tension: pray, confess, listen, speak up and love. Until our Lord returns, this is and will always be the calling we share.

In Christ,

Bishop Dan



## Never Stop Learning...

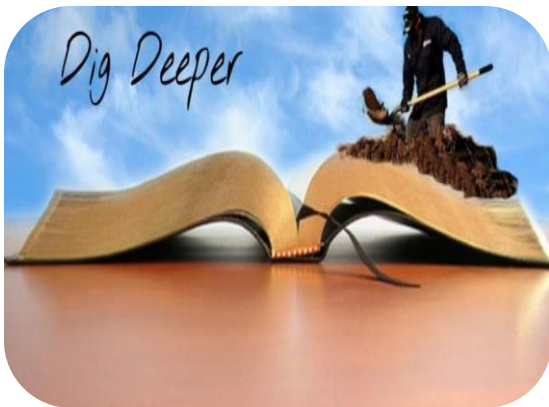
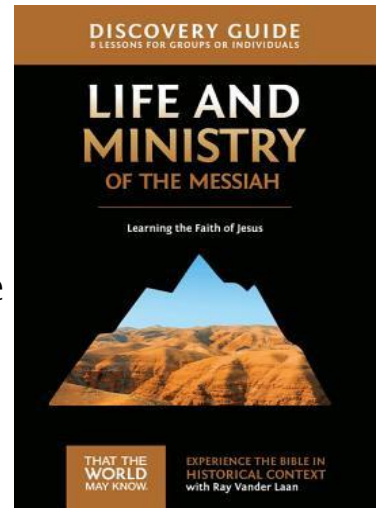
Join us for a class after worship

### Adult Sunday School Opportunities for Fall 2020:

#### **In SS Peter & Andrew Study beginning Sunday, Sept. 20th**

**Tom Schied's Highly Regarded Adult Class  
in the Study or available to attend via Zoom**

*The Life and Ministry of the Messiah*, is a continuation of the quest to uncover Scripture and its meaning across history. Filmed on location in Israel and throughout the Middle East, the **Faith Lessons DVD Series** is an adventure in Biblical learning. Created by teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan, the 8 lessons on DVD walks you through the days of Jesus' ministry, transforming your reading of the Gospels and inspiring a deepening of your faith.



### **Digging Deeper: Today's Bible Readings**

A study of the Bible readings for each Sunday. Delve deeper into each week's three Scripture Readings with *A Longer Look at the Lessons*.

This Bible study based on the lectionary in our worship services provides information about the readings and their contexts. **Sundays after worship in Fellowship Hall.**

Pastor Guenzel, teacher. All are welcome!

## Christ's Home Holy Trinity's Newest Partnership

*Holy Trinity Church Council voted to begin supporting Christ's Home starting this past January. This step was taken to partner with an organization that is intentional about maintaining a Christ-centered atmosphere and living by Christian principles. Christ's Home serves disadvantaged children and youth as well as senior citizens with independent and assisted living options and skilled care.*

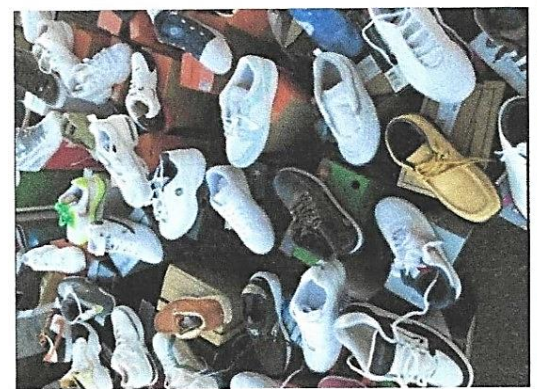
Recently, Cindy Biehl, Rosemary Hinkle, and Karen Powell |visited Christ's Home's in Warminster. They toured the facilities and learned about this Christian servant ministry to young and old.

Christ's Home was opened in a humble Philadelphia house in 1903 by three adults who felt called by God to bring orphans from the streets and nourish them back to strong health while educating them. From the onset, their mission was Christ-centered and undergirded by constant prayer and fasting to meet basic needs of food and shelter. In fact, the Christ's Home story tells of many amazing and inspiring answers to prayer just when situations looked the most bleak.

Today, Christ's Home can serve up to 50 neglected children and youth at their Warminster campus and 25 at their Lancaster campus. They use a residential, not institutional, model. This means that children live in small groups in house settings with house parents. There are homes for infants and toddlers, elementary children, teen boys and teen girls (separate), and pregnant teens. Next summer, they hope to add a therapeutic home for 13-17-year-old sex-trafficked girls and eventually one for 11-13-year-old boys.

Their needs are on-going. Currently there is a pressing need for sneakers in all sizes, from toddler feet through adult as children can reside there until they are 21 years old. Children can be brought to Christ's Home (through the courts/police) at any time of day or night, so the staff must be ready to outfit all ages and sizes. **Holy Trinity will collect sneakers throughout October and November and post future collections for Lent and beyond.**

Read more at [www.christshome.org](http://www.christshome.org)

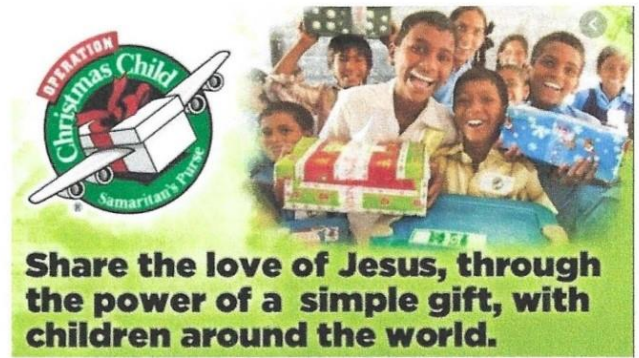


**New recreation center used by children and seniors includes dining/entertainment area, gym, play rooms for children, game room, computer room, & meeting/gathering rooms.**

# It's Time to Pack Shoeboxes!

## Support for Shipping Costs Needed

**4 Ways You Can Participate in  
Operation Christmas Child  
At Holy Trinity Beginning this September**

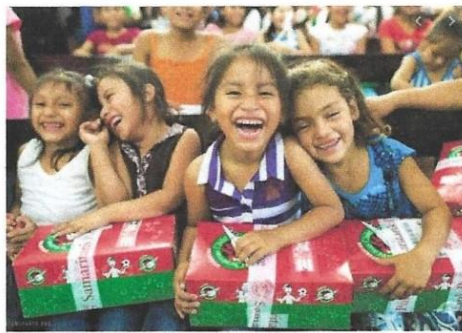
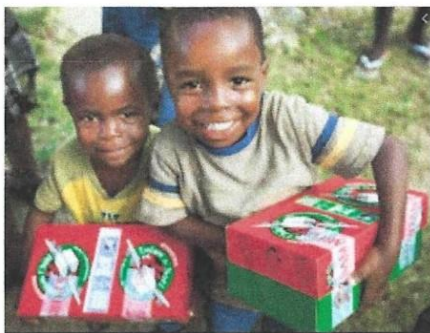


**C**ome to our safer **OUTDOOR Shoebox Packing Party on Saturday, September 26, 10:00 AM, on the church lawn.** Please wear masks and maintain space between you and other packers as you fill boxes at one of six age/gender stations. Can you come early to carry supplies outside? Please contact [Rosemaryhinkle@comcast.net](mailto:Rosemaryhinkle@comcast.net) if you can help in this way.

**M**ake a contribution to defray costs for the purchase of items to fill the boxes and the \$9/box contribution toward shipping by Samaritan's Purse. We no longer have mission bequest funds to meet all item needs; plus, we try to honor Samaritan's Purse suggested \$9 donation per box, which does not cover all their costs. Contributions may be put in an envelope marked "OCC" and placed in the collection plate or mailed to/cropped off at the office. Please write checks to Holy Trinity and note OCC in the memo section.

**V**olunteers Needed the Week of November 16-22. Holy Trinity has been asked to be a receiving church for shoeboxes from local churches. In another month, we will post volunteer time slots for two hours each, either afternoon or evenings, during collection week. Everyone will be provided with masks and gloves and be asked either to show people where to leave their boxes or help carry them in. Boxes must also be placed in cartons provided by Samaritan's Purse.

**B**ring your personally packed shoeboxes to our ingathering at Saturday & Sunday worship services the weekend of November 21/22 or leave them in a designated place in Fellowship Hall. A special time in these services will be devoted to praying for the delivery of these boxes and the children who will receive them.



**Thank you for all YOU do to make a multitude of filled shoeboxes possible for children in need and bring Jesus to them through "Journey of a Lifetime." Bible course.**



## Women's Prayer Group Resumes

*"Any concern too small to be turned into prayer  
is too small to be made into a burden."* Corrie Ten Boom

The Women's Prayer Group will resume in September. In most months, we will gather on the first Monday, using Zoom.

**SEPTEMBER EXCEPTION:** While weather permits, we would like to gather socially distanced on Rosemary Hinkle's patio on Monday, September 14, beginning at 7:00 PM. Thereafter, we will meet on Zoom @ 7:30 PM.

September 14, 7:00 PM @Rosemary Hinkle's patio

October 5, 7:30 PM on Zoom

November 2, 7:30 PM on Zoom

December 7, 7:30 PM on Zoom

Please email [Rosemaryhinkle@comcast.net](mailto:Rosemaryhinkle@comcast.net) to receive your Zoom invitation for each prayer time. Your email will also be crucial to alerting you to any weather-related change to the hoped-for outdoor September gathering.

**The prayer group welcomes women at any time they wish to participate.**

Know that all discussions and prayers are held in strict group confidence. If you have not participated previously or if you did but your schedule kept you away, please consider joining this fall.

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Dear Friends in Christ,

I know we all have been praying even more in these difficult times. I recently was directed to a website with some beautiful prayers for these COVID-19 days.

From the Church of England. There is a wonderful variety of prayers, including some beautiful prayers for children starting on page 12.

Please download this and use these prayers. I know you will find them very helpful. And they use language to which, even we Americans can easily relate! May these prayers will be a blessing to you.

In Christ,

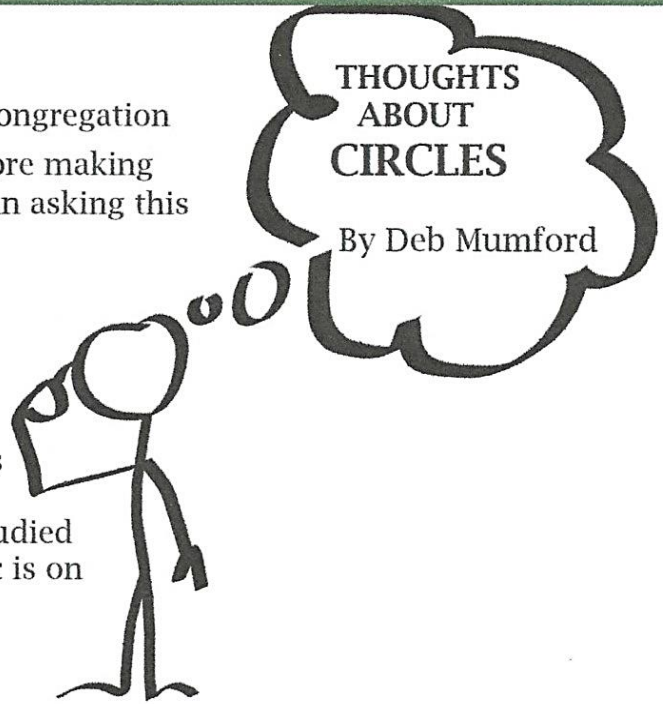
Pastor Larry Guenzel

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-04/Prayer%20Book%20Digital%202%20April%200.pdf>



Recently I was asked by one of the women of our congregation "What exactly is a Circle?" She wanted to know before making a commitment. I suspect she is not the only woman asking this question. This was my response:

Holy Trinity has an organization called Lutheran Church Women (LCW) and basically it has groups of women that meet once a month. (the circles are called Miriam, Eve, Hannah and Ruth). The meetings center around a topic that is discussed and those topics or themes change every year. Last year we studied a book called "Loving like Jesus". This year the topic is on "Inspiring Generosity- Faith and Grace in Art" It explores examples of compassion, giving and sacrifice expressed in both Scripture and art.



For me, personally, it's a way to get to know the women of our church a little better, share in each other's struggles and enjoy our walk of faith together. I know that when I first joined the Hannah Circle I was thinking "Man, I have so much on my plate right now, do I really need this too?" But, the support that you get when you are interacting with other women of faith is so life affirming. When my husband suffered an accident and was hospitalized with a traumatic brain injury, the women of my circle came together in such an amazing way. They provided not only prayers but financial assistance and free camp for a week for my daughter Hannah so I could focus on taking my husband to all of his rehab appointments when he came home from the hospital. It was such a blessing to see how women of faith came together to care for one another.

Circles always have open invitations to every woman. I encourage everyone to "try them on"...come out (or log on as may be the case) and see how it feels. It may be something that touches your heart ...but you never know until you try... We have had lots of women through the years who came out for several meetings and even sampled different circles. Pray about it...see where God is leading you.

I would like to add that as we go through life, opportunities for reaching out and developing friendships, particularly with women of faith can be somewhat limited and challenging. Life gets busy and it seems to be rushing by so fast. And even though we may each have long-term relationships with friends outside the church (I have many secular friends), it is such a comfort to know other women who are on their own journey of faith. These women, some older, some younger, can share in what it feels like to be a follower of Christ, and how that colors everything we say and do. It is a blessing to be held accountable and feel that sense of family. So, all I would say is, don't look at joining a circle as any sort of duty or commitment but rather as an opportunity to become part of a support system that, like our Lord and Savior, is always there for you, no matter what!

\*A Note from our LCW President Rosemary Hinkle - She is more than happy to host any circle on her Zoom account, just call her to share your needs.

# Lutheran Church Women's Circle Bible Study



"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." Genesis 1:1

This year's Bible Study will be **Inspiring Generosity: Faith and Grace in Art**, based on the book, *Inspiring Generosity: Stories of Faith and Grace in Art*, compiled, edited and published by Thrivent Financial. Using pieces from the Thrivent Collection of Religious Art as well as several available from online art museums, we will view works of art featuring subjects and themes reflecting the Western Christian tradition. We will also examine an original oil on canvas painted by one of our very own congregants.

Art has long been an essential and emotional means of exploring faith and piety. It has also offered a vital means of educating about Christianity and reinforcing traditions and beliefs.

Each lesson will be suitable for in-person or online format. The lessons are divided into three sections: 1) The Image(s) 2) The Artist(s) 3) Reflection. We will **prepare the canvas** by learning about the featured image. We will **paint the big picture** by learning about the featured artist. We will **frame the art** by reflecting on the Bible story and subsequent passages to which the art refers or is invoked by the image. Finally, we will **add the art to our gallery** through our discussion and prayer with one another.

Each Circle will receive a hard copy study, but the individual lessons may be sent digitally to the Circle Leaders to share with the group online. Please contact Nancy Ischinger (Program Chair) if you require an individual digital file of the month's lessons.

**September's Topic:** *The Sower*, featuring the artwork of Vincent Van Gogh; Jean-Francois Millet and Paul Gauguin. "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ." Colossians 3: 23-24



If you are an active member of one of our circles, then we look forward to welcoming you back. If you are not yet attending a circle, please contact Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Women President Rosemary Hinkle @ 215.704.3701 or [rosemaryhinkle@comcast.net](mailto:rosemaryhinkle@comcast.net) OR contact church secretary Deb Mumford @ 215.659.2642 to explore what might work best for you.

**Miriam Circle - Monday, September 14 at 10:00 AM** via teleconference call  
Leader: Sandy Schmidt (215) 657-5065 [sandyschmidt19001@yahoo.com](mailto:sandyschmidt19001@yahoo.com)

**Hannah Circle - Sunday, September 20 at 10:30 AM** in HTLC Café/and or Zoom  
Leader: Deb Mumford (215) 659-2642 [Debssam@msn.com](mailto:Debssam@msn.com)

**Ruth Circle - Wednesday, September 9 at 6:30 PM** at home of Rosemary Hinkle  
1164 Wheatsheaf Lane, Abington, PA 19001 or Zoom at 7:30 PM  
Leader: Nancy Necker (215) 884-2123 [nnecker52@gmail.com](mailto:nnecker52@gmail.com)

**Eve Circle - Thursday, September 10 at 6:30 PM** in Fellowship Hall.  
Leader: Sharon Koch (215) 355-7875 [sharonkoch1304@gmail.com](mailto:sharonkoch1304@gmail.com)



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Holy Trinity LCW have Giant Food Stores Gift Cards for purchase. If you are interested in obtaining Giant Gift Cards, there is an order form in the Narthex. Fill it out and leave it in the box. (No money with order form please). Or contact Joy Alderfer, she will complete your orders. Cash purchases are always welcome. All checks for gift cards should be made payable to "Holy Trinity Giant". Joy will be available in Fellowship Hall after Church to take orders, payment and deliver cards. HTLCW receives a 5% cash back award for each card sold which goes to our scholarship fund. Our scholarship fund is utilized to offset the cost of any LCW related function for any Church women who may want to attend but needs financial assistance. Thank you for your support.

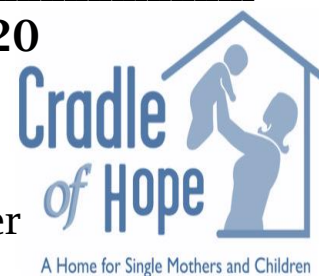
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## **Holy Trinity's LCW Bedding Sunday, September 20, 2020**

We are collecting **SHEETS & PILLOWS FOR TWIN BEDS**

Must be **NEW & IN ORIGINAL PACKAGING**

The blue basket will be in the Narthex the first week of September for our collection on **Sunday, September 20, 2020**



**Cradle of Hope's** mission is to minister to the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of single mothers and children through transitional housing & support services.



# September Worship Assistants Schedule



## September 6

<b>Usher 3</b>	<b>Lector- Sat Linda Cassady</b>	<b>Communion Assistants</b>	<b>Jim &amp; Nancy Necker</b>
<b>Stream Team</b>	<b>Sun Matthew Gregg</b>		

## September 13

<b>Usher 4</b>	<b>Lector - Sat Karen McGovern</b>	<b>Communion Assistants</b>	<b>Allan Shikhvarg Tom Schied</b>
<b>Stream Team</b>	<b>Sun Kathy Ingerson</b>		

## September 20

<b>Usher 5</b>	<b>Lector-Sat Linda Cassady</b>	<b>Communion Assistants</b>	<b>Sherry Breslin Linda Borkowski</b>
<b>Stream Team</b>	<b>Sun Nancy Ischinger</b>		

## September 27

<b>Usher 1</b>	<b>Lector-Sat Karen McGovern</b>	<b>Communion Assistants</b>	<b>Frank Ganther Rob Ischinger</b>
<b>Stream Team</b>	<b>Sun Alyson Kuenstner</b>		

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@holytrinity.net](mailto:secretary@holytrinity.net)

Called to *Serve*

# September 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>"We may IGNORE but we can nowhere EVADE the presence of GOD. The world is crowded with HIM." - CS Lewis </p>		1	2  7:30 Council	3 10:00 BOH Food Pantry	4	5  5:00 Holy Communion
<b>6 PENTECOST 14</b> 9:00 Holy Communion In person & Live Stream	<b>7 OFFICE CLOSED</b>  HAPPY LABOR DAY 6:30 Women's Prayer Group	8	9  7:30 Ruth Circle at home of Rosemary Hinkle	<b>10</b> 10:00 BOH Food Pantry  6:30 Eve Circle in Fellowship Hall	<b>11</b>  Patriot Day	<b>12</b>  5:00 Holy Communion
<b>13 PENTECOST 15</b> 9:00 Holy Communion In person & Live Stream   PICNIC ON LAWN	<b>14</b> 10:00 Miriam Circle Teleconference Call	15	<b>16</b>  7:00 Evangelism	<b>17</b> 10:00 BOH Food Pantry	18	<b>19</b>  5:00 Holy Communion
<b>20 PENTECOST 16</b> 9:00 Holy Communion Cradle of Hope Sunday In person & Live Stream 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult  10:30 Hannah Circle	21	<b>22</b>  First Day of Autumn	<b>23</b>  7:30 Worship & Music	<b>24</b> 10:00 BOH Food Pantry	25	<b>26</b> 10 AM Outdoor OCC Packing Party  5:00 Holy Communion
<b>27 PENTECOST 17</b> 9:00 Holy Communion In person & Live Stream 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult	28	29	30	<p>"I have set the LORD always before me. Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken." Psalm 16:8 </p>		

## Special Dates:

- Labor Day, *September 7, 2020*
- National Grandparents Day, *September 13, 2020*
- Patriot Day, *September 11, 2020*
- First Day of Autumn, *September 22, 2020*

