

HOLY TRINITY

Evangelical Lutheran Church

ECHOES NEWSLETTER

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Pastor

The Rev. Lawrence Guenzel,
Interim Pastor

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,

Office Administrator

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

Dear Parish Family,

During this time of Interim Ministry at Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, a third Developmental Task is **allowing for needed leadership changes**. This is natural and healthy for any Christian Congregation. St. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians chapter 12:4-7: *Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.* Each of us has been gifted by the Holy Spirit with abilities and skills that are used in the ministry of the Gospel among us.

It is absolutely natural and healthy for some of those who have been long-time dependable leaders to see the change of pastors as a time to step back from the same degree of involvement in the leadership of the parish. The leaders of the congregation look for opportunities to facilitate this natural movement of members into new leadership positions and allow those who want to step back from leadership to do so.

All the leaders of the congregation need to have open eyes during this whole process of changing pastors. More and more laypeople will need to be called on for ideas and help, and leaders need to locate that potential and move those persons into roles for the future.

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Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Mission Statement

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is a congregation of people of God, bound together in love for the purpose of glorifying God in worship and in fulfilling His will through spreading the Gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ to all humankind.



Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers have been presented to the Glory of God by the people of Holy Trinity. Altar Flowers must be ordered no later than the Tuesday afternoon preceding the Sunday they are presented. They may be ordered through the Church Office (215-659-2642). You may pay by placing \$20.00 in a small white pew envelope checked, "Altar Flowers." If you know it, indicate your envelope number.

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Here at Holy Trinity this process is taking place rather naturally. We give thanks for the leadership of those who are stepping down from various leadership roles and we welcome new leaders to step forward. If you feel a calling to give more of your time, energy, and skills, please speak to a member of the Congregation Council or to me about your interests.

The church is constantly opening new doors for ministry and welcoming new disciples into servant roles in the congregation. This is a sign of a healthy and Spirit-led congregation. May God continue to lead us as we seek to serve Christ, proclaiming the Gospel in both word and action.

In Christ,

Pastor Larry Guenzel





Healing Prayer Ministry

Prayer cards are available in a basket on the Altar in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd. Fill out your prayer requests and members of the Healing Prayer Ministry will pray for your needs. If you leave your contact information a team member will contact you.



† Women's Prayer Group

The Holy Trinity Women's Prayer Group meets once a month **1st Monday of each month.**

We gather at 7:30 PM via Zoom. Email

RosemaryHinkle@comcast.net to receive your Zoom invitation. All women are welcome to join.

Join us in prayer **Monday, December 7, 2020**

“Prayer is the breath, the watchword, the comfort, the strength, the honor of a Christian.”
– Spurgeon.

Resumes Jan. 4, 2021

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: Al, Alanna, Albert, Alessia, Alex, Alexandr, Alexei, Alan, Allan, Allyson, Alyson, Amanda, Amy, Ann, Anna, Antonette, Aubrey, Baby Brooklyn, Barb, Barbara, Barbara-Jo, Barry, Becki, Ben, Bennett, Bette, Bill, Bob, Bobby, Bonnie, Brendan, Brett, Brian, Brianna, Carl, Carly, Carol, Charles, Charlie, Christopher, Cindy, Colin, Colleen, Dallas, Dan, Daniel, Dan-Ning, Dave, David, Deb, Denise, Dennis, Derek, Diane, Dick, Donna, Dottie, Drew, Ed, Eda, Edie, Edith, Edward, Edwin, Ekaterina, Eleanor, Elva, Emma, Eric, Erica, Erika, Ernie, Frank, Gavin, Gene, Gina, Gloria, Greg, Guy, Hank, Hannah, Harry, Helen, Henry, Igor, Irina, Isabel, Jack, Jackson, Jaime, James, Jane, Janet, Jason, Jean, Jen, Jennifer, Jim, Joe, John, Johnny, Joseph, Joy, Joyce, Julia, Juwan, Kaela, Karen, Kas, Kate, Katie, Kathy, Keith, Kelly, Kelsey, Kerry, Kim, Kyle, Lacy, Laura, Lauren, Laurie, Leo, Levi, Lillian, Lily, Lina, Linda, Logan, Lois, Lyn, Lynn, Maggie, Mandy, Marge, Margaret, Marie, Marina, Mark, Marissa, Mary Ellen, Matt, Matthew, Maureen, Max, Mayet, Meg, Megan, Michelle, Mikhail, Mike, Mina, Myrna, Nancy, Nate, Neena, Nikki, Norman, Pat, Patsy, Paul, Paula, Paull, Peter, Rachel, Ray, Rebecca, Regina, Reid, Rich, Rick, Rita, Robert, Robin, 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, Zac, Zach.

Please pray for the following families: Beck, Bell, Bell-Powell, Blakes, Bolger, Brown, Cain, Caldwell, Cassidy, Colussi, 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, Moore, Novak, Powell, Reiff, Rosa, Schenck, Sears, Shikhvarg, Smith, Spring, Steinhofner, Sullivan, Tredinnick, Vargas, Ward, Werner, Yakscoe, Zaroli, Zaslou.

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.
- For those suffering from racial injustice, bigotry, and oppression in our nation and in the world.

Memorials have been received



*Russell Tredinnick
Nancy Lee Hummel*



Our Christian Sympathy to

David, Karen and the entire Kremer family
on the death of **Elaine Kremer**
November 8, 2020
Beloved mother, grand and great-grandmother.

Paula, Ginny and their families
on the death of **Bill Sickel**
November 18, 2020
Beloved father and grandfather.

Linda and family on the death of
Henry Lewandowski
November 24, 2020
Beloved husband, father and grandfather.

Psalm 112:6

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



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.
★ BOTH CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES 6:30 & 9:30 PM
WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED.

Treasurer's Report

October 31, 2020 (For the Year 2020)

| | Holy Trinity Ministries | Wider Church |
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| Year to date received for current income | \$ 335,196.49 | \$ 67,589.36 |
| Carry over from 2019 | (\$1,195.17) | \$ 27,909.95 |
| Expenses paid to date | \$ 330,268.37 | \$ 59,185.91 |
| Surplus/(Deficit) 2019 | \$3,732.95 | \$ 36,313.40 |

LUTHER QUOTES:

"Scripture is the manger in which we find the Christ child."

"That there were shepherds, means that no one is to hear the Gospel for himself alone, but everyone is to tell it to others who are not acquainted with it. For he who believes for himself has enough and should endeavor to bring others to such faith and knowledge, so that one may be a shepherd of the other, to wait upon and lead him into the pasture of the Gospel in this world, during the nighttime of this earthly life."

"Whatever your heart clings to and confides in, that is really your God."

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
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 Holy Trinity,

Just a note to say "thank you" for your support of the mothers and children at Cradle of Hope. You and your families are in our prayers for good health in these stressful times. We are so very thankful for your support!

Sincerely,
Rachel Mullely, Director



Dear Pastor Larry, Deb, and everyone at Holy Trinity,
Thank you so much for your caring and comforting visits, cards, calls, emails, and prayers while my mom was sick and after her suffering ended she entered into God's Kingdom of Eternal Peace and Joy.

Thank you, especially, to Pastor Larry, Deb and the wonderful funeral ministry we have at Holy Trinity. While the funeral services were to praise and honor God (and honor my mother and brother) they also served as a comforting reminder of God's Promise and Wondrous Love with a beacon of hope to share with the broken hearted.

Ernie and I are truly blessed to be a part of this wonderful Church and, on behalf of our family, we thank you for sharing your hearts (and more) with us.

Thank you and God Bless You,
Sharon Koch.

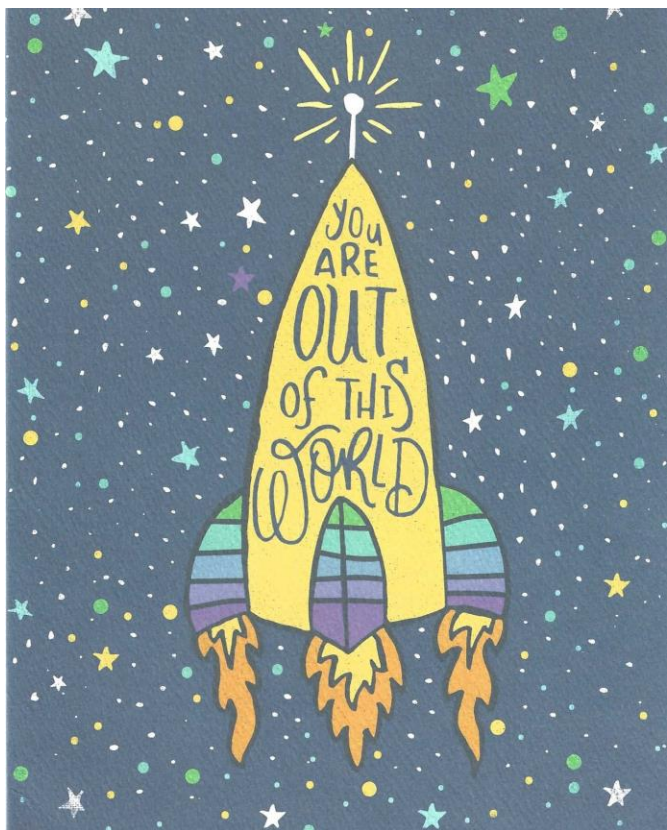


Dear Holy Trinity Family,

It is with a full heart that I try to express my deepest thanks, love and appreciation for the many prayers, memorials, calls, texts, emails, cards, flowers, plants and food that Jim and I received after the passing of my Mom, Nancy Lee Hummel. We are blessed to be a part of such a warm and caring community. Please know that all of these gestures of sympathy and concern meant a great deal to my family and I. We were fortunate to have our Mom with us for 86 years. Now we know that she is at peace and with our Lord. May God bless all of you and keep you safe.

In Christ,
Nancy, Jim and the Necker Family.





To the wonderful people of Holy Trinity, my siblings in Christ, I cannot thank you enough for your most thoughtful remembrance of my dear husband, Fr. Brewster Hastings. I have been blessed and deeply touched by your beautiful Altar flowers; how loving of you to remember me on the anniversary of Brewster's death (I like to call it his heavenly birthday).

I pray you are all healthy and safe as we continue to navigate through this pandemic and this time of great awakening to our sin of racism. God has surely continued to guide, protect, and bless us as we continue to learn to love our neighbors as we love ourselves! You truly made my whole week. I miss you all and thank God for you. I included a picture of one of my icons (see below). Brewster always liked to make prints of my work so we could share.

With all my love and prayers,
Pamela Hastings

Pam Hastings Icon



Dear Members of Holy Trinity,
The remembrance of Paull on All Saints Sunday is greatly appreciated by our family.

We are thankful for all prayers and support.

God's Blessings,
Barbara Spring & family.

 a heartfelt
Thanks

Christ's Home

Caring. Compassion. Community.

www.christshome.org

November 2, 2020

Rosemary Hinkle, the Social Ministry Chair
Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
2086 Parkview Ave
Abington, PA 19001-1136

Dear Rosemary and Friends,

On behalf of everyone at Christ's Home, I want to thank you for your generous donation of sneakers to Christ's Home. Your caring support and investment in Christ's Home helps to ensure that the children who live and are provided for here will receive the loving care they deserve in an atmosphere graced with dignity and respect. May God bring you many blessings for your kindness.

The Christ's Home family wishes you good health and happiness during these very unique times that we live in. If you are interested in more information about Christ's Home, please feel free to give me a call at 215-956-2264 or visit our website at <https://www.christshome.org/>

Thanks again,



George Zauflik
Director of Community Relations

“And of his fulness we have all received, grace upon grace.”
John 1:16 (ESV)



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ADVENT

Here we go! Now that Thanksgiving is over, the rush begins. This world is busy with buying, baking, and busying ourselves in getting stuff ready for a secular holiday. Instead of driving yourself crazy this month, why not take the advice of the Christian Church Year Calendar and truly observe the season we are entering: Advent.

November 29 marks the beginning of a new liturgical year on the church calendar. The first four Sundays of the church year are the four Sundays of Advent. Advent means "Coming" and it is a season of preparation for the coming of Christ: once in history and His second coming at the end of time, the Parousia. Advent focuses on Christ, NOT Christmas. The lessons and themes for this season focus on the hopeful expectation of God's restoration of His people in the First Readings. The Gospel Readings focus on the Second Coming of Christ as well as God's preparation for Christ in John the Baptizer and the Virgin Mary. The music in Advent is rich in beauty and in theological concepts of preparation, anticipation, and hope. In Advent we are preparing for CHRIST, not Christmas. The liturgical color for Advent is blue, a color that suggests Hope. To allow Advent to have its fullest dramatic impact, we defer Christmas music, decorations, and celebrations until the 12 days of Christmas, December 24 -- January 5.

The theology and beauty of Advent must not be obscured by the Christmas preparations. This Advent Season, listen to the music, the words, the readings, and the sermons and soak in the beauty of this season. Instead of busying yourself with Christmas preparations, use daily Advent devotions available on the NALC website (www.thenalc.org) or pick up a copy in the narthex. Do acts of kindness for those in need. Pray for a heart that is open and anticipating Christ as He comes again to take His people home. This is the season of Advent. Let us observe this season as we prepare for Christ.

Pastor Larry Guenzel



Why are Poinsettias the Flower of Christmas?

Bright, flaming red, star-shaped Poinsettias are known as “The Flower of the Holy Night” or the “Flame Leaf Christmas Star” in the United States.

One of the most popular flowers in Central America, it was brought here by Dr. Joel Poinsett, the first US ambassador to Mexico, over 100 years ago. The legend of the Poinsettia also comes from Mexico and explains how this flower came to represent the deep love of innocent hearts shown, by poor children, for the Baby Jesus.

Once upon a time, two very poor children lived in a village in Mexico. They were a brother and sister named Maria and Pablo. Just like all the other children in the village, Maria and Pablo looked forward to the special Christmas parade and the annual Nativity play. During this Nativity play, a large manger scene was set up in the village church. All the children of the village marched in the Christmas parade to bring their presents to the Baby Jesus on Christmas Eve.

Maria and Pablo loved Jesus and the season of His birth very much, but they had no money to buy a gift for Him. That evening as they walked to join the other children in the Christmas parade, they took the long route in hopes that they might be able to find some flower blossoms to lay before the manger of the Christ Child. But they couldn’t find any.

Although they were sad at heart and quite disheartened by their poverty, they picked the prettiest green leaves they could find, squared their shoulders, and joined the parade of children. The other children teased them cruelly for bringing “weeds” to the Christ Child, yet Pablo and Maria braved their way to the Nativity Scene, knelt in worship, and placed the greenery carefully around the manger. As the children lifted their heads, a miracle occurred. Bright red star-shaped flowers burst forth from the greens and were the most beautiful of all the gifts that the Christ Child had received that day.

Poinsettia Order for Christmas Eve **Deadline - December 18, 2020**

___ Red Poinsettias @ \$10.00 apiece ___ White Poinsettias @ \$10.00 apiece

Amount enclosed: \$_____ Dedicate or memorialize as follows (if desired):

Your Name: _____ Envelope Number (If known) _____

Please enclose order and payment in small pew envelope marked “Poinsettias” and place in offering plate.

Make checks payable to: Holy Trinity

What A Year for Operation Christmas Child at Holy Trinity!

Holy Trinity has a MOST generous church family, and it could not have been more apparent than during our fall shoebox effort for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child.

First, Holy Trinity has sent 401 shoeboxes! That is 12 more than last year.

Second, Holy Trinity members lent their time and talent to our "8-day week" of receiving shoeboxes from area individuals and churches, packing shoeboxes in cartons, and transporting them to Covenant Church in Warminster. (Thank you logistics man-of-the-hour Rob Ischinger for procuring that big truck!) Including our 401 shoeboxes, we packed and transported 1,558 shoeboxes! And we had 24 dedicated volunteers to enable us to be a receiving church.

Third, to assist with shoebox shipping costs, members of the congregation contributed almost \$1,100 toward shipping our 401 shoeboxes.

THANK YOU to ALL who packed shoeboxes individually, helped make our early October packing party happen outside, provided all manner of toys, hand-sewn dresses and stuffed animals; crocheted hats, and other needed shoebox supplies and wow items.

Special Thank You's to:

The Run Around in Roslyn for donating hundreds of shoeboxes throughout the year. If you shop there, please thank them.

Jane at Jane's Cottage who works throughout the year to get us the best quantity discounts. If you stop by to shop, please thank her.

Follow My Box: If you used these labels, please share in the coming year where your boxes went around the world. And if you are blessed with a communication from your child or his/her family, please share with Deb who will compile our stories to share our good news.



MISSIONARY UPDATE:



Dear Fellow in mission,
Receive our update attached. We are so thankful to all of you for your partnership in mission. God is so good and acted through you to meet our needs for return to the DRC. Lots of books, kitchen supplies, clothing, flip flops, and many more were well received at my son's address. Now we are busy packing and ready that in two weeks we can load all items in the containers.

Also, thanks for the money that was donated for car purchase, stove, refrigerator and money that will help for shipping and custom duty. To God be the glory. Let the Almighty bless all of you and the members of your church for their love and kindness.

Your fellow in mission,
Didi & Serafina

Missionary Support for Didi & Seraphina Panzo

Following Didi and Seraphina Panzo's visit to Holy Trinity and their presentation to the congregation this fall, Holy Trinity rallied to provides support for the Panzo's return in January for four more years to serve in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

One of the pressing needs is feeding the orphans who come to them begging for food because they are fed only once a day at their nearby orphanage. We shipped 30 unbreakable plates and bowls, as well as 30 knives, forks, and spoons for this purpose. We also sent a 220-volt coffee maker. All of these items were purchased at a discount and shipped free to the Panzo's son in North Carolina so that they would be ready to pack in the shipping container in mid-November.

Other shipments included more than 100 flip-flops (children often must go barefoot), 25 pairs of reading glasses, and assorted children's clothes. Pastor Larry sent books from his personal collection for the library at the seminary. Holy Trinity sent \$5,500 toward the Panzo's container shipping costs of \$6,000 and the purchase of a used car.

You are invited to participate as you feel called in an ongoing collection of money through January 1 to help the Panzo's provide the desperately needed second daily meal to the orphans. We will send your caring gifts in January once the Panzo's have returned to the Congo. If you would like to contribute, please mark your envelope and memo section on your check "Congo Orphans."

Prayer News of September & October from Pastor Didi and Serafina Panzo, Missionaries in the Democratic Republic of Congo

Up to date for churches visits during the month of September, we were able to visit two churches, Zion Lutheran and Faith Lutheran Community in Zimmerman, Minnesota led by Pastor Jake Gilliard our former colleague of the WMPL now serving the LCMS. We spent a good time as we were able to share to the congregations about the DRC's mission. People were so moved and compassionate about the cause. We hope that these two congregations will be in our list of supporters.

Two others churches in our schedule to visit were Gift of Grace, Wisconsin and Saint Paul Lutheran in Minneapolis but we didn't make it physically because of Covid-19 restriction. At St Paul we did it in live stream as we sent our message in thanking their support in prayers and donation and also stating our plan for return. For Gift of Grace we received at Minneapolis the Pastor and one elder of the church who brought a gift card to us and some books that are barely in the DRC. We prayed together and gave thanks to God for the partnership and all donations received.

From the end of October to November 1, 2020 we were invited to visit Pastor Tom Olson and his wife Eunice, missionary candidates of the WMPL (World Mission Prayer League). They live in Howley, Minnesota where we spent two good days with them talking about the mission in the DRC as they are discerning to join us for the mission work in the DRC. They seem very enthusiastic and looking at the opportunity as a God's calling. I was invited to preach at the joint service of two churches that Tom is the Pastor. We were very impress in building relation with this wonderful couple, to God be the glory. Moving Plan Since November 3, 2020 we left Minnesota and moved to North Carolina where we will be packing all donations received and after all is loaded in the container for shipping to the DRC. We are informing all partner that your donations reached well the destination and are ready to be packed. We are so glad for all your responses and thank you so much for your love on us and for God's mission in the DRC.

Also informing that we purchased a descent used Toyota FJ Cruiser to be use in the DRC as requested with some urgent accessories in case of replacement needs. Again thanks for all your effort and willingness to lift up the Kingdom of God.

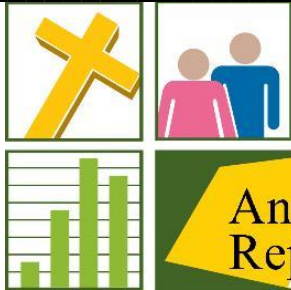
Prayers Request - Praise God for all the overwhelmingly response we received through donation and the purchase of the Truck. - Pray that a visas can be granted in timely manner. - Pray that we may find a good site for Covid-19 testing - Pray that the shipment of the container may be in God hands without any complication - Pray for health and safety as we are considering to return on January 8, 2021.

If the information in this document is handled carelessly, believers will suffer. Please store safely (or destroy) after reading. Do not quote or duplicate in printed form or electronically — including email and especially social media. We are grateful your prayers, and thank you in advance for taking appropriate precautions to safeguard the life and witness of those with whom we labor and love.

Tax-deductible donations are gladly received at: World Mission Prayer League 232 Clifton Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55403 USA. Make checks payable to "WMPL" and note "Panzo Support" in the memo line. Give securely online at www.WMPL.org/give or by phoning +1.612.871.6843. You may also provide financial support for Pastor Didi and Serafina Panzo through Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Abington, PA



At Annual Meeting this year, **Sunday, January 24, 2021** the first item of business will be the adoption of Rules of Procedure. This adoption of Rules of Procedure has always been done at the outset of every denominational or synodical convocation (LCA, ELCA, or NALC). This adoption needs only a simple majority and is done to make the meeting run smoothly. Among other things, The Rules of Procedure say that Holy Trinity's Annual Meeting will be governed by Roberts Rules of Order, that all speeches will be limited to three minutes, and that anyone can present a resolution but that this resolution must be presented in writing to the Committee on Reference and Counsel by 3:00 p.m. on the Monday immediately prior to Annual Meeting. At the time each resolution is presented to Annual Meeting, Reference and Counsel will advise the Annual Meeting as to whether or not the resolution should be adopted. Copies of these Rules of Procedure and Forms for Resolutions are available in the Narthex.



To All Committee Chairpersons

If you haven't already, please submit your Annual Report to Deb in the office or email to secretary@holytrinity.net



Bread of Heaven Christmas Meal Collection:

for Homemade Chili Dinner

We will be putting together Christmas Bags for our guests at the *Bread of Heaven* Food Pantry for 4 Thursdays in December.

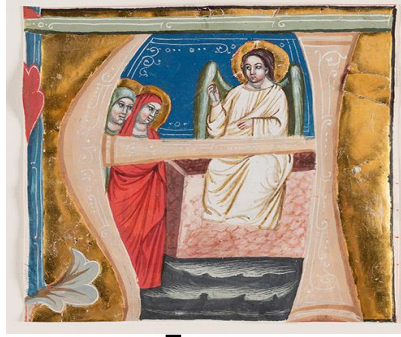


Donations needed for these items:

Diced Tomatoes, Kidney Beans, Vegetable Oil, Brownie mix, onions, Corn bread mix, Applesauce, or Cuties/Halos, Chili Seasoning packets, canned tomatoes with chilies, and money to purchase ground beef and peppers.

Thanks be to God for the outpouring of His Holy Spirit which inspires Holy Trinity's faithful disciples to provide so generously to those in need!

Lutheran Church Women's Circle Bible Study



December Topic "The Heavenly Host"

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!' Luke 2: 14

Prepare and paint the canvas: The Angel Appearing to the Shepherds, by Rembrandt van Rijn

Reflection frames the art: Luke 2: 1 - 14

Add the art to the gallery: Shepherds are highly symbolic figures who allude to Christ's eventual role as Shepherd. In this month's art, Rembrandt paints a little humor with swirling flocks of plump cherubs spilling forward from the heavens, emerging from above and cascading radiant light onto the quiet earth. The reaction on the ground is anything but quiet. Join your Circle this month to peek into the scene as we gaze down onto this lively interaction. Just as Rembrandt's composition is unconventional, we will depart from our regular Bible study to share a Christmas devotion, hearing the timeless nativity story from Luke's Gospel.

★ DECEMBER CIRCLES ★

Ruth Circle - Wednesday, December 9 at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom.

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

Eve Circle - Thursday, December 10 at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall and Zoom.

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

Miriam Circle - Monday, December 14 at 12:30 p.m. in the Study and Zoom

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

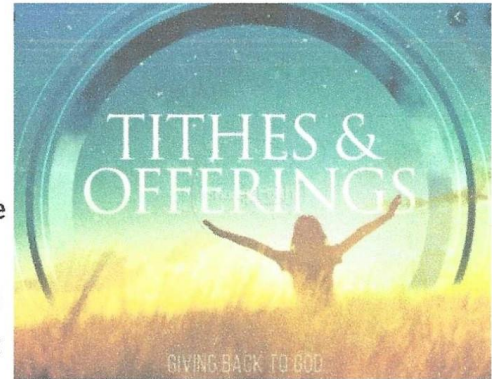
Hannah Circle - Sunday, December 20 at 10:30 a.m. in Bread of Heaven Café and Zoom.

Contact: Deb Mumford (215) 443-5132 Debssam@msn.com

Women of Holy Trinity

Look What You Made Happen With Your Thank Offering!

As December Echoes “goes to press,” we are sharing with you what your Thank Offering and special Ruth Circle offering dollars have purchased to help outfit four apartments at Christ’s Home. These apartments represent a new concept, helping older teens to learn to live independently before they age out of the protections of Christ’s Home. Our support is especially appreciated at a time when other support has fallen significantly behind due to school closures and other areas that once helped to meet needs.



The day before Thanksgiving, we delivered:

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| 4 cookie/pizza sheets | 16 dinner knives |
| 9 cooling racks | 16 dinner forks |
| 4 9 x 13 glass baking dishes | 16 dinner spoons |
| 4 dish drying racks and drainboards | 4 combo toilet brush/plunger sets |
| 4 sets of 3 sizes of cutting boards | 4 sets of 4 non-stick kitchen utensils (on order) |
| 2 oven mitts | A box of cookbooks donated by Jane’s Cottage |
| 4 dish towels | |

Your Lutheran Church Women’s Administrative Board thanks everyone who contributed their fall Thank Offering for this meaningful service to Christ’s Home. If you have not yet sent your Thank Offering to Joy Alderfer or left it with Deb in the office, we will be glad to receive it and continue making needed purchases.

The holidays are upon us
so if you have started to think
about shopping, remember
Giant Cards make great gifts.

Joy has a small number of cards on hand,
but will be happy to order whatever you need.

See Joy Alderfer for cards or orders.

HTLCW receive 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 an LCW related function for any church women who may want to attend but may need some financial assistance.





Adult Christian Breakfast Fellowship

Date: **Saturday, December 5, 2020**

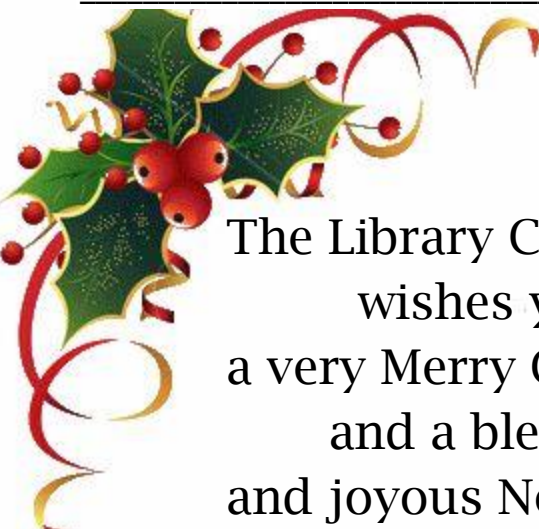
Time: **9:00 AM**

Topic:

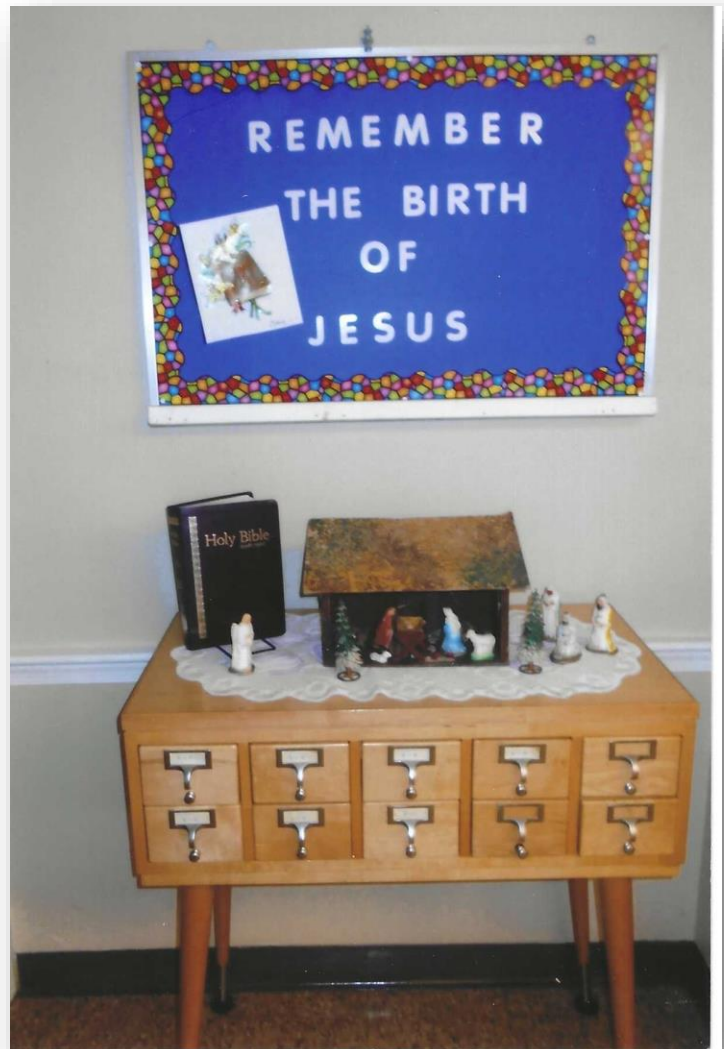


Speaker: **Katie Beyer**

COVID-19 regulations are in place. Wear mask anytime you are not sitting at the table.
Maintain social distancing (tables are set up to accommodate)
Bagels & cream cheese will be served.
Suggested donation \$5.00 per person to help defray the cost of food.

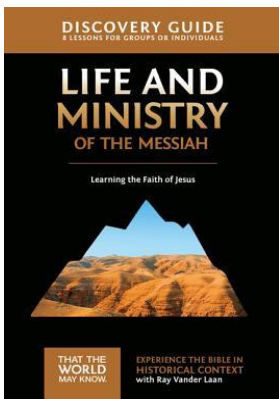
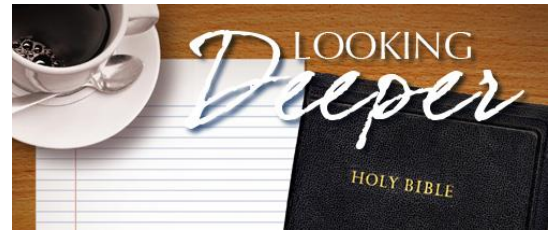


The Library Committee
wishes you
a very Merry Christmas
and a blessed
and joyous New Year!



adult
CHRISTIAN
education Sundays at 10:30 AM

Fellowship Hall Class with Pastor Larry
Digging Deeper in-person or Zoom
Meeting ID # 945 1129 1550
Passcode: 422059



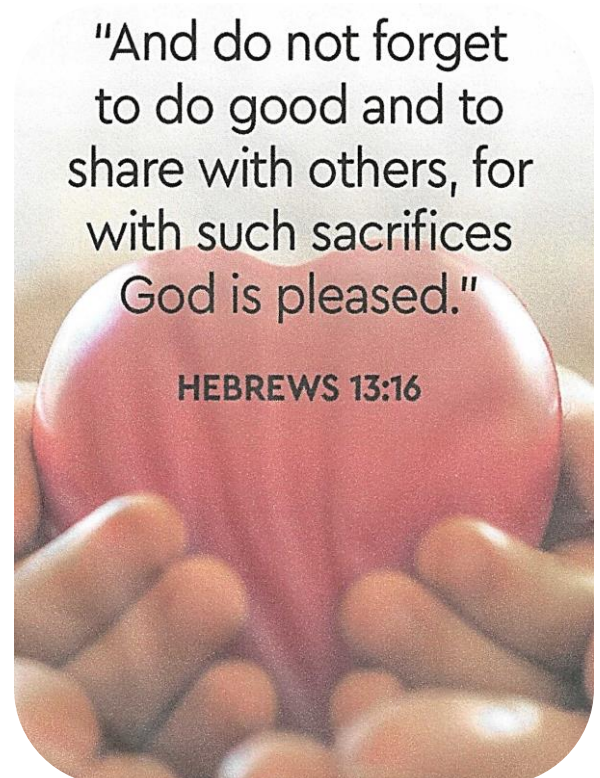
Saint Peter & Andrew Study Class with Tom Schied
Life & Ministry of the Messiah Video Series
In-person or Zoom
Meeting ID # 930 8593 4820
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Sarnelli House Needs ~URGENT

Men's & Women's coats & warm jackets
Men's jeans esp. waist sizes 32, 34, 36

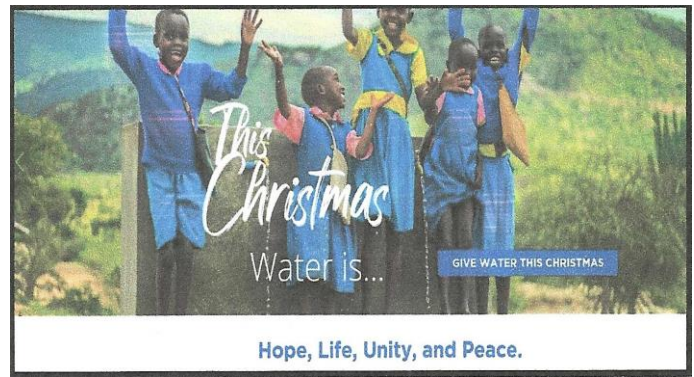
Women's jeans Hoodies
Gloves Knit caps
Blankets

Weekly trips are being made to Kensington.
Leave your donations in the office.



Water Mission 5K News

We were disappointed to have to cancel the Water Mission 5K this year. As an annual Gold Sponsor of the event, Holy Trinity will be sending \$1,500 directly to Water Mission.



Water Mission is currently responding to the COVID-19 health crisis by providing nurses, doctors, and healthcare facilities with safe water that aids in their work and providing under-resourced communities with hygiene resources. They are also responding to the many areas hard hit by hurricanes and other disasters. In a recent interview, the question was asked, "**What is Water Mission's greatest need right now?**" The answer given was, "**Prayer!**" It was said that, while their work is always dangerous, it is even more dangerous with Covid-19 complicating their efforts. Please keep the workers of Water Mission and the people in the communities they serve in your prayers; and, if you are able, please consider adding a donation to Water Mission to your Christmas Giving List this year at www.watermission.org

Congratulations and welcome to God's world:

Massimo Gianni Frezza

Born November 10, 2020

Weight: 8 lbs., 5 oz. Height: 20 1/2"



To parents Michael and Maria Frezza
And proud grandparents Ben and Linda Frezza.

Congratulations and welcome to God's world:

Thomas Connor Cappel

Born November 16, 2020

Weight: 9 lbs., 8 oz. Height: 21"

To parents John and Molly Cappel
and big brother James Joseph.



November/December Christmas Project

How Can You Meet Many Great Needs at Christ's Home?

Following our ongoing sneaker collection for the children at **Christ's Home**, we have recently received a long list of **IMMEDIATE** needs. Those needs have occurred largely because the school groups that typically met them are not holding in-person classes or clubs. Christ's Home has a new program for 16 - 18 year old boys. They live on the campus in apartments so that they can learn to take care of themselves (do laundry, cook, get up on time, etc.) in a place they call home before they age out of Christ's Home. There will soon be an expansion to have older teen girls learning to live independently in apartments as well.

We are asking for your support. We always welcome monetary contributions (marked "For Christ's Home." We also are sharing an extensive list of needs as the supply shelves at Christ's Home are almost bare. Please leave your contributions in the narthex in marked areas and containers.

This slightly updated list follows our presentation from Christ's Home on November 9. Household items are needed by early December as Christ's Home prepares for state inspection of their new apartments for older residents learning to transition to independent living. The kids are so excited that there is a waiting list already for these apartments.

ALL Donations Must Be NEW

Online Amazon Option:: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1I7T4X7O6DN4J?ref_=wl_share

Any items you order will be sent directly to Christ's Home.

Bathroom

Towels & Washcloths
Shower Curtains for boys,
with liners for girls.
Bath mats (to stand on in tub)
Toilet Brushes & Plungers
Small Trash Cans with lids
Cup toothbrush holders

Kitchen

Electric Fry Pans
Pots & Pans: Silverstone or
Stainless Steel
Baking Sheets for pizza
Cutting Boards
9 x 13 Baking Pyrex Dishes
Measuring Cups & Spoons
Dish towels & Dish cloths
Dish Drainers
Cooking utensils & gadgets
(ie pizza cutters)

Boys & Girls Needs

Winter coats/Spring jackets
Men's: S - XL
Women's: sizes 1 - 10
Hoodies
Umbrellas
Electric Razors, Band-aids
Clock Radios
Duffle Bags/suitcases
(for when they visit home)
Brain Game
Devotionals
Hair Products
Contigo Water Bottles - reusable
Speed Rubix Cube
Adult Coloring Books

Living Room

Throw Pillows
Lamps, Christmas Lights

For Teen Boys

Under Armour all sizes
Axe & Dove gift sets
Air pumps for footballs

For Teen Girls

Sports Bras: S - XL
Bikini underwear
Belly Bands for teen mom
Yoga Pants S - XL

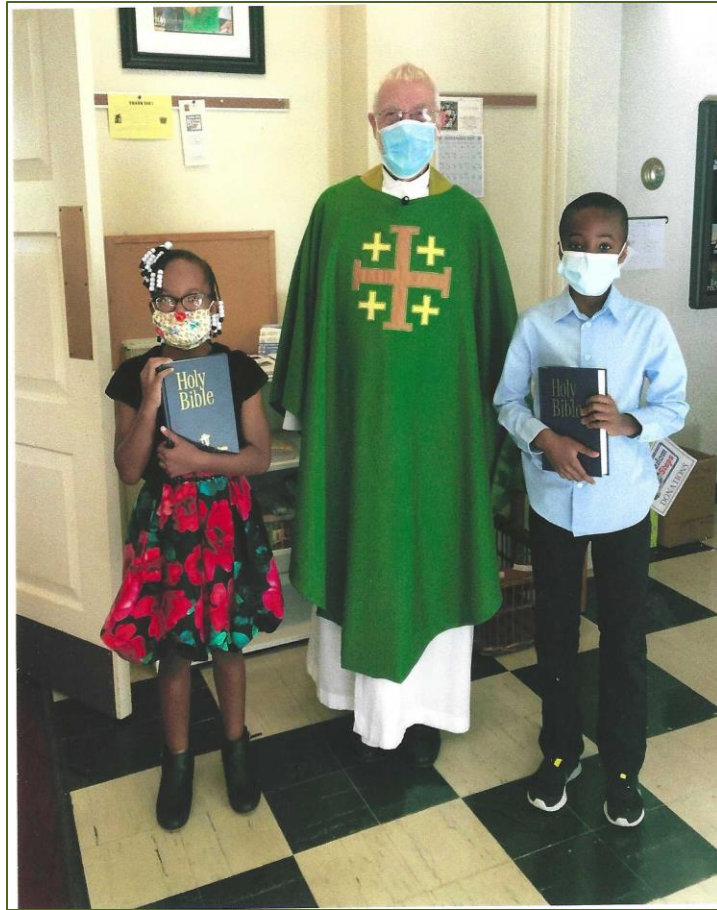
Bedroom

Weighted Blankets for twin beds
Pillows
Quilts & Afghans for twin beds
Bedside table lamps
Laundry Baskets
Plastic organizers for shelves
containers, bins

General

Batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, 9 volt)
Flashlights LED or Crank
Hangers, nightlights

Kiley Cheeseborough and Jonathan Mutashobya



Latest recipients of their very own Bibles
with Pastor Larry Guenzel.

February Collection: For Bread of Heaven Food Pantry Guests

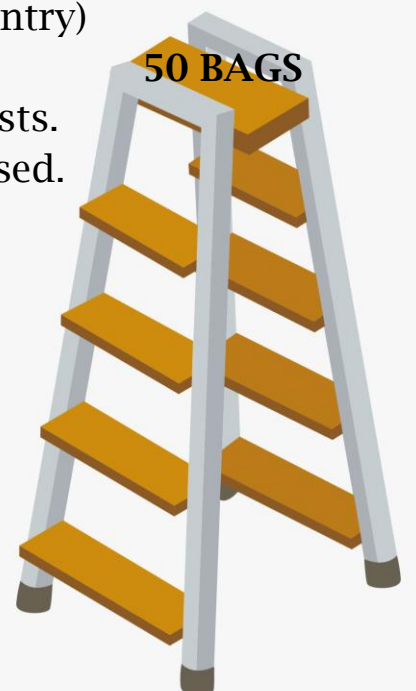
Let's climb to Heaven (The Bread of Heaven Food Pantry)

We would like to make a bag of toiletries

for each of our approximately 50 food pantry guests.

We will need 50 reusable bags - they may be very gently used.

- 50 deodorant
- 50 shampoo
- 50 toothbrushes
- 50 toothpaste
- 50 pairs of socks
- 50 bars of soap
- 50 washcloths
- 50 boxes of tissues
- Diapers & wipes





Youth Ministry

All events are on SUNDAY unless otherwise noted

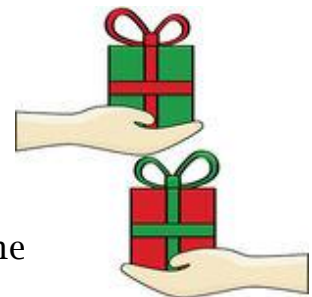


December 6, 2020 5:00 - 7:00 PM
Sons of Thunder Youth & friends are invited

Games, Food and our annual
Christmas Gift Exchange Game

Join us on the first Sunday of Advent
for food, fun and fellowship

Bring a wrapped gift (gift limit \$20)
& participate Christmas gift exchange game



**Why Is It Important to Click “Like”
on Holy Trinity’s Facebook Page?**



Do you tend to scroll on Facebook
without always clicking “Like?”

Holy Trinity is asking you to please click “Like” when you view our posts. That not only helps us to know that our posts are being seen, but also it puts our posts in newsfeeds more frequently. That means when you click that you “Like” our posts, more people are apt to see them. You are helping us spread the word about our active church that offers weekly worship and children/adult Christian education opportunities, special events, and many ways to participate in serving the body of Christ.

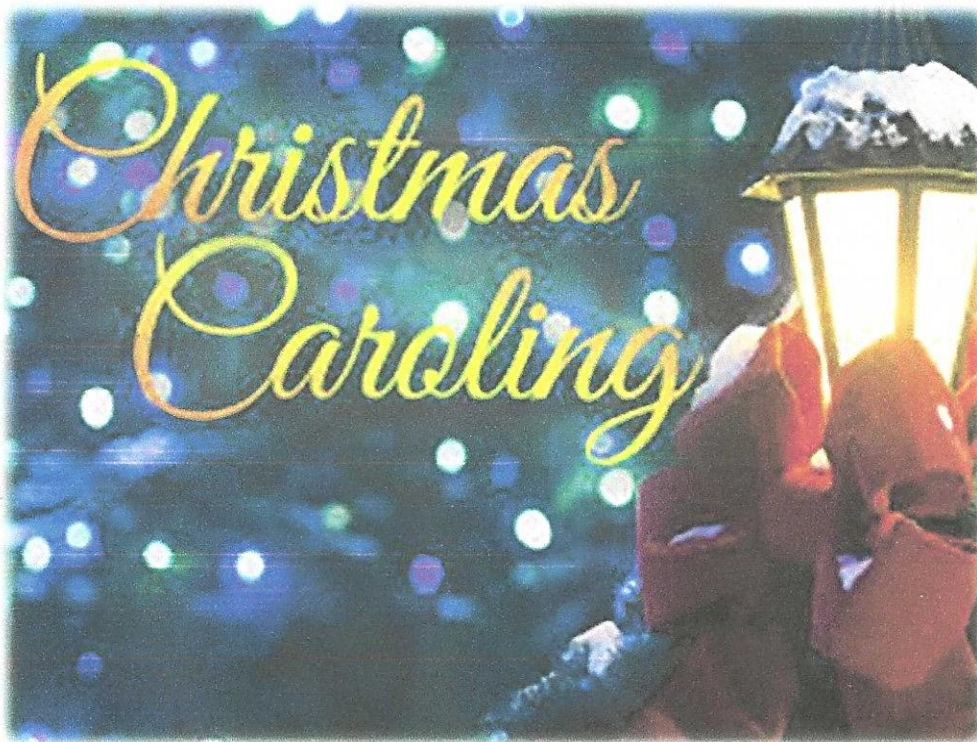
We also invite you to “Share” Holy Trinity’s posts. That is an important way you can let friends and family know about our wonderful church. Sometimes people are looking for a church home. Other times, their interest is piqued by an event or activity we are offering.

We want social media to serve as one of the ways that not only you, our members, but also those outside the church keep abreast of our active church life.

Thank you for “Liking” us! Thank you for “Sharing.”

Community Carol Sing on the church lawn!

with brass quartet



Sunday, December 20, 2020 at 3:00 PM

All are welcome!

Carol sheets will be provided

Christmas cookies and hot beverages will be served

Dress warmly and wear masks

Bring chairs if you desire to sit



December Worship Assistants Schedule



December 6

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| Usher 1 | Lector- Sat Linda Cassady | Communion Mark & Erica Assistants Affleck |
| Stream Hannah Team Mumford | Sun Linda Borkowski | |

December 13

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| Usher 2 | Lector - Sat Karen McGovern | Communion Linda Frezza Assistants Deb Mumford |
| Stream Ryan Schied Team | Sun Nancy Berkovitz | |

December 20

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| Usher 3 | Lector-Sat Linda Cassady | Communion Jim & Nancy Assistants Necker |
| Stream Alyson Team Kuenstner | Sun Audrey Brown | |

December 24 6:30 PM

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| Usher 4 |
| Stream Charlie Tolton Team |

Lector - Nancy Ischinger

**Communion Jim & Nancy
Assistants Necker**

December 24 9:30 PM

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| Usher 2 |
| Stream Hannah Team Mumford |

Lector - John Bleimaier

**Communion John Minges
Assistants Linda Frezza**

December 27

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| Usher 5 | Lector - Sat Karen McGovern | Communion Dave Tolton Assistants Charlie Tolton |
| Stream Tom Schied Team | Sun Jody Cheeseborough | |

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*

DECEMBER 2020

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|-----------|--|---|--|--|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 10:00 Bread of Heaven 7:30 Council 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Choir Trios | 4 | 5 9:00 Adult Breakfast Fellowship 2:30 Ganther/Walsh Wedding 5:00 Holy Communion |
| 6 ADVENT 2 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 4:00 Advent Vespers | 7 7:30 Women's Prayer Group on Zoom | 8 | 9 7:30 Ruth Circle on Zoom | 10 10:00 Bread of Heaven 6:30 Handbell Choir 7:30 Eve Circle 8:00 Choir Trios | 11 | 12 5:00 Holy Communion |
| 13 ADVENT 3 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult | 14 12:30 Miriam Circle | 15 | 16 | 17 10:00 Bread of Heaven 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Choir Trios | 18 | 19 5:00 Holy Communion |
| 20 ADVENT 4 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 10:30 Hannah Circle 3:00 CAROL SING AND COOKIES ON THE LAWN | 21  | 22 | 23 | 24 10:00 Bread of Heaven SERVICES 6:30 & 9:30 PM  | 25 OFFICE CLOSED  | 26 5:00 Holy Communion |
| 27 CHRISTMAS 1 9:00 Holy Communion | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31  | | |

Special Dates:

- ◆ Advent 2, Dec. 6, 2020
- ◆ Advent 3, Dec. 13, 2020
- ◆ Advent 4, Dec. 20, 2020
- ◆ First Day of Winter, Dec. 21, 2020
- ◆ Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 2020

Merry Christmas

