

HOLY TRINITY

Evangelical Lutheran Church

ECHOES NEWSLETTER

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Pastor

The Rev. Lawrence Guenzel,
Interim Pastor

Staff

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 Holy Trinity Family,

The period of Interim Ministry is continuing well as we, Interim Pastor and Congregation learn how we minister together in this “in-between” period. The Call Committee has been actively leading the process of self-study, defining our profile, and preparing to introduce this congregation to the greater North American Lutheran Church as we seek a new permanent pastor. This brings us to the fourth Developmental Task: Rediscovering the Denomination.

The relationship of a congregation with its Denomination can vary, depending on many factors. However, at the time of a Pastoral Vacancy, this relationship suddenly grows exponentially. At Holy Trinity, most of us can at least identify our national church body as the North American Lutheran Church (NALC). This is a very young Church, having been established in 2010 with Holy Trinity as one of the Charter Members. Because of that fact, many of our members are well-aware of the NALC and are involved with the NALC in a variety of levels. Generally, the NALC is there to support congregations and members in their life of Christian Discipleship. Several of our members have served as delegates to District, Regional, and National Church Assemblies through these ten years.

We know that the NALC sponsors a seminary, the North American Lutheran Seminary, which is a prime source of new pastors. The NALC also has a formal Call Process. You can read about this on the NALC website: www.thenalc.org. Click on the web address and then click on “call process” under the Ministry Discernment category. The NALC offers many devotional, support and educational materials to assist congregations and members. Please check out the NALC website!

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Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Mission Statement

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



Altar Flowers

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

From The Pastors

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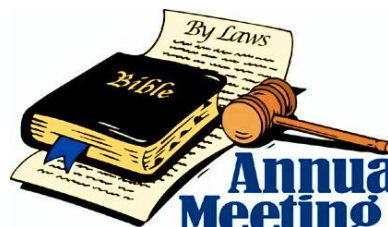
We have been receiving support from the Bishop's Office, as well as our Mission Region Dean, Pastor David McGettigan and Mission District Dean, Pastor Dan Schaeffer. Many of us are learning new connections with the Church beyond our own congregation and finding a rich resource of ministry support. It is my hope that these relationships will continue to grow even after our new pastor is with us.

Our next step, guided by the Holy Spirit and the NALC is to get our profile out for other pastors to see and perhaps consider as a new ministry in their calling as pastor. We are blessed to have such a faithful and Scripture-based denomination. We are also learning that Holy Trinity is a "pioneer" in the process of searching for a new pastor during this COVID-19 condition. With the leading of the Holy Spirit and the support of the NALC, along with our own support of prayers and faithfulness, we will be led to our new Pastor and together, we will serve Christ and His Church as we proclaim the Gospel to the world.

Please continue to pray for the NALC, our Congregation, our Call Committee, our Council, and me, your Interim Pastor.

In Christ,

Pastor Larry Guenzel



**Annual Congregational
Meeting**
Sunday, Jan. 31st
10:30 a.m.



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 every 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, January 4, 2021

Questions contact Rosemary @
Rosemaryhinkle@comcast.net

"Work as if you were to live a
hundred years, pray as if you
were to die tomorrow."
— Benjamin Franklin



Prayer List

**One of the beautiful aspects of Christian Fellowship
is that we can share one another's concerns through prayer.**

Please pray for the following:

Please pray for the following individuals & their families: *(we cannot add last names or initials)* The families of the members Holy Trinity together with those they love, including:

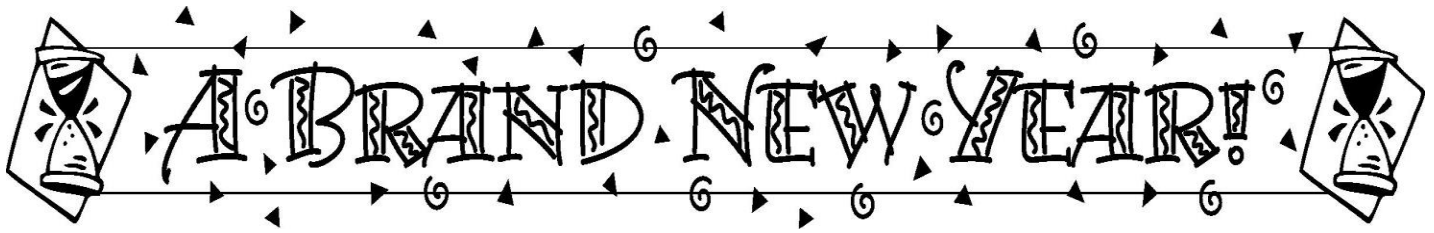
*** We encourage you to bring us your prayer requests
for individuals and families in 2021.**

Please pray for the following families:

All of the families of Holy Trinity, together with those they love and pray for; especially we pray for:

Please pray for the following petitions:

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



Is Just Beginning!

Mark your calendar and be sure to join us

Sunday, January 31, 2021

directly after the service at 10:30 a.m.

for our Annual Congregational Meeting

Items of Business:

Reports, Budget, Elections.

Join the conversation- make your voice heard!

We invite you to play an active role in the life of Holy Trinity in 2021

- Your Church Council-



The first item of business will be the adoption of Rules of Procedure. This adoption of Rules of Procedure has always been done at the outset of every denominational or synodical convocation (LCA, ELCA, or NALC). This adoption needs only a simple majority and is done to make the meeting run smoothly. Among other things, The Rules of Procedure say that Holy Trinity's Annual Meeting will be governed by Roberts Rules of Order, that all speeches will be limited to three minutes, and that anyone can present a resolution but that this resolution must be presented in writing to the Committee on Reference and Counsel by 3:00 p.m. on the Monday immediately prior to Annual Meeting, **Monday, January 25th**. 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.**

Memorials have been received



Nancy Hummel

Henry A. Lewandowski



Our Christian Sympathy to

Doug, Denise, Dan, Carl, Eric and their families
on the death of **Patsy Heller**
December 12, 2020
Beloved mother, grand and great-grandmother.

Psalm 112:6

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



Congratulations on your Baptism

Thomas Connor Cappel

Sunday, December 6, 2020

*Son of John & Molly Cappel
and baby brother to James Joseph.*

Welcome to the Lord's family !



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

November 30, 2020 (For the Year 2020)

	Holy Trinity Ministries	Wider Church
Year to date received for current income	\$ 358,986.15	\$ 81,108.85
Carry over from 2019	\$ 1,195.17	\$ 27,909.95
Expenses paid to date	\$ 346,437.25	\$ 64,174.97
Surplus/(Deficit) 2016	\$11,353.73	\$ 44,843.83

LUTHER QUOTES:

"If obedience is not rendered in the homes, we shall never have a whole city, country, principality, or kingdom well governed."

"Therefore my beloved brethren, be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord." 1 Cor. 15:58
He does not want me to sit at home, to loaf, to commit matters to God, and to wait until a fried chicken flies into my mouth. That would be tempting God.

"Being afraid of God is different from fearing God. The fear of God is a fruit of love, but being afraid of God is the seed of hatred."

Support Us

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

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

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

Please remember your Church in your will.



NOTES OF THANKS

Christ's Home

Caring. Compassion. Community.

www.christshome.org

Gift Amount \$881.70

Gift Date 12/09/2020

Receipt #39323

December 10, 2020

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
2086 Parkview Ave
Abington, PA 19001-1136

Dear Friends,

We are blessed beyond measure by the generosity of so many supporters like you. Throughout the course of this year Christ's Home has experienced the outpouring of generous hearts like yours. The surrounding community has been a great encouragement to the leadership and staff of Christ's Home in this trying year.

A highlight in this giving season is the strong response demonstrated through our new Amazon Wish List that targets immediate needs as well as the Christmas wish items of our children and houseparents. This fall, along with monetary donations, the Amazon Wish List has met immediate needs beyond what we anticipated.

Christ's Home remains committed to serving the needs of senior adults and neglected children in a manner graced with love, dignity, compassion and respect. So, I want to take this moment to thank you for your partnership in the fulfillment of our Mission.

We appreciate your commitment to our community of residents and support of our organization, especially through the trying times we and so many other organizations have experienced this year.

May God bless you and yours this Christmas. We wish you a Merry Christmas and our prayers for a Blessed 2021!

Rejoicing in Christ,

George Zauflik
Director of Community Relations

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The day after Thanksgiving was our Red Cross Blood Drive. 34 units of blood was donated. This has the potential to impact up to 102 lives, people who need blood products. Thank you to all the people who worked hard to make this drive successful: the volunteers, the callers, and especially the donors.

Thank you, The Social Ministry Team.



December 14, 2020



**Breathing Room
Foundation**

For Families Affected by Cancer

Dear Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,

We cannot thank you enough for your generous donation to the Breathing Room Foundation. During these uncertain times, BRF is focusing our efforts on providing life-saving resources to those individuals who are not only navigating the difficult path of cancer treatments,

but now have the added stress of trying to avoid exposure to this devastating virus that has affected so many. It is more important than ever for us to be a source of support to our families and we could not do that without the dedicated and compassionate people, such as yourselves, that believe in our mission and trust in our devotion to support those in our community who are fighting a difficult battle with cancer.

I assure you that your contribution will directly impact the well-being of families living with cancer during this time of crisis. Be well and stay safe.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Ellen Fitzgerald".

Mary Ellen Fitzgerald, Tina Rock, Katie Owen, Eileen Carissimi

Breathing Room Foundation

P.O. Box 287

Jenkintown, PA 19046

www.breathingroomfoundation.org



ε.. Thanks! ..ε

This is a thank you note from Kim and the other volunteers at Sarnelli House in Kensington.

Included in the signatures below are many of people who live in Kensington and have come to count on Sarnelli House for food & clothing.

Right now the greatest needs are:

NEW OR GENTLY USED

Men's Jeans - sizes 32 - 40 smaller sizes are in greatest demand

Men & women's coats and jackets

Blankets

You're Amazing! ~ Claire
 Pinedo
 William Solis
 Laroy Antonio.
 Edwin PEREZ
 Noel Matthews II
 Jose A. Lopez
 Seanele Axt
 Kenneth Fowler
 ROSCOE BASSETT
 Edwin Carrillo
 Larry W. Smith
 Justin
 M. Williams
 Noelia Almanzar

To Holy Trinity Evangelical Church: Thank you for all you do for the Blessed Sarnelli House
You're so doggone nice!
 Frank Maguire
 Bob Scott. Leslie Egan
 Alroy Bratz
 Joe Sanni
 Trista Maya Andrea Powell
 Sr. Marisol Martinez Alexah
 Chally Mc Rohale
 Kim Collins
 Patsy Collins

CRADLE OF HOPE

Dear Friends of the Cradle of Hope,

I am so encouraged to share Shayron's story with you. The Cradle of Hope has been housing women and children in need for almost 24 years, and we are now enjoying the opportunity to celebrate the long-term impact of our program. Fifteen years ago, Shayron moved into the Cradle of Hope with her four-month-old son, Quadir. Quadir was born extremely premature, and only weighed 1 lb., 1 oz. at birth. Shayron was overwhelmed and exhausted. She believed the possibility of finishing school while caring for her fragile baby was unattainable.

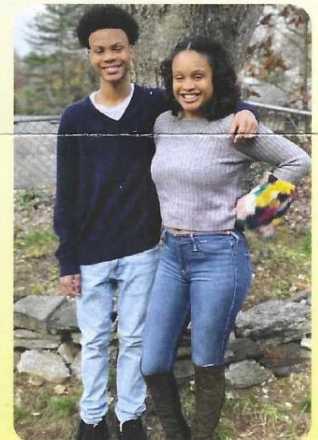
However, with the encouragement and support of the Cradle staff and residents, Shayron graduated high school. Shayron also learned to cook and care for her son, and acquired the skills necessary to navigate life as a young mom. She was empowered to set goals for continuing her education, and today she looks back on that time, grateful for the assistance in obtaining employment and furnishing her first apartment. Shayron also formed strong relationships and friendships at the Cradle that continued long after she finished the program.

Shayron is now a full-time social worker at Maternity Care Coalition, which assists pregnant women/mothers who are in need of support. Shayron will begin working on her Master's Degree in Social Work this coming year. Her son, Quadir, is now a 16-year-old Junior at Cheltenham High school, and is a mature and responsible young man. He values his family, and is a loving and protective older brother. Their tight knit family of five recently purchased their own home in Cheltenham, not far from the Cradle of Hope - the birthplace of Shayron's successful journey.

I frequently share that the Cradle of Hope has supported 98 mothers and 102 babies over the past 24 years. However, as I hear the stories of prior residents, I realize that those numbers do not fully convey our impact. Like Shayron, many of our mothers continue the cycle of loving and empowering others. What began as a small home for three mothers, has grown into a wellspring of hope for many. By supporting the Cradle of Hope, you are not only improving the lives of current moms, you are aiding women who will be helped through them.

Thank you for your generosity!

Rachel K. Mullelly
Director of the Cradle of Hope



“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.”

2 Corinthians 1:3



Dear Holy Trinity,

In the last year, the world has experienced sweeping changes caused by devastating natural disasters, an unprecedented pandemic, and persistent humanitarian crises. But you believed that with compassion and through collaboration, we could rise above overlapping and overwhelming change — *and you were not mistaken.*

This year, your support of Water Mission brought much-needed hope to nearly 900,000 people. Together, we brought safe water, sanitation, and hygiene solutions to rural communities, refugee settings, and people impacted by disasters, meeting needs as they shifted, multiplied, or intensified.

As a ministry, we responded to COVID-19 related needs, ensuring continuous safe water flow for families, frontline workers, and survivors of storms, earthquakes, famine, extreme violence, and war. We helped slow the spread of the coronavirus by providing handwashing and hygiene resources at under-resourced hospitals and clinics, water access points, schools, prisons, and other high-traffic areas.

We adapted and pivoted to serve as many people as possible, as quickly as possible, but never lost track of serving in faith while modeling our values of love, excellence, and integrity. With you, Water Mission supported the health, safety, education, and economic pursuits of thousands of men, women, and children. **Together, we not only helped communities recover, we also helped them build back better, positioning them to be more resilient in the event of future emergencies.**

The enclosed impact report offers a glimpse into how your generosity transformed lives. The feature on hospitals, host communities, and refugee camps in Tanzania represents your impact around the world. As you read these stories, we hope you are encouraged by the manifold effects of your partnership.

On behalf of thousands of people around the world, thank you.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken Garber".

Ken Garber
Partnerships Manager
(301) 606-6746
kgarber@watermission.org

On behalf of the many served this year in Christ's name, thank you for your church's partnership!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken".

Christ's Home

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December 11, 2020

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

Dear Rosemary and Friends,

Words do not begin to express our gratitude in the way that you have gone above and beyond in the outpouring of your love. Thank you for your very generous donation of household items to Christ's Home. (Please see separate page that itemized these gifts.) Your love and caring support in the lives of children who live here helps to ensure that they will receive the care they deserve in an atmosphere graced with dignity and respect.

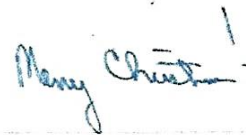
The Christ's Home family wishes you a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year in 2021. Thank you again for being there for us and being a kind soul to the children God has entrusted to us.

Blessings,



George Zauflik
Director of Community Relations

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father which is in heaven."
Matthew 5:15 (KJV)



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This list was made in early December and does not reflect the many more gifts we have given over the past several week.

Your Social Ministry
Committee

Items donated by Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Room essentials backpack laundry bag grey x2
Silicon spatulas x4
Pizza wheel x1
Oxo good grips 6-piece measuring cup set black x1
Set of 6 measuring spoons white x1
Brookstone non slip rubberized hanger 10 pack x3
12-piece glassware set x1
White wire dish racks with drain table x4
Large baking sheets x2
Medium size cookie sheets x4
Bamboo cutting boards sets x4
Cooling racks x3
Gibson home 12-piece knife set x1
Pyrex baking dishes x4
Kitchen and co 8-piece mixing bowl set x2
Paring knives x 4
Plastic whicker organization tray set x1
Silverware set x4
Small stainless-steel saucepan x1
Dish towel set x9
Oven mitts x4
Potholders x10
Good grips toilet bowl brush and plunger set x4
Dish rack drying mats x2
Plastic dish rack x1
Shower curtain liner x1
Shower curtain x1
Umbrellas x4
Handmade afghan x1
Shower grip mats x3
Mini step trash can x1
Bathmat rug x1\
Farberware 4-piece nesting pot set x1
Light grey bath towels x4
Light blue bath towels x2
Yellow bath towel set x1

Teal bath towel set x1
Purple bath towel set x 2
Dark brown bath towel set x2
Soft plush blanket throws x3
Velvet hanger set x1
Women's fleece jogger pants size M x1
Mr. Clean sponges' packs x7
Pizza sheets x2
Gildan women's underwear size 3 hipsters x1
Children's size 5 black canvas slip on shoes x1
Mini lights 50 multi-color pack x2
Makeup bag x3
Children's weighted blanket x2
Men's body wash gift set x2
Captain marvel journal with pen x1
Journaling notebook x6
175 mult size band aid packs x2
2 cup measuring cup x3
AA batteries x2
AAA batteries x2
Plastic cutting boards x3
10 in frying pan x1
3 stacking bowls set x1

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Dear Friends at Holy Trinity,

Ginny and I want to express our deepest appreciation for the very generous Christmas Gift. This congregation is so loving and supportive! It is truly a blessing for us to be a part of this church family.

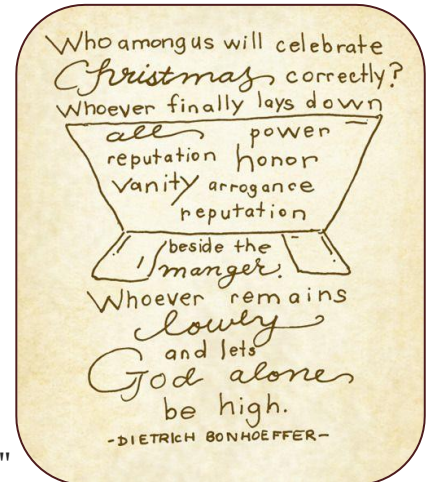
We know that, in God's good time, the new pastor will be blessed to be called to serve here. We pray that the blessings of God will be with you all in the New Year. I look forward to continuing to work together in the Lord's Vineyard in the future both as Interim Pastor and eventually, as a regular member of Holy Trinity.

In Christ, whose birth we celebrate,
Pastor Larry Guenzel

An excerpt from Dietrich Bonhoeffer's
God is in the Manger -- Reflections on Advent and Christmas

January 1st text: from a letter written in Tegel Prison
to Renate & Eberhard Bethge:

"If we survive during the coming weeks and months, we shall be able to see quite clearly that all has turned out for the best. The idea that we could have avoided many of life's difficulties if we had taken things more cautiously is too foolish to be entertained for a moment. As I look back on your past I am so convinced that what has happened hitherto has been right, that I feel that what is happening now is right too. To renounce a full life and its real joys in order to avoid pain is nether Christian nor human."



"From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know Him no longer that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! 2 Corinthians 5: 16 - 17



Epiphany

Epiphany is one of the oldest seasons in the Christian Church Year, second only to the Easter season. Epiphany means to shine forth or manifestation. This season of lights emphasizes Jesus' manifestation as God and man.

The earliest Christians called the feast of the Epiphany the Theophany, meaning, the revelation of God. When the Gentile Magi come to worship Jesus, they show that everyone now has access to God. Now all people, Jew and Gentile, can come to God's Temple to worship, because Jesus is the new Temple: God in the flesh. The Epiphany of Our Lord, January 6, marks the celebration of the visit of the Magi. The season is marked at its beginning and at its end by two important feasts of Christ. The First Sunday after the Epiphany is also the Baptism of our Lord and the last Sunday after the Epiphany is Transfiguration. During the Epiphany Season, the Gospel readings will show Jesus shining forth with the Light of His salvation. May Christ shine in and through us this Epiphany that we might enlighten the way for others to come to know Christ as Lord and Savior.

Pastor Larry Guenzel

Study the Bible with us

Pastor Larry's continuing Adult Education Class meets in Fellowship Hall after worship

In-person and on Zoom

Meeting ID # 57 6206 3388

Passcode: 164474

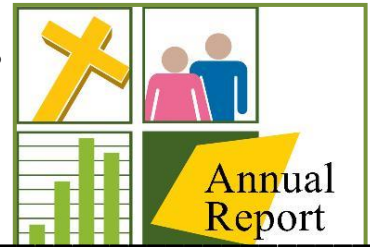
Join us for an in-depth study of the weekly Scripture readings.



REMINDER TO

All Committee Chairpersons & Other Group Leaders

Please submit your Annual Reports to the Church office by **Monday, January 11, 2021**



All are welcome to attend the 2021 Budget Meeting

Sunday, January 24th at 10:30 AM

Q & A with Alan Hinkle, Chairperson of Finance Committee

during Pastor Larry's Fellowship Hall SS Class

Copies of the Annual Report will be available.

A LOOK at the BUDGET

The Annual Congregational meeting is Sunday, Jan. 31st

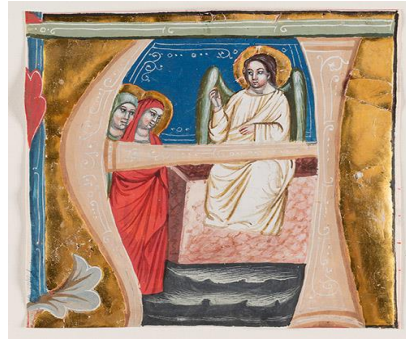
Immediately following Worship service at 10:30 am

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

to attend this important meeting. Make your voice heard.



Lutheran Church Women's Circle Bible Study



JANUARY CIRCLES

Topic: River Baptism

"And Jesus, when He was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon Him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Matthew 3: 16-17

Prepare and Paint the Canvases: *In Whom I Am Well Pleased*, Prentiss Taylor (1940)
and *River Baptism*, Howard Wesley Bell, Sr. (circa 1980)

Reflection frames the art: Mark 1: 1 - 11

Add the art to the gallery: Baptism provides a gateway into the communion of believers called the Church, eternally bonding a worldwide family of faith with the hosts of heaven. It is said of our baptismal connectedness in Christ, "water is thicker than blood." In baptism you are made a member of God's holy priesthood and called to a life of service to Him.

You are invited to join your sisters-in-Christ at any of the January circle meetings listed. This month's artwork included a reflection on *River Baptism*, painted by Howard Wesley Bell, Sr., (father to Linda Bell-Powell) and gifted to our congregation by his family.

Here are the circle times and dates as well as leader with contact information.

Do not hesitate to contact a Circle leader to find out more about an individual Circle.

Miriam Circle - Monday, January 11 at 12:30 pm in the Study & on Zoom

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

Ruth Circle - Wednesday, January 13 at 7:30 pm on Zoom

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

Eve Circle - Thursday, January 14 at 7:30 pm in the Study & on Zoom

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

Hannah Circle - Sunday, January 17 at 10:30 am in the Café & on Zoom

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



January Means Freedom Steps Collection Time at Holy Trinity



Each January, we focus on the needs of our men and women serving our country overseas. Like so many organizations doing good works, Freedom Steps are finding their cupboards just about bare. (They were not able to hold their annual fundraiser last May.) Please help them restock in preparation for a February shipment to our dedicated soldiers who are so appreciative of receiving these care packages.

Some Basics: These packages are filled with full-size supplies for up to 10 people so that the receiving person can share with his or her squadron/unit. It costs approximately \$75 to ship each parcel. The USPS does not give any military discounts.

Holy Trinity adds Psalm and Gospel booklets for the spiritual care and comfort of each service man and woman.

Needed Items (Full-size toiletries that are NON-Aerosol) For both Men and Women Soldiers

Shampoo & Conditioner, Body Wash, Shaving Gel, Deodorant

Foot Powder, Q-tips, Cotton Balls

Sunscreen, Skin Lotion, Lip Balms, Toothpaste & Toothbrushes

Combs, Brushes, Hair Ties, Emery Boards

Hand and Foot Warmers

Snacks: snack bars, candy, jerky, gum, mints

(anything that will hold up to international shipping and not deteriorate or melt in heat)

Cash donations are also wonderful!



**Please leave your much-appreciated donations
in the blue laundry basket in the narthex.**

Place money contributions in an envelope marked "Freedom Steps."



Thank You to ALL who contributed toward the purchase of 183 Bibles for China. You are making a difference for the believers in a communist country of tightening controls on Christianity. Here is an excerpt from the most recent Asia Harvest newsletter. You can read it in its entirety at <https://asiaharvest.org/paper-newsletter-archives/> and click on newsletter #170.

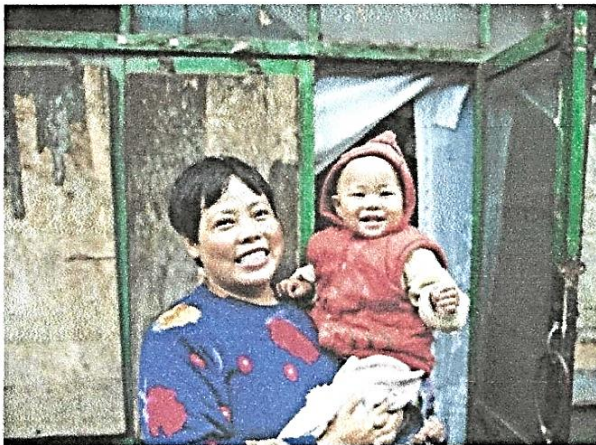
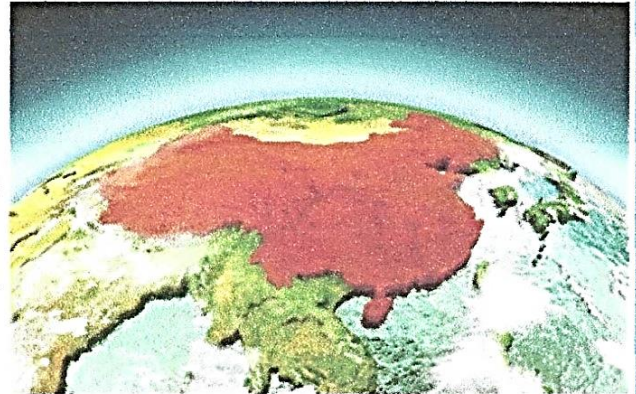
China Update: The Battle for One Billion Lost Souls

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens... a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak" (Ecclesiastes 3: 1, 7).

As we come to our final newsletter of the year, you would probably agree that 2020 took an unexpected course that few of us had anticipated. The Covid pandemic has affected all of our lives to various degrees.

If you have read our newsletters over the years you will know that Asia Harvest has been a consistent voice and advocate for the Church in China. This year, however, we have felt it was a season when we could better serve God's people in China by being a little quieter than usual.

As the verse at the top of this page says, there is a time to be silent and a time to speak. The Apostle Paul knew the importance of discerning the seasons and following God accordingly. Paul once boldly declared: "I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus" (Acts 21:13), but on another occasion he was hidden inside a basket and lowered over the wall of Damascus to escape from those who wanted to kill him (see Acts 9:20-25).



During this year, our newsletters have mostly concentrated on our work in other countries of Asia, but we have continued to wholeheartedly serve the Lord in China. In partnership with our co-workers, the China Bible Fund has continued to operate strongly, and 2020 is shaping up to be a year when **we will print and deliver more Chinese Bibles than any other year in nearly a decade.**

The situation for believers in China has been extremely difficult, as Xi Jinping and the Communist Party gradually prepare for what seems like a final assault to try to rid Christianity from the country once and for all.

The Body of Christ, however, has grown to such a size under Communism that they will find it impossible to completely eradicate God's people. Instead, the authorities have been putting plans into place to corrupt the Gospel. By doing so, they hope to control the Church and ultimately render it powerless and subservient to the Communist system.

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religious texts, so they will have "socialist characteristics". A glimpse into what that might look like was seen recently when a government publisher altered the ending of the account of Jesus and the woman caught in adultery. Their blasphemous version now has Jesus concluding his talk by saying: "I too am a sinner," instead of, "Go now and leave your life of sin."

For the record, we would like to state unequivocally that **Asia Harvest will never be involved in producing any such Bibles**, nor would any of the believers we work with consider using one.

The battle lines are drawn. Please pray for our precious brothers and sisters in China. **This year, tens of thousands of house church pastors and evangelists have gone missing**, especially in those provinces with a large concentration of Christians.

Most of those tens of thousands are still alive, but in preparation for the struggle ahead, they have gone into hiding. They have completely disconnected from all phones and computers, because those devices are used by the government to track their location.

Furthermore, each person in China must have an ID card. It is impossible for a person to catch a flight or train, open a bank account, get a job, or rent an apartment without using their card. Each ID card contains a computer chip which is also used to track people's movements. Many Christian leaders, before they go into hiding, have placed their cards inside a microwave oven for a few seconds, which ruins the chips and renders them useless.

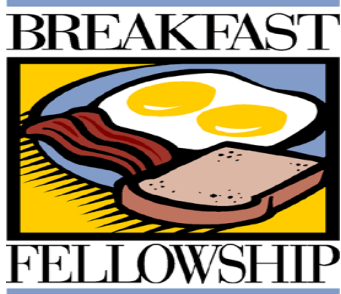
CHINA BIBLE MAP



Bibles Delivered by Province:

1	Heilongjiang	1,162,501
2	Henan	1,114,969
3	Anhui	1,109,261
4	Shandong	1,040,633
5	Inner Mongolia	1,030,256
6	Zhejiang	790,043
7	Sichuan	640,034
8	Jilin	599,309
9	Liaoning	556,756
10	Jiangsu	542,892
11	Shanxi	497,437
12	Gansu	465,296
13	Shaanxi	435,041
14	Hebei	411,110
15	Hubei	408,780
16	Jiangxi	397,902
17	Guangxi	312,029
18	Xinjiang	257,153
19	Fujian	246,684
20	Chongqing	237,531
21	Qinghai	233,552
22	Shanghai	221,364
23	Hunan	220,940
24	Hainan	167,782
25	Guizhou	120,724
26	Guangdong	89,481
27	Beijing	79,489
28	Yunnan	70,010
29	Tibet	11,969
30	Ningxia	7,999
31	Tianjin	5,395
TOTAL		13,484,320

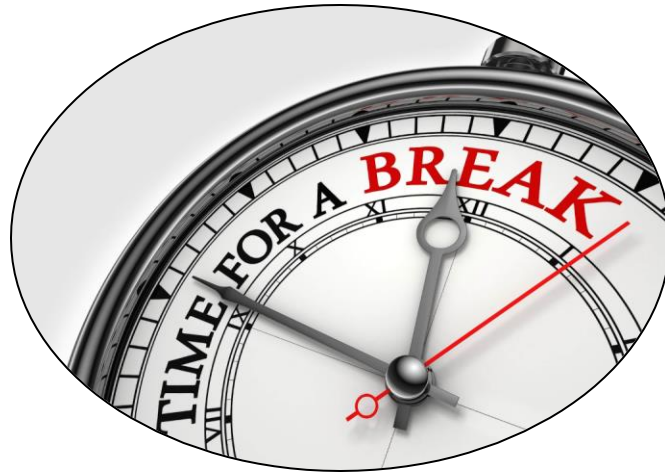
Thanks to the grace of God and your prayers and generous support, a few months ago Asia Harvest passed the milestone of **13 million** Chinese Bibles printed and delivered to house churches in China. We receive detailed reports, allowing us to keep track of the Bibles we print and to create this distribution map. On behalf of all the grateful believers in China, thank you and God bless you!



Adult Christian Breakfast Fellowship

(All Adults Young & Old are invited)

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



Parish Nursing -



Jesus certainly was concerned about healing and wellness as He proclaimed the Gospel in Word and deed.

The church responds to the call of God to extend the healing ministry to those suffering from illness of body, mind, and spirit.

The Parish Nursing ministry is a vehicle by which a congregation can extend Christ's healing ministry among us and our community today.

We are examining the possibility of starting such a Parish Nursing program at Holy Trinity. To develop this ministry, we are looking for people who have a desire to extend Christ's healing today. The Parish Nurse ministry would be involved in education, promotion of a healthy lifestyle, as well as providing appropriate health services. We need nurses, nurse practitioners, physicians, health care aides, emergency health care responders or any other health-care professionals as well as people who are simply concerned about extending Christ's healing love. If you are interested and feel a call to participate in such a ministry, please speak to Pastor Guenzel or call the church office. May the Holy Spirit lead us into this new possibility of extending Christ's mission.



January Worship Assistants Schedule



January 3

Usher 1	Lector- Sat Linda Cassady	Communion Assistants Otis Bricker Kevan Berkovitz
Sun Scott Brown		

Stream Team Frank Ganther

January 10

Usher 2	Lector- Sat Karen McGovern	Communion Assistants Tom Schied Eric Gregg
Sun Eric Gregg		

Stream Team Rob Ischinger

January 17

Usher 3	Lector- Sat Karen McGovern	Communion Assistants Mark & Erica Affleck
Sun Kathy Ingerson		

Stream Team Hannah Mumford

January 24

Usher 4	Lector- Sat Karen McGovern	Communion Assistants Allan Shikhvarg Rob Ischinger
Sun Nancy Ischinger		

Stream Team Charlie Tolton

January 31

Usher 5	Lector - Sat Karen McGovern	Communion Assistants Deb Mumford Dave Tolton
Sun Matthew Gregg		

Stream Team Ryan Schied

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*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Office Closed 	2 5:00 Holy Communion
3 Christmas 2 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult	4 7:30 Women's Prayer Group	5	6  © Can Stock Photo 7:30 Council	7 10:00 Bread of Heaven	8	9 5:00 Holy Communion
10 Baptism of our Lord 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 	11 12:30 Miriam Circle In Study & Zoom	12	13 7:30 Ruth Circle on Zoom	14 10:00 Bread of Heaven 7:30 Eve Circle In Study & Zoom	15	16 12:30 p.m. Powell/Templeton Wedding  5:00 Holy Communion
17 Epiphany 2 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 10:30 Hannah Circle	18 OFFICE CLOSED MLK Jr. Day 	19	20	21 10:00 Bread of Heaven	22	23 5:00 Holy Communion
24 Epiphany 3 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 10:30 Budget Meeting In Fellowship Hall	25  Conversion of Saint Paul	26	27 7:30 Worship & Music meeting	28 10:00 Bread of Heaven	29	30 5:00 Holy Communion
31 Epiphany 4 10:30 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING						

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

Proverbs 25:13

