

# HOLY TRINITY

Evangelical Lutheran Church

## ***ECHOES*** NEWSLETTER

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### **February, 2022**

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#### ***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

(also live-streamed)

*Sunday Church School at 10:30 a.m.*

#### ***Holy Communion***

Saturday evening, Sunday  
morning

& Festival Days

***Deadline for submission  
of material for the Echoes  
Newsletter is 9 a.m.  
the 15th of each month.***

### **From the Council President,**

Dear Parish Family,

January 2nd saw Pastor Larry Guenzel conclude his service as interim pastor and reenter retirement. I could write volumes about what his service has meant to everyone at Holy Trinity but I think it is sufficient to say that he has been a blessing to our congregation and we all are thankful to God for his ministry.

Pastor Larry will preach one weekend a month until we call a pastor and will continue to lead his Sunday morning adult Bible study. He is also helping Jackie Smith plan our Lenten program and Pastor Larry will be leading daytime mid-week Bible study and worship. He is also scheduling pulpit supply.

If you were not there, we managed to have more than enough brave souls present to hold the annual meeting. The meeting was positive and reflected our bond of Christian fellowship. In addition to the approval of the 2022 operating budget, the congregation reelected Dean Lawrence (three-year term) to council and elected Janice Donnelly, Linda Frezza, Helen Haun, Stephanie Templeton to three-year terms. Debbie LaPointe was elected to a one-year term. We thank the outgoing members of council for their dedicated service to Holy Trinity. At the council meeting after the annual meeting John Minges was reelected president, Karen McGovern was reelected Vice President, Stephanie Templeton was elected secretary, and Otis Bricker was reelected treasurer.

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## From The Council President

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Finally, I ask that each member look at our weekly bulletin and the booklet prepared for the annual meeting to see where you might serve if you are not already active in a ministry.

There are always more things that can be accomplished and the gifts that God has given to you when He made you might be just the gifts a particular ministry can use.

We wait patiently as the Call Committee examines candidates to recommend who will lead us and strengthen us in our acknowledgement that Christ is the head of our church, that the Bible is the sole source of all truth, and that we will stay true to our liturgical and musical traditions.

In Christ,

John Minges  
Council President

# 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.

A graphic for Ash Wednesday. It features a background of hands holding a pile of ash. The text "ASH WEDNESDAY" is written in large, bold, serif letters. To the right, it says "March 2, 2022" and "Imposition of Ashes &amp; Holy Communion". At the bottom, it says "Services at 11 AM &amp; 7:30 PM". There is a decorative flourish below the main title.



# 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 the **3rd Monday** of each month.

We gather at **7:00 pm** via Zoom for now.

Every woman is welcome, come as you are able. contact Rosemary @

[Rosemaryhinkle@comcast.net](mailto:Rosemaryhinkle@comcast.net)

so we can send you the Zoom invite.

### 2022 Schedule

**Feb. 21    March 21**  
**April 18    May 16**  
**June 20**

“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:**

**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: Allan, Allyson, Amanda, Antonette, Becky, Bill, Bob, Bruce, Carol, Carly, Chris, Christopher, Cindy, Colin, Dallas, Daniel, David, Derek, Didi, Dina, Dolores, Donna, Ed, Ekaterina, Elaine, Elena, Ellen, Eric, Erica, Gavin, Gene, Hannah, Helen, Irina, Jackie, Jen, Jennifer, John, Judy, Julia, Kathy, Kidambi, Konstantin, Levi, Linda, Lisa, Logan, Lois, Maggie, Marissa, Matthew, Michail, Mike, Nancy, Pat, Patrick, Rick, Roger, Roman, Roy, Ruth, Sam, Samantha, Sandra, Sharon, Sherri, Sondra, Steve, Tatiana, Todd, Trudy, Tyler, Valentina, Vicki, Willow.

**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: Abera, Brown, Custer, Dewald, Ganther, Gregg, Hamilton, Kitchen, Kriesich, Lacy, Lusigne, Maieron, McGettigan, McGovern, Minges, Necker, Panzo, Puhl, Rush, Schimpf, Schmidt, Shinn, Staedtler, Steinhof, Williams.

**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.



**Our Christian Sympathy to**

Lois, Jane, Lynn, Joy, Janet and family  
on the death of **Rich Hamilton**

**January 9, 2022**

Beloved husband, father, and grandfather.

Rich Schimpf and family  
on the death of **Elaine Schimpf**

**January 27, 2021**

Beloved sister and aunt.

Linda, Robert Jr. and family  
on the death of **Bob Kreisich**

**January 28, 2022**

Beloved husband, father, and grandfather.

Psalm 112:6

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

*Memorials have been received*



*In Memory of...* **Rich Hamilton**



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

**LUTHER QUOTES:**

"The more a person loves, the closer he approaches the image of God."

"Man is by nature unable to want God to be God. Indeed he himself wants to be God, and does not want God to be God."

"No greater mischief can happen to a Christian people, than to have God's Word taken from them, or falsified, so that they no longer have it pure and clear."

"A lie is like a snowball. The longer it is rolled on the ground, the larger it becomes."

"To serve God properly means that everyone stay in his calling, however humble it may be, and first heed the Word of God in church, then the word of the government, superiors, or parents, and then live accordingly."

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

## 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](mailto:alanhinkle@comcast.net)

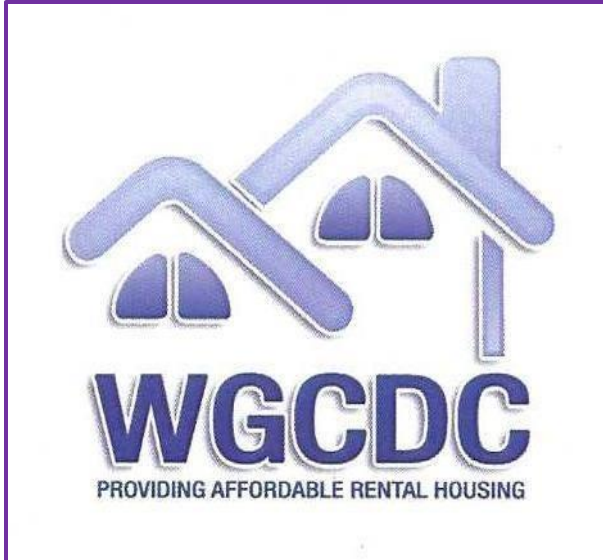
## Keep in your prayers the following individuals serving in the armed forces:

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





## NOTES OF THANKS



January 4, 2022

Holy Trinity Evan. Lutheran Church,

On behalf of our Board and staff, please accept our grateful thanks for your generous donation. You have made a huge difference in the lives of local families in our community, and we count you as a hometown hero!

Willow Grove Community  
Development Corp.

Happy New Year!

Dear Holy Trinity,  
I just got your care package that you sent.  
Thank you so much for the candy!  
From,  
Jimmy Tegler



Dear Holy Trinity Church,  
Thank you so much for the care package!  
My friends and I loved all the various  
snacks and candy. It was amazing to have  
during finals!

Thank you so much!  
Juno Roscoe



Thank you for all you do  
to further God's kingdom!  
We are praying for you!

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Joppa, MD



## NOTES OF THANKS cont...

January 12, 2022

Hi Hannah Gals,

Wow! It was a treat to receive your card and words- and I marched over to my piano and played "Marching to Zion"! I've completely recovered from my broken arm - therapy really helped & I'm playing my piano daily. (plus Sunday AM Chapel Services here at Ft. Washington Estates) has helped a lot, and I can drive again.

Of course my daughter Christiane lives nearby in Dresher and helps with shopping, laundry, and all those things an 89 and 1/2 year old gentleman needs.

Again, thanks for your message -I miss you all.

With "sweet accord",  
Arthur Zbinden



Dear Fellows in DRC Mission,

Happy New Year 2022 and prosperity to all of you. We are sorry to be a little late in this publication because of many situations that we went through at the end of the year. We are so thankful for your support and prayers during the year 2021 and we hope that God will continue to work through us to make a difference to his people during the year 2022. Many orphans changed their lives in a positive way because of your support. Women in domestic violence were rescued and restored because of your involvement in this mission work. Students got grants and were able to study because you gave and prayed for them, we appreciate everything you did on their behalf.

May the Lord bless all of you and give you peace.

Didi and Serafina

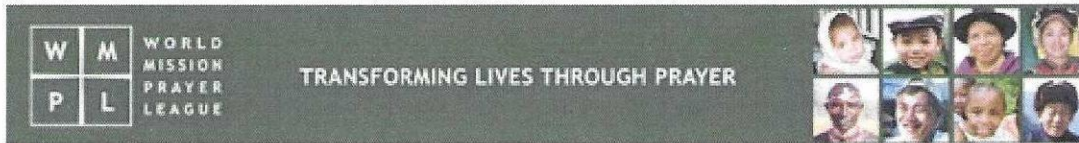
Prayer Requests:

- 1) Pray for the new and growing Sanzi mission, for God's provision as the congregation tries to fix a more reliable and effective roof shelter in the place of palm leaves.
- 2) Pray for a needed elementary school and health center projects for this isolated community.
- 3) Pray for the orphans we care for who have now returned to school for the year and for women escaping violence and abuse in the family or the community.
- 4) Pray for Seraphina and her family for comfort, peace and strength.

\*See Prayer News of December, 2021 on next pages...



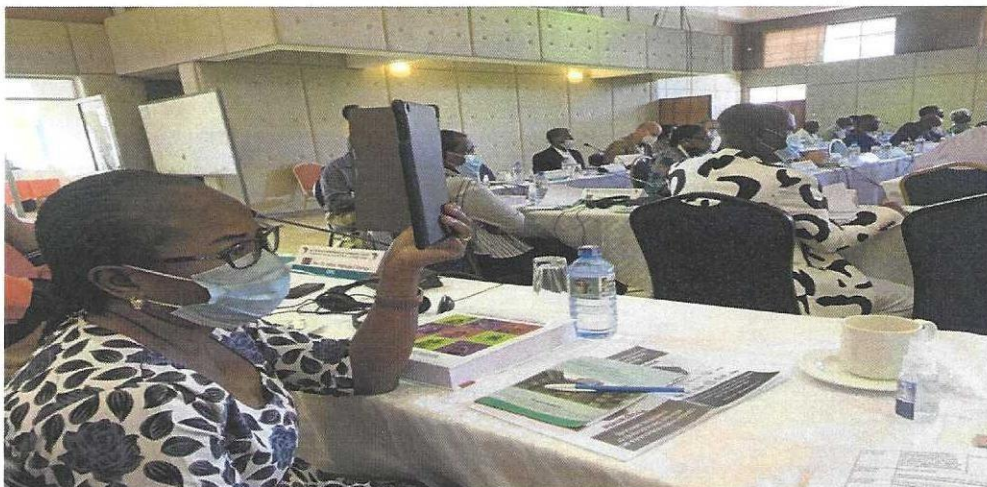
## Prayers News of December, 2021



### **Our return to Congo from eye treatment in Nairobi, Kenya**

From November 30<sup>th</sup> to December 20 we spent a challenged moment in Nairobi Kenya in relation to my health condition, but it was also a good opportunity to be with Drs. William and Margaret Obaga. They served as our host in Nairobi and took us to all the appointments we had in various places. This also enabled us to have a sight of the city of Nairobi. Even though my expectation was to lift my drooping left eyelid as recommended by my eye surgeons from the USA, a team of doctors in Nairobi arrived at different view. Consequently, the surgery was not done. They used other methods to improve my eye situation. We are so pleased that we saw the intervention of God in each of the steps taken for three weeks.

On the first week of arrival in Nairobi, we found time to partially attend two conferences organized by the All African Churches Conferences (AACC) at its Nairobi headquarters. The two conferences addressed by African scholars and ecumenical church leaders were 1. Symposium on Misleading Theologies, and, 2. Theological Education for Sustainable Growth in Churches and Society in Relation to Agenda 2063. Agenda 2063 is an African Union project on the process of acting and monitoring one century of postcolonial Africa's political and economic progress (1963-2063). The church's role is to be aware to guide Christians on social changes happening in African societies and also to mirror and evaluate its own progress and social influence in the continent during the same period (1963-2063). These themes were very rich in terms of how to engage with churches in Africa and to develop an effective theological curriculum and programs, like ours in Tshela, to help shape future theologians and church leaders who are effective for the church and impactful to African societies.



Serafina at the AACC Conference 26 November 2021



## Visiting Theovision Offices in Nairobi

We also had a chance to visit Theovision offices in Nairobi on the day when WMPL and Theovision signed a memorandum of understanding for partnership in mission. We met with Helen Etyan, the director of Theovision-Kenya director and Pastor Bethuel Koskei, the missions director and it was an eye-opener and exciting as we learned about Theovision's programs and work in Africa. We realized that we need to partner with Theovision in order to have an audio-recording of the entire Bible in the Kikongo language, which is the main language of Congo Central where we serve. We made the connection with a plan that in August/September 2022 we will host a Theovision team from Nairobi who will visit Kongo Central (in the DRC) for the project of recording the Old Testament in Kikongo. We found out that Theovision had already audio-recorded the New Testament in the Kikongo. This is an exciting partnership and we look forward to this visit.



Left to Right: Pr. Bethuel Koskei, Diedone Panzo, Helen Etyang, William Obaga



A visit to the Ombese's, a Kenyan Lutheran family in Nairobi, accompanied by William, Margaret and Monica Obaga

Thanks be to God as William and Margaret were able to manage our schedule in Nairobi, taking us numerous medical appointments and connecting us with friends and organizations like Theovision and the All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC).

## Celebration of Christmas at the New Mission site in Sanzi



This is the location of our new church plant site in Sanzi

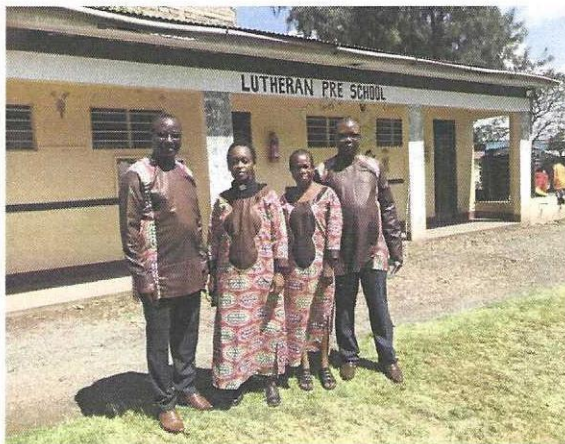


Abused women in our counseling program & the orphaned children we reach out to and feed



Women in abuse situations and orphans who are in our program were invited to worship with us on Sunday after the Christmas service. This was one way of fellowshiping and thanking God who kept us safe during the year 2021 in spite of Covid-19 that took many lives. Before the worship service at Sanzi, a strong whirlwind swept all the palm branches that we use as a shelter against the sunshine. Some rainfall followed the whirlwind and forced everyone to find refuge. After the wind and rain, we were able to return to worship, now in the open air. We worshipped God and celebrated the birth of Jesus. Our service included the Holy Communion given for the first time at this new site. Over 120 participants gathered, of whom 40 came from Boma and the rest from the local community. We praise the Lord that in few months this mission site will become a full congregation.

After the worship service we shared meals to celebrate the Christmas Day. We also donated school uniforms and shoes to our orphans who already attend school. Pray that God may stir the hearts of more people around Sanzi and that in the future people might be able to worship under a secure roof. Pray that the members joining this congregation may be able to build a church for themselves with available local materials.



The Panzos and Obagas outside the kindergarten of the Nairobi International Lutheran Congregation (NILC).

### **Serafina's mother promoted to glory**

As we were preparing to celebrate the New Year Eve and a virtual birthday celebration of our daughter, Sarah, we received the sad news that Serafina's mother had gone to be with the Lord. We were shocked by the news of her death, especially as it was the day when everyone was happy to transition into the New Year. We were comforted through God's Word from 1 Thessalonians 4:14: "*For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.*" We were thus encouraged with this assurance that we will meet again. Her body was taken to Cabinda/Angola for burial and we were able to be present during this occasion. We thank so many of you who received this news and prayed with us. We praise God for the gift of our mother in our lives until her promotion to glory.

# Christ's Home

Caring. Compassion. Community.

[www.christshome.org](http://www.christshome.org)

January 11, 2021

Ms. Rosemary Hinkle  
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 donation of bibs, fitted sheets, large bath towels and gifts from the Amazon wish list for the residents here at Christ's Home. Your caring support and investment in Christ's Home helps to ensure that the residents 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 a blessed New Year in 2022.

Thanks again,



George Zauflik  
Director of Community Relations

"Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift." (2 Corinthians 9:15)



To thank Holy Trinity for our continued support of the needs of children and teens at Christ's Home,



their CEO John Bryant has made us a special video. You can view it on our Facebook page (posted Monday, January 31) or here online here: <https://youtu.be/29wtuuEO4g8>

**Atlantic**  
**Mission Region**  
North American Lutheran Church

Christ-Centered · Mission Driven  
Traditionally Grounded · Congregationally Focused

November 11, 2021

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
2086 Parkview Ave  
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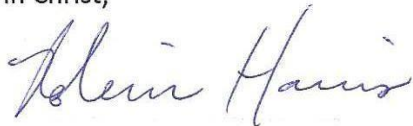
Dear Disciples of Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church,

On behalf of the Atlantic Mission Region Council I would like to thank all of you for the gift of \$500 in support of the Seminarian Debt Reduction Fund that was created in honor of retiring AMR Dean the Rev. David McGettigan. Your generosity has made this fund significant, not only to the seminarians who will benefit from it, but as a testament to the love you have for David and for the many years he served as our District, then Regional, Dean.

David has a soft spot in his heart for seminarians, which is why this fund was created. And it is your gift that will help enable these men and women to enter the ministry as debt-free as possible. So, thank you very much.

May the LORD bless you abundantly as you have blessed us.

In Christ,



Robin Harris  
Administrative Assistant to the Deans and Council of the Atlantic Mission Region (NALC)



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*"Kindness is the golden chain by which society is bound together"*  
Goethe

*January 26, 2022*

*Pastor Lawrence Guenzel  
Holy Trinity Evan. Lutheran Church  
2086 Parkview Avenue  
Abington, PA 19001*

*Dear Pastor Guenzel and Holy Trinity Evan. Lutheran Church Congregation,*

*Aldersgate Youth Service Bureau would like to express its gratitude to Grace Presbyterian Church for your very generous donation of \$250.00 to our agency. Your help is vital in allowing us to try to make a difference in people's lives. It enables us to continue serving the community through counseling, outreach and education.*

*We truly appreciate your many contributions through the years - we absolutely could not assist our community without your help. Thank you so much for caring!*

*We truly value your  
ongoing generous  
consideration?  
~ Deborah*

*Sincerely,  
D. Sapin - Feldstein  
Deborah Sapin-Feldstein  
Executive Director*

*Your contribution is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. No goods and services were provided in exchange for your generous financial donation. Please keep this acknowledgement as an official receipt.*

# Asia Harvest



## Receipt

353 Jonestown Road #320, Winston-Salem, NC 27104, USA

office@asiaharvest.org | www.asiaharvest.org

<b>Date:</b>	18 January 2022	<i>Missions Offering</i>	\$367.00
<b>Name:</b>	<b>Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$367.00</b>
<b>Sum:</b>	Three Hundred Sixty-Seven dollars		

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent donation, to help the Gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ continue to spread throughout Asia.

It's hard to believe we have started another year! Just as people across the globe have experienced great difficulties, 2021 was also the most challenging year in our history.

Despite all the difficulties, we are deeply thankful to God for enabling us to help His people throughout Asia as they continually to faithfully serve Him. In some places, entire villages and communities have turned to the Lord in recent months, as they catch a glimpse of the beauty and greatness of Jesus, and decide to follow Him.

Thank you for your partnership in the Gospel as the Name of Jesus is glorified among the people of Asia.

May the Holy Spirit strengthen your heart and faith,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Antonia".

and the team at Asia Harvest

PS: This receipt is an interim acknowledgement for your gift that was sent before the end of last year. Very soon we will be sending out official annual tax receipts for 2021.



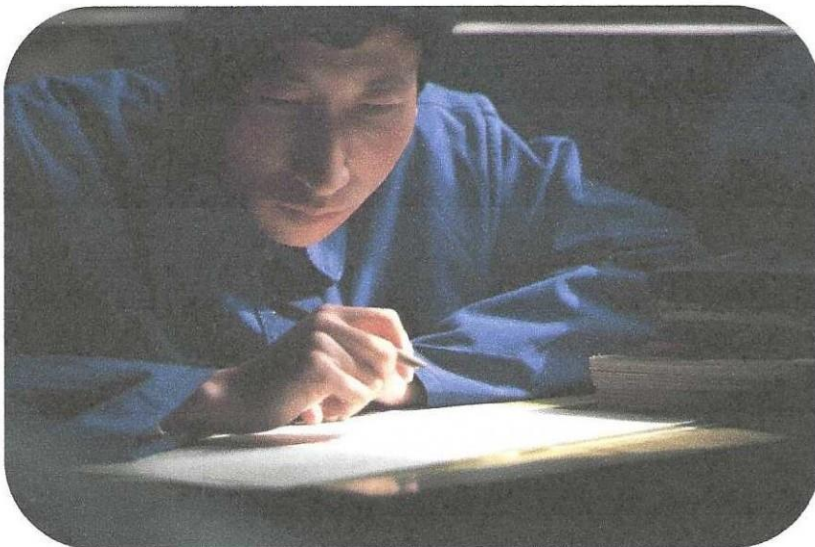
## **204 Bibles for China!**

That is how many Bibles your November contributions to Bibles for China will purchase through Asia Harvest for our brothers and sisters in China who are longing to hold and read The Word.

Despite what you might hear about government sanctioned churches in China, the president is on a mission to eradicate Christianity from his country. Your total contribution of \$367 means 204 individuals or households will have access to Scripture.

Can you imagine the joy if you had never before had your own copy of the Bible, something we all take for granted?

**Thank you  
Holy Trinity  
for supporting  
this effort**



**to provide Bibles  
to those who  
have none.**



# LAMP

Sharing Jesus Christ in remote areas of Canada

LAMP Ministry Inc., P.O. Box 480167, New Haven, MI 480483 | Phone: 1-(800) 307-4036 ext 2

Website: [www.lampministry.org](http://www.lampministry.org) | Email: [office@lampministry.org](mailto:office@lampministry.org)

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (Outreach)  
2086 Parkview Ave  
Abington, PA 19001-1136

Dear Rev. Guenzel and Members,

As we close 2021, the challenges that came with it will be following us into the New Year.

Serving Indigenous communities has certainly been affected by the ongoing COVID restrictions and the heartbreak of the news uncovered regarding residential schools.

Regardless of what lies ahead, we cling to God's promises and rest assured that the darkness will always give way to the Light of Christ.

Your support ensures that LAMP continues to respond to this generation's need for God's grace and Jesus' Great Commission to go to all nations. With your support we continue to bring hope and healing, truth and reconciliation, bearers of the Light of Christ.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Dr. Steven Schave  
Executive Director, LAMP

*We are so grateful for you!  
Blessings to you in  
the New Year!*



LAMP Ministry Inc., P.O. Box 480167, New Haven, MI 48048

Phone: 1-(800) 307-4036 ext 2

Tuesday, January 25, 2022      Receipt No. U4039771

Amount                      Designation  
\$875.00 US                General Mission Fund

*No goods or services were provided in exchange for funds received*

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (Outreach)  
2086 Parkview Ave  
Abington, PA 19001-1136

OFFICIAL RECEIPT for income tax purposes.





January 21, 2022

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

Dear Friends,

Thank you for partnering with Water Mission to transform lives with safe water. Together, we brought best-in-class safe water, sanitation, and hygiene solutions to our global neighbors in developing countries, refugee camps, and disaster areas.

With your generous support of **\$1,770.00** in 2021, we served more than 1.4 million people. Below you will find a detailed listing of your donations to Water Mission from this past year.

We are humbled and grateful for the opportunity to share safe water and God's love with people in need around the world. **On behalf of the men, women, and children whose lives were changed for the better, thank you.** If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call our office at (843) 769-7395 or email [donorcare@watermission.org](mailto:donorcare@watermission.org).

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "George C. Greene IV".

George C. Greene IV, PE  
CEO and President

<u>GIFT DATE</u>	<u>DEDUCTIBLE AMOUNT</u>
9/7/2021	\$1,670.00
12/31/2021	\$100.00



## Congratulations & Welcome to God's World



**Brody Alexander Lawrence**  
Born: **January 22, 2022**  
Weight: 9 lbs., 7 oz.  
Length: 20"

Parents: Max & Kristen Lawrence  
Proud grandfather Dean Lawrence



**Charles Peter Walsh**  
Born: **January 28, 2022**  
Weight: 8 lbs., 12 oz.  
Length: 20 3/4"  
Parents: Erica & Pete Walsh  
Proud grandfather Frank Ganther

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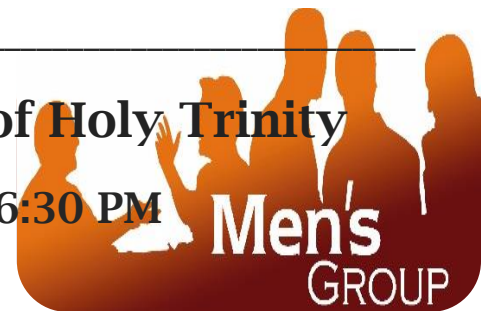
### Join the Men's Devotional Group of Holy Trinity

Wednesday, February 9, 2022 @ 6:30 PM

Georgian Bread & Café  
10865 Bustleton Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19116

Interested rsvp

Contact: Tom Schied (215) 820 - 2178



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Meeting once a month on the 2nd Monday of each month.  
All are invited to join - even if it's "just for one book".

**February 14** - a selection of poetry to be read during session

**March 14** - *A Piece of the World, A Novel* by Christina Baker Kline

**April 4** - *Defending Jacob* by William Landay

May 9 - Movie Night (TBD)

Lutheran Church Women's Circle Bible Study



## **FEBRUARY CIRCLES**

### **Fighting the Good Fight: The Gospel of Peace & the Shield of Faith**

*“As shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith.” (Ephesians 6:15-16)*

When it comes to spiritual warfare, Scripture tells us that believers in Jesus aren't waiting to go into the combat zone—we're already in it! We need to get *ready* for battle, but we also need to get *fighting* in it. The apostle Paul wrote to his protégé Timothy saying, “Fight the good fight of the faith.” Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called” (1 Timothy 6:12). Later, he says to Timothy, “Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus” (2 Timothy 2:3).

In this session, we will study key passages that read as if Paul's words say, “Soldiers, the battle is raging against us. Put on your armor and grab your weapons. Fight the good fight of faith!”

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, February 14 at 12:30 p.m.** in the Study & on Zoom  
Leader: Sandy Schmidt (215) 657-5065 [sandyschmidt19001@yahoo.com](mailto:sandyschmidt19001@yahoo.com)

**Eve Circle - Thursday, February 10 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Study & on Zoom  
Leader: Sue Tolton (215) 659-7054 [suetolton@comcast.net](mailto:suetolton@comcast.net)

**Ruth Circle - Sunday, February 13 at 11:30 a.m.** in Study & on Zoom  
Leader: Katie Beyer (215) 572-6864 [kbeyer0403@gmail.com](mailto:kbeyer0403@gmail.com)

**Hannah Circle - Sunday, February 20 at 10:30 a.m.** in Bread of Heaven Café  
Contact: Deb Mumford (215) 443-5132 [Debssam@msn.com](mailto:Debssam@msn.com)



Join the Lutheran Church Women on our Annual Retreat  
**WHEN: Friday, April 1 through Sunday, April 3, 2022**  
**WHERE: Mother Boniface Spirituality Center**  
 3501 Solly Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19136  
**RETREAT LEADER: Dr. Sheryl Vasso**  
**TOPIC: TBA**



Dr. Sheryl Vasso was our retreat leader in 2019 and was wonderfully engaging! Dr. Vasso has been associated with Cairn University for 22 years beginning her career there as Director of Student Life, followed by Dean of Students, and now Chair of the Master of Science and Education program which has spread to Germany and Hong Kong.

A graduate of St. Joseph's University with a B.S. and an MAT from the College of New Jersey, Sheryl earned her Doctorate of Education at Immaculata University.

**Mark your calendars for April 1 - 3** and join us for the entire weekend or just for the day whatever works for your schedule - we are flexible and would love for you to join us!

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### **Giant Gift Cards – A great way to shop!**

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

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

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

**See Joy Alderfer for purchase or orders.**







## **Please join in our LCW February Collection!**

Last year, our Bread of Heaven Food Pantry gave Mother's Day gift bags to our guests.

This year the LCW would like to help provide some of the contents.

We will be collecting:

**Boxes of Flavored Teas**

**Boxes and Tins of Fancy Cookies**

**Pretty Paper Napkins.**

All items must be new and in their original packaging.

Food items must be unopened and have a current expiration date.

Let's help our Bread of Heaven guests have a nice Mother's Day.

The blue basket marked **LCW February Collection** is in the Narthex.



# EASTER Feast Bags

for our *Bread of Heaven* guests:

We are asking for the following items to pack Easter Feast bags:

Scalloped or au gratin potatoes  
Canned peas or carrots  
Money for ham

Yellow cake mixes  
Canned pineapple slices  
Brown sugar

We will begin to distribute Easter bags on March 24th  
and hope to distribute at least 75 bags.

Many thanks for your continued support of this vital ministry.

## What Hunger Looks Like in Pennsylvania

1 in 9 people



struggles with hunger.

**1 in 7**  
**children**  
struggles with hunger.

People facing hunger in  
Pennsylvania  
are estimated to report needing

**\$737,258,000**

more per year to meet their food needs.

In Pennsylvania, 1,401,920 people  
are struggling with hunger  
and of them 399,270 are children.

The average cost of a meal  
in Pennsylvania is \$3.11.

\* Data from Feeding America's Map the Meal Gap 2020 study.





# Save the Date!

Holy Trinity is hosting a Blood Drive

## Fri., Feb. 11, 2022 1:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Did you know...

- ♥ That every 2 seconds, someone in the US needs blood
- ♥ That every unit donated can save up to three lives
- ♥ That type O blood is the blood that hospitals request most
- ♥ That 16 year-olds can donate blood w/parent's permission
- ♥ That you can donate blood every 56 days

Contact Marilynn Murphy (610) 304 - 7601  
to schedule an appointment



TACKLE



HUNGER

### Join us Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup> for "SouperBowl Sunday"

There will be a bucket next to the offering plates  
for your donations at worship.

For those worshipping online  
you can mail your donations,  
make check out to 'Holy Trinity'  
write SouperBowl in memo line.

To learn more check out [www.souperbowl.org](http://www.souperbowl.org)

## A Reborn Home for Homeless Single Women and Their Children



Many of you were familiar with Wayne Hall, the Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission (SBRM) home for homeless single mothers and their children. Sadly, that shelter was closed in 2019 when SBRM had financial struggles.

Many were deeply disheartened about this closure and have worked tirelessly to reopen this Wayne Avenue home. Through the immense generosity of an Abington donor who purchased Wayne Hall from SBRM in 2021, this once vital ministry is reopening under new auspices. Now known as **Life Turning Point of Philadelphia**, this Christian ministry is hard at work as many volunteers help prepare the facilities to receive homeless women and their children in the months ahead.

Unfortunately, before the property was acquired, all mattresses, sofa and chair cushions, dining tables and chairs, office furniture, and infant and children's equipment and supplies were stripped out of the building which fell into some disrepair.

Under a new board of directors and returning Founder and Executive Director Rita Whitaker, Life Turning Point of Philadelphia has applied for 501(c)(3) status. The need is great for contributions to fully re-outfit the home right down to such items as linens and kitchen supplies. The women and children who come to Life Turning Point will have an opportunity to turn around their lives in ways based on biblical principles. They will be guided in taking responsibilities for maintaining the home, parenting their children in healthy ways, and securing education and/or jobs so that they can live independently. Their time at Life Turning Point will also include regular Bible studies.

Holy Trinity was set to support this new mission two years ago. However, securing the property took longer than anticipated, and during that time, the mission commitment fund was dissolved.

**If you would like to provide support to help re-outfit this vital mission to return homeless women to productive society where they can provide a secure home for their children,** please consider a contribution. While Life Turning Point of Philadelphia, an existing corporation, awaits receipt of their 501(c)(3), they are operating under the fiduciary cover of Philadelphia Leadership Foundation that is processing contributions on behalf of Life Turning Point. (The Philadelphia Leadership Foundation, run by former Mayor Wilson Goode, assists start-up non-profits.)

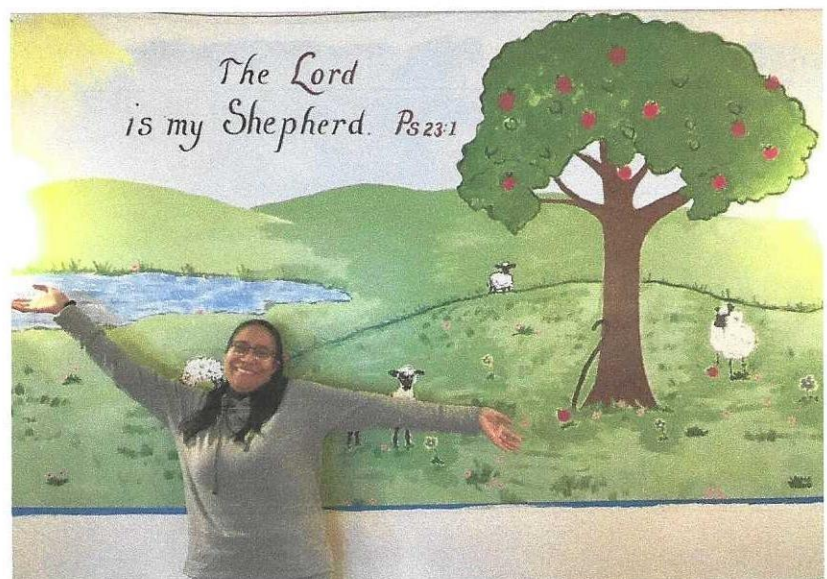
### **But Quite Simply, How to Give:**

You are invited to make one-time or ongoing gifts to make this ministry possible. Checks should be made out to "Holy Trinity Lutheran Church" and clearly designate in the memo section and on your envelope **For Life Turning Point of Philadelphia.**

### **Learn More on Facebook:**

Life Turning Point of Philadelphia shows you all the work being put into restoring and setting up this Wayne Avenue home to receive mothers and their children, beginning this spring. Watch video testimonies!

**Questions:** Alan & Rosemary Hinkle



Executive Director Rita Whitaker joyfully embraces the reopening of this women's and children's shelter now known as Life Turning Point of Philadelphia.



# LENTEN



Mid-Week Worship

## Lenten Wednesdays

Lent is a time for Christians to prepare for the Easter Festival with an increase in prayer, worship, fasting, and Bible Study. It is a time for us to examine our lives and consider our standing before our perfect and merciful God. The church offers opportunities to grow in our faith in this preparation for the celebration of the “Queen of Feasts,” The Resurrection of our Lord.

At Holy Trinity, there will be Lenten worship and study opportunities on Wednesdays. Starting **Ash Wednesday, March 2**, there will be worship services in the morning and in the evening. Then starting **Wednesday, March 9**, Pastor Guenzel will lead us in a prayer service followed by Bible Study in the mornings. The evening Prayer Service will be led by some of our Lay Leaders. It is a beautiful service of prayers, hymns, and readings that will give participants a time to pray and reflect as we speak, sing, and hear God’s Word.

The Morning Bible Study will be on the Proverbs. This jewel in the Bible is a collection of sayings that were used in ancient Israel to teach God’s people how to live right. One of the main teachings in Proverbs is that all wisdom is a gift from God. This wisdom supplies practical advice for everyday living. The book of Proverbs also teaches the importance of fairness, humility, loyalty, and concern for the poor and needy. Please indicate your interest in this study by signing the list in the Narthex so that we can order enough books.

Plan to be with us in these opportunities to grow in your faith and love of God and your neighbor.





# February Worship Assistants Schedule



## February 6

<b>Usher 3</b>	<b>Acolyte Steph Templeton</b>	<b>Communion Assistants Jim &amp; Nancy Necker</b>
	<b>Crucifer Charlie Tolton</b>	
<b>Stream Team Rob Ischinger</b>	<b>Lector Sat Karen McGovern</b>	
	<b>Sun Nancy Ischinger</b>	

## February 13

<b>Usher 4</b>	<b>Acolyte Jim Necker</b>	<b>Communion Assistants Charlie Tolton Linda Frezza</b>
	<b>Crucifer Sherry Breslin</b>	
<b>Stream Team Frank Ganther</b>	<b>Lector- Sat Karen McGovern</b>	
	<b>Sun Allan Shikhvarg</b>	

## February 20

<b>Usher 5</b>	<b>Acolyte Charlie Tolton</b>	<b>Communion Assistants John Minges Rob Ischinger</b>
	<b>Crucifer Frank Ganther</b>	
<b>Stream Team Ryan Schied</b>	<b>Lector-Sat Karen McGovern</b>	
	<b>Sun Sherri Gregg</b>	

## February 27




<b>Usher 1</b>	<b>Acolyte Kelly Darreff</b>	<b>Communion Assistants Tony Quici Frank Ganther</b>
	<b>Crucifer Steph Templeton</b>	
<b>Stream Team Hannah Mumford</b>	<b>Lector- Sat Karen McGovern</b>	
	<b>Sun Charlie Tolton</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*



# FEBRUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>  7:30 Council	<b>3</b> 10:00 Bread of Heaven  6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	<b>4</b>   7:30 AA	<b>5</b>  5:00 Holy Communion  7:00 AA
<b>6 Epiphany 5</b> 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>  6:30 Men's Devotional Group @Georgian Bread & Café	<b>10</b> 10:00 Bread of Heaven  6:30 Handbell Choir 7:30 Eve Circle 8:00 Chancel Choir	<b>11</b>  <b>BLOOD DRIVE</b> 1:30 PM - 6:30 PM 7:30 AA	<b>12</b>  5:00 Holy Communion  7:00 AA
<b>13 Epiphany 6</b> 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 11:30 Ruth Circle  <b>Souper Bowl of Caring</b>	<b>14</b> Valentine's Day 12:30 Miriam Circle   7:00 Coram Deo	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 10:00 Bread of Heaven  6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	<b>18</b>   7:30 AA	<b>19</b>  5:00 Holy Communion  7:00 AA
<b>20 Epiphany 7</b> 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 10:30 Hannah Circle	<b>21</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> Presidents Day  7:00 Women's Prayer Group	<b>22</b>  7:00 Stewardship	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 10:00 Bread of Heaven  6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	<b>25</b>   7:30 AA	<b>26</b>  5:00 Holy Communion  7:00 AA
<b>27</b> <b>Transfiguration</b> 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult	<b>28</b>	<p><b>Special Dates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*African-American History Month</li> <li>* Valentine's Day, February 14, 2022</li> <li>* President's Day, February 21, 2021</li> <li>* Transfiguration, February 27, 2021</li> </ul>				

