

HOLY TRINITY

Evangelical Lutheran Church

ECHOES NEWSLETTER

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From Your Council President,

Dear Parish Family,

The season of Lent is almost upon us at a time unlike any other in Holy Trinity's recent history. You're wondering to what I'm referring. Politics? The economy? No, I'm referring to our continuing pastoral vacancy. Be assured that your officers, council, and committees are doing everything possible to grow our ministries during this vacancy. These efforts include a full program for Lent.

Ash Wednesday is March second. On Ash Wednesday we will have morning worship at eleven o'clock and the evening worship service will be at seven-thirty. During the Wednesdays in Lent starting March ninth, Pastor Guenzel will lead us in morning worship at ten o'clock and then following worship will lead us in a study of the Book of Proverbs. We will also have evening mid-week services at seven-thirty led by our laity, including many of our regular Saturday evening and Sunday morning lectors, with hymns led by members of our choir. I encourage each member of Holy Trinity to mark their calendar with appropriate reminders and to make a commitment to attend these services.

I ask everyone to pray every day for our congregation, its leaders, and the call committee as we discern God's Will for our congregation. If you haven't already done so, pick a devotional program that you will follow during Lent and thereafter. Read and study the Bible everyday so that you can have a fuller awareness of all of the good things that God has done for His People. I like to read Psalm 139 because it reminds me that I am fearfully and wonderfully made and that God knitted me together when I was yet unknown. Holy Trinity has many ministries that serve the community including the Bread of Heaven, Christ's Home, Sarnelli House, Penn State College students, and others. God gave each of us unique talents as He knitted us together, talents that are needed in these ministries. Pick one if you are not already active.

Yours in Christ,
John Minges, Council President

March, 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 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.**

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.

500th Anniversary for Luther's German New Testament 1522 - 2022

2022 is the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's translation of the New Testament from the original Greek into the German language "that a housewife, butcher, and baker could understand." Long before Luther's time, there had been a few attempts of translating the New Testament. These early translations were from the Latin Vulgate, not the original Greek. The trouble was these translations were either so poor or so expensive that most people could not afford to buy them.

Luther started his work of translating from the Greek texts during his year of hiding at Wartburg Castle. After his return to Wartburg in March 1522, Luther continued working on his translation and turning over his handwritten pages to the printer. By September 1522, the first copies of the New Testament in the German language of the common folk began coming off the press.

The New Testament sold rapidly, about 5,000 copies in two months. One estimated was that nearly 300,000 copies were sold by 1546, the year Luther died. Luther's translation set the standard for the German Language for centuries to come.

This is a good time to make a new commitment to reading and studying the Word of God in the New Testament as well as the Old Testament. If you can read the Bible in your own language, that's a result of God's servant, Martin Luther and the Reformation.

-From *Christian News*,
February 7, 2022





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 3rd Monday of each month.

We meet on Zoom at 7:30 p.m.

Contact Rosemary @ Rosemaryhinkle@comcast.net for the Zoom link.

All women are welcome to join.

2022 Schedule

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: Adam, Allan, Allyson, Amanda, Anne, Antonette, Audrey, Barb, 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, Jason, Jen, Jennifer, Joe, John, Juanita, Jude, Judy, Julia, Kathy, Kidambi, Konstantin, Levi, Linda, Lisa, Logan, Lois, Maggie, Marissa, Matthew, Michail, Mike, Nancy, Noreen, Pat, Patrick, Rhonda, Rick, Roger, Roman, Roy, Ruth, Sam, Samantha, Sandra, Sharon, Sherri, Soleil, Sondra, Steve, Tatiana, Terry, 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, Fisher, Ganther, Gregg, Haage, Hamilton, Kitchen, Kramer, Kriesich, Lacy, Lockhart, Lusignea, Maieron, Martin, McAleese, McGettigan, McGovern, Minges, Muldowney, Necker, Panzo, Puhl, Rush, Schimpf, Schmidt, Shinn, Sklencar, 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.
- For all Native Americans living on U.S. reservations.
- For refugees and immigrants.
- The unemployed, the underemployed & the uninsured, especially those in our own families.
- All Caregivers, rescue workers, doctors, nurses, firefighters, EMTs,
- For the members of the Mekane Yesus Lutheran Church in Ethiopia, and for the Nifas Silk Congregation.
- For our sister congregations: Nifas Silk in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and First Lutheran in Kirkland Illinois.
- For all Christians who are being persecuted for the faith throughout the world.
- For 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.
- For the people of Ukraine.



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP AND LENTEN WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP IS NOW AVAILABLE LIVE ON YOUTUBE (THEHTLCONLINE) OR OUR WEBSITE HOLYTRINITY.NET OR OUR FACEBOOK PAGE. JOIN US AT 9 AM ON SUN. & 7:30 PM ON WED.

Treasurer's Report

January 31, 2022 (For the Year 2022)

	Holy Trinity Ministries	Wider Church
Year to date received for current income	\$ 22,639.20	\$ 4,623.80
Carry over from 2021	\$ 0.00	\$ 43,897.44
Expenses paid to date	\$ 20,391.72	\$ 4,293.12
Surplus/(Deficit) 2022	\$ 2,247.48	\$ 44,228.12

LUTHER QUOTES:

"I have no use for cranks who despise music, because it is a gift of God. Next after theology, I give to music the highest place and greatest honor."

"Possessions are not given that we may rely on them and glory in them...but that we may use and enjoy them and share them with others...Our possessions should be in our hands, not in our hearts."

"Our Lord God must be a pious man to be able to love rascals. I can't do it and yet I am a rascal myself."

"If I rest, I rust."

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
 Phillip Gettmann
 Shaun Hall
 Eric Henderson
 CJ Hess
 Nathan Quinlan
 Vikas Shah
 Jonathan Skilton, MD
 Jeremy Zar

Please remember your Church in your will.



Our Christian Sympathy to

Karen and Rick McGovern and family
on the death of **Richard McGovern**

March 3, 2022

Beloved husband, father and father-in-law

Psalm 112:6

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

Memorials have been received



In Memory of...

Rich Hamilton

Bob Kreisich



NOTES OF THANKS



February 1, 2022

To the wonderful ladies of the Ruth Circle and Holy Trinity,

Once again, the Zieger and Dominek families want to say thank you for all your kind expressions of sympathy in the form of emails, cards, and phone calls after the passing of David on the 21st of December. You have expressed such care and concern not once this year but twice after Sarah lost Derek to Covid.

Although David's service was private we felt the presence of all the "prayer warriors" and the many people who had touched his life while he was alive. The church looked beautiful with all the poinsettias still in place from Christmas. He certainly would have loved all the flowers as a former rose grower and gardener.

We were truly blessed to have had him for these extra 2 years after the first hemorrhagic stroke. His second chance at recovery was not meant to be. I'll always be thankful that I walked into Zieger's Greenhouses 52 years ago looking for a job. I found my best friend and my future. Likewise, the kids and I were fortunate to be by his side when he passed. He wasn't alone.

Stay safe and wishing each of you all the best in 2022.

Sincerely,
Georgia, Sarah, John, Melissa and families.

Dear Holy Trinity Family,

At such a difficult and sad time, our family truly appreciates all the love and concern and help you have provided to us.

So many of you attended Bob's funeral service and your singing voices rang out like angels welcoming him home. I have shared your cards, phone and text messages, and kind words with our family and please know that we thank you so very much for your love and kindness and prayers.

Our choir's beautiful music and Pastor Guenzel's outstanding funeral service for Bob will remain in our hearts forever.

Gratefully yours,
Linda Kreisich.



Dear Holy Trinity family,

February 11th was the date for Holy Trinity's blood drive. There was a steady stream of people who arrived to donate blood; a total of 32 units were given. This number means that the Red Cross has the potential to save up to 96 lives.

Many thanks to all who volunteered their time to make this a successful blood drive especially the donors!

The Blood Drive Team.



Dear Pastor Larry and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Family,

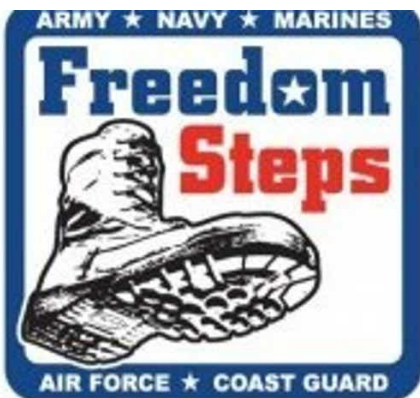
We are so thankful for your continued support of Young Life. Your generosity is such a blessing as we continue to reach out to students across the county.

Grateful,
Jeff & Younglife.



We thank God for your continued support of our troops serving overseas. Freedom Steps will be sending care packages to soldiers overseas in early March. If you would like to provide the name and address of anyone from our military serving overseas, please get in touch with Cindy Biehl immediately.

Cindybiehl@msn.com



Many thanks to all who donated to our Annual SouperBowl of Caring Sunday collection! Thanks to you we raised \$509 that will go a long way towards helping our neighbors in need through our Bread of Heaven Food Pantry! Your generosity is heartwarming and greatly appreciated!



Christ's Home

Caring. Compassion. Community.

www.christshome.org

Gift Amount \$875.00

Gift Date 01/28/2022

Receipt #41154

February 1, 2022

The Rev. Lawrence Guenzel
Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
2086 Parkview Ave
Abington, PA 19001-1136

Dear Pastor Guenzel and Friends,

I want to thank you for the gift you sent in support of the services we provide at Christ's Home. We are blessed and honored by your desire to share from your resources to help further the impact our programs have on many lives each year.

We are never certain how long a child's length of stay with us will be, but we count it a privilege to make a difference in their young life. By the grace of God and the patience of our childcare staff, we help to guide their understanding and response to the trauma that has gripped their young lives. It isn't achieved easily or quickly, but there is an unmistakable calm that enters their life as they benefit from the loving environment and consistent care.

Christ's Home is grateful for your kindness and commitment to helping the children in residence. We thank God for you as partners in ministry to the disadvantaged children we have in our cottages. We appreciate your desire to nurture growth and stability in the lives of children in residence now and throughout the year.

In closing let me ask that you pray for our staff that deliver the needed services to all of our residents in an atmosphere graced with love, dignity, compassion and respect.

Joyfully in Him,



George Zauflik
Director of Community Relations

"Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him."
Psalm 34:8 (NIV)

Local Coalition for Christian Outreach Jubilee Report *From Ray Wiesen*

We had over 55 students come on Saturday, February 26 and hear the good news of Christ! They got to hear about creation, the fall, and redemption. (At our follow-up large group, we go through restoration.) Students loved their gift bags they thought it was so amazing to receive them! Thank You Holy Trinity.

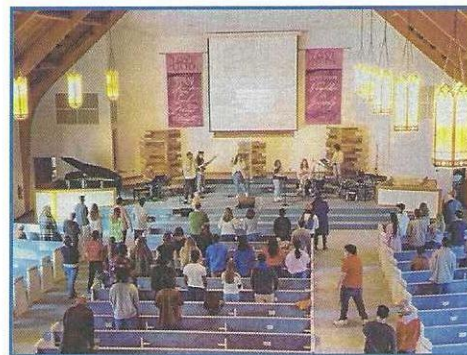


We watched the main Jubilee session online. During the day, students attended different breakout sessions where they learned how to serve God in their prospective fields of study. We had 11 ministries represented at our ministry fair where students got to learn about area ministries.

Our day also included in-person worship which was significant as students had not been in worship together for almost two years. God showed up in amazing ways! Many of the students have not experienced much or any live worship in their lives. They were invited to give things to God and pray during worship. I saw people not just sitting but kneeling down. This was really needed with the way of the world currently. Students are feeling a heaviness with what is happening in Ukraine. Many of my students told me that the whole worship experience was one of the best parts of Jubilee.

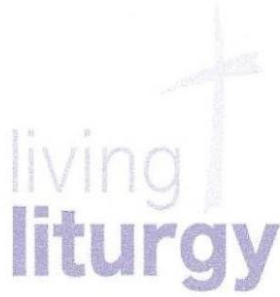
One student said this weekend is something she will remember for the rest of her life. One student said she was going through a lot, and this conference gave clarity in her relationship with the Lord.

Another special aspect of our conference was that our Penn State Abington students got to meet students from other campuses that included Arcadia, Cairn, Eastern, and even a few students from the main campus.



One of my student who came to the conference has been seeking the Lord for the last four or five months and found he was now looking deeper into this relationship with God.

Interestingly, many of the students who attended came from different backgrounds: atheist, agnostic, Buddhist, and Hindu.



Last year, when I was on faculty at St. Hubert Catholic High School for Girls, the principal gave me a new bishops' statement on hymnody. Here is one sentence from that document:

"Christian tradition, both Eastern and Western, has from antiquity been acutely aware that hymns and other songs are among the most significant forces in shaping—or misshaping—the religious and theological sensibility of the faithful."

Later on the document paid special attention to Eucharistic hymns, particularly finding fault with hymns that, instead of teaching the Real Presence of Christ in the bread and wine, focused solely on the community of the church coming together for a feast, or the congregation's unity and love. "Catholics nurtured on a steady diet of certain hymns will learn from them that at Mass we come together to share bread and wine, which remain bread and wine, a common meal..."

A Pew Research Center study found in 2019 that only one-third of American Catholics believed in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. This was an alarming wake-up call. "It represents a massive failure on the part of Catholic educators and catechists, evangelists and teachers," Los Angeles Auxiliary Bishop Robert Barron said in a video response..."

Before the internet, congregations sang from denominationally approved hymnals. Committees of theologians and church musicians would spend years producing a new hymnal—that's how important hymnody is for the formation and nurturing of faith.

For Lutherans, hymns chosen to help communicate the themes of that Sunday's Scripture lessons and sermon is traditional practice. Books suggesting a variety of hymns for every single Sunday and feast day over our three-year lectionary are published along with the hymnal. A comprehensive index like this represents a huge amount of research and effort to make the church's hymnody play its part in faith formation.

Not just hymns, but all of the music on any given Sunday is chosen to underline and support the Scriptural themes of that day. Choir anthems are not simply musical interludes, but play their part in this, too. They are to be beautiful, but not musical entertainment. They are part of the worship of the day and we hope the congregation receives them that way.

These days music across the spectrum is available to us. All it takes is a download and print-out or projection on a screen. Unless you have biblically and theologically trained church musicians vetting all this in consultation with pastors, congregations are in danger of being fed a steady diet of hymns or songs that don't teach the faith in a correct and full way.

Maybe they have doctrinal errors, maybe they just don't teach much at all, maybe they are chosen for emotional and ecstatic appeal, or simply because their music is upbeat like favorite pop artists. Music chosen in this way may do nothing to help communicate the themes of that Sunday's Scripture lessons and sermon. And they may be written in such a performer-centric style that the congregation can hardly participate, but instead sits back and admires the performances of the singers "on stage." None of this is our Lutheran tradition.

Several years ago, when the Church Growth Movement and mega-churches were establishing themselves on business and corporate models for success, music was a big part of the discussion because of its possibility of drawing people in for entertainment, like a concert venue. Other parts of a traditional service, like the Apostles' Creed and the Lord's Prayer, were also discussed. Is the creed boring and repetitive and maybe a turn-off to visitors? Get rid of it. Is Confession a downer? Then skip it. Are the hymns traditional sounding and too "churchy?" Replace them with upbeat songs or soothing, soft rock styles, get rid of organ and choir, and bring in a band. In other words, every element of the service was scrutinized and rejected unless it had a pop culture vibe. How far can this go before all is lost? Is the service a blank canvas?

A few years ago, Kile and I attended a Gregorian chant conference at Loyola University. Every day there were Masses at noon where different groups of us sang chant and other Latin pieces. There were many young people at this conference, as timeless church music has a distinct appeal, very different from Christian pop: it takes one *out* of the world in its sacred beauty. When we were walking away from the church, a young woman stopped us and asked, is there a Mass like this every day at noon? We told her we didn't know, that we were there just for this conference. I will never forget her next words, because they were so opposite of what everyone tells us young people think: "If there were music like this at my church, it would help me become a better Christian."

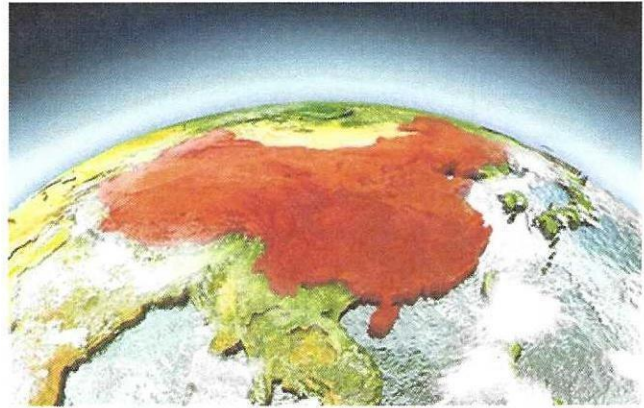
Our worship at Holy Trinity has always had the hallmark of remaining true to the Lutheran liturgy. The liturgy puts the words of Scripture into our mouths. We all must confess, along with St. Paul, that we do not know how to pray as we ought (Romans 8:26). The words and music of the liturgy and hymns are a great spiritual gift to us, and I am so thankful and feel very privileged that we are able to worship this way, week after week.

Jacqueline Smith
Director of Music

Bible for China Update

Greater Generosity Needed in 2022

2022 will be the 35th year for Asia Harvest's China Bible Project. Last year more than 2,500,000 Chinese families in the underground church received their very first Bible. These Bibles are complete with both Old and New Testaments.



With international inflation and supply chain issues, the mission work of Asia Harvest has been challenged with a financial squeeze. The cost of paper on which these Bibles are printed has risen more than 30%.

Asia Harvest continues to guarantee that every dollar given for Bibles goes to Bibles. There is no administrative or any other kind of deduction. That said, they have been forced to raise the cost of printing Bibles going forward. They had been able to keep the cost at \$1.80 each since 2000, but printing Chinese Bibles will now cost \$3.00 apiece. Asia Harvest has chosen this base price so that they will not have to keep making adjustments.

Asia Harvest stands behind the fact that they print Bibles with strong covers and bindings so that they last. Anecdotally, Asia Harvest has been told that Chinese house churches typically double in size within a year of receiving a shipment of Bibles.

Asia Harvest will continue to print and distribute Bibles as long as the Lord holds open the door.

Once again THANK YOU for the 204 Bibles you made possible in 2021!



LIFE TURNING POINT IMMEDIATE NEEDS:

As this ministry to homeless single mothers and their children gets up and running, there are several current immediate needs.

For the Pantry: large bottles of juice, large canisters of powdered drink mixes, such as iced tea, cases of water, large jars/cans of gravy (chicken, turkey, beef)

For the Office: ink for HP Officejet 3830 both black and color, HP 63XL Tri-color high yield; HP 643XL Black high yield.

*To learn more about Life Turning Point see next page...

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.)

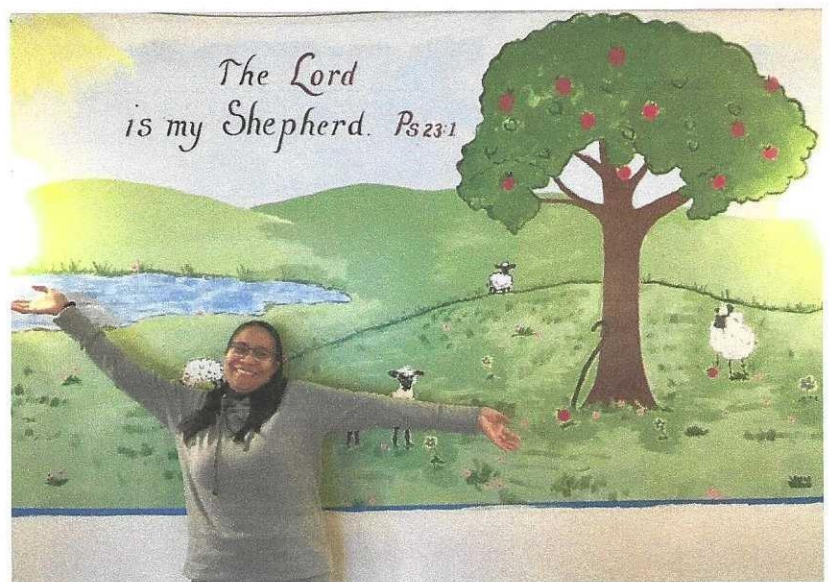
But Quite Simply, How to Give:

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:

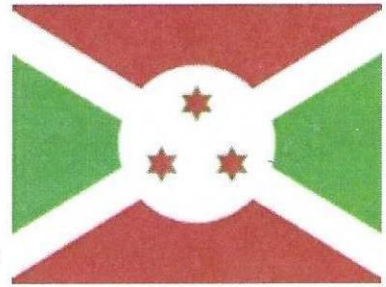
Life Turning Point of Philadelphia shows you all the work being put into restoring and setting up this Wayne Avenue home to receive mothers and their children, beginning this spring. Watch video testimonies!

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.

Where Did Holy Trinity's 2021 Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes Go?



It appears that most, if not all, of Holy Trinity's 2021 shoeboxes went to Burundi, considered the most impoverished country not only in Africa but also in the world. Located in East Africa, Burundi is situated in the Great Rift Valley between the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Tanzania, with Uganda to the north. It also borders Rwanda and has similarly suffered violence due to the rivalries between the Hutu and Tutsi peoples.

Samaritan's Purse began distributing shoeboxes to Burundi in 2008 and launched *The Greatest Journey* course for children in 2013. Samaritan's Purse shares:

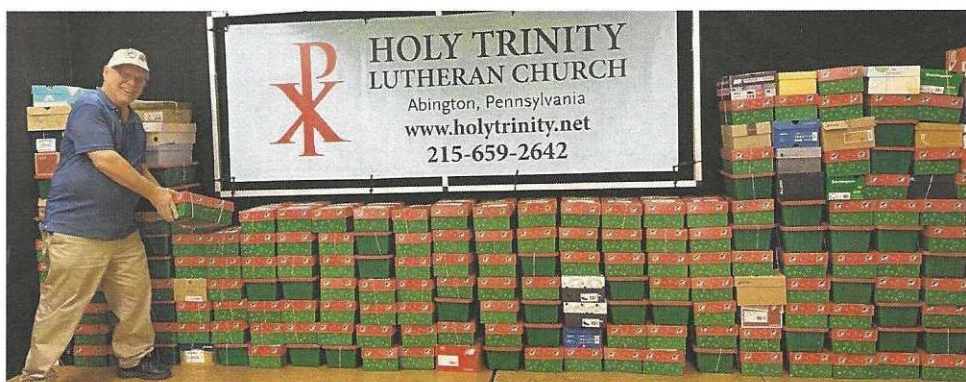
In a very rural and remote village, a grandmother practiced witchcraft and secretly used her grandson in her "business." This young boy, however, received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift and enrolled in The Greatest Journey follow-up discipleship program where he surrendered his life to the Lord Jesus Christ. This broke his grandmother's power over his life and after learning that her spells no longer worked, she also became a believer and now regularly attends church.

Burundi is landlocked with few resources. Most of the people are subsistence farmers. Can you even begin to imagine how the children must feel to experience such gifts that might seem quite ordinary to us but so rich to them?

You might be interested to know the breakdown by age and gender of the more than 10.5 million shoeboxes received through Operation Christmas Child in 2021:

Boy 2-4, 9.64%
Girl 2-4, 11.33%
Boy 5-9, 21.97%
Girl 5-9, 24.89%
Boy 10-14, 15.37%
Girl 10-14, 16.80%

These numbers do not necessarily mean you should adjust your age and gender choices. It might be that these numbers adequately reflect the numbers of children by age and gender who are present at shoebox distributions.





Charles Peter Walsh

January 28, 2022 at 6:07 am | 8 lb 12 oz & 20 3/4 inches

All our love: Pete, Erica, and Ringo Walsh



Thank you so much to everyone who sent us love and prayers as we welcomed Charlie into the world. Getting to know him and navigating through our time as parents has been both our greatest challenge but also the best reward. We can't wait for a lifetime of memories with him and all of you!



Congratulations & Welcome to God's World

Theodore Anthony Lauren Quici

Born: February 23, 2022

Weight: 9 lbs., 10 oz.

Parents: Mr. and Mrs. John Quici

Proud grandparents: Tony & Chris Quici





NORTH AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Dear Pastors, Congregations, Partners in Ministry, Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Over the past several days, Russia has invaded Ukraine and is working to remove its government from power to replace it with its own. The actions of the Russian leader, Vladimir Putin, are unprovoked, the conflict is bloody, and the hostile takeover is one being protested by many nations throughout Europe and the entire world.

As a church body, the North American Lutheran Church (NALC) is in strong opposition to this war and is urging its pastors and congregations to be praying for an end to this senseless conflict. The NALC also has strong ties to the Ukrainian people through one of our partner ministries, the **Spiritual Orphans Network (SON Network)**. Formerly EEMN, the SON Network, led by Executive Director Pastor David Breidenbach, serves people in parts of the world that are often overlooked as a mission field. They excel at reaching spiritual orphans in the unique context of former communist nations. In this case, they are actively involved in supporting missionaries in Ukraine, as well as providing humanitarian support to the hundreds of thousands of refugees fleeing that country in the war.

As you consider how to support the people of Ukraine, know that the SON Network is an official partner ministry of the North American Lutheran Church and that their work amidst this devastating conflict is being done openly in the name of Jesus Christ.

We encourage you to be praying for the people in Ukraine, for the families torn apart by the war, for the humanitarian efforts that will be needed for some time, as well as for the hearts of the leaders of Russia and Ukraine to find ways to bring this conflict to an end, to move forward in ways that would lead to peace, and that people would be drawn to the One in whom all lasting peace is found, the Lord Jesus Christ.

The following prayer is offered for your use, individually, as families and in your congregations:

Gracious God, we come to You as people who know we have fallen short of Your call, who are in daily need of Your forgiveness and grace, and who have no lasting hope apart from the promises we have in Jesus. And yet we come with thankful and expectant hearts, knowing that You have promised to hear and to answer prayer.

We pray for You to be working in the hearts and the lives of the people in Russia and the Ukraine who are caught in this senseless war and whose lives are being torn apart because of the conflict. We pray for the families who have been separated from their loved ones, for those who have been physically hurt as a result of the fighting, and for those lives that have been lost. We pray, Lord, that You would open doors for peace talks and negotiations to happen that would bring an end to the war and that would save the lives of many for whom our Lord Jesus died.

Work through the nations of our world, through their governments, the United Nations, and through those leaders who have authority and opportunity to influence and impact what is happening in Christ-honoring ways. Be with our missionaries and mission agencies — that their work would be a witness to the love You have for all people, and to the desire You have for Your world that we would live in peace.

Help us to never lose sight of the promises we have in Jesus and to never lose hope in the One who, through His cross and resurrection from the dead, has overcome the world. In His most holy and precious name we pray. Amen.

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

—John 16:33 NIV

[More information on the SON Network](#)

In Christ Jesus,

Bishop Dan Selbo
North American Lutheran Church

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.

BREAD OF HEAVEN PRESENTS: FIRST ANNUAL



CHALLENGE

1. Sign up to receive a FREE vegetable plant.
2. Plant your seedling, nurture it, and watch it grow.
3. What the plant yields comes back to the plates of our guests.
4. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex.
5. The first seedling is FREE, any additional plants will be at cost.

OFFER GOOD TIL APRIL 10, 2022

Small plants are being bought through Boy Scout Troup #437
To benefit them now, vegetables grown will benefit families later.

ARE YOUR THUMBS GREEN ENOUGH TO ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE?



Lenten Worship Services & Special Events - 2022

Fastnacht 2022 - Tuesday, March 1, 2022

4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Free Donuts & Hot Beverages Give Away Outside

7:00 p.m. Screening of Sight & Sound's Production of **Samson**
(Free Family Movie Night in Fellowship Hall)

Ash Wednesday - Wednesday, March 2, 2022

11:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes at both services

Wednesday Worship and Bible Study

Wednesday Dates in 2022: **March 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6**

10:00 a.m.: Lenten Prayer Service and Bible Study in the Sanctuary

7:30 p.m. Lenten Evening Prayer Service in the Sanctuary

Our Bible study this Lent is on *The Book of Proverbs*

Sunday Morning Lenten Worship Services (Sanctuary)

Lent 1 - March 6, 2022 (The Great Litany)

Lent 2 - 5 - March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 2022

HOLY WEEK

Sunday of the Passion - April 10, 2022

9:00 a.m. - Palm Procession/Chanting of the Entire Passion with Holy Communion

Prayer Walk - Wednesday, April 13, 2022

7:30 p.m. - Church-wide Prayer Walk

(Meet in Sanctuary)

Maundy Thursday - April 14, 2022

7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary - Holy Communion followed by Draping of the Altar

Good Friday - April 15, 2022

6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Prayer Vigil in Sanctuary

12:00 Noon - Worship service in the Sanctuary

7:30 p.m. - Worship service in the Sanctuary

Holy Saturday - April 16, 2022

5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday - April 17, 2022

7:30 a.m. - "The Son is Risen" Breakfast (Potluck Breakfast)

9:00 a.m. - Holy Communion (Sanctuary)





ORDER FOR EASTER LILIES

Place Orders by 9:00 a.m.,
Monday, March 28, 2022
(Easter is April 17, 2022)

_____ Lilies (6 Bloom) @ \$15.00

TOTAL \$ _____

() In memory of _____

() In honor of _____

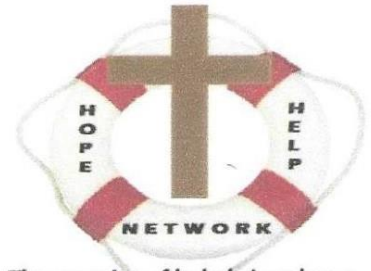
() Other _____

Your Name _____

Enclose your order and payment in a white pew envelope. Write "Lilies" on the envelope and place in the offering plate. Make checks payable to "Holy Trinity".

THE HOPE AND HELP NETWORK

This local outreach was birthed by Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission, but cut loose and now operates independently. They provide assistance to those in need, including support and referrals for addiction, life stability, grief, homelessness, and other life changes.



The promise of help brings hope...

A trauma informed Organization

There are local people in the greater Abington area struggling to survive living in their cars, tents, and other makeshift structures. **THE HOPE AND HELP NETWORK** makes contact with these vulnerable people, and provides a list of resources along with a gift bag of provisions.

During this Lenten season, we will be collecting the following items for the network to include:

SNACKS
WOOL SOCKS (new)
WATER BOTTLES
WET WIPES
TOOTHPASTE AND TOOTHBRUSHES
HAND/FOOT WARMERS
BAND-AIDS
FACEMASKS
DEODORANT

Please place your contributions on the shelf marked **THE HOPE AND HELP NETWORK** below the coatrack in the narthex.

Lutheran Church Women's Circle Bible Study



MARCH CIRCLES

Victory in Jesus:

The Breastplate of Righteousness & the Helmet of Salvation

"Stand therefore...having put on the breastplate of righteousness... and take the helmet of salvation." (Ephesians 6: 14, 17)

We end our study with a look at two more vital pieces of armor: the breastplate of righteousness and the helmet of salvation. They are powerful and hopeful reminders that the battle is the Lord's and the victory is ours!

Righteousness is offered to every believer, not gained by doing good deeds, but as a gift through faith in Jesus. By linking the helmet to salvation, Paul points to God's ultimate victory over the forces of evil.

We encourage all Holy Trinity women to consider attending a circle. If you are not yet attending a circle, please contact LCW President Sue Tolton (215) 659 - 7054 or by email at suetolton@comcast.net or church secretary Deb Mumford (215) 659 - 2642, to explore what might work best for you. 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.

Eve Circle - Thursday, March 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the SS Peter & Andrew Study

Leader: Sue Tolton (215) 659 - 7054

Ruth Circle - Sunday, March 13 at 11:30 a.m. in SS Peter & Andrew Study

Leader: Katie Beyer (215) 572 - 6964 kbeyer0403@gmail.com

Miriam Circle - Monday, March 14 at 12:30 p.m. in the SS Peter & Andrew Study

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

Hannah Circle - Sunday, March 20 at 10:30 a.m. in the Bread of Heaven Café

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



**WE WELCOME ALL WOMEN TO THE
LCW WOMEN'S RETREAT
FRIDAY APRIL 1 - SUNDAY, APRIL 3**

WHERE: MOTHER BONIFACE SPIRITUALITY CENTER
3501 SOLLY AVE., PHILA., PA 19136

TOPIC: "Walk the Talk, Dress the Part"

SPEAKER: Dr. Sheryl Vasso

COST: Weekend stay: \$160
or what you can afford.
Saturday only: \$65
or what you can afford.



We recognize that personal finances fluctuate.
Simply pay the amount that fits your current budget.
The healthy LCW scholarship fund will take care of the rest.

"Walk the Talk, Dress the Part" is a topic that focuses on the three areas
in which Satan tempted the Lord (Matthew 4) & in which Satan tempts us
our words, our walk, and our spiritual wardrobe.

Session 1 focuses on our words,
Session 2 focuses on our spiritual walk,
Session 3 focuses on our spiritual wardrobe

Philadelphia Covid 19 protocols are in place:
see next page...



Mother Boniface Spirituality Center Guest Guidelines Protocol for Safety against COVID-19

As we continue to navigate operations during the pandemic, we respectfully request that guests follow the established guidelines to protect yourself and others, and to help us provide the best guest experience possible.

- Guests who have knowingly been exposed to, or lived with, someone who has had COVID-19 during the 10 days prior to a retreat, should not attend.
- Guests who have traveled on a plane, or to current hotspots, within 10 days of their retreat, should not attend.
- Please consult your healthcare provider to determine whether you have medical conditions that place you at high risk. We recommend that if you have serious underlying medical conditions, or are at high risk for severe illness from COVID-19, that you should not attend an overnight retreat experience.
- If you feel ill during your stay, please inform your group's coordinator. The coordinator will be responsible for informing the Mother Boniface Spirituality Center assigned staff person on duty.
- Guests who contract COVID-19 within 5 days of their retreat, should notify Mother Boniface Spirituality Center.
- If any employee contracts COVID-19, Mother Boniface Spirituality Center will inform the Coordinator of the group and organization, prior to event dates.
- The Mother Boniface Spirituality Center will be cleaned and sanitized prior to your arrival.

Upon arrival, all guests will:

- Be asked to wear a facemask. Please bring your own facemask.
- Complete the guest health screening form.
- Overnight guests are all expected to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. The health screening form will ask each participant for their vaccination status.

Thank you again for your respect and support of the above protocols. Please let me know if there are any questions.

In gratitude,

Margarita Solis-Deal

Executive Director, Mother Boniface Spirituality Center

MBSCDirector@msbt.org

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Women Retreat
Friday Evening, April 1—Sunday Morning, April 3**

Name: _____

Phone#: _____ **Email:** _____

I will attend in the following way:

_____ **Full Retreat \$160** _____ **Saturday only \$65**

_____ **I would like to use the Scholarship Fund in full.**

To Contribute:

**I am enclosing a check made out to “Holy Trinity LCW”
in the amount of \$_____.**

**I understand that any amount under the above costs
will confidentially be added to from the LCW Scholarship
Fund, and only the LCW treasurer will know.**

Registration Deadline is Sunday, March 20, 2022



March Worship Assistants Schedule



March 6

Lent 1

Usher 2	Lector Sat Karen McGovern	Communion Assistants	Eric Gregg, Suzanne Brown
Acolyte Ryan Schied	Sun Jim Necker		
Crucifer Jim Necker			
Stream Hannah Mumford Team			

March 13

Lent 2

Usher 3	Lector Sat Janice Donnelly	Communion Assistants	Linda Borkowski, Sherri Gregg
Acolyte Becca Nilsen	Sun Allan Shikhvarg		
Crucifer Ken Tredinnick			
Stream Rob Ischinger Team			

March 20

Lent 3

Usher 4	Lector Sat Karen McGovern	Communion Assistants	Jim and Nancy Necker
Acolyte Matthew Gregg	Sun Kile Smith		
Crucifer Rob Ischinger			
Stream Frank Ganther Team			

March 27







Lent 4

Usher 5	Lector Sat Linda Cassady	Communion Assistants	Otis Bricker, Allan Shikhvarg
Acolyte Sherry Breslin	Sun Charlie Tolton		
Crucifer Sherri Gregg			
Stream Ryan Schied Team			

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*

MARCH 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
"Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time." 1 Peter 5:6		1  <u>Family Movie Night</u> 7:00 FASTNACHT FAMILY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES	2  ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE 11 AM 6:00 Soup Supper 7:30 PM SERVICE	3 10:00 Bread of Heaven Food Pantry 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Trios	4 7:30 AA	5 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
6 Lent 1 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult	7	8	9 10:00 a.m. Lenten Worship & Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Lenten Worship	10 10:00 Bread of Heaven Food Pantry 6:30 Handbell Choir 7:30 Eve Circle 8:00 Chancel Choir	11 7:30 AA	12  Spring Forward 1 hour 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
13 Lent 2 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 11:30 Ruth Circle DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME	14 12:30 Miriam Circle	15	16 10:00 a.m. Lenten Worship & Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Lenten Worship	17 10:00 Bread of Heaven Food Pantry  St. Patrick's Day 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	18 7:30 AA	19 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
20 Lent 3 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 10:30 Hannah Circle  The First Day of Spring	21 7:30 Women's Prayer Group	22	23 10:00 a.m. Lenten Worship & Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Lenten Worship	24 10:00 Bread of Heaven Food Pantry 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	25 7:30 AA	26 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
27 Lent 4 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult	28	29 Stewardship Meeting 7:00 PM	30 10:00 a.m. Lenten Worship & Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Lenten Worship	31 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	 40 Days	

Special Dates:

- *First Sunday in Lent, *March 6, 2022*
- *Second Sunday in Lent, *March 13, 2022*
- *Daylight-Saving Time begins, *March 13, 2022*
- *Third Sunday in Lent, *March 20, 2022*
- *First Day of Spring, *March 20, 2022*
- *Fourth Sunday in Lent, *March 27, 2022*

