

HOLY TRINITY

Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Pastor

The Rev. Dr. Maurice Y. Lee

Pastor

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Worship Services

Saturday at 5 p.m.

Sunday at 9 a.m.

*(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 am
the 15th of each month.*

From the Pastor

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

It's been almost fifteen years since I've witnessed the riot of color changes (and sports excitement!) that in this area marks our movement into the fall. For lots of people, of course, the turning of the trees is background noise: it just happens, there's no interest or significance to it, until we have (once again) to bother with raking up millions of fallen leaves. For others, though, those seasonal transitions are something to be anticipated, savored, even pursued, as with those who drive miles of country roads looking for the year's first flashes of yellow and orange and red.

Other natural events, like solar eclipses, draw even more enthusiasm. The intensity of zeal surrounding such phenomena can be mystifying to people who haven't experienced them — an eclipse lasts only two or three minutes! — but to anyone who's ever actually been there in the path of totality, it makes utter sense that many ancients would have believed that the end of the world was nigh, or at least that what was happening could only be understood religiously.

In my Sunday school class concerning human nature, I was recently reflecting on what, from the perspective of Christian faith, non-human creatures — including autumn leaves and solar eclipses — are *for*. The great twentieth-century theologian Karl Barth insisted that we human beings are not given any special insight into how God deals with the other works of his hands: "The Word of God ... tells us how things stand between God and man. But it does not disclose the inner nature of the relation between God and the rest of creation" (*Church Dogmatics*, section 43).

Still, not even Barth could ignore such Biblical testimonies as the famous Psalm 19: "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. ... There is no speech, nor are there words.... [Yet] their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world" (19:1, 3-4).

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Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Mission Statement

We proclaim the
Gospel of Jesus Christ,
worshipping,
making disciples
and serving
in his name.



Altar Flowers

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

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Autumn leaves and solar eclipses, squirrels and spiral galaxies, have their own kinds of dependence on and connection with the God who made them. But they, too, are judged by God to be good. They, too, are afflicted by corruption and decay. They, too, exist "in hope that the creation itself will be set free" (Romans 8:20-21). They, too, will be "gathered up in Christ in the fullness of time" (Ephesians 1:10). And they, too, speak to us of the glory of God, of his goodness, of his grace. Not independently, not apart from the Word, but they speak.

Ugliness is terrible and terrifying, whether it be moral ugliness, as in human violence, or metaphysical, as in natural disasters. We are still very much affected, to our sorrow, by such ugliness. But the world's ugliness doesn't have some kind of self-standing power. Ugliness is itself perversely dependent on the existence and reality of beauty. And when beauty, God's beauty, triumphs according to God's promise, ugliness will be no more.

The leaves of autumn and other wonders of creation — as temporary and as transient as their beauty is — direct us to a beauty that will neither fade nor fail. They can and should be enjoyed as themselves, of course. But, *as* themselves, they're saying to those with ears to hear: "Glorify God in Christ and the Spirit, and enjoy him forever!"

Worshipping with you,
Pastor Maurice



Psalm 19: The heavens declare the glory of God



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

Holy Trinity's
Women's Prayer Group
meets once a month on the
2nd Wednesday of each month
At Rosemary Hinkle's
room over her garage.

All women are invited to join us
Contact Rosemary at
[**rosemaryhinkle@comcast.net**](mailto:rosemaryhinkle@comcast.net)

2022 Schedule

November 9

December 14

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

Prayer List



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

Please pray for the following individuals & their families:

Adam, Aileen, Alicia, Al, Allan, Allyson, Alonzo, Amanda, Anne, Antonette, Audrey, Barb, Bea, Becky, Bert, Beth, Beth Ann, Ben, Bill, Bob, Brian, Bruce, Carol, Carly, Carter, Chris, Charles, Charlie, Christopher, Cindy, Claire, Colleen, Corey, Dallas, Dan, Daniel, Dave, David, Deb, Deborah, Derek, Diane, Didi, Dina, Dolores, Donna, Dorothea, Dorothy, Dottie, Ekaterina, Elaine, Elena, Eli, Ellen, Eric, Erica, Frank, Sr., Festo, Gavin, Gene, Grace, Greg, Gregory, Hannah, Hans, Heidi, Helen, Irina, Ivan, Jackie, Jamie, Jane, Jared, Jason, Jeff, Jen, Jennifer, Jim, Joe, John, Jon, Joyce, Jude, Judy, Julia, Kathy, Katrina, Kellie, Kelly, Kevan, Kidambi, Konstantin, Laura, Levi, Linda, Lisa, Logan, Lois, Lorraine, Maggie, Marissa, Maryann, Mary Ellen, Maryjane, Mason, Matthew, Megan, Melody, Micah, Michael, Michail, Mike, Nancy, Neda, Nia, Nik, Nikki, Noreen, Pam, Pat, Patrick, Pete, Peter, Prisca, Randy, Rhonda, Richard, Rick, Robin, Roger, Roman, Ron, Rose, Ruth, Sage, Sam, Samantha, Sandra, Sarah, Scott, Serafina, Shannon, Sharon, Sherri, Soleil, Sondra, Steph, Stephen, Steve, Suzanne, Tatiana, Terry, Tammy, Thorin, Tina, Todd, Tom, Trudy, Tyler, Valentina, Vicki, Willow.

Please pray for the following families: Abera, Anastasio, Arnold, Breuer, Brown, Crawford, Custer, Davidson, Dewald, Diener, Engelke, Favorin, Fisher, Flory, Ganther, Gavin, Gregg, Haage, Hamilton, Hamsher, Jacoby, Kitchen, Kramer, Kriesich, Lacy, LaRocca, Lockhart, Lusignea, Mackintosh, Maieron, Martin, McAleese, McGettigan, McGovern, McGowan, Minges, Muldowney, Mutashobya, Necker, O'Rourke, Panzo, Plum, Puhl, Rush, Schenck, Schimpf, Schmidt, Shinn, Sickle, Sklencar, Staedtler, Steinhofer, Tavella, Walsh, Williams, Wilson, Wright.

Please pray for the following petitions:

That God bless and protect all members of Holy Trinity, together with those they love and pray for.
That God guide each of us to grow in grace and that He would please send workers into the Harvest.
For all who are chronically ill and/or shut-in. For all who are fighting addiction to drugs and alcohol.
For those who are struggling with cancer of any kind. For the sick and the grieving. For all travelers and for the dying. For all congregations of the NALC. 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 Mekane Yesus Lutheran Church in Ethiopia, and for the Nifas Silk in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
For all Christians who are being persecuted for the faith throughout the world.
For the victims of rains, wildfires, earthquakes, hurricanes.
For favorable weather & 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.
For peace in the world and shootings to stop in our cities.
For a peaceful political atmosphere.



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

September 30, 2022 (For the Year 2022)

	Holy Trinity Ministries	Wider Church
Year to date received for current income	\$ 223,324.75	\$ 46,310.00
Carry over from 2021	\$ 0.00	\$ 43,897.44
Expenses paid to date	\$ 252,964.16	\$ 46,566.98
Surplus/(Deficit) 2022	\$ (29,639.41)	\$ 43,640.46

Martin Luther Quotes:

"Of whom shall I be afraid? One with God is a majority."

"God's Word is a flame that shines in the darkness... if we use this light, then God will no longer remain hidden from us."

"I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify Him with thanksgiving."

"How soon "not now" becomes "never".



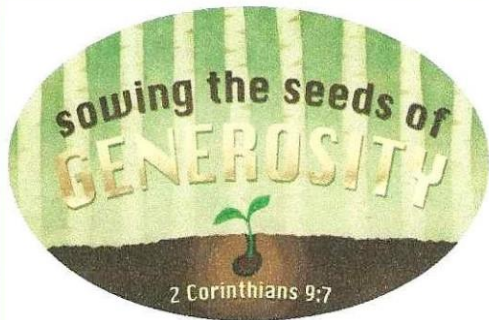
Support Us

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 at alanhinkle@comcast.net

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

Christopher Biehl
Michael Boerner
Connor Gowton
Shaun Hall
Eric Henderson
C.J. Hess
Nathan Quinlan
Vikas Shah
Jonathan Skilton, MD
Jeremy Zar

Please remember your Church in your will.



What Makes for a Cheerful Giver?

St. Paul wrote to the Church of Christ in Corinth: “Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor. 9:7). *God loves a cheerful giver.* But who is a cheerful giver?

Abel was. By faith, he gave the firstborn of his flock, and it was acceptable in God’s sight. Abraham was. By faith, he prepared cakes and a tender choice calf for God and entertained angels unaware. So also were David and Solomon. By faith, David would not make a sacrifice to God that cost him nothing, so he paid Araunah his due. By faith, Solomon built a house for God, where his name would dwell and thereby where He would dwell to be Israel’s God and they His people.

What more shall we say? For time would fail us to tell of all those who gave not simply for the joy of giving but for the joy of knowing the One to whom they gave.

So also our Lord, who for the joy set before Him, gave everything – yes, even His life – enduring the cross and scorning its shame. He gave to the shedding of His blood, willingly and resolutely setting His face toward Jerusalem to die for the life of the world. Though He was rich in every way, He became poor, so that by His poverty, we might be rich beyond measure.

So then, let us like Abel and Abraham, like David and Solomon, and even like our Lord Jesus Christ, give cheerfully to God for the work of His kingdom in our midst. Like them, let us decide in our heart for the joy set before us. It’s the joy of knowing the One to whom we give is the One who gives us all good things.

- LCMS Stewardship Ministry
November 2022 Newsletter



STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Stewardship Weekend is November 19 & 20, 2022

What do we mean by the term Stewardship Weekend?

It is the name we use for the weekend on which we return our *Unified Plan for Giving Card* for the support of the church programs in the New Year beginning in January.

How do I get a

Unified Plan for Giving Card?
You will get one via e-mail on Monday, November 7. Hard copies will be available in the narthex.

Why should I return the Unified Plan for Giving Card?

Can't I just put my offering in the offering plate at worship?

The church has many expenses for curriculum materials, heat, lights, building upkeep, salaries, insurance and other things. These expenses must be budgeted in order that we may know what kind of programs of worship, fellowship, education, music, evangelism and other parts of our witness can be carried out -- and what we can do for others. Unless our members decide in advance the amount they can give we can't plan an effective ministry.

What if I return a

Unified Plan for Giving Card
and then suffer financial reverses during the year that make it impossible to pay that amount?

The Church is the Body of Christ; it is not a loan company. If circumstances you did not foresee make it necessary to reduce or even cancel the amount you thought you could give, all you need to do is to tell God. True Christians also make adjustments upward when their incomes are increased or they receive unexpected additional income during the year.

Will I be solicited personally in my home?

No. You will never receive a telephone call or visitor soliciting you for money. You will receive e-mails that we hope you will read carefully & prayerfully.

Does this church talk about money

all the time? No. This church is not always talking about money. The church is always talking about Jesus Christ. It is only with money that the programs of the church as we know it today can continue to exist.

Why does the church ask for an increase in giving from each of us every year?

Every year deeply committed Christians who gave substantially either die, experience grave financial reverses, or move to other communities. It is only with new and increased pledges that we can replace this loss. We especially hope that those who give \$5 a week or less will increase their giving by \$2 or more a week.

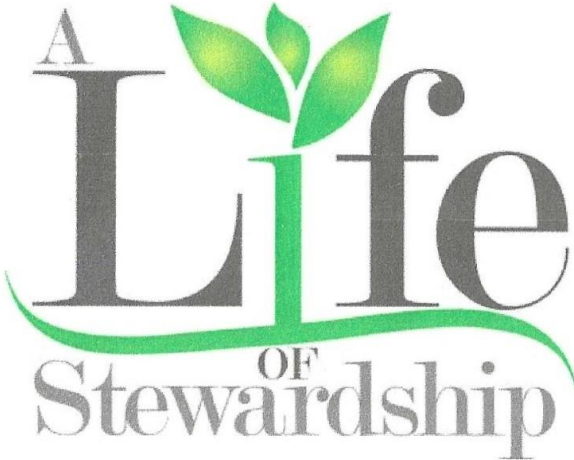
How much should I give?

Did you know that Holy Trinity presently receives offerings from approximately 121 households. Of these, 49 households give \$1 - \$25 per week. If each of these households were to increase their giving by \$2.00 per week, Holy Trinity would have \$20,000 more per year. The remaining 72 households give more than \$25 per week. If each of these households were to increase their giving by \$5.00 per week, we'd have another \$20,000. A small amount from many families would make a huge difference to Holy Trinity for next year's budget.

When is Stewardship Sunday?

This year, Stewardship Sunday is the Third Sunday in November. Please prayerfully consider increasing the amount you give to Holy Trinity by just \$2 to \$5 a week. Please think about participating in Simply Giving.

Print this out and bring it to church to place in the Jehoiada chest for **Stewardship Weekend** Saturday, November 19th & Sunday, November 20th.



I answer God's call to be a steward of all that I am and have. As part of my response, I will gladly give financially to Christ's mission.

I pledge to give \$_____ a week/month (circle one) through Holy Trinity's congregation. I understand that this commitment can be revised if necessary.

Signature(s) _____

Keep the top portion for your records.

Unified Plan for Giving

As members of the body of Christ, and so that others may know God's love, I/we plan to give \$ _____ per week/month (circle one) to Christ's mission through the congregation of Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Name (s) _____

Email address _____

Phone _____

Return this portion of the card.

Copies of this Pledge Card are available in the Narthex should any have a need.



NOTES OF THANKS

To all those that participated in **Plant to Plate**

Thank you so much for your efforts. It seems to have been a rough summer for everyone. Please don't be discouraged!

We plan to do **Plant to Plate** next year. The vegetables gathered were enjoyed by our guests.

Your Bread of Heaven Food Pantry



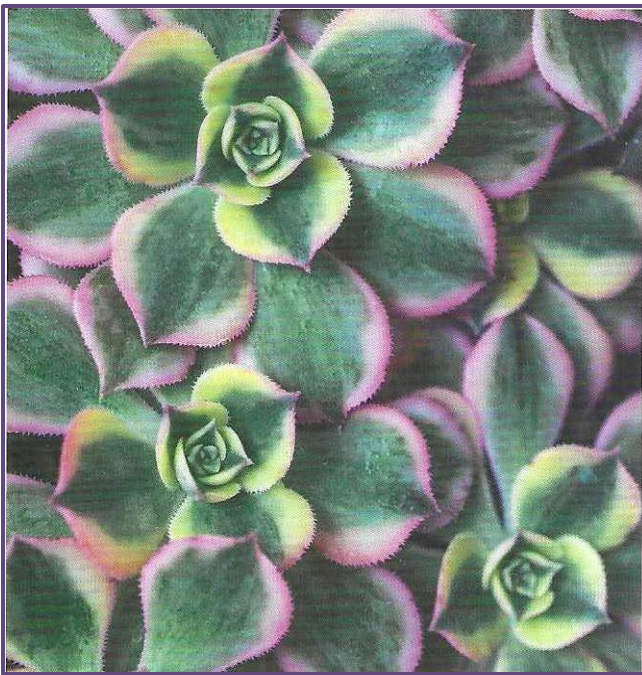
Sunday

Dear Holy Trinity Family,

The Lutheran Church Women would like to thank everyone for their donations to Housewarming Sunday. Thanks to everyone's generosity, we were able to outfit 3 rooms at Cradle of Hope with new pillows and comforters. The kitchen and bathrooms at Life Turning Point will be freshened up with new linens.

Stay tuned for more information about helping Cradle of Hope with their renovations on their new home.

Thanks again,
The LCW Christian Action Committee



September 1, 2022

Dear Holy Trinity E.L. Church,
Greetings from Mitla, Oaxaca, Mexico. I am one of the missionaries you have supported with prayer and finances. This note is to thank you for all you do to further His kingdom. I looked at your website and was deeply blessed to see your many avenues of outreach you have both locally and internationally in the DRC.

I want you to know that it is church families like yours that are a key to the furthering of the Gospel. Your support to me has resulted in Bible translation for many indigenous groups in Mexico. So - as we say in Spanish Mil gracias! And God bless you as you serve Him in Abington and around the world.

Marge Kriboruas with Wycliffe in Mexico.

Thank you!

Thanks to all who contributed to sponsor me on the CROP Walk. Al Shikhvarg and I had a wonderful time walking together. Your gifts provide a great help in the mission of feeding our hungry neighbors both near and far away.

We all can continue to help providing food for neighbors with the Bread of Heaven Food Pantry at Holy Trinity. Thanks be to God for the blessings of giving to support His mission of caring for others.

In Christ, the Bread of Life,
Larry Guenzel





Our Christian Sympathy to

Judy, Cory, Danielle, Maggie and family
on the death of **Dan Mackintosh**

October 11, 2022

Beloved brother, husband, father & grandfather.

Linda, Don, Carrie, Mike and family
on the death of **Frank Reed Stubbe,**

October 14, 2022

Beloved husband, father, grandfather & great-grandfather

Psalm 112:6

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



Holy Trinity has 2 AED units one located just outside of the Sanctuary
and the other just outside of the church office.

We offer **FREE** training to all who wish to be certified.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15 at 7:00 PM

Sign up in the narthex or call the office (215) 659 - 2642

* If you were certified at the last class in Sept. 2020 you need to attend
to maintain your certification as they expire every two years.*



All Saints

Sunday, November 6, 2022

Their Lights still shine!

On All Saints Sunday, families (and individuals) who wish to commemorate a loved one are invited to place a lighted memorial candle on the altar. Ushers will direct you as to when to bring them forward.

If you wish to participate, be sure to bring a votive candle with you from home.

Your votive candle must be in a glass votive candle holder.

(Suggested colors for the glass candle holder are clear, red, or white.)

At the appropriate time you will be invited to place your candle on one of the tables near the baptismal font, as you speak aloud the name of the person whom you are remembering before God.

These are the saints. Their lights still shine before the throne of God.

After worship, please remember to take your candle home with you, to use during your personal or family devotions.

Names of Saints who have died

H. Richard Hamilton, January 9, 2022 **Cynthia Hambach**, July 29, 2022

Elaine Schimpf, January 27, 2022 **Deborah J. Koutsiouroubas**, August 6, 2022

Robert C. Kreisich, January 28, 2022 **Nancy Tavella**, August 15, 2022

Francis E. McGowan, May 26, 2022 **Walter R. Schmidt**, September 13, 2022

Gustave R. Haun, June 7, 2022 **Daniel J. Mackintosh III**, October 11, 2022

Frank Reed Stubbe, October 14, 2022

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY



Annapolis ELC, Edgewater, MD

October 21 & 22, 2022

Seventy-four disciples of the Atlantic Mission Region gathered over two days at Annapolis Evangelical Lutheran Church, Edgewater, MD on October 21 & 22, 2022 for the annual regional Convocation. The theme for this year was "Trust the LORD in Anxious Times." Sixty-six gathered in person and eight attended virtually.

Presentations were made by the **Rev. Dan Schaefer** and **Rebecca Johnson** on *A Christian Response to Anxiety and Fear*. **Officer Dan Schaefer** led the assembly in understanding emergency preparedness on a congregational level (briefly covering natural disasters, medical emergencies, active shooter, etc.) A copy his book *The Church Emergency Handbook: All Hazards Emergency Management for Houses of Worship* was gifted to each congregation by the AMR. Assistant to the Bishop of the Eastern Area the **Rev. Dr. Bill White** spoke to the assembly about the new restructuring of the NALC and what it means for us as a Region.

The 2023 Ministry Spending Plan was approved. The assembly approved the \$58,950 Ministry Plan as presented.

Lutheran Military Veterans & Families Ministries was the spotlight Ministry Partner this year. The Rev. Leslie Haines (Major) spoke to the assembly about LMVFM and the work they do with veterans both past and present and how vital their work is. Service dog Patrick Dooley was also present and was enjoyed by all who visited him.

Financial gifts were given to the Lutheran Military Veterans & Families Ministries (\$1,210), Disaster Response (\$1,040), Annapolis ELC (\$100), and the NALS (\$50). The NALC also received \$500 from the AMR as an honorarium for the work done at this Convocation by our assistant to the Bishop for the Eastern Area the Rev. Dr. Bill White.

We heard a presentation from the Renewal & Discipleship Ministry Team re: **Having a Discipleship Conversation**. A follow up conversation on GoToMeeting is being planned for November 5.

Stuff the Truck for NALC Disaster Response! The truck was filled with health kits, school kits, flood buckets, blankets, Bibles, rakes, shovels, and gift cards. THANK YOU! All donations were taken to the warehouses in Middle River, MD and Elmer, NJ.

Worship: We opened the Convocation with a contemporary Eucharist led by the Worship Team from Trinity ELC, Joppa, MD with AMR dean the Rev. Steve Shipman preaching. Northeast Mission District dean the Rev. Gregory Davidson led us in Compline on Friday evening. We opened Saturday with a traditional Eucharist with the Rev. Mark Metze presiding and the Rev. Dr. Bill White preaching.

Mission District Meetings: The assembly broke into Mission Districts on Friday night and enjoyed fellowship with each other.

Fellowship! There were plenty of opportunities for fellowship at this year's Convocation. There was scheduled free time for networking and to visit the Ministry Partner and vendor displays. We also enjoyed an ice cream social on Friday evening. Yum!

Informal Bible Study: Assistant to the Bishop the Rev. Dr. Bill White led an informal Bible study for anyone interested in attending on Friday morning before the Convocation began.

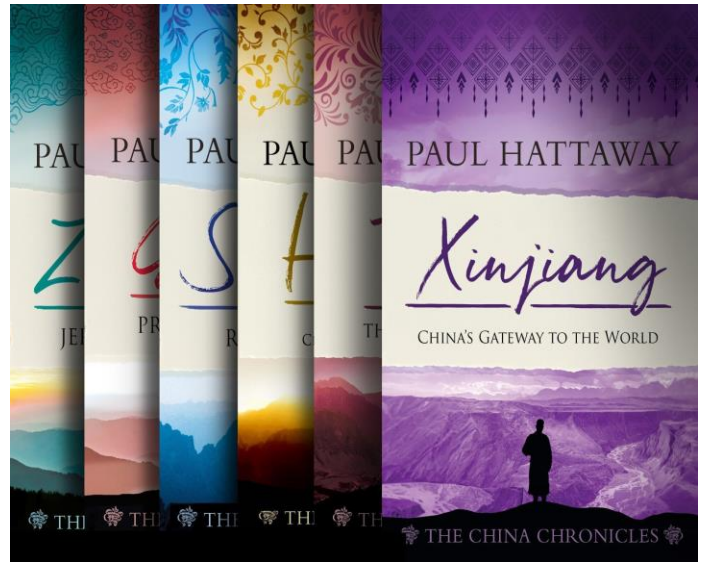
Women's Conference: The Women of Atlantic Mission Region held their fourth Women's Conference on Friday morning in which they worked together to assemble 123 school kits for NALC Disaster Response. They also had sharing time, a Bible study, worship, and a visit from NALC Disaster Response coordinator Mary Bates.

The 2023 AMR Convocation will be held on October 20-21 at St. Paul Lutheran Church (250 Trinity Rd.), York, PA. A **Women's Conference** is also being planned for October 20 prior to the Convocation. Mark your calendars!

The China Chronicles

by Paul Hattaway

Paul Hattaway, who launched the organization Asia Harvest to bring the Gospel to the unreached people groups of Asia, has taken on the massive project of chronicling the Christian persecutions and victories of worshipping the Savior and bringing souls for Christ in China. China is said to have undergone the largest revival in the history of Christianity, and this series will bring that history to life through many personal experiences.



Each book focuses on a province in China. To date, six books have been published as part of Paul's goal to present personal stories and histories in 18 such books. All six are in our church library and are featured on our library cart in Fellowship Hall this month.

As many of you are aware, we collect contributions throughout November to provide Bibles for China, (see next page in the Echoes) specifically for Chinese Christians worshipping at great personal risk to their lives in the house churches that are not approved by the communist government.

We invite you to read one or more of these books and learn about the tremendous sacrifices made by our Chinese brothers and sisters in Christ as they strive to live the Gospel and bring the Word alive to others in their communities. You will find your spiritual life enriched beyond measure as you read these true stories.

Bibles for Chinese Believers In China's Underground Churches



As we each continue our journey with Christ, we find that many of the questions posed to us have the same answer: "Pray and read the Scriptures." But what if we had no Bible to read. In fact, what if everyone in our church had not so much as one copy of God's word.

The desire for a Bible is the deepest longing of millions of Christians in China, worshipping in underground churches, under constant threat of discovery and persecution. The only church China permits is the Three-Self Patriotic Church, overseen by the atheistic communist government, not our Lord. The government says it provides Bibles, but those Bibles never go to the underground churches.

In China, it is estimated that one-third of Christians attend the Three-Self Church and two-thirds attend underground fellowships. It is all those who must worship carefully, in secret, who have little to no access to the Holy Bible. A regional church leader from Heilongjiang Province writes,

Our fellowships are in the countryside, and we have been attempting for many years to get enough Bibles so that all believers in our churches could have their own copy. We previously tried to get Bibles from the government-controlled church but became frustrated with their unfulfilled promises. We traveled from fellowship to fellowship collecting eggs, rice, or whatever people could afford to donate to raise funds to purchase these Bibles, but we were cheated many times. Currently we need 184,234 Bibles so that every believer can have one. (and that is just one province!)

He goes on to say that a delivery of God's Word to the people would be an answer to prayer and offers thanks to us beyond words for whatever we can do.

The cost of printing and delivering each Bible remains at \$1.80, which is notable amid climbing global inflation. The reason is that house church members insist on giving out of their poverty to assist. How easily and how many times a week do we part with \$1.80 for this or that? Would you consider a contribution of \$18 to purchase 10 Bibles,, \$36 to purchase 20 Bibles or some other gift?



Holy Trinity, this is your annual opportunity to bless our sisters and brothers
with God's Holy Word as they persevere in communist China.

Please place your prayerful contribution in the offering plate during weekends in November,
and mark both your envelope and the memo section of your check (made out to Holy Trinity)

"Bibles for China."

Could This Way of Giving to Holy Trinity Be for YOU?



When you hear the words “Charitable Gift Fund,” do you immediately think about wealthy people who have large sums of money at their disposal...large as in \$50,000, \$100,000, or more? What if I told you that a personal gift fund could be launched for as little as \$5,000? And, you can make contributions to various 501(c)3 charities, including the church, starting at \$50.

This Fall would be a good time to examine how much you give to your church and charitable organizations in the course of a year and consider the tremendous tax break a gift fund can provide for you. To explain:

Ordinarily, contributions of appreciated stock or mutual funds to a church or other nonprofit organization are a very tax-efficient way to contribute. You receive a deduction for the fair market value of the stock without paying capital gains tax. The receiving organization then sells the stock and also pays no capital gains tax, since it is a nonprofit.

However, a Charitable Gift Fund, also known as a Donor Advised Fund, simplifies this process.

Contributions of appreciated stock and mutual funds, as well as other appreciated investments, are made to the gift fund. The fund then sells them and credits the proceeds to your account.

You get the tax deduction without paying capital gains tax. You then recommend grants to the church and other charities from your fund. The fund sends a check (or an electronic fund transfer if the organization has set that up) directly to the church or charity.

For instance, let’s say you have \$8,000 in your gift fund. You can set it up to send a specific amount to Holy Trinity each month. You can always send an extra gift as well, such as at Christmas and Easter or for a specific project. Currently, Holy Trinity is set up for electronic fund transfer from Fidelity, so if your fund is with Fidelity, the money is automatically placed in the church account on a regular basis. The church (Sue Tolton) receives an email indicating the amount, what it is for, and who it is from.

Give.

This truly is a win-win situation, and several Holy Trinity members are currently giving through their gift fund. Most major investment firms offer a donor advised fund. If you are interested or would

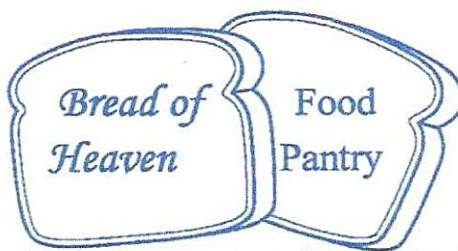
just like more information, ask your financial advisor or call Alan Hinkle. With this program, you could increase your contribution to the church at no cost to you because of the tax savings. If you own appreciated stock or mutual funds, take a look.

Grant.



DID YOU KNOW?

At The



Each Family receives:

- Large Can Chicken
- 2 small cans Tuna
- Pasta sauce
- Spaghetti
- Other pasta (rigatoni, penne, egg noodles)
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- 2 Canned Veggies (potatoes, peas, green beans)
- 2 Boxes Macaroni and cheese
- 2 Cans Soup
- Can Fruit
- Tea bag
- Rice
- Snack bags (popcorn, granola bars, crackers, and cookies)
- Loaf of Bread
- Dozen eggs
- Bananas
- Choice of:
(Pancake mix with syrup, Cereal, Old fashion Cook or Instant Oatmeal)

Each Family can choose 2 of the following items:

- Dish Soap 28 oz
- Cooking oil 48 oz
- Ketchup
- Mustard
- Mayonnaise
- Barbeque Sause
- Salad dressing
- Coffee
- Fruit Juice
- Laundry Soap 38 oz

Each Family can have: depending on availability

- Bibles
- Diapers (sizes NB - 6)
- Baby wipes
- Women's sanitary products
- Adult diapers
- Children's books / coloring books
- Small toys
- Fresh Vegetables
- Other food items (SPAM, canned salmon, beans)

**WE HAVE SERVED IN SEPTEMBER: 82 FAMILIES
330 PEOPLE IN TOTAL**

Keep *Bread of Heaven* in mind when you go shopping.
We are dependent upon your generosity
with donated items and monetary donations.



Thanksgiving Donations Needed

Thanksgiving Plans from Bread of Heaven

The items we plan to include are:

stuffing, green beans, corn, canned yams, cranberry sauce, cream of mushroom soup, crispy fried onions, coffee, pumpkin pie mix, evaporated milk.

If you receive a turkey and don't plan to use it, we will be happy to re-home it with one of our guest families. Thanks to all of you who share so generously with our neighbors in need.

At Annual Meeting every year, the first item of business is the adoption of Rules of Procedure. This adoption of Rules of Procedure has always been done at the outset of every denominational or synodical convocation (LCA, ELCA, or NALC).



This adoption needs only a simple majority and is done to make the meeting run smoothly.

Among other things, The Rules of Procedure say that Holy Trinity's Annual Meeting will be governed by Roberts Rules of Order, that all speeches will be limited to three minutes, and that anyone can present a resolution but that this resolution must be presented in writing to the Committee on Reference and Counsel by 3:00 p.m. on the Monday immediately prior to Annual Meeting.

At the time each resolution is presented to Annual Meeting, Reference and Counsel will advise the Annual Meeting as to whether or not the resolution should be adopted. Copies of these Rules of Procedure and Forms for Resolutions are available in the Narthex.

SNEAKERS!

For Christ's Home Teens

Currently Christ's Home has a decidedly teen population.

They NEED Sneakers of many different sizes!

Please contribute NEW Sneakers to our collection for teen boys and girls.

NEEDED NEW

Women's Sizes
6-11 full and half sizes
Including wide widths



Men's Sizes
8-13 full and half sizes
Including wide widths

Please leave your contributions in the Narthex under the Christ's Home sign.

Questions: Rosemary Hinkle arhinkle@comcast.net



Vanns & Converse popular with teen boys. Affordable & fun colors at this Amazon link:
<https://www.amazon.com/SKDOIUL-Sneakers-Breathable-Athletic-Trainers/dp/B083ZXJS8L>

Google Nike sites for men's and women's or any other site you choose.

Not a shopper? You may give \$ in an envelope marked "Christ's Home Sneakers."

Lutheran Church Women's Circle Bible Study



November

Pearls from Proverbs: The Pearl of Diligence

*"The soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing;
but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat."(Proverbs 13:4)*

There is a couplet that says, "If a task is once begun, Never leave it 'till it's done; Be the labor great or be it small, Do it well or not at all." The essence of that rhyme is diligence, which the dictionary defines as persevering application to accomplish or careful and persistent work or effort.

We live in a society that starts lots of things it never finishes. Children easily give up if an activity loses its challenge or the game doesn't go the way they wanted it to go. Adults start projects and never finish them. We live in an "instant" society - from food service to computer speed. Perhaps that contributes to our lack of diligence, our ability to see a task or project through to the end. As we look at what the Bible teaches about diligence in the book of Proverbs, we'll also discuss a woman's crowning virtue.

If you are not yet attending a circle, please contact Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Women President **Sue Tolton** @ 215.659.3701 or suetolton@comcast.net OR contact church secretary Deb Mumford @ 215.659.2642 to explore what might work best for you.

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

Leader: Sue Tolton (215) 659-7054 suetolton@comcast.net

Ruth Circle - Sunday, November 13 at 11:30 a.m. in Sons of Thunder Youth Room.

Leader: Katie Beyer (215) 572-686 kbeyer0403@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

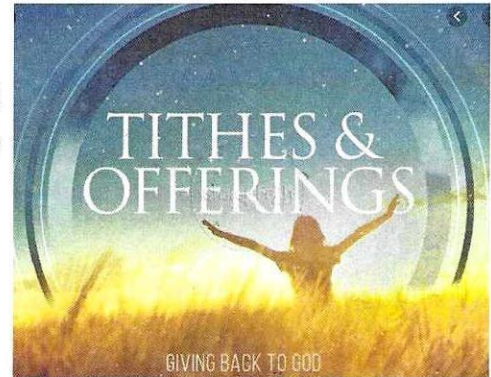
Women of Holy Trinity

We Are Collecting Our Semi Annual Thank Offering

Thank Offering is the money we set aside throughout our days when we are grateful to God for answered prayer, both in the concerning situations of daily living as well as in our joys that are the blessings we celebrate. We collect Thank Offerings twice a year and dedicate them to the needs of others.

This Fall, we are sharing these offerings equally between the Cradle of Hope in Glenside and Life Turning Point of Philadelphia. These are both Christian homes for otherwise homeless single women and their children. Many of these women have been turned out by their families when they find they are pregnant. These two homes help the women learn parenting skills, complete their education, and obtain jobs in order to be able to support themselves and their children. Very importantly, both homes provide Bible study to give the ladies a foundation in God and Jesus.

Please contribute your Thank Offering either at our fall General meeting of Holy Trinity Church Women (LCW) on Sunday, November 20, 11:30 AM in the Study or place it in the collection plate in an envelope c marked "LCW Thank Offering."



Psalm 50:23 "He who offers a sacrifice of thanksgiving honors Me; And to him who orders his way aright I shall show the salvation of God."

Did you receive your invitation to Tea with Beth and Ravinia?



We hope you will join us on Saturday, November 19, 3:00 PM in the Study



**Please RSVP by Wednesday, November 9
to Deb in the office: 215-659-2642 or secretary@holytrinity.net**

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

Wednesday, November 23, 2022 7:30 PM

Please join your church family
in thanks and worship
Remember to bring your food donations
for our *Bread of Heaven* Food Pantry.



Coram Deo

Meeting once a month on the 2nd Monday of each month
in the SS Peter & Andrew Study at 7:30 p.m.

All are invited to join - even if it's "just for one book".

Books we will be reading for the monthly gatherings:

November 14 - *Eminent Victorians* by Lytton Strachey

December 12 - *A Doll's House* by Henrik Ibsen

January 9 - *Watership Down* by Richard Adams

February 13 - *The Bridge of San Luis Rey* by Thornton Wilder

March 13 - *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Brontë





November Worship Assistants Schedule



November 6

Usher 2	Lector- Sat Linda Cassady	Cantor
Acolyte Helen Haun	Sun Suzanne Brown	Stream Frank Ganther Team
Crucifer Charlie Tolton		

November 13

Usher 3	Lector - Sat Karen McGovern	Cantor
Acolyte Charlie Tolton	Sun Helen Haun	Stream Charlie Tolton Team
Crucifer Helen Haun		

November 20

Usher 4	Lector-Sat Linda Cassady	Cantor
Acolyte Matthew Gregg	Sun Julia Gregg	Stream Rob Ischinger Team
Crucifer Jim Necker		

November 23

Thanksgiving Eve Usher 4	Lector Kathy Ingerson	Stream Gloria Ischinger Team
Acolyte Rob Ischinger	Crucifer Charlie Tolton	

November 27

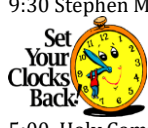




Usher 5	Lector - Sat Karen McGovern	Cantor
Acolyte Charlie Tolton	Sun Nancy Ischinger	Stream Hannah Mumford Team
Crucifer Steph Templeton		

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

Called to *Serve*



NOVEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Council 7:30	3 10:00 Bread of Heaven 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	4 7:30 AA	5 9:30 Stephen Ministry  5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
6 ALL SAINTS 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult	7 12:30 Miriam Circle	8 ELECTION DAY 	9 7:30 Women's Prayer Group	10 10:00 Bread of Heaven 6:30 Handbell Choir 7:30 Eve Circle 8:00 Chancel Choir	11  7:30 AA	12 9:30 Stephen Ministry 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
13 PENTECOST 24 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 11:30 Ruth Circle 4:00 PM Installation of Pastor Lee	14 OCC COLLECTION 6:30 - 8:30 pm	15 OCC COLLECTION Noon - 2 pm 7:00 PM Evangelism	16 OCC COLLECTION 3:00 - 5:00 pm	17 10:00 Bread of Heaven OCC COLLECTION 6:30 - 8:30 pm 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	18 OCC COLLECTION 4:00 - 6:00 pm 7:30 AA	19 OCC COLLECTION 11:00 am - 1:00 pm 3:00 PM LCW Tea & Treats 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
20 Christ the King 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 10:30 Hannah Circle OCC COLLECTION Noon - 2:00 pm STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY	21 OCC COLLECTION 9:30 - 11:30 am	22	23 7:30 Thanksgiving Eve Service	24 Happy Thanksgiving Office Closed  Happy Thanksgiving!	25 7:30 AA	26 5:00 Holy Communion 6:30 Stephen Ministry 7:00 AA
27 Advent 1 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult	28	29 7:00 PM Stewardship	30			

Special Dates:

- ♦ All Saints' Day, *November 6, 2022*
- ♦ Daylight-Saving Time ends, *November 6, 2022*
- ♦ Election Day, *November 8, 2022*
- ♦ Veteran's Day, *November 11, 2022*
- ♦ Christ the King, *November 20, 2022*
- ♦ Thanksgiving, *November 24, 2022*
- ♦ Advent 1, *November 27, 2022*