

# HOLY TRINITY

Evangelical Lutheran Church

## ECHOES NEWSLETTER

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### February, 2023

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### Staff

The Rev. Dr. Maurice Y. Lee, Pastor

Mrs. Jacqueline Smith, *B. Mus.*

*M. Mus., Director of Music*

Mrs. Deborah Mumford,

*Office Administrator*

### 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 a.m.  
the 15th of each month.**

### From the Pastor,

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

As I write this, it's not even February (I'm late, Deb, but not *that* late). We're still almost a month away from the season of Lent, and, of course, further still from Holy Week and Easter. But, having recently participated in a meeting of the Worship & Music Committee, I've been reminded of our liturgical traditions — and not just ours — in those most sacred times of Holy Trinity's life together.

One of those traditions is the Easter Vigil — as our Roman Catholic friends call it, the *Easter Vigil in the Holy Night*, or, as our Eastern Orthodox friends call it, the *Paschal Vigil* — celebrated during the evening, or even deep in the night, before Easter Sunday morning.

This extraordinary worship service has a history that goes back to ancient times. The great African bishop and theologian Augustine was preaching about it, and preaching at it, more than 1600 years ago. In one of those Vigil sermons he said:

“Human thought, contemplating the reality [of Christ's death and resurrection], confesses to the Lord. Meanwhile, human memory does not cease to celebrate solemn anniversaries, so that thought will not be condemned as ungrateful. That's where the splendid and famous solemnity of this night fits in. Keeping vigil, it is as though we were re-enacting the Lord's resurrection by way of our memory, even if we know that it actually happened only once in history” (Sermon 220; cf. Edmund Hill's translation, *Sermons 184–229Z*, in *The Works of Saint Augustine* [New City Press, 1993]).

All Christian worship, of course, has its ground and meaning, not in the abstract fantasies of our imaginations — however pious those might be — but in God's mighty works in our earthly space and time, including the incarnation of the eternal Son, his proclamation of the promised kingdom, his unswerving obedience to his Father's will, his death for the sin of the world, his victorious, vindicating resurrection, and his giving of the Spirit of power to the church.

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# Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

## *Mission Statement*

We proclaim the  
Gospel of Jesus Christ,  
worshiping, 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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And the Easter Vigil is, we might say, a kind of liturgical distillation of *all* those works as an amazing, complex, coherent, directed unity — from the creation of the universe to its consummation, previewed in Jesus' rising to new life following his crucifixion.

If Christian worship is our participation, by God's grace, in a story which we did not originate, of which we are not the leaders, and in which we are not the main characters, but which, nevertheless, tells us who we are, why we're here, and what we're hoping for, then the Easter Vigil is the one service in which we're given a sense of the whole picture, the entire narrative; and given a sense not merely in terms of intellectual information — as great as that is — but in terms of living within it, living *because* of it, via word and sacrament. And when I characterize it in that way, I mean *even more than on Sunday morning*, without taking anything away from the beauty and importance of Sunday morning.

I will have more to say — not that I can say enough, or even that *saying* is what is called for most — about the Easter Vigil. But as we move from the glow of Christmas and Epiphany toward the depths and heights of Lent and Easter, it seemed appropriate at least to start discussing why and how we celebrate this service at Holy Trinity.

In Christ alongside you,  
Pastor Maurice

**ASH WEDNESDAY** February 22, 2023  
Imposition of Ashes  
& Holy Communion

Services at  
10 AM & 7:30 PM



# 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.

### 2023 Schedule

**Feb. 20    March 20**

**April 17    May 15**

**June 19**

“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)* Adam, Allan, Allyson, Amanda, Antonette, April, Audrey, Bob, Carly, Carol, Cathy, Christopher, Cody, Colin, Dallas, Derek, Dolores, Dottie, Doug, Ed, Ekaterina, Elena, Emersyn, Eric, Erica, Gail, Gavin, George, Greg, Ian, Iolanta, Ivan, Jason, Jennifer, Jill, Jim, Joan, John, Julia, Julie, Karen, Kate, Kathy, Larry, Laura, Leslee, Levi, Linda, Logan, Maggie, Maryjane, Matthew, Mee Han, Megan, Micah, Michael, Mikhail, Mya, Ozzie, Randy, Rhonda, Rick, Roger, Roman, Ruth, Shannon, Sharon, Shem, Sophia, Todd, Troy, Trudy, Steve, Valentina, Vicki, Wanda, Willow, Zack.

**Please pray for the following families:** Crossen, Custer, Gregg, Hamilton, Hamlin, Hendrickson, Klass, Lacy, Lockhart, Maieron, Matteo, Meade, Novak, Powell, Puhl, Schenck, Singley, Staedtler, Steinhof, Tolton, Wright.

**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 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 members of the Mekane Yesus Lutheran Church in Ethiopia, and for the Nifas Silk Congregation.

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.

We welcome new members to

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CHURCH  COUNCIL

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**Frank Ganther**

**Wayne Laudenslager**

**Barbara Rothermel**

And give thanks to God for the dedication and service  
of outgoing Council members:

**Sherry Breslin**

**Linda Cassady**

**Deb Lapointe**

**Karen McGovern**

**Tom Schied**

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**Congratulations & Welcome to God's World**



Chase Christopher Traylor

Born: **December 30, 2022**

Weight: 5 lbs., 1 oz.

Parents: Sara Rothermel & Christopher Traylor

Proud big sister Sophia Morales

Proud grandmother Barbara Rothermel



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

**LUTHER QUOTES:**

"God does not need your good works, but your neighbor does."

"All creatures are merely veils under which God hides himself."

"We need to hear the Gospel every day, because we forget it every day."

"We are not yet what we shall be, but we are growing toward it, the process is not yet finished..."

"You are not only responsible for what you say, but also for what you do not say."

"The gospel cannot be truly preached without offense and tumult."

"Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace."

## 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

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



## NOTES OF THANKS

Dear Holy Trinity Family,

Thank you so much for the tasty treats I received for finals. The food and the encouragement have really helped. I'm pleased to say that I am now finished with my undergraduate degree.

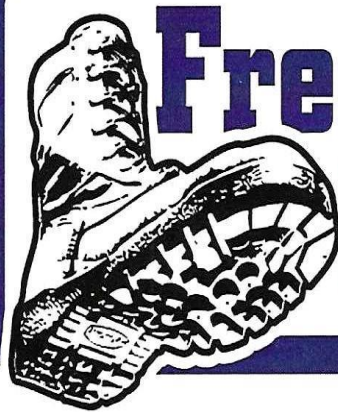
Thank you again for your support over the last four years.

Ella Murphy

(\*FYI from Ella's mom: Ella got her Bachelors of Arts from Duquesne University.)



ARMY ★ NAVY ★ MARINES ★ AIR FORCE ★ COAST GUARD



**Freedom**  
**Steps**

[www.FreedomSteps5k.com](http://www.FreedomSteps5k.com)

January 10, 2023

Dear Holy Trinity Family,

Thank you once again for your generous donation for our troops. Your unending support is greatly appreciated. We continue to send boxes to our troops on a regular basis. We will have our annual 5K on May 7th at Mason's Mill Park and will list you as one of our sponsors.

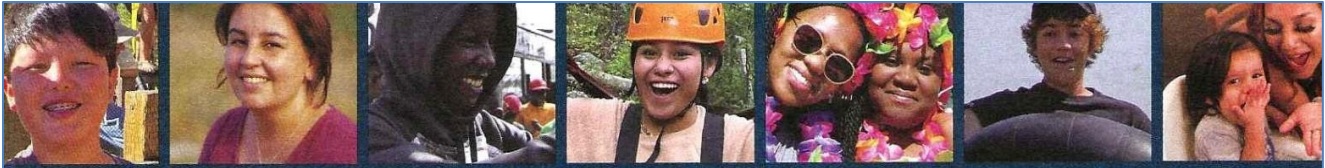
Thank you again. God Bless All of You!

Freedom Steps





# NOTES OF THANKS cont...



**THANK YOU**

**GIFT SUMMARY** | **younglife**

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

Date	Applied To	Comment	Type	Amount
03/03/2022	PA24 Montgomery County		CK 16616	300.00
			<b>Total Gift Amount</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>

We appreciate your support of Young Life in our efforts to reach kids for Christ. If you have questions about this report, please contact us at **877-438-9572**.

**IRS DISCLOSURE:** Unless otherwise specifically noted, no benefits were received by the donor in exchange for the gifts referenced above other than intangible benefits.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Non-contribution amounts (e.g., certain golf and event fees) may be excluded. For gifts given by check, the last five digits of the check number are displayed.

**YOUNG LIFE'S FEDERAL TAX ID#:** 84-0385934

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Enhancing Trust





# Asia Harvest

## Receipt

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

office@asiaharvest.org | www.asiaharvest.org

<b>Date:</b>	31 December 2022	<i>Missions Offering</i>	\$379.00
<b>Name:</b>	<b>Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$379.00</b>
<b>Sum:</b>	Three Hundred Seventy-Nine dollars		

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent donation. We appreciate your loving partnership as together we help extend the kingdom of God in Asia.

Please note that this is an interim receipt for this specific gift that you sent at the end of 2022. Before the end of January we will mail you a tax receipt for all 2022 giving.

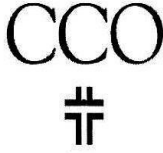
May you and your loved ones draw close to God in 2023, and we pray it will be a fruitful year for you as you serve the kingdom of God.

*Antonia*

and the team at Asia Harvest

- ◆ This letter reflects Asia Harvest appreciation for our gift of 210 Bibles for our Chinese brothers and sisters who are under attack in China.





January 16, 2023

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

Dear Holy Trinity Evan. Lutheran Church,

Your financial support makes this ministry possible! Thank you for partnering with us to see a generation of college students transformed by the power of Jesus Christ and His Gospel, in partnership with the local church, reaching the world for the glory of God.

Listed below are the tax-deductible contributions we received from you in 2022. Please take time to review the listing and to verify that we correctly recorded those contributions.

We have not provided you with any goods or services in exchange for these contributions. The contributions were made with the understanding that the CCO has complete control of the donated funds and discretion as to use the funds to carry out the organization's exempt purposes and functions.

A copy of our official registration and financial information may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, 1.800.732.0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

Please retain this document for your records, as it substantiates any federal income tax deductions you may claim for the following charitable contributions.

Sincerely,  
The CCO Finance Department

<u>Gift Date</u>	<u>Check Num/Check Date/Reference Information</u>	<u>Designated to Support the Ministry of</u>	<u>Gift Amount</u>
1/26/2022	16622 1/20/2022	CB Penn State Abington Community Board	\$375.00
		Total Gift	\$375.00
		<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$375.00</b>

Coalition for Christian Outreach  
transforming college students to transform the world

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cco@ccojubilee.org

January 19, 2023

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
The Rev. Maurice Lee  
2086 Parkview Avenue  
Abington, PA 19001

Dear Disciples of Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your total 2022 benevolence gift of \$1,422.40 to the Atlantic Mission Region of the North American Lutheran Church, \$304.55 of which was received in the fourth quarter. Your support of the Atlantic Mission Region is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*The Rev. W. Stevens Shipman*

Dean, Atlantic Mission Region

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PRAYER LEAGUE**

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Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
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Dear Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your prayers and gift of \$3,859.40 (*details below*). Your financial contribution helps advance the King's work as your missionaries bring the Gospel to those least likely to have heard, believed, or benefitted from its saving and transforming power. Our monthly newsletter is a quality mission & prayer resource which brings you the latest news on your 100 missionaries in 20 countries. Write [mobilize@wmpl.org](mailto:mobilize@wmpl.org) or phone 612-871-6843 to request a free subscription. We'll be happy to send it via postal mail, e-mail, or both. Similarly, to start or stop a recurring gift please email [business@wmpl.org](mailto:business@wmpl.org), or call 612-871-6843, with your request.

Received	Designated Fund	Amount	Note
12/31/2022	Diedone and Serafina Panzo - Ministry Fund	\$3,859.40	Food for Orphans: \$2,135; Panzo ministry: \$734.40; "Adopt an Orphan" education: \$840; Seminary Student education: \$150

Gift Type: Business Check  
Account Number: 683  
Year-to-Date Giving: \$7,726.60

**Please retain this receipt for your records**

While we make every effort to honor the designation of each gift, WMPL exercises discretion over the allocation of donated funds, per IRS regulations. You have received no goods or services as a result of deductible donation(s) - only intangible spiritual or religious benefits. We are a 501(c)3 charitable organization. Your donation is deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

*You may return this portion with a future gift. Please make check payable to WMPL.*

Previous Gift Date	Previous Designation	Previous Amount
12/31/2022	Diedone and Serafina Panzo - Ministry Fund	\$3,859.40

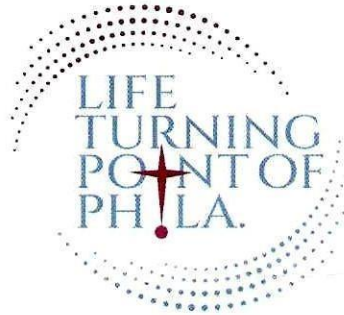
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (Account #683)  
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Email: [pastor@holytrinity.net](mailto:pastor@holytrinity.net)  
 I prefer paperless emailed receipts.  
Please correct address or email, if needed.

**Please note fund (re)designation below, if applicable.**

General Fund: \_\_\_\_\_  
General Missionary Support: \_\_\_\_\_  
Worker Support: \_\_\_\_\_  
Worker Ministry: \_\_\_\_\_  
Project / Field: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_

# Life Turning Point of Philadelphia



January 06, 2023

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
2086 Parkview Ave  
Abington, Pa 19001

Dear Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church ,

Many thanks for your generous donation of \$455.00 received on 12/27/2022 in support of Life Turning Point of Philadelphia.

Your generosity enables us to fulfill our mission- we greatly appreciate your support!

All of us at Life Turning Point of Philadelphia appreciate your thoughtful gift.

Gratefully,

Life Turning Point of Philadelphia

*Please retain this letter for tax purposes. It is your receipt in grateful acknowledgment of your generous contribution. No goods or services were received by you for this donation.*

# Christ's Home

Caring. Compassion. Community.

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

Gift Amount \$290.00

Gift Date 12/30/2022

Receipt #42670

January 6, 2023

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

Dear Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church,

This Christmas, as we gave gifts to our loved ones and those in need, we felt in our hearts Jesus' message that, "It is more blessed to give than receive."

Bless you for the gifts you have given to Christ's Home and to the disadvantaged children we serve.

Because of your generosity, this month:

1. Campaign 22 exceeded our original \$200,000 goal and we raised over \$300,000. Adding the matching grant from a compassionate donor to that number, the campaign raised a total of over \$500,000!
2. The community gathered in celebration, music, and praise at our annual Carols & Coffee event, which kicked off the Christmas season.
3. Children and teens, who live at Christ's Home, along with their house parents, enjoyed special programs in our Community Center including weekly dinners and small group Bible studies.
4. The same children and teens received Christmas gifts they had chosen from the Amazon Christmas Wish list which donors had purchased.

Thank you for helping to keep the heart of Christ's Home beating.

With gratitude,



Brenda Greene

Director of Development

"In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Acts 20:35

It's back, yes the most Coveted Trophy in the History of Holy Trinity,  
**The Souperbowl of Caring Trophy!**

The Competition...



Formerly, the competition was between the two worship services,  
but now we are competing between the three adult classes.

Larry Guenzel, Tom Schied and Pastor Maurice.

Which class can raise the most money -  
the winning class will be awarded the trophy and bragging rights.

Each class will have the opportunity to contribute to their win  
**Sunday, February 12th "Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday".**

For those who are not able to attend class, you can contribute to the class  
of your choice using the baskets in the Narthex marked for each class.

All monies collected will go to Bread of Heaven.





# worship WORKSHOPS

The third of five hands-on sessions delving into our theology and practice of worship — Biblical, liturgical, and traditional — at Holy Trinity.

**The Extraordinary Ordinary (Part 1)**  
— Tuesday, February 7, 6:30 p.m.

We will discuss the fixed or “ordinary” components of our order of worship — moving from the liturgy of the Word to the liturgy of the Eucharist — as an integrated, dramatic, formative unity.

Recommended reading: James K. A. Smith, *Desiring the Kingdom* (Baker, 2009). I will give a copy to anyone who asks.

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We will have 2 services on  
**Ash Wednesday**  
**February 22, 2023**

**10 AM      &      7:30 PM**

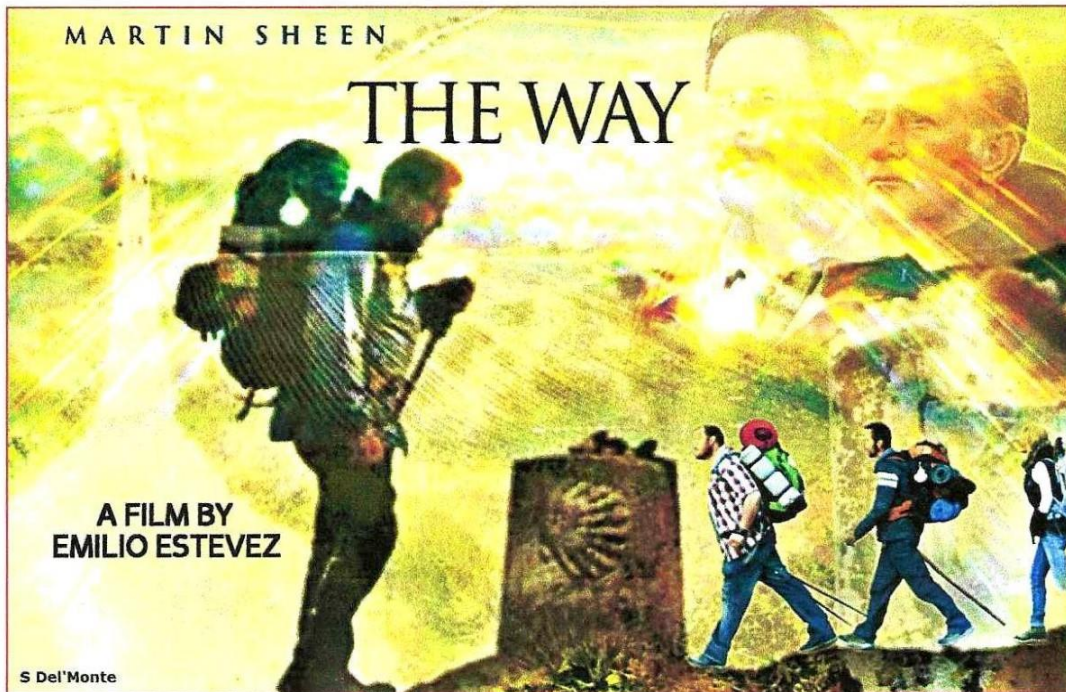


**Lent Begins**  
**Ash Wednesday**

With Imposition of Ashes  
and Holy Communion



Join us in celebrating  
*Fastnacht*  
February 21st @ 7:00 PM



Enjoy hot dogs, chips, popcorn,  
candy, drinks  
and oh yes, **DONUTS!**

Watch this powerful and inspirational story about family, friends and the challenges we face while navigating this ever-changing and complicated world.

\* The movie that inspired a trip to Spain for Allan Shikhvarg.



# Can You Sponsor the Education Of An Orphan or A Seminarian?

Our missionaries to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Didi and Seraphina Panzo, minister to orphans living in a nearby orphanage as well as some children living with grandparents who cannot afford their care. They also connect with Lutheran seminarians who desire to serve the Lord but are struggling with insufficient funds to pay for their education.



These children should be in school, learning so that they have a chance to grow and develop like our own children.

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 3 2 <sup>nd</sup> graders | 2 7 <sup>th</sup> graders |
| 3 3 <sup>rd</sup> graders | 4 8 <sup>th</sup> graders |
| 5 4 <sup>th</sup> graders | 4 9 <sup>th</sup> graders |
| 9 5 <sup>th</sup> graders |                           |

If you feel God laying either or both of these sponsorship opportunities on your heart, then you will be asked to commit to one entire year at a time for the children and one semester at a time for the seminarians. Didi will provide names and photos of children and seminarians and supervise the output of money to meet costs.

**Please mark contributions for either “DRC Orphans” or “DRC Seminarians.”**

**To obtain your child or seminarian’s name and picture so that you can pray for him or her, contact Rosemary Hinkle - [arhinkle@comcast.net](mailto:arhinkle@comcast.net)**

**It requires \$120 to sponsor an orphan to attend primary school for one year and \$150 to sponsor a student to attend middle or high school for one year. That amount includes school fees, uniforms, and supplies. It costs \$150 a semester to sponsor a seminarian who feels God’s call to study and spread the Gospel.**

To date, Holy Trinity has sponsored 7 students for a year and one seminarian for a semester.



**The Lutheran seminary in the Democratic Republic of the Congo where Didi is Dean of the theological school and Professor of Theology.**

## Special Prayer Request from Our Brother and Sister in India

*The following is from Pastor Martin Luther in the state of Andhra Pradesh, India. Some may recall that Holy Trinity Women sent their thank offering to him several years ago to feed the hungry, including those relegated to a leper colony...yes, they still exist.*



An anti-Conversion bill is scheduled to come before the Supreme Court on February 7th. The BJP (Bharatiya Janata Party) **Government** is completely Anti-Christian.

1. It has abolished and cancelled thousands of Christian organizations. Lakhs and millions of the poor beneficiaries were badly affected and went into hopelessness. (You may remember that Compassion International was kicked out, stranding 40,000 formerly supported poor children.)
2. The radical Hindu organizations are directly attacking Christian churches in many places, beating the Christians, pastors and their families, and destroying the church properties.
3. The Indian Hindu Government has finally decided to file a case in the Supreme Court against Christian conversions. If the bill is passed, the Christian Church throughout India will face many problems like never before. The Hindu Government under the Modi Administration is trying to bring out many laws against Christians, especially against Gospel work at the village and street level. We Christians in India are praying, I request you please pray for the judgement that is going to come up on February 7th.

We live for the sake of the Gospel. We are the poorer sections that are called Christians and mostly the servants of the Gospel of Christ in India. In many ways, we are targeted by the higher sections of Hinduism. We are restricted from enjoying the benefits that are provided by the government in terms of getting government jobs, educational opportunities, social acceptance, etc. We are vulnerable to easily face persecution because of the poor financial and social conditions of our communities. In such situations, your love, concern, and prayers are a great blessing, providing encouragement and strength for us.

Please share our prayer requests with your church and family on behalf of us in India.

***Pastor Martin Luther—Martin for Jesus***

## Lutheran Church Women's Circle Bible Study



### FEBRUARY CIRCLES

#### Pearls from Proverbs: The Pearl of Friendship

*"A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity." (Proverbs 17:17)*

In the book series, Anne of Green Gables, the orphaned Anne longs for a friend. She is being brought up by a spinster sister and bachelor unrelated to her. When Anne asks Marilla if she will ever have a bosom friend in Avonlea, the spinster is quite shocked at Anne's choice of words. Anne explains that a bosom friend is "an intimate friend, you know-a really kindred spirit to whom I can confide my inmost soul." She eventually finds such a friend in Diana.

What comes to mind when you hear the word "friend"? Do you think of childhood or school friends? Friendships we form as adults are probably the ones we cherish the most. In this month's study we will read about kindred spirits and friendships in the bible. We will discuss choosing friends wisely and making relationships that honor God.

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, February 9 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Study

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

**Ruth Circle - Sunday, February 12 at 11:45 a.m.** in Study

Leader: Katie Beyer (215) 572-6864 [kbeyer0403@gmail.com](mailto:kbeyer0403@gmail.com)

**Miriam Circle - Monday, February 13 at 12:30 p.m.** in the Study & on Zoom

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

**Hannah Circle - Sunday, February 19 at 10:30 a.m.** in Bread of Heaven Café

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



# Save the Date!

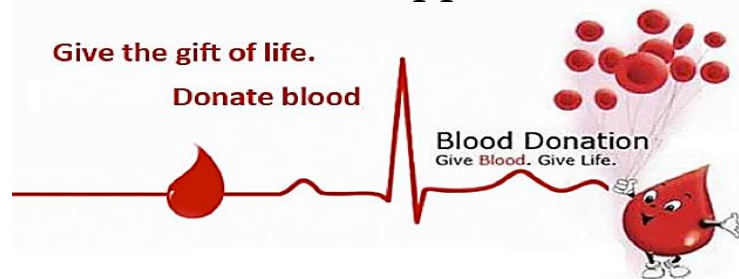
Holy Trinity is hosting a Blood Drive

## Fri., Feb. 10, 2023 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



### 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!

In addition to many charities the money goes to our scholarship fund which is utilized to offset the cost of any LCW related function (upcoming One Day Retreat) 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, we helped our Bread of Heaven Food Pantry give out Mother's Day gift bags to our guests.

This year we again ask *Every Woman* who is a member of Holy Trinity to provide at least one each of the three items:

**Package/Boxes of Flavored Teas**  
**Boxes and Tins of Fancy Cookies**  
**Packages of Pretty Paper Napkins**

All items must be new and in their original packaging.

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

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

In Pennsylvania, 1,136,400 people are facing hunger  
and of them 347,720 are children.

1 in 11 people



face hunger.

1 in 8 children face hunger.

People facing hunger in Pennsylvania  
are estimated to report needing  
**\$614,301,000** more per year  
to meet their food needs.

The average cost of a meal  
in Pennsylvania is \$3.36.

Data from Feeding America's [Map the Meal Gap](#) 2022 study.



# February Worship Assistants Schedule



## February 5

Usher 5

Acolyte Linda Borkowski

Cantor Steve Wyszomierski

Crucifer Dave Tolton

Stream Team Frank Ganther

Lector Sat Karen McGovern

Sun Scott Brown

## February 12

Usher 1

Acolyte Helen Haun

Cantor Dean Lawrence

Crucifer Sherry Breslin

Stream Team Gloria Ischinger

Lector- Sat Karen McGovern

Sun Eric Gregg

## February 19

Usher 2

Acolyte Michael Mutashobya

Cantor Eric Gregg

Crucifer Allan Shikhvarg

Stream Team Charlie Tolton

Lector-Sat Karen McGovern

Sun Larry Guenzel

## February 22

**ASH WEDNESDAY 7:30 PM**

Usher 1

Stream Team Charlie Tolton

Lector - Sherri Gregg

## February 26

**YOUTH SUNDAY**

Usher Sophia Morales  
Becca Nilsen  
Eli Nilsen  
Kelly Darreff

Acolyte Gloria Ischinger

Cantor Julia Gregg

Stream Team Rob Ischinger

Crucifer Matthew Gregg

Lector - Sat Karen McGovern

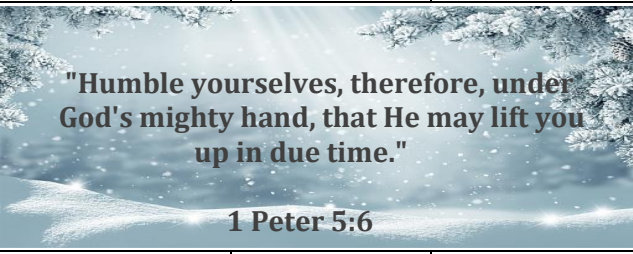







Sun Jonathan Mutashobya

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 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>"Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time." 1 Peter 5:6</p>			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 10:00 Bread of Heaven  6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	<b>3</b> 7:30 AA	<b>4</b> 9:00 AM Stephen Ministry 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
<b>5 Epiphany 5</b> 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 11:30 LCW Admin. 6:00 AA	<b>6</b> 7:00 Stewardship	<b>7</b>  <b>6:30 Worship Workshop</b>	<b>8</b> 7:30 Council	<b>9</b> 10:00 Bread of Heaven 6:30 Handbell Choir 7:30 Eve Circle 8:00 Chancel Choir	<b>10</b>  <b>BLOOD DRIVE</b> 1:30 PM - 6:30 PM 7:30 AA	<b>11</b> 9:00 AM Stephen Ministry 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
<b>12 Epiphany 6</b> 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 11:45 Ruth Circle <b>Souper Bowl of Caring</b> 6:00 AA	<b>13</b> 12:30 Miriam Circle 7:00 Coram Deo	<b>14 Valentine's Day</b> 	<b>15</b> 7:30 PM Vespers	<b>16</b> 10:00 Bread of Heaven 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	<b>17</b> 7:30 AA	<b>18</b> 9:00 AM Stephen Ministry 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
<b>19 Transfiguration</b> 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 10:30 Hannah Circle 6:00 AA	<b>20 OFFICE CLOSED Presidents Day</b> 7:00 Women's Prayer Group	<b>21</b>  <b>7:00 FASTNACHT FAMILY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES</b>	<b>22</b>  <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> SERVICE 10 AM 6:00 Soup Supper 7:30 PM SERVICE	<b>23</b> 10:00 Bread of Heaven 6:30 Handbell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	<b>24</b> 7:30 AA	<b>25</b> 9:00 AM Stephen Ministry 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
<b>26 Lent 1</b> 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 6:00 AA	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>				

### Special Dates:

- \* Groundhog Day, February 2, 2023
- \* Valentine's Day, February 14, 2023
- \* President's Day, February 20, 2023
- \* Fastnacht Night, February 21, 2023
- \* Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023