

HOLY TRINITY

Evangelical Lutheran Church

ECHOES NEWSLETTER

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Pastor

The Rev. Dr. Maurice Y. Lee

Staff

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.***

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Certain things slow down, in a sense, for churches — at least for our church, traditionally — during the summer. Our cornucopia of Sunday school classes takes a break; our longstanding women's circles go on a sort of vacation; our council suspends its monthly meeting schedule until September; and so forth. Not everything stops, of course; we have plenty of activities and ministries that either keep going or actually come into their own in the summer. But the overall rhythm of church life feels a little different, perhaps a bit less hectic.

There's something appropriate about that change, I think. It's an expression, at a larger scale, of the cycle of work and rest practiced throughout both our days — no one could or should work literally around the clock — and our weeks — the rush of business yielding regularly to the respite of being "off." As is well known (or ought to be well known!), this weekly rhythm harks back to the movement between six days and Sabbath, which, according to the scriptures, is a matter not of mere human convention but of primordial divine institution, not suggested but commanded to the chosen people.

The mandated break, the Sabbath, is not purposeless. It's not for "doing nothing." The Sabbath is for *God*: for worshipping God, for hearing God, for knowing God. This means, in the case of us Christians, that, because Jesus is the completion of the Sabbath commandment, as he is the completion of all the law, the vision of reality embedded in the commandment remains intensely relevant. In the *Large Catechism*, Luther insisted:

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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.

From The Pastor

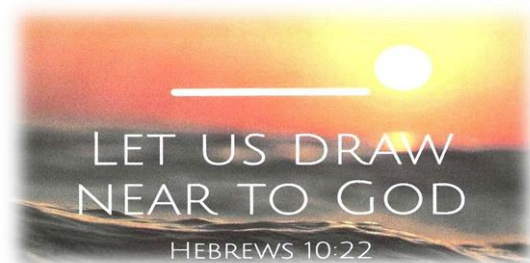
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"At whatever time God's Word is taught, preached, heard, read, or pondered, there the person, the day, and the work is hallowed, not on account of the work but on account of the Word.... I constantly repeat that all our life and work must be based on God's Word if they are to be God-pleasing or holy. Where that happens the commandment is in force and is fulfilled."

To the extent that the summer season represents a kind of break from the usual pace and (potentially) from what is, too often, the misdirectedness of our worldly lives — to that extent summer is a time for *more* worship, for *more* prayer, for *more* scripture, not for less. That doesn't necessarily translate to showing up at church constantly, as if under some classroom-style requirement. (Although you're always welcome!) But it does translate to drawing near in faith, holding fast to our hope, and stirring one another to love, not neglecting our regular gathering in the light of the final day (Hebrews 10:22-25).

A high government official recently proposed that, more than just one month of "Pride," Americans should celebrate a whole summer of "Pride." In clear, complete, and uncompromising contradiction to such insanity, Christians should instead celebrate a summer of humility, of obedience, of self-giving, of turning from the arrogance and narcissism taught by our age to the worship and the service of the true God who gives himself to us in Jesus Christ and who has made us partakers of his Holy Spirit.

Under his mercy,
Pastor Maurice





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 will resume meeting in September.

For prayer needs over the summer please contact Rosemary Hinkle at

Rosemaryhinkle@comcast.net

The group will gladly gather to lift up any in need of intercessory prayer.

Next meeting
Monday, Sept. 18th
7:00 PM

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.”
Colossians 4:2

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, Alexis, Allan, Allyson, Amanda, Amy, Antonette, April, Arthur, Audrey, Barb, Beth, Bob, Bruce, Caliq, Carly, Carol, Cathy, Charles, Christopher, Cindy, Cody, Colin, Colleen, Dallas, Dan, David, Deana, Derek, Diane, Dolores, Dottie, Doug, Dr. Martin, Ed, Edie, Ekaterina, Elena, Emersyn, Emma, Eric, Erica, Festo, Frank, Gabe, Gail, Gavin, George, Gilbert, Greg, Greg Jr., Ian, Igor, Iolanta, Ivan, Jason, Jeff, Jennifer, Jerry, Jesse, Jill, Jim, Joan, Joanne, John, Julia, Julie, Kate, Katherin, Kathy, Kelly, Kristopher, Larry, Laura, Leonida, Leslee, Levi, Linda, Logan, Lorraine, Luke, Maggie, Margot, Marlene, Maryjane, Matthew, Megan, Micah, Michael, Mikhail, Mya, Nikki, Ozzie, Paul, Paula, Phil, Prisca, Randy, Raymond, Renée, Rhonda, Rick, Roger, Roman, Rudi, Ruth, Ryan, Sandra, Shannon, Sharon, Shem, Sophia, Stephen, Thomas, Todd, Tom, Troy, Trudy, Tyler, Steve, Valentina, Vicki, Walter, Wanda, Willow, Zack.

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 the: Ambrose, Barnes, Bertsch, Bradley, Britton, Concepcion, Custer, Darreff, Dobbins, Eisenmann, Ganther, Gregg, Hamilton, Hamlin, Hendrickson, Honnold, Huebner, Huddleston, Klass, Koch, Lacy, LaGrossa, Lee, Lewis, Lockhart, Lynch, Maieron, Matteo, McCandless, Meade, Minges, Neavil, Novak, Panzo, Powell, Puhl, Robinson, Schauder, Schenck, Singley, Staedtler, Steinhofer, Sterner, Tolton, Trickel, Werner, Witwer, Wright, Zbinden.

Please pray for the following petitions:

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





June 5, 2023

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

Dear Holy Trinity Women,

Thank you for your donation of household cleaning supplies, kitchen supplies, crib sheets, clothing, and gift cards to the ministry of Life Turning Point of Philadelphia (LTP). As you know, the purpose of LTP is to share the life changing love of God through the Gospel of Jesus Christ with a Biblical Life Skills training program. In an effort to give our families Biblical life skills, all of our moms are assigned chores to keep our home neat and clean. The items you provided are helping us to teach our moms how to be responsible, good stewards which promotes family self-sufficiency. Amanda, who spoke at your church a few months ago just graduated with a 3-bedroom house for her and her family. Because of supporters like you we were able to prepare her to be successful in her new home and this next phase of her life. We are so thankful that you see the value in the work that we do.

These are very challenging times and we are so grateful for your much needed prayers and support. As you know, LTP does not receive any government support because we never want to jeopardize our ability to share the unadulterated Word of God. Therefore, we are trusting God to touch the hearts of those that believe in what we do and the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to partner with us in this critical work to homeless women and children in Philadelphia.

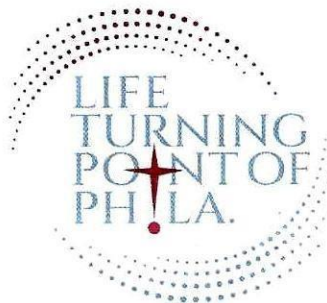
The Bible says, that we are to ***“train the younger women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God,” (Titus 2:4-5) “Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.” (James 1:27)*** We are standing on the Word of God for homeless women and children in Philadelphia! Will you stand with us? Together, we can provide homeless women and children with Biblical strategies for LIFE!

In Christian Service,

Rita Whitaker
Life Turning Point of Philadelphia, Founder/Executive Director

Please retain this letter for tax purposes. It is your receipt in grateful acknowledgement of your generous contribution. No goods or services were provided by Life Turning Point of Philadelphia for this donation.

Life Turning Point of Philadelphia



June 20, 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 \$175.00 received on 06/15/2023 in support of Life Turning Point of Philadelphia.

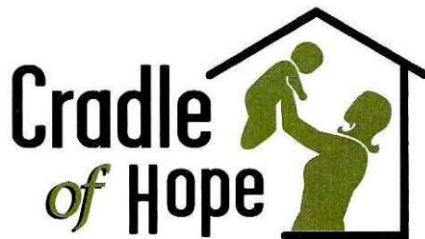
Your generosity enables us to fulfill our mission- we greatly appreciate your support!

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

Gratefully,

Life Turning Point of Philadelphia

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A Home for Single Mothers and Children

June 22, 2023

Holy Trinity Lutheran Women's Group
2086 Parkview Avenue
Abington, PA 19001

Dear Holy Trinity Lutheran Women's Group,

Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$175 to the Cradle of Hope. Because of your generosity, and others in the community, we are able to continue our work with pregnant women, single mothers and children, providing housing and support services.

We are also very thankful that we have been able to grow and expand. In 2023, 10 women and their children will benefit by a safe, healthy environment in three adjacent homes, and achieve goals related to education, employment and permanent housing.

With your gift, you are also supporting our Cradle Pregnancy Resource Center, which provides counseling, referrals and material goods to approximately 280 pregnant women in crisis each year.

We have the privilege and joy to witness young women as they begin a cycle of success, confidence and hope for themselves and for their children. Thank you again for joining us in our work.

Sincerely,

Rachel Mullelly
Director, Cradle of Hope

Board Members: Teresa Supka, Heather Larocca, Michelle Nejman, James J. Chun, Ray Cwierniewicz, Pastor Adarrel Fisher, Maureen Krueger, Maggie Zulauf

"We have never stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in our prayers". Eph1:16.

Cradle of Hope is a 501-(c) (3) charitable organization. Your gift is tax-deductible. You did not receive any goods or services in exchange for your contribution. The official registration and financial information of the Cradle of Hope, Inc. may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, 1 (800) 732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

Cradle of Hope

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www.cradleofhope.net

Dear Holy Trinity Family,

Thank you so much for your contributions to our spring collection for Cradle of Hope and Life Turning Point.

We were able to deliver 2 boxes of supplies and a large envelope of gift cards to each place.

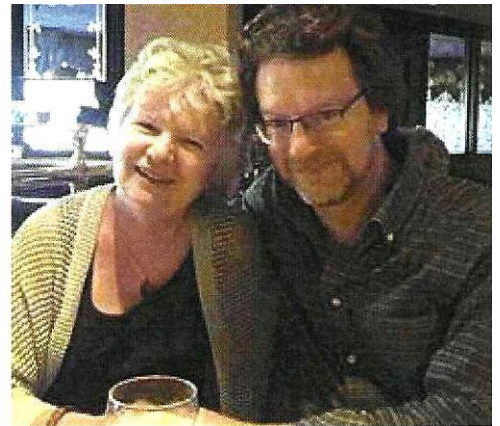
Thanks also to Rosemary and Alan Hinkle and Nancy Necker for their help with the delivery.

Sincerely,
Katie Beyer
LCW Christian Action Chair

thank
YOU
so
much

Dear Holy Trinity Church Family,

I want to say a huge thank you for all the cards, emails, hugs in church during all the Sundays in June, and then for the amazing send-off on my last Sunday, June 25. Thank you to Pastor Maurice for the special prayers in the service, and to all the many people who worked on that amazing brunch, and to all who stayed after church to attend it and share with me. I received some very generous gifts, and am still pondering where to hang the beautifully framed and inscribed photo of my family playing music with me. Everything was just so perfect and special and I am still feeling overwhelmed by it.



As I have been cleaning out 23 years worth of files and see all the many, many bulletins from special services and hymn festivals and Vespers and concerts, photos of choir festivities, and ideas I was always amassing for future projects, I have been reminded of just how rich these 23 years have been, and my heart is lifted up in thanksgiving to God, and to Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. You have been the dearest congregation, and my choirs have been a great joy to me.

As I step back to take a less busy position, I want to assure you that my prayers, and Kile's also, are with you, that God will send you the right person to serve as your musician going forward.

Thank you again, and God bless Holy Trinity,
Jackie



Our Christian Sympathy to

Edward, Richard, Carolyn
and their families on the death of

Ruth McCandless

June 7, 2023

Beloved mother and grandmother

John, Mariah, Sarah
and their families on the death of

Patricia Minges

June 12, 2023

Beloved wife, mother and grandmother

Psalm 112:6

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

Memorials have been received



In Memory of...

Nancy Tavella

Karen Bertsch



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES:

High School:

Derek Staedtler, Central Bucks School
attending Cairn University in the fall.

Elli Nilsen, Abington Sr. High School
attending Moore College of Art & Design in the fall.

College:

Matthew Schied, Temple University.



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

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

Treasurer's Report

May 31, 2023 (For the Year 2023)

	Holy Trinity Ministries	Wider Church
Year to date received for current income	\$ 169,368.88	\$ 33,647.16
Carry over from 2022	(\$7,077.02)	\$ 42,122.25
Expenses paid to date	\$ 174,383.97	\$38,360.72
Surplus/(Deficit) 2023	(\$ 12,092.11)	\$37,408.69

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

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

Martin Luther Quotes:

"Music is the art of prophets and the gift of God."

"When I look at myself, I don't see how I can be saved. But when I look at Christ, I don't see how I can be lost."

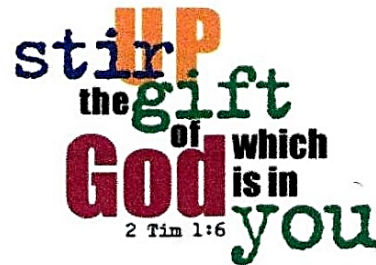
"The Law is for the proud and the Gospel is for the brokenhearted."



Please remember your Church in your will.



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As a way of offering insight and enlightenment we present to you - a monthly column on the many areas of service that God may be tugging on your heartstrings to jump in and become a participant -- even if for just one event or annual activity.

We are all God's handiwork and in him we move and have our very being. Offer the sacrifice of your time and talents to serve others and through that service give glory to God.

Upcoming Events:

May through to September: This is a busy gardening time and our Memorial Garden is always in need of tending. Got a green thumb? Calling all **Gardeners**, contact Nancy King-Berkovitz to dig in and help nckb520@verizon.net

June through September: **Bread of Heaven Food Pantry** which operates one day a week usually sees an increase in need as schools are closed that might otherwise provide a free lunch. If you have time to shop or can volunteer Thursday mornings 10 - Noon contact Benet Donnelly benetpd@gmail.com

July 14: Red Cross Blood Drive. Our Social Ministry committee is always looking for volunteers to donate blood and/or if you feel so called to volunteer to help contact Marilyn Murphy MVetal4@verizon.net

July 31: Vacation Bible School week. Held annually Mon. through Fri. 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. We are always looking for volunteers to fill the many positions it takes to run a fun and successful VBS! Contact Nancy Ischinger nancymaesch@yahoo.com to learn more.

July 31: Evening 5 - 9 p.m. Holy Trinity has a table at the **Abington Pre-night Out** event promoting activities, churches and other organizations and civic opportunities in the Abington area. We give away Bibles, water, and candy as we spread God's love through his Word and our worship. Come out and join us in front of the table or behind it! Contact Tom Schied schiedtom463@gmail.com for more info.

August 5: And they're off! The race begins at 8 a.m. Sign up to run/walk, grab some sponsors or simply come out to volunteer, this is the place to be! Our 7th **Annual Water Mission 5K Run/ 2.5 mile walk**. Every year this event has grown in participation and enthusiasm! Raising money to provide fresh drinking water to impoverished communities and sharing the love of Christ with a thirsty world! Enjoy free soft pretzels and water ice. Contact Tom Schied schiedtom463@gmail.com for more info.

Coveted spots open for service in worship: Summer brings vacations and openings to help as:

Ushers- Be the first smiling face that a visitor sees, greeting people with the love of God and a bulletin. Interested? Contact Phil Diener weather-or-not@comcast.net

Acolytes Lighting the candles and helping with Communion are important parts of worship, contact Charlie Tolton ctolton@comcast.net

Crucifers The Cross is central to our worship and identity as followers of Christ. If you would like to be trained as a crucifer contact Charlie Tolton ctolton@comcast.net

Lectors We can always use more volunteers to read God's Word contact Nancy Necker nnecker52@gmail.com to sign up.

Presenters of Gifts We are bringing this ministry back this summer contact secretary@holyltrinity.net if you would like to be a part of bringing the gifts up to the altar for Communion.

Stream Team Live-streaming provides a lifeline to those who desire to worship but cannot come in-person. Free on-site training, contact Charlie Tolton ctolton@comcast.net

Assisting Minister A new role in weekly worship. Actively assisting the pastor by writing prayers, assisting in Communion and various parts of the liturgy. Speak to Pastor Maurice if you are feeling called to serve in this capacity.

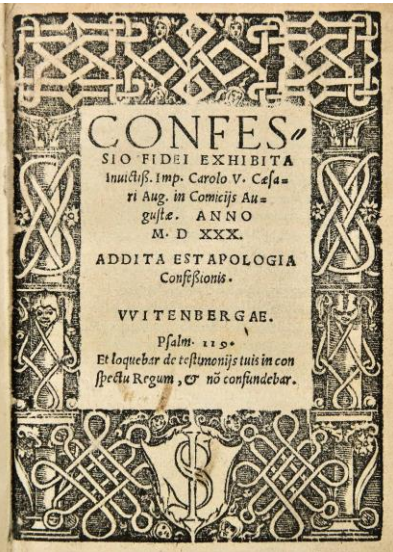
In Christ,
Your Stewardship Team

SUMMER STUDY ON THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION

All are welcome to a 5-session Study in Fellowship Hall the Sundays of July following the Divine Worship Service.

The Topic is - The Augsburg Confession

By studying the original confessions of faith, written at the time of the Reformation, we come to a better understanding of the central themes of "Grace alone, Faith alone, and Scripture alone" as they apply to our lives of faith.



The Augsburg Confession is the first major document of Lutheran Faith contained in the Book of Concord. It was the Lutheran position on basic articles of faith upholding the Biblical tradition of the Christian Church.

All are welcome, especially teens, to participate. Come one Sunday or come all five Sundays. Pastor Larry Guenzel will be the facilitator and the Holy Spirit will be our Guide.

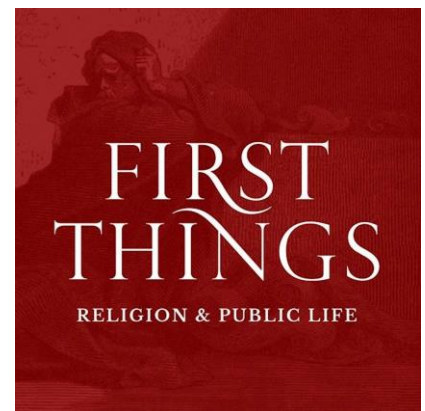
Calling all **ROFTERS** -

Readers Of First Things

If you missed the first gathering last month, fear not, we will be meeting this month on

Friday, July 28 at 7:00 PM

(doors open at 6:30 PM)



Pastor looks forward to a spirited discussion of the many topics presented in last month's publication.

We have a denominationally diverse crowd which helps to foster a deeper understanding of both our differences and our unity in our efforts to contribute positively to our fellowship.

Refreshments will be provided.

Will You Start Packing Shoeboxes this Summer?

Tis the season of many sales...after July 4th, back-to-school, change of seasons.

Please think of the children throughout the world who have never received a gift, which is hard for us to grasp. Think of the children and their families who do not know Jesus and how knowing Him and going a church community of worshippers would change their lives...forever!

Later in June, we will set out a carton of shoeboxes for you to take and fill. The shoeboxes will contain a brochure to answer most of your questions. Additional questions can be directed to Rosemary Hinkle or Nancy Ischinger.

If you are packing shoeboxes with children or teens, it is fun for them to pack for boys or girls their age. They not only know what they would like to receive, but also if they provide their name and email and even a photo, the receiving child might be excited to correspond.

And When You Are in the Stores...Would you consider purchasing a WOW Gift?

WOW gifts are those special toys or clothing items that make a child's eyes pop and bring so much joy. We would like to add these to our boxes at the packing party. Ideas include:

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| Dolls (Barbie, Chelsea, ragdolls) | Soccer Ball & Pump |
| Stuffed animal larger than Beanie Babies | Lego Kits |
| Jewelry Making Kit | Vehicles |
| Purse | Tops to Spin |
| Sketch book and artist pencils | Shoes and Flip-Flops |

The Shoe that Grows can be ordered from

becauseinternational.org/christmas-shoebox-wow-item





Ideas for Packing Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

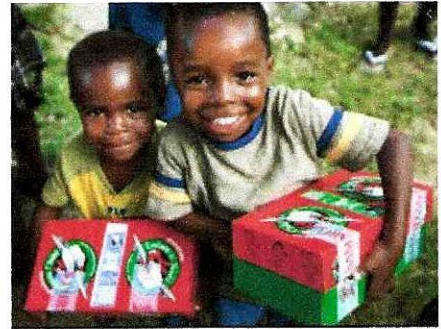
NO toothpaste, food, liquids, creams, or war-related items permitted.

Select your Gender & Age Groups:

Boys and Girls 2-4, 5-9, 10-14

All Children Need A Shoebox!

Boys 10-14 & 2-4 receive the fewest number.



Ideas to Get Started!

School Supplies

Notebooks, Pads, Journals
Pencils, Pens, Sharpener, Crayons/Colored Pencils
Ruler, Eraser, Glue Stick, Scotch Tape, Scissors
Solar Calculator
Stencils, Stickers

Toiletries

Soap, Wash cloth, Toothbrush
Nail clippers, Emery Boards, Band-Aids,
Chap Sticks, Comb, Sports Towel, Tissue Pack

Accessories

Socks, Gloves, Scarves, T-Shirts
Ball Caps or Visors, Sun Glasses
Barrettes, Hair Ties, Headbands
String bags, Small Zipper Bags (Cosmetic size)

Toys

Stuffed Animals, Dolls
Marbles, Glo Sticks, fold-up Frisbees, Yoyos
Coloring, Maze, & Dot-to-Dot Books
Vehicles of all kinds (no war)
Puzzles, Legos, or K-Nex Kits
Hand-held Games, Uno, Playing Cards
Musical Instruments: Harmonica, Kazoo, etc.
Definitely A Ball! (Pinky, bouncy, beach, sports)
Play Doh, Modeling Clay, Water Colors/Brush (dry)

Misc.

Flashlight with extra set of batteries (tape ends)
Mini Hammer, Screw Driver Tool Set
Manicure Set

BE CREATIVE!

Please remember that quality is essential. This shoebox might be the only gift a child receives, and we want the items to have staying power.

Dates for Your Calendar!

Church Packing Party—Saturday, November 11

Holy Trinity Serves as Area Receiving Church for Shoeboxes

Monday, November 13—Monday, November 20



Maybe These Were One of Your Shoeboxes!



Chief Says No to Jesus

In a village in Benin where voodoo statues prevailed, Samaritan's Purse tried to distribute shoeboxes but the chief said, "We don't want your Jesus here." So for the next year, church leaders prayed regularly. The following year, Samaritan's Purse came again with the shoeboxes and this time the chief allowed them to distribute the gifts to the children in his village. His 5-year-old grandson received a box containing a pair of size 13 shoes, the chief's size. These shoes so thrilled him that he announced that the workers could now bring Jesus. It is notable that no one in the processing center, where shoeboxes are inspected before leaving the country, changed the age.

As Bombs Explode Around Ukrainian Church

During a shelling in one area, families had to shelter in a church basement for 15 days. Shoeboxes had arrived early but had not yet been given out. The boxes were opened, and the children discovered toothbrushes and flashlights as well as school supplies that enabled them to continue to learn in their underground shelter. Especially remarkable, one box contained a tool that was used to fix the generator as bombs went off around the church.

Dirt Road Divides Muslims and Christians

In an African village with one dirt road in and out, Christians live on one side and Muslims on the other side. For years, neither group spoke to one another. Then Samaritan's Purse came with two cartons full of shoeboxes and decided to open them in the middle of the road. Children came from both sides and received their boxes. They went home and told their parents about Jesus who had been shared with them at the shoebox distribution. Next, something amazing happened. The children started gathering to pray together with their shoeboxes, and that made the adults realize it was time to make changes. The Muslims opened a well for the Christians to use and allowed the Christians to build a church on their side.

Notable

- ◆ There are places in the Middle East where the only way Jesus can be shared is by giving the children shoeboxes.
- ◆ Currently, there are an estimated 960 million children between the ages of two and 14 in the receiving world. In 2022, 10.5 million shoeboxes were sent from the United States, the U.K, Germany, Korea, Australia, and New Zealand.
- ◆ Every person who has packed shoeboxes enabled Samaritan's Purse to reach 100 million children in their first 17 years of ministry. Ten years later, they had given out 200 million shoeboxes. That is 200 million Gospel opportunities, but the number of those reached is even greater as shoebox gifts bring entire families to Jesus.

Holy Trinity' Women's Semi - Annual Collection

Women's Thank Offering

Dear Women of Holy Trinity,

A gentle reminder that twice a year, we ask you to provide a thank offering that you collect on your own over six months, adding to it each time you are thankful for a blessing in your life.

Your Administrative Board has voted to designate the spring/summer Thank Offering to Cradle of Hope and Life Turning Point, two charity organizations that help to support single mothers and their children as they work toward educational and job goals while caring for their families.

Please send your monetary contribution to check, made out to "Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Women" or "Holy Trinity LCW" to the office or place in the offering plate. All envelopes need to be marked "Thank Offering for LCW Treasurer Joy Alderfer."

We give thanks to God for our women's fellowship and for the opportunity to serve others in service to his name and for his glory!

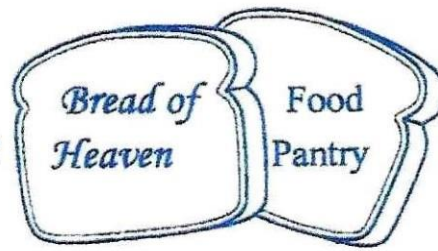


HAVE A BLESSED SUMMER!



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)

**AT THIS TIME IN 2022 WE SERVED 49 FAMILIES = 215 PEOPLE
IN TOTAL FOR THE MONTH
THIS YEAR WE HAVE SERVED 94 FAMILIES = 393 PEOPLE
IN TOTAL FOR THE MONTH!**

**THAT IS ALMOST DOUBLE THE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE
DEALING WITH FOOD INSECURITY.
WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR EVERYONE
WHOSE GENEROUS DONATIONS HELP TO KEEP
THE BREAD OF HEAVEN OPEN
AND ABLE TO SERVE OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED!**

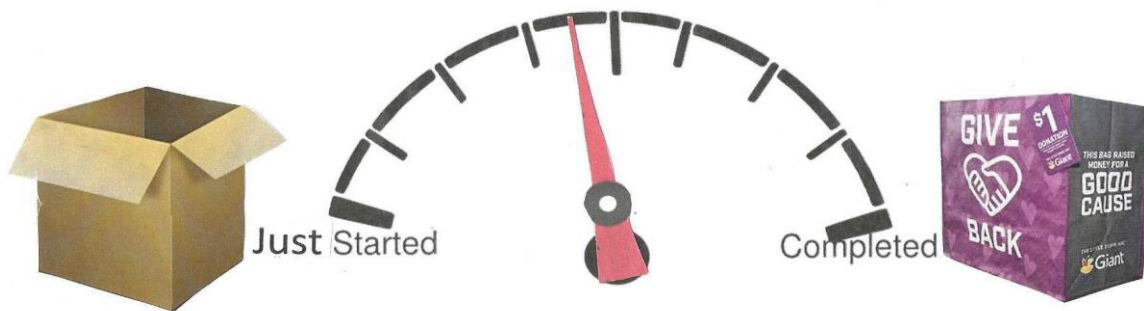
A - BOX - O - BAG - A - METER

(If you say it fast, it won't sound so bad)

Bread of Heaven is in need of **NEW Reusable grocery bags.**

The bags must be big enough to hold a paper grocery bag.

We are on our way but still need many more bags!



Fill the **BOX -O -BAG** Move the Meter

(Giant Grocery Store offers the bags for 99¢ with a percentage going to charity)

BLACKOUT

Cards & Info.
now available
in the Narthex!

One-of-a-kind
Prize for all
completed cards!



Benefits Bread of Heaven.



WHEN: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6 - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

**WHERE: MOTHER BONIFACE SPIRITUALITY RETREAT CENTER
3501 SOLLY AVENUE, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19136**

VISIT THEIR WEBSITE AT MSBT.ORG

CONTACT TOM SCHIED FOR MORE INFORMATION

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BLOOD
WAS SHED
THAT YOU MAY HAVE
LIFE



Mark your calendars for
Friday, July 14th
1:30 PM – 6:30 PM



Red Cross Blood Drive at Holy Trinity

**Call Karen McGovern (267) 968 – 5485
to schedule an appointment**

- ✓ Every unit donated can save up to 3 lives!
- ✓ Every 2 seconds someone in the US needs blood!



2023 Vacation Bible School

Yes, it's that time of year again.

Our theme for VBS 2023 is
"Keepers of the Kingdom"

We need *your* prayers, and we also need **your participation** to provide the best Vacation Bible School possible. We need all kinds of people, with all kinds of gifts and abilities. Please consider volunteering your time and talent to make this year's VBS one of the best weeks of the summer for the children in our community.

Thank you for your willingness to help! Please place the volunteer form in the offering plate or return it to the office. If you have any questions please contact Nancy Ischinger at 267-803-1384 or email at nancymaesch@yahoo.com.

VBS Dates: July 31st to August 4th 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Be a Vacation Bible School Volunteer! Don't miss the fun!!

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Full Address: _____

Yes! I would like to help with VBS in the areas I have marked below.

Pre-School teacher/helper

Bible Story Center leader/helper.

Kindergarten teacher/helper

Game center leader/helper

Art Center teacher/ helper

Group Guide

Snack Center helper

All volunteers over the age of 18, will need to provide a copy of their PA state clearances in order to volunteer

Arts & Crafts needs:

Fresh garden flowers and greens (*for pressed flower bookmarks*)

Rubber mallet hammers

*Please leave contributions in the Confirmation Sunday School room
by Sunday July 30 afternoon.*

HOLY TRINITY 2023 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

BIRTH DATE: _____ AGE: _____ SCHOOL GRADE IN FALL: _____

ALLERGIES, MEDICAL CONDITIONS OR SPECIAL NEEDS:

PARENT'S NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

TOWN: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: (NAME & NUMBER) _____

PARENT'S CHURCH: _____

BROTHERS & SISTERS: _____



SUMMER HAS ARRIVED!

There is a great need at Sarnelli House
for gently used warm weather clothing -



Shorts, tee-shirts, sneakers, sandals & hats.

**New men's and women's underwear
is an urgent and on-going need.**

Thank you for your continued consideration of this vital ministry.

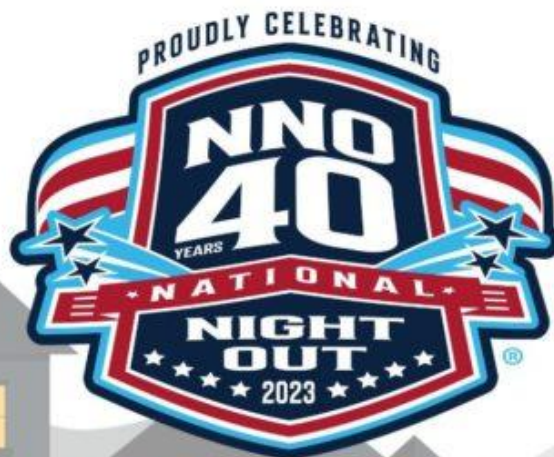


ABINGTON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

NATIONAL PRE-NIGHT OUT 2023

**JULY 31, 2023 5PM-9PM
RAIN DATE AUGUST 1, 2023**

**ABINGTON TOWN CENTER, LONDON & OLD YORK
ROADS (TARGET PARKING LOT)
ABINGTON, PA**



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

**TOGETHER, WE ARE MAKING COMMUNITIES
SAFER, MORE CARING PLACES TO LIVE AND WORK**

water  mission



5K Run - 2.5 Mile Walk

Roychester Park Field House

Harding and Corinthian Avenues, Abington

Saturday, August 5th

Registration is free for ages 18 and under

On-site registration opens at 6:30 AM

Race starts at 8:00 AM

PRE-REGISTRATION OPEN NOW

ONLINE AT

RUN THE DAY

<https://www.runtheday.com>

We hope to see you there!



Hosted by:

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A Congregation of the North American Lutheran Church

www.holytrinity.net

Proceeds benefit humanitarian efforts of WaterMission.org to build safe, sustainable water supplies for those suffering in the Global Water Crisis.



ATTENTION: ALL SONS OF THUNDER YOUTH



IS SCHEDULED FOR
SUNDAY, AUGUST 6 2 - 5 PM

RSVP – Deb at Secretary@holytrinity.net
So we have enough food for everyone!

Regarding the LCW's Giant Gift Card Program...



- If you don't happen to shop at the Giant you could buy the cards to donate to the **Bread of Heaven** Food Pantry...
- Every card purchased goes to help the LCW provide scholarships for the women of Holy Trinity...
- It's easy to order speak to Nancy Ischinger any given Sunday...
- Card purchases are offered in any denomination...
- Now that you know why not order some...





July Worship Assistants Schedule



July 2

Usher 1	Acolyte Charlie Tolton	Cantor Tom Schied
Stream Team Rob Ischinger	Crucifer Sherry Breslin	
	Lector- Sat Karen McGovern	Sun Deb Mumford

July 9

Usher 2		Cantor Deb Mumford
Stream Team Frank Ganther	Acolyte Helen Haun Crucifer Charlie Tolton	
	Lector- Sat Karen McGovern	Sun Sherri Gregg

July 16

Usher 3		Cantor Dean Lawrence
Stream Team Gloria Ischinger	Acolyte Sherri Gregg Crucifer Matthew Gregg	
	Lector-Sat Linda Cassady	Sun Nancy Ischinger

July 23

Usher 4		Cantor Steve Wyszomierski
Stream Team Charlie Tolton	Acolyte Rob Ischinger Crucifer Benet Donnelly	
	Lector-Sat Linda Cassady	Sun Deb Mumford

July 30

Usher 5		Cantor Tom Schied
Stream Team Hannah Mumford	Acolyte Otis Bricker Crucifer Linda Borkowski	
	Lector- Sat Karen McGovern	Sun Jim Necker

If you cannot serve please contact someone on the list for that particular service team and find a replacement.

Called to *Serve*



August Worship Assistants Schedule

August 6

Usher 1

Acolyte Michael Mutashobya

Cantor Deb Mumford

Crucifer Dave Tolton

**Stream Rob Ischinger
Team**

Lector- Sat Karen McGovern

Sun Nancy Necker

August 13

Usher 2

Acolyte Gloria Ischinger

Cantor Dean Lawrence

Crucifer Charlie Tolton

**Stream Frank
Team Ganther**

Lector- Sat Linda Cassady

Sun Allan Shikhvarg

August 20

Usher 3

Acolyte Nancy Necker

Cantor Steve Wyszomierski

Crucifer Jim Necker

**Stream Gloria
Team Ischinger**

Lector- Sat Karen McGovern

Sun Charlie Tolton

August 27

Usher 4

Acolyte Allan Shikhvarg

Cantor John Minges

Crucifer Janice Donnelly

**Stream Hannah
Team Mumford**

Lector- Sat Linda Cassady

Sun John Bleimaier

If you cannot serve please contact someone on the list for that particular service team and find a replacement.
If you cannot find a replacement simply contact the office (215) 659-2642 or email Deb at secretary@holyltrinity.net

Called to *Serve*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
2 PENTECOST 5 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Augsburg Confession Class 6:00 AA	3	4 OFFICE CLOSED  <i>Happy 4th of July</i>	5	6 10:00 Bread of Heaven 10:00 Theology w/Pastor Maurice	7 7:30 AA	8 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
9 PENTECOST 6 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Augsburg Confession Class 6:00 AA	10	11	12	13 10:00 Bread of Heaven 10:00 Theology w/Pastor Maurice	14 1:30 - 6:30  BLOOD DRIVE 7:30 AA	15 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
16 PENTECOST 7 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Augsburg Confession Class 6:00 AA	17	18 7:00 Evangelism	19	20 10:00 Bread of Heaven 10:00 Theology w/Pastor Maurice	21 7:30 AA	22 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
23 PENTECOST 8 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Augsburg Confession Class 6:00 AA	24	25	26	27 10:00 Bread of Heaven 10:00 Theology w/Pastor Maurice	28  7:00 ROFTERS 7:30 AA	29 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
30 PENTECOST 9 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Augsburg Confession Class 6:00 AA	31 9:00 - 12:00 VBS Abington Night-out 5:00 - 10:00 					

Special Dates:

- U.S Independence Day, *July 4, 2023*
- Red Cross Blood Drive, *July 14, 2023*
- VBS starts, *July 31, 2023*



AUGUST 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	31 9:00 - 12:00 VBS Abington Night-out 5:00 - 10:00 pm 	1 9:00 - 12:00 VBS	2 9:00 - 12:00 VBS	3 9:00 - 12:00 VBS 10:00 Bread of Heaven	4 9:00 - 12:00 VBS 7:30 AA	5 8:00 Water Mission  5K Run 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
6 PENTECOST 10 9:00 Holy Communion 2:00 - 5:00 SOT Pool Party/Picnic 6:00 AA	7	8	9 NALC CONVOCATION	10 10:00 Bread of Heaven NALC CONVOCATION	11 NALC CONVOCATION 7:30 AA	12 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
13 PENTECOST 11 9:00 Holy Communion 6:00 AA	14	15	16	17 10:00 Bread of Heaven	18 7:30 AA	19 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
20 PENTECOST 12 9:00 Holy Communion 6:00 AA	21	22	23	24 10:00 Bread of Heaven	25	26 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
27 PENTECOST 13 9:00 Holy Communion 6:00 AA	28	29	30	31		

Special Dates:

- Holy Trinity's Vacation Bible School, *July 31 - August 4*
- Abington Pre-night Out, *July 31, 2023*
- Water Mission 5K Run/2.5 mile walk, *August 5*

