

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. (also live-streamed)

Sunday Church School at 10:30 a.m.

Holy Communion

Saturday evening, Sunday morning
& Festival Days

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

From the Pastor

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

A recent controversy over stained glass in a prominent American church — I'll say nothing about the actual controversy, except that it involved older windows, depicting supposedly offensive themes, being swapped out for newer windows, depicting supposedly relevant themes — got me thinking about art, perception, and beauty in Christian perspective.

One might think that we of Holy Trinity should claim no stake in this or any similar quarrel. After all, we don't have stained glass, at least not in our sanctuary! But what we do have is *old stuff*. (Not, of course, as old as in churches with a longer history; not even as old, chronologically, as some of our own people; but representing traditions, designs, and purposes going back many more centuries than the one we've existed as a congregation.)

By *old stuff* I mean things like our altar, pulpit, and font; our pews; our candles; our worship vestments; our organ, pianos, and bells; and many other items and elements, both decorative and functional, gracing the various spaces of our church in addition to the sanctuary, not to mention the shape, form, and structure of the church overall.

I'm actually not interested as much in the oldness of the stuff — except insofar as it makes them part of the God-serving history of Holy Trinity and therefore of the Christian church through the ages — as in the fact that these things continue to contribute, deeply and classically, to the *beauty* of our worship.

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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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Our worship, embodied both in the participating faithful and in the surrounding stuff — and including our life together of service, discipleship, and community — is not beautiful according to some free-floating humanist aesthetic, but according to the glory of the One whose word and work in Christ through the Spirit are the subject, the whole point, of worship from beginning to end.

It's by being drawn into telling, again, the story of God's greatness and God's gospel — and by *not* becoming tools for entertainment, occasions for human pride, or indications of how casual and hip we are — that the old stuff of our church shines with beauty. The altar, pulpit, font, pews, candles, vestments, organ, and all the rest (stained glass, if we had it!) help point to God and to the power of God in Jesus, or they are worse than useless.

Something similar can be said of our attachment to an ancient liturgical tradition with all its odd, old complexity. (I salute our guest organists and pianists for their courage, plunging with us into the twists and turns of our service!) We do it, not because it meets our needs or tickles our fancies, but because it speaks of God's love and of God's kingdom, and just in so speaking is as participatory, as absorbing, and as gorgeous as it is.

That's why I'm prepared to argue for "traditional" liturgy with its "traditional" trappings: because it's better at getting us out of our experience and self-obsession, out of our craving to be fashionable and popular, out of ourselves, and — this is key — facing the holiness, the *beautiful* holiness, of the Lord. A foretaste of the feast to come!

Praying for you and with you,
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 is scheduled to meet this month.

**Monday, Oct. 9th
7:00 PM**

At the home of
Lydia Peterson
2150 Willow Brook Dr.
Huntingdon Valley

Contact Lydia @
Lydia.dugan@gmail.com

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."

Romans 12:12

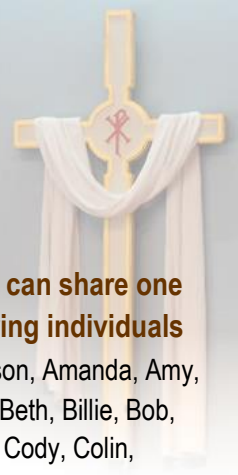
Prayer List

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: (we cannot add last names) Adam, Alexis, Allan, Allyson, Amanda, Amy, Ann, Anna, Antonette, April, Arthur, Ashley, Audrey, Barb, Ben, Bennett, Beth, Billie, Bob, Bruce, Caliq, Carly, Carol, Cathy, Charles, Christopher, Cindy, Clarence, Cody, Colin, Colleen, Dallas, Dan, Dave, David, Deana, Derek, Diane, Dolores, Don, Dottie, Doug, Dr. Martin, Ed, Edie, Ekaterina, Elena, Emersyn, Emma, Eric, Erica, Ernie, Festo, Frank, Gabe, Gail, Gary, Gavin, Gene, George, Gilbert, Gloria, Greg, Greg Jr., Hannah, Henry, Ian, Igor, Iolanta, Ivan, Jason, Jeff, Jennifer, Jerry, Jesse, Jill, Jim, Joan, Joanne, John, Julia, Julie, Karen, Kate, Katie, Katherine, Kathy, Kelly, Kristopher, Larry, Laura, Leonida, Leslee, Levi, Lillian, Linda, Logan, Lorraine, Luke, Maggie, Mandy, Margo, Margot, Marlene, Maryjane, Matthew, Megan, Micah, Michael, Michelle, Mike, Mikhail, Mya, Nancy, Nikki, Ozzie, Paul, Paula, Phil, Prisca, Rachel, Randy, Raymond, Renée, Rex, Rhonda, Rick, Rob, Robin, Roger, Roman, Rudi, Ruth, Ryan, Sage, Sam, Sandra, Shannon, Sharon, Shaun, Shem, Sofia, Sophia, Stephanie, Stephen, Stuart, 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, especially Ambrose, Barnes, Bertsch, Bradley, Britton, Concepcion, Custer, Darreff, Dobbins, Drew, Eisenmann, Ganther, Gregg, Hamilton, Hamlin, Harris, Hendrickson, Honnold, Huebner, Huddleston, Hurst, Ischinger, Klass, Koch, Lacy, LaGrossa, Lee, Lewis, Lockhart, Lynch, Maieron, Matteo, McCandless, Meade, Minges, Neavil, Niver, Novak, Panzo, Powell, Puhl, Robinson, Schauder, Schenck, Singley, Staedtler, Steinhofer, Sterner, Tavella, Tolton, Trickle, Weiss, Werner, Witwer, Wright, Zbinden.

Please pray for the following petitions:

That God would bless, protect all members of Holy Trinity, together with those they love and pray for.
That God would guide each of us to grow in grace.
That He would please send workers into the Harvest.
For all who are chronically ill and/or shut-in.
For all who are fighting addiction to drugs and alcohol.
For the sick and the grieving.
For all congregations of the NALC. For all travelers and for the dying.
For the military and their families. For all Native Americans living on U.S. reservations.
For refugees and immigrants. The unemployed, the underemployed & the uninsured, especially those in our own families. All Caregivers, rescue workers, doctors, nurses, firefighters, EMTs. For the members of the Mekane Yesus Lutheran Church in Ethiopia, and for the Nifas Silk Congregation. For our sister congregations: Nifas Silk in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and First Lutheran in Kirkland Illinois.
For all Christians who are being persecuted for the faith throughout the world.
For victims of rains, wildfires, earthquakes, hurricanes; 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.





Our Christian Sympathy to

Frank M. Houpt and family
on the death of **Frank P. Houpt**
September 20, 2023
Beloved father, grandfather
& great-grandfather.

Psalm 34: 18

"The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
and saves the crushed in spirit."

Memorials received



In Memory of...

Nate Tavella

Beginning on Monday, November 6 at 7:00 PM

Sponsored by Stephen Ministry of Holy Trinity



A weekly support group for those going through a time of grief and loss, at whatever stage you may be in.

We invite you to gather in a safe space to talk and receive care and support.

God never intended for us to go through these experiences alone.

We meet in the Saints Peter & Andrew Study.



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

Treasurer's Report

August 31, 2023 (For the Year 2023)

	Holy Trinity Ministries	Wider Church
Year to date received for current income	\$ 244,609.65	\$ 46,758.66
Carry over from 2022	(\$7,077.02)	\$ 42,122.25
Expenses paid to date	\$ 263,126.82	\$ 52,259.75
Surplus/(Deficit) 2022	(\$25,594.19)	\$ 36,621.16

Luther Quotes:

"True humility does not know that it is humble. If it did, it would be proud from the contemplation of so fine a virtue."

"Everything that is done in this world is done by hope"

"You have as much laughter as you have faith."

"All the cunning of the devil is exercised in trying to tear us away from the word."

"I know not the way God leads me, but well do I know my Guide."

"Here I stand; I can do no other."



Support the Church

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
AJ Hersch

Please remember your Church in your will.



NOTES OF THANKS

Dear Holy Trinity Family,

Thank you so much for your generous support of Blanket Sunday.

We collected 19 blankets which were divided between Cradle of Hope and Life Turning Point. We received some cash as well, and that will be divided between those two homes and Sarnelli House. The blankets were lovely. Many of them were homemade which makes them extra special.

Also, thanks to Lois Hamilton who helped with the Cradle of Hope delivery.

Your LCW Christian Action Committee

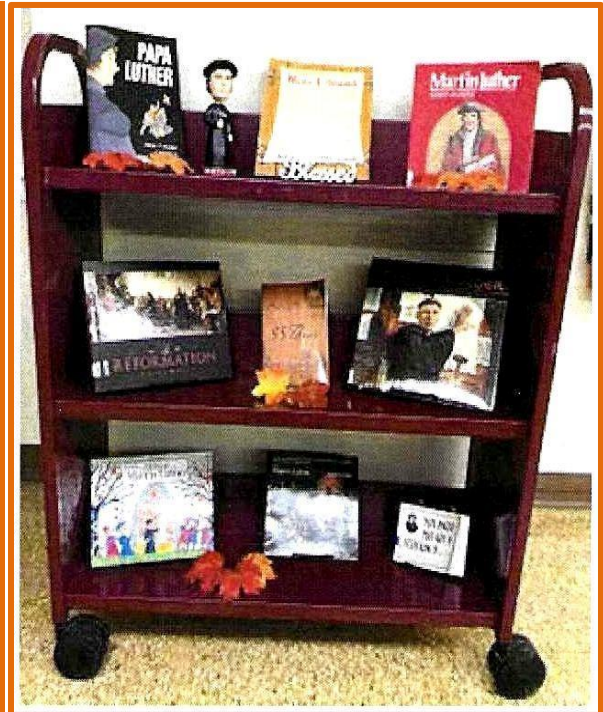


Many thanks to all who visited the library on Rally Day! We now have a suggestion box on the library table and we welcome your thoughts on the books and authors you would like to see here.

Remember, the library is open not only Sunday morning --- anytime the church is open your library is open too.

We would also like to welcome Linda Frezza to our library committee!

*Be sure to check out our Reformation Display in Fellowship Hall! *





Abington Township Police Department
Community Policing Division
1166 Old York Road • Abington, PA 19001 • 267-536-1100

August 28, 2023

Ms. Deb Mumford
Holy Trinity Evan. Lutheran Church
2086 Parkview Avenue
Abington, PA 129001

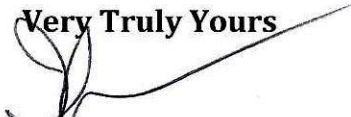
Re: Abington's 23rd Annual Pre-Night-Out Event

Dear Ms. Mumford:

We want to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous sponsorship and participation in our Pre-Night Out Event. Your support helped make the event a successful and informative evening for the residents of our community as well as helping Abington CAPT (Citizens and Police Together) raise much needed funds for our DARE (Drug Awareness Resistance Enforcement) programs in our schools.

Again, thank you for your support, and we look forward to seeing you at our 24th Annual Pre-Night Out Event, August 5, 2024.

Very Truly Yours



CSO Ken Hoffman



Generosity's Ripple Effect



We are all familiar with Jesus' observation of the widow in the temple who put into the offering her last two coins (Luke 21:14).

Jesus makes the point that the poor widow gave more than everyone in the temple because she gave out of her poverty all that she possessed, and she gave it to God as an act of worship. That story is indelibly marked in the minds of all who love Jesus and are passionate about stewardship and generosity. That nameless widow is a hero of giving.

There is a story that is probably less well known than the widow's mite, a story about a community which gave out of its poverty. Paul tells the story about the church in Macedonia in 2 Corinthians 8. He remarks that this faith family was experiencing a "severe test of affliction" and that they were in a state of "extreme poverty." Nonetheless, they gave an offering, a collection to be delivered to the saints in Jerusalem, not only according to what they could afford, but well beyond that! In fact, Paul says, they begged for the chance to give to the collection that would provide relief to brothers and sisters they had never met!

All of this occurred because of the great joy the Macedonians had in the Lord. Their abundant joy caused them to be extremely generous. It is important to notice the order of things here: first, the Macedonians gave of themselves to the Lord. They gave their hearts and their lives to Christ, by the will of God. Second, they gave of themselves to Paul and his companions. Third, they gave overwhelmingly of their possessions in service to those who were suffering, though they themselves were suffering. This is the miracle of faith in our lives. We are transformed by the love of Christ which brings us great joy, and in that joy we are compelled to be generous which brings us even more joy.

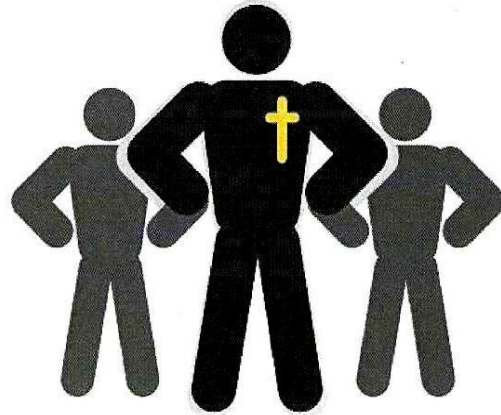
As leaders and members of our faith community here at Holy Trinity, the Holy Spirit works to form us into generous people. As we grow in faith and generosity, we set a powerful example to those around us that there is great joy in giving. As our congregation becomes more generous and more trusting in God's ability to provide, our mission and ministry expand beyond our imagination. The generosity we express creates generosity amongst those for whom we act generously.

A ripple effect of giving is started. People are moved to joy! For those still on the sidelines of ministry and mission, our generosity connects people and creates new relational bonds which strengthen the body of Christ as they step out in faith to engage in a cause greater than themselves.

Generous God,

Teach us to be joyful givers, recognizing that all we have comes from you in the first place. May we use the gifts you have graciously given us for the sake of the world you love, so that all would come to know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Taken from The NALC's Living and Giving Stewardship Team
The Indescribable Joy of Giving
Chapter 4: ***Generosity's Ripple Effect by The Rev. Dr. Amy Little***



Men's Retreat

Don't miss out on this opportunity

Holy Trinity Men's Retreat
Friday Oct 6 starting 6pm
thru Saturday Oct 7 ending at 4pm

Location Mother Boniface Retreat House
3501 Solly Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19136
(Northeast Philly)

Leader: Pastor Maurice Lee
Cost- Approximately \$100 per person
(scholarships available)

Contact - Tom Schied 215-820-2178
schiedtom463@gmail.com

For Holy Trinity's Shoebox Packing Party on Saturday, November 11:

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:

The Shoe that Grows which can be ordered from becauseinternational.org/christmas-shoebox-wow-item



Five Below is a good source for WOW items:

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| Sweatshirts and T-Shirts | Soccer Ball & Pump |
| Dolls (Barbie, Chelsea, ragdolls) | Lego Kits |
| Stuffed Animal larger than Beanie Babies | Vehicles |
| Jewelry Making Kit | Tops to Spin |
| Necklaces or Bracelets | Shoes and Flip-Flops |
| Purse | Hats, especially ballcaps for boys |
| Sketch Book and Artist Pencils | Compact Games |

Please leave your contributions in the basket in the Narthex. Thank YOU!





Bring the Love of Jesus to Children and Their Families

Select your Gender & Age Groups:

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

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



Ideas For Your Shoeboxes!

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!

Remember to include a short personal note, telling children God loves them.

You may also choose to include a photo of yourself and an address or email as some children or their families like to write notes to you.

Also, please help defray shipping costs of \$10/box.

Make checks payable to "Samaritan's Purse."

Tape gender/age tags on lid at end, not middle. Never seal boxes; please rubber band shut.

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



Can You Help De-Tag, Unpackage?



During the first two weeks in November (November 3-10.) we will have all our Operation Christmas Child shoebox supplies set up in the room in the far corner of Fellowship Hall. Many items will need to have tags and packaging removed. These are all scissor projects. You will not have to peel price stickers. We will also need to count the items in each category to make sure we have the right amounts. Paper and pens will be provided for you to indicate counts.

Please consider stopping in when you have a free hour. There will be notes indicating what needs to be done for each item. If you are a young person in need of service learning hours, there will be a sheet to sign in and out.

Can You Help Receive or Pack Shoeboxes?

Holy Trinity will once again serve as a receiving church for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes from area churches and individuals from **Mon., Nov. 13 through Mon., Nov. 20.** We need greeters, folks to unload cars and count boxes, and packers.



Change this year: With the exception of Monday, November 13 when we expect to have a large number of boxes waiting to be packed, we will have packers come all other times for the second hour only.

Please use the sign-up sheet in the narthex to indicate when you can serve and place a "P" after your name if you want to be a packer only.

Questions: Rosemary Hinkle 215-704-3701.

With Appreciation
Your OCC Shoebox Team



Atlantic Mission Region 2023 Annual Convocation



Life-to-Life Discipleship in Action

<https://nalclifetolife.org/>

Friday, October 13

(registration begins at 10:30 AM; lunch at 11:30 AM; Convocation opens at 12:30 PM)

&

Saturday, October 14

(8 AM–3 PM)

**Saint Paul Lutheran Church
250 Trinity Rd.
York, PA 17408**



Featuring



The Rev. Dr. Amy Little
General Secretary of the NALC

Plus a panel of Pastors and Laity
From around the AMR

Also included!

5th annual Women's Conference and an
informal Bible Study on Friday morning
PLUS Stuff the Truck for Disaster Response!

Registration materials are available. Please see www.atlantic-nalc.org or ask your pastor.

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matt. 20:19)



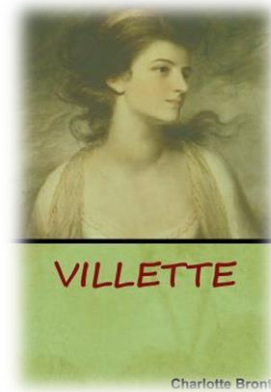
Is Back!

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

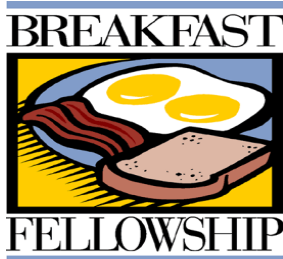
All are invited to join - even if it's "just for one book".

Books we will be reading for the monthly gathering:

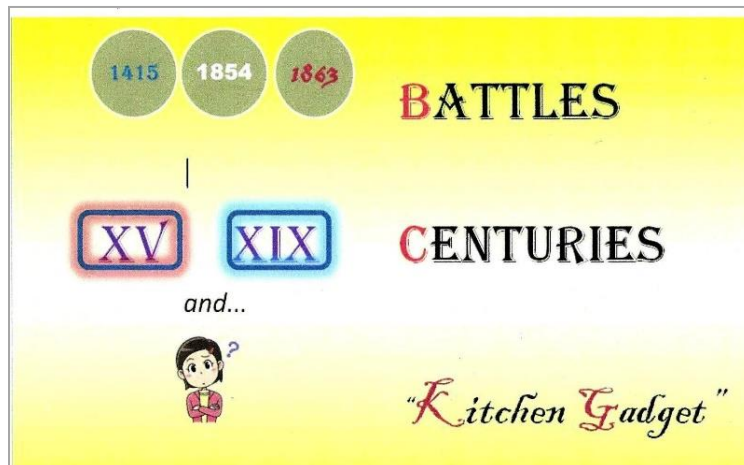
October 16 - *Villette* by Charlotte Brontë

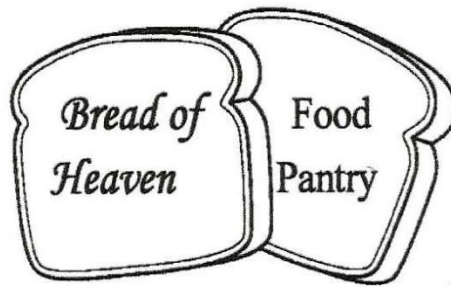
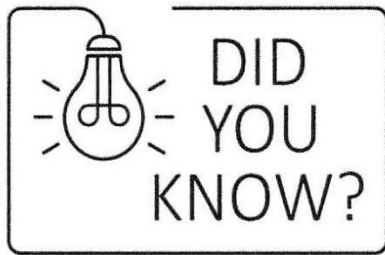


ADULT Returns **Saturday, October 21st at 9:00 AM**



Presentation: 3 Battles, 2 Centuries,
and 1 Kitchen Gadget
Speaker: Allan Shikhvarg





AT THE

In the month of August alone we served **81 guests** which totaled **389 people** including family members.

While out shopping prayerfully consider picking up a few of these food items for the pantry in October:

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|---------|------------------|--------------------|
| List 1: | Dish soap | 26 oz. or larger |
| | Laundry soap | 40 oz. or larger |
| | oil | 48 oz. or larger |
| | flour | 5 lb. or larger |
| | sugar | 4 lb. or larger |
| | 100% fruit juice | 64 oz. or larger |
| List 2: | Cereal | 1 lb. or larger |
| | Pasta sauce | 24 oz. or larger |
| | Pastas | 1 lb. or larger |
| List 3: | Canned tuna | 5 oz. or larger |
| | Canned chicken | 12.5 oz. or larger |
| | Canned fruit | 15 oz. or larger |
| | Peanut butter | 18 oz. or larger |
| | Jelly | 30 oz. or larger |

Many thanks,
Bread of Heaven Committee



***Bread of Heaven* Food Pantry
Thanksgiving Bags**

The calendar may say October, but it's already time to think about the upcoming holidays for our *Bread of Heaven* guests.

For the month of October, we are asking that you shop for items needed for a typical holiday meal (see list below). We will begin to distribute bags on November 2.

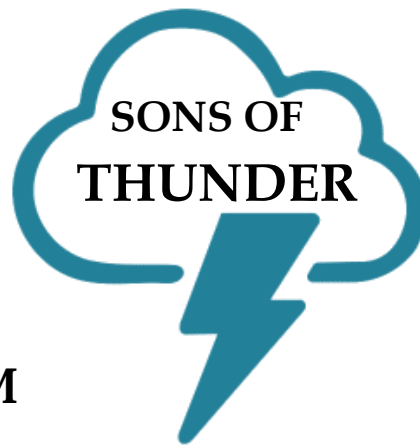
**STUFFING,
GREEN BEANS & CORN,
BOXED MASHED POTATOES,
CRANBERRY SAUCE,
CANNED YAMS,
CREAM OF MUSHROOM SOUP,
CRISPY FRIED ONIONS,
PUMPKIN PIE MIX,
EVAPORATED MILK,
COFFEE
\$ FOR TURKEY BREASTS**



All youth 6th grade +

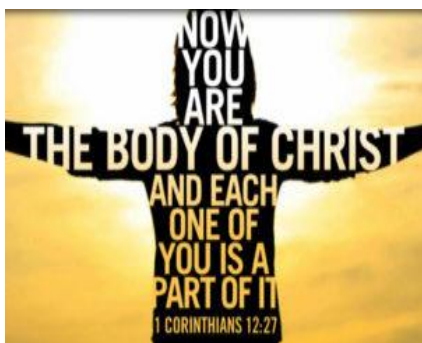
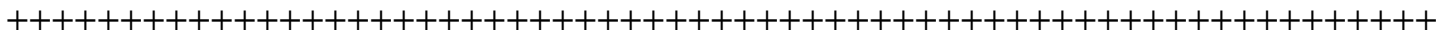


First Sunday of the month



Sunday, October 1st 5 - 7 PM

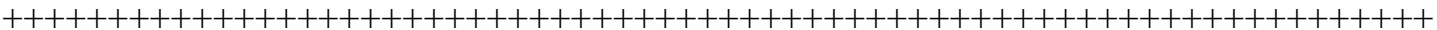
Join us for a wild evening of miniature golf at Freddy Hill's Farms.



How will you serve the Lord in worship?

We are in need of additional adult **Acolytes and Crucifers.**

Interested persons contact Charlie Tolton at (215) 659-7054 or ctolton@comcast.net



USHERS NEEDED

CONTACT PHIL DIENER
weather-or-not@comcast.net
(215) 657 - 3867



Adult Sunday School
GROW IN CHRIST JESUS

Never Stop Learning

Join us for a class after worship - 3 Adult Learning Opportunities:

An exploration and memorization of the **Ten Commandments**: comparing catechisms, discussing their relevance, and learning and growing together in loving the Lord our God and our neighbors too.

Taught by Beth Werner Lee **September 17–November 26**



A Longer Look:

Here is an opportunity to delve deeper into each week's three Scripture readings with ***A Longer Look at the Lessons***.

This Bible Study based on the lectionary in our worship provides information about the readings and their contexts. Questions and answers mine the riches of the Readings while encouraging class discussion and personal application by asking, "What does it mean for us?"

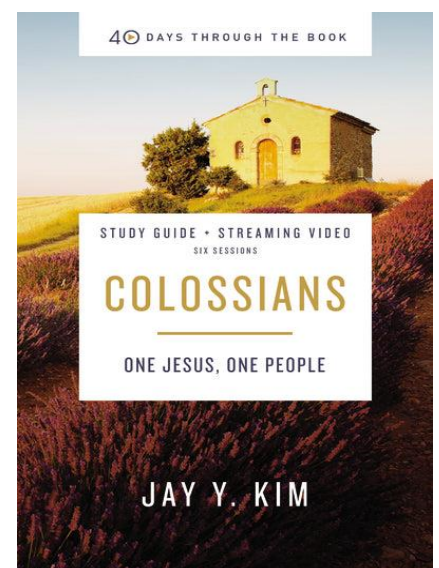
The class meets in **Fellowship Hall** following the worship service each Sunday. The Holy Spirit is our Teacher and Pastor Guenzel facilitates the discussion.

All older teens and adults are welcome!

In this six-session study (streaming video included), author and pastor Jay Kim guides small-group members through Paul's letter to the believers in Colossae, revealing what his words meant to his original readers . . . and how they apply to us today.

The letter to the believers in Colossae contains a message that's urgent for today – a message of unity among followers of Christ; a message of thanksgiving and spiritual fullness in a broken world; a message that shows us how to live as the people who are made alive in the one true Christ.

Tom Schied is leading this class.





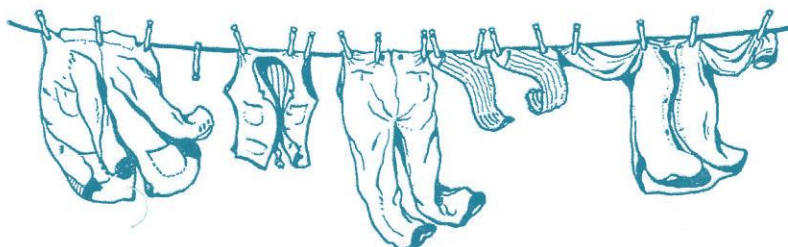
CELEBRATING REFORMATION

HYMNS & BIRCH BEER

MOVIE FOOD HYMNS
OCT. 29 OR 29. OCT

MOVIE 2:30 PM
FOOD & DRINKS 5:00 PM
HYMNS 5:30 PM

Sarnelli House FALL COLLECTION DONATIONS



In anticipation of the upcoming Fall/Winter season we are in need of:
Long pants, shirts/tops, jackets and blankets
as well as the ongoing need for **socks & underwear.**

Please give as you are able and many thanks for your support!



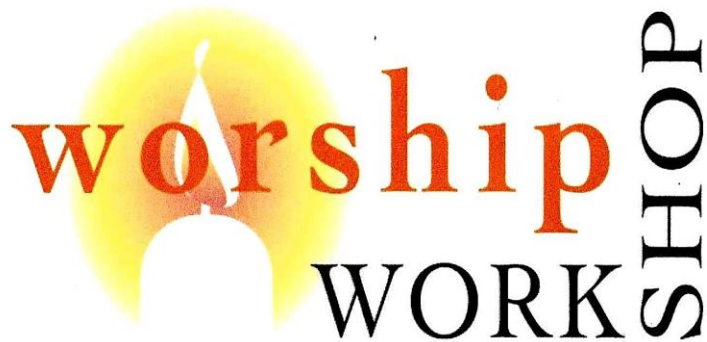
Women's Prayer Group

*"Any concern too small to be turned into prayer
is too small to be made into a burden." Corrie Ten Boom*

OCTOBER: We will meet at Lydia Dugan's home at 2150 Willow Brook Drive, Huntingdon Valley on **Monday, October 9, beginning at 7:00 PM.**

The prayer group welcomes women at any time they wish to participate.

Know that all discussions and prayers are held in strict group confidence. If you have not participated previously or if you have in the past, please prayerfully consider joining your sisters in Christ this fall.



New for Fall 2023: The Extraordinary Ordinary!

A series of sessions delving into our theology and practice of worship at Holy Trinity. We will discuss the common or "ordinary" parts of our Eucharistic liturgical order as an integrated, dramatic, formative unity.

The third Wednesday of every month (October 18, November 15, December 20), beginning at 6:00 p.m. with Vespers and moving to a simple dinner and discussion.

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

Lutheran Church Women's Circle Bible Study



October's topic:

The Leader and the Connector

"And (John) looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus." (John 1: 36 - 37)

Everything changed for Peter and Andrew that day. Although brothers from the fishing town of Bethsaida, they were more different than alike. Peter was passionate, forceful, a natural leader. Andrew, by contrast, was more thoughtful, easygoing and resourceful. The day Andrew was discussing spiritual matters with his mentor, John the Baptist, Jesus came walking by. "Look, the Lamb of God!" John exclaimed. That five-word sermon was all Andrew needed. He left John standing there and went off to learn everything he could about Jesus. This month, we will explore not only the contrasts in Peter himself but also the contrasts between the brothers in Peter as a Leader and Andrew as the Connector.

If you are an active member of one of our circles, then we look forward to welcoming you back. If you are not yet attending a circle, please contact Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Women President Sue Tolton @ 215.659.7054 or suetolton@comcast.net OR contact church secretary Deb Mumford @ 215.659.2642 to explore what might work best for you.

Ruth Circle - Sunday, October 8 at 11:45 AM in the Study

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

Miriam Circle - Monday, October 9 at 12:30 PM in Study & on Zoom

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

Eve Circle - Thursday, October 12 at 7:30 PM in Fellowship Hall.

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

Hannah Circle - Sunday, October 15 at 10:30 AM in HTLC Café

Leader: Deb Mumford (267) 210-1789 Debssam@msn.com



GIFT CARDS

It's an easy way to shop and a great way to help...

Holy Trinity LCW have Giant Food Stores Gift Cards for purchase. If you are interested in obtaining Giant Gift Cards, contact Joy Alderfer, she will complete your orders. Cash purchases are always welcome. All checks for gift cards should be made payable to "Holy Trinity Giant". HTLCW receives a 5% cash back award for each card sold which goes to our scholarship fund. Thank you for your support.

Care Package Addresses Needed...

If you know of a college/grad student or anyone serving in the military please contact Deb in the office at secretary@holyltrinity.net or by phone (215) 659-2642



A LOOK at the BUDGET

Calling all Committee Chairpersons

Start thinking of your **budgets for 2023**
Alan Hinkle, chair of Finance/Budget
needs your budgets soon.

Many thanks for your attention to this important matter.

Crime Prevention Tips from Abington Police Department

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is hosting a breakfast event
for all members of the public.

Members of Abington Police Department will provide vital
crime-prevention tips and tactics you can employ in the home
and outside the home. Don't become another statistic!



Breakfast of bagels/toast, orange juice and coffee/tea will be provided.

When: **Saturday, October 14th 9 AM to 10:30 AM**

Where: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2086 Parkview Ave., Abington PA

Questions? Please call Holy Trinity at (215) 659 - 2642



October Worship Assistants Schedule



October 1

Usher 4	Lector- Sat Karen McGovern Sun Helen Haun		
Acolyte Charlie Tolton Crucifer Linda Borkowski	Cantor Eric Gregg	Stream Team	Rob Ischinger

October 8

Usher 5	Lector - Sat Linda Cassady Sun Kathy Ingerson		
Acolyte Gloria Ischinger Crucifer Sherry Breslin	Cantor John Minges	Stream Team	Frank Ganther

October 15

Usher 1	Lector-Sat Linda Cassady Sun Julia Gregg		
Acolyte Jonathan Mustashobya Crucifer Benet Donnelly	Cantor Deb Mumford	Stream Team	Gloria Ischinger

October 22

Usher 2	Lector-Sat Karen McGovern Sun Larry Guenzel		
Acolyte Helen Haun Crucifer Matthew Gregg	Cantor Dean Lawrence	Stream Team	Hannah Mumford

October 29 Reformation

Usher 3	Lector - Sat Karen McGovern Sun Nancy Ischinger		
Acolyte Steph Templeton Crucifer Jim Necker		Stream Team	Rob Ischinger




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*

OCTOBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 PENTECOST 18 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult LIFECHAIN 2 - 3 5 - 7 SOT Youth Group 6:00 AA	2	3	4 Council 7:30	5 10:00 BOH Food Pantry 10:00 Theology with Pastor Maurice 6:45 Bell Choir 7:00 Social Ministry 7:45 Crafter Corner	6 7:30 AA	7 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
8 PENTECOST 19 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 11:30 Ruth Circle 1:30 Pastor Larry CROP Walk 6:00 AA	9 12:30 Miriam Circle 7:30 Coram Deo	10	11	12 10:00 BOH Food Pantry 10:00 Theology with Pastor Maurice 6:45 Bell Choir 7:30 Eve Circle in Study 7:45 Crafter Corner	13 AMR CONVOCATION IN YORK, PA	14 9:00 Crime Prevention Tips Breakfast AMR CONVOCATION IN YORK, PA 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
15 PENTECOST 20 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 10:30 Hannah Circle	16 7:00 Women's Prayer Group	17 7:00 Evangelism	18  6:00 WORSHIP WORKSHOP	19 10:00 BOH Food Pantry 10:00 Theology with Pastor Maurice 6:45 Bell Choir 7:45 Crafter Corner	20 7:30 AA	21 9:00 Adult Fellowship Breakfast 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
22 PENTECOST 21 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult	23	24	25	26 10:00 BOH Food Pantry 10:00 Theology with Pastor Maurice 6:45 Bell Choir 7:45 Crafter Corner	27 7:30 AA	28 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
29 REFORMATION 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult OCTOBERFEST 2:30 Movie 5:00 Hymns & Food	30	31 HALLOWEEN	 <p>"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God stands forever." Isaiah 40:8</p>			

Special Dates:

-  Atlantic Mission Region Convocation, October 13 - 14, 2023
-  Worship Workshop, Wednesday, October 18, 2023
-  Reformation Day, Sunday, October 29, 2023

