

# HOLY TRINITY

Evangelical Lutheran Church

## ECHOES NEWSLETTER

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### November, 2023

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#### ***Pastor***

The Rev. Dr. Maurice Y. Lee

Pastor

#### ***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 am  
the 15th of each month.*

### From the Pastor

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Are we living in the end times?

The typical reactions to that question remind me of something C. S. Lewis wrote in the preface to *The Screwtape Letters* (1941):

“There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them.”

Much the same, I think, could be said of talk about “the end times.”

A number of Christians, looking at what’s going on in the world — and, to be fair, what’s going on the world, the way it’s typically reported, can often seem pretty “apocalyptic” (in the degraded sense of that term) — try to correlate that with the results of reading Biblical prophecy in certain crude ways. The conclusion of many is that, within the next few years, according to a certain fixed schedule, believers must disappear en masse from earth, the one-world government must take over, and the great tribulation must begin, before Christ returns to bring history to its close.

This is what I would call an excessive and unhealthy interest in “the end.” Similar fevers have gripped Christian groups many, many times in the past — around the year 1000, for example, and at other times of disaster, war, and widespread social and economic disorder. To repudiate such “apocalypticism” run amok is humbly Biblical. “Concerning that day and hour no one knows” (Matthew 24:36). “The Lord is patient, wishing, not that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance” (2 Peter 3:9).

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# Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

## *Mission Statement*

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



## Altar Flowers

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

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However, *there is another — equal and opposite — error.* And that is not to be interested at all in "the end."

Many Christians, including many Lutherans, seem to be content to live as though there were no Biblical teaching about where history is going, what the creation is meant for, who and what the goal is of all God's ways and works. Their only concern — one formed more by secularism, ironically, than by scripture — is "going to heaven when I die." But, besides being unbiblical, that has nothing to do with the end.

When the Bible speaks of the end — for example: "Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power" (1 Corinthians 15:24) — it means the fulfillment and culmination, in Christ, and in the Father's good time, of God's whole project of creation, election, redemption, and renewal, and it has to do with the entirety of what God made: heaven and earth, all things visible and invisible.

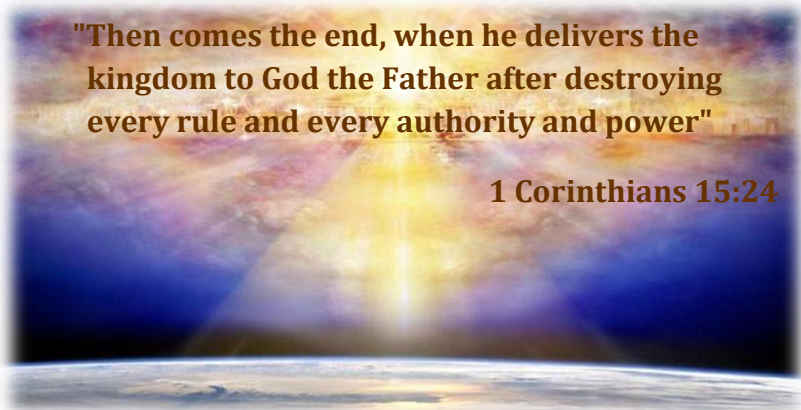
That's the point of the Bible; that's the meaning of salvation; that's what's anticipated in our worship; that's the claim made by the gospel; that's the horizon that gives health and hope to Christian living, loving, obeying, and serving.

We *are* living in the end times. Because in these times — perilous for many, who need our prayers, and a temptation to complacency for others, who need repentance — God is showing us what he means to accomplish in Jesus, and is shaping us by it.

Because the Word is living and active,  
Pastor Maurice

**"Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power"**

**1 Corinthians 15:24**





## Healing Prayer Ministry

Prayer cards are available in a basket on the Altar in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd. Fill out your prayer requests and members of the Healing Prayer Ministry will pray for your needs. If you leave your contact information a team member will contact you.



## † Women's Prayer Group

Holy Trinity's  
Women's Prayer Group  
meets once a month on the  
**3rd Monday of each month**  
At Rosemary Hinkle's  
room over her garage.

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

### Remaining 2023 Schedule

**November 20**

**December 18**

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

## Prayer List

**One of the beautiful aspects of Christian Fellowship**

**is that we can share one another's concerns through prayer.**

**Please pray for the following individuals & their families:** Adam, Alexis, Allan, Allyson, Amanda, Amy, Ann, Anna, Antonette, April, Arthur, Ashley, Audrey, Barb, Ben, 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, Karena, Karen, Kate, Katie, Katherine, Kathy, Kelly, Kim, Kristine, 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, Steve, Stuart, Thomas, Todd, Tom, Troy, Trudy, Tyler, Steve, Valentina, Vicki, Walter, Wanda, Wayne, Willow, Zack.

**Please pray for the following families:** 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, Steinhofner, Sterner, Tavella, Tolton, Trickel, Twesme, Weiss, Werner, Witwer, Wright, Zbinden.

**Please pray for the following petitions:**

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





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

## Treasurer's Report

*September 30, 2023 (For the Year 2023)*

	Holy Trinity Ministries	Wider Church
<b>Year to date received for current income</b>	\$ 265,767.28	\$ 50,083.76
<b>Carry over from 2022</b>	(\$7,077.02)	\$ 42,122.25
<b>Expenses paid to date</b>	\$ 287,627.05	\$ 56,115.88
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) 2023</b>	\$ (28,936.79)	\$ 36,090.13

### Martin Luther Quotes:

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

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

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

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



## Support Us

Please consider a gift of appreciated securities to Holy Trinity as you do your tax planning for this year. You may direct questions about how to do this to Alan Hinkle at [alanhinkle@comcast.net](mailto:alanhinkle@comcast.net)

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

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

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

## UPDATE ON CHINA BIBLE PROJECT

The **China Bible Project** is on hold right now due to intense persecution and most of the leaders being arrested and facing 15 year sentences.

The **Asia Bible Fund** is our key need. We have printings in the Lisu, Lahu, Akha, Karen and Wa languages of northern Myanmar (Burma) coming up soon, but are lacking funds so any help would be greatly appreciated. Each full Bible costs an average of \$3.00.

Place your contribution in the offering plate in the **month of November**. Please make checks out to "**Holy Trinity**" mark both your envelope and memo section of your check "**Asia Bible Fund**"

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## Asia Harvest



## Holy Trinity Craft Fair and Bake Sale



**Saturday, Nov 18**  
**9 AM -12 PM**



In Fellowship Hall  
Crafts and baked goods for sale.

Proceeds to benefit Bread of Heaven Food Pantry.



# STEWARDS

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## IN ALL SEASONS

Although stewardship, in all its forms, is a year round sign of our discipleship in Christ, we invite you to participate in the spiritual practice of placing your fall pledge card in the Jehoiada Chest every November.

This practice has become very meaningful for many as it represents a covenant between you and the Lord as to your financial commitment for the upcoming year. The amount you pledge is whatever God, and God alone, moves you to give.

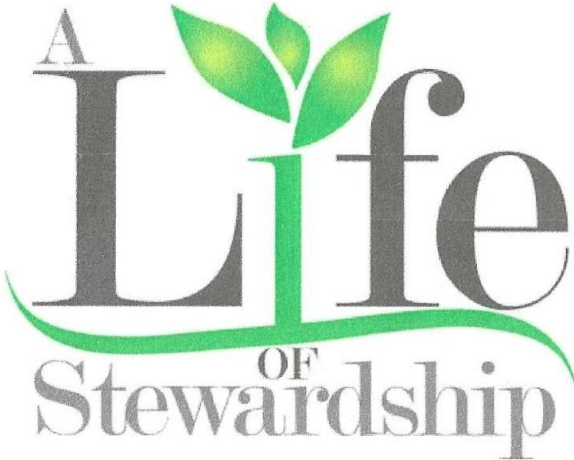
Of course, the concept of giving to God is a bit like a father giving money to his young son so he may be able to purchase a gift for his dad. Everything belongs to God. We receive with gratitude the grace and mercy that our Lord so lovingly bestows on us, his children, and that is the motivation for our giving.

We invite you to join in the spiritual blessing of putting your commitment to the Lord for Holy Trinity's many ministries front and center the weekend of **November 18 & 19** when our dear sister in Christ, Dottie Erb, will so graciously donate the use of her family's Jehoiada chest for you to place your pledge card.

As we seek to follow our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, proclaiming his Gospel of salvation, making disciples and serving in his name, may his Holy Spirit fill you with the joy, peace and wonder of all that God has done in the past and continues to do today and into the future.

In Christ,  
Your Stewardship Team.

Print this out and bring it to church to place in the Jehoiada chest for **Stewardship Weekend** Saturday, November 18th & Sunday, November 19th.



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

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

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Keep the top portion for your records.

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### Unified Plan for Giving

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

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

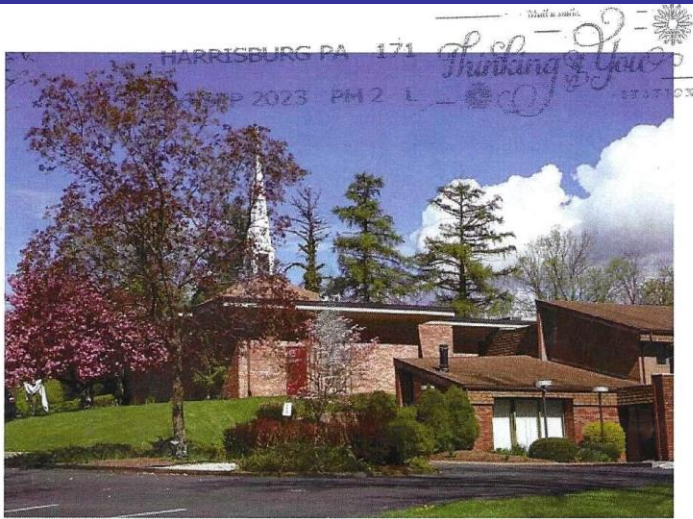
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Return this portion of the card.

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



## NOTES OF THANKS



St. Timothy Evangelical Lutheran Church

In the name of Jesus, we prayed for you this past Sunday from Camp Hill, PA.

May our Lord Jesus Christ bless you & your ministry!

Yours in Christ,  
Gary Larson  
St. Tim's Prayer Ministry

Praying for God's blessings over you and your ministry.

Trinity Lutheran Church

GOD IS OUR REFUGE  
AND *strength*

Psalm 46:1





**When you seek Truth...**



**You  
seek  
GOD**

*- Edith Stein*

**MISSION  
DRIVEN**



**NALC**

North American Lutheran Church

Just dropping you a line to let you know that we are praying for you in Nazareth, PA.

May our Lord Jesus Christ bless you and your ministry!

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Brett  
Holy Cross Lutheran Church



Lift High the Cross. the Love of Christ Proclaim!

Thank you!

Thank you to all who supported the CROP Walk with your good wishes, prayers and financial support. Al Shikhvarg and I had a great walk on a beautiful autumn afternoon. Together, with your help, we raised \$695 to help feed our hungry neighbors around the world.

In Christ, the Bread of Life,  
Larry Guenzel

**ENDING  
HUNGER  
ONE STEP  
AT A TIME  
CROP HUNGER WALK**

A large blue footprint graphic on a yellow background, symbolizing the 'one step at a time' theme of the CROP Hunger Walk.

Saint Paul Lutheran, York, PA

October 13 & 14, 2023

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Seventy-eight disciples of the Atlantic Mission Region gathered over two days at Saint Paul's Lutheran Church, York, PA on October 13 & 14, 2023 for the annual regional Convocation. The theme for this year was "Life-to-Life Discipleship in Action." Seventy-six gathered in person and six attended virtually.

**Presentations** were made by the General Secretary of the NALC, the **Rev. Dr. Amy Little**, who lead a plenary session about the NALC's Life to Life Disciples process and how we can instruct the young and old in becoming disciples of the faith using the Small and Large Catechisms of Luther. **The Rev. Ray Scheck** led the assembly in demonstrating how to lead a discipleship Bible study.

**The 2024 Ministry Spending Plan was approved.** The assembly approved the \$63,950 Ministry Plan as presented.

**Lutheran Lay Renewal** was the spotlight Ministry Partner this year. Bill Oehlschlager, Executive Director if LLR and Pastor Raymond Kaija, Lutheran Church of Uganda (LCoU) spoke to the assembly about LLR and the work they do with the LCoU. The group has helped raise funds to enable churches to buy land, fund health clinics, and support missionary and ministry training programs. There are indeed good works and discipleship happening with LLR and LCoU.

**Financial gifts** were given to the Lutheran Lay Renewal (\$1400) and Disaster Response (\$1400). The NALC also received \$500 from the AMR as an honorarium for the work done at this Convocation by our General Secretary the Rev. Dr. Amy Little.

We heard a presentation entitled **Our Journey through Life to Life Discipleship – What Worked... and What Didn't**, which was led by members of Emanuel Lutheran, Elmer, NJ; Holy Cross, Nazareth, PA; St Matthew, Middle River, MD; and Reformation, Lancaster, PA. The

members shared their journey using Life to Life Discipleship and how it has helped members to be strong disciples of Jesus Christ.

**Stuff the Truck for NALC Disaster Response!** The truck was filled with health kits, school kits, flood buckets, blankets, Bibles, rakes, shovels, and gift cards. THANK YOU! All donations were taken to the warehouse in Elmer, NJ. Thanks to Wayne Knerr for towing the trailer and all who helped to load the donations.

**Worship:** We opened the Convocation with a traditional Eucharist with the Rev Paul & Rev Sally Gausmann presiding and our assistant to the Bishop, the Rev. Dr. Bill White, preaching. The Rev. Brett Jenkins led us in Compline on Friday evening. We opened Saturday with a contemporary Eucharist with the Rev Paul & Rev Sally Gausmann presiding and the Rev. Dr. Amy Little preaching.

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

**Fellowship!** There were plenty of opportunities for fellowship at this year's Convocation. There was scheduled free time for networking and to visit the Ministry Partner and vendor displays. We also enjoyed a cupcake social on Friday evening where we celebrated the Rev. Steve Shipman, our AMR Regional Dean's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination.

**Informal Bible Study:** Mr. Bill Oehlschlager from Lutheran Lay Renewal led an informal Bible study on Friday morning for anyone interested in attending before the Convocation began.

**Women's Conference:** The Women of Atlantic Mission Region held their fifth Women's Conference on Friday morning in which they worked together to assemble 234 health kits for NALC Disaster Response. They also had sharing time, worship, and a Bible study led by the Rev. Dr. Amy Little.

**The 2024 AMR Convocation** will be held on October 18-19 at St Luke's Lutheran Church in Bloomsburg, PA. A **Women's Conference** is also being planned for October 18 prior to the Convocation. Mark your calendars!



*All Saints*

# *Sunday, November 5, 2023*

*Their Lights still shine!*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Names of Saints who have died

**Frank E. Ganther**, March 24, 2023

**Joyce Martinelli**, April 23, 2023

**Karen Bertsch**, March 25, 2023

**Richard Andrew Cake**, May 3, 2023

**Louis C. Metz**, April 5, 2023

**Ruth McCandless**, June 7, 2023

**Ruth Lewis**, April 11, 2023

**Patricia Diane Minges**, June 12, 2023

**Barbara Harris**, April 13, 2023

**Nathaniel Tavella**, July 11, 2023

**Frank P. Houpt**, October 1, 2023

**ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY**



**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.

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*Memorials received*



*Nathaniel Tavella*

# SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Your participation is needed on **Saturday, Nov. 11**  
after the 5 p.m. service.  
or **Sunday, Nov. 12**  
after the 9 a.m. service.

To approve updates to the Church's By-laws.



*Congregational Meeting*

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## New for Fall 2023: The Extraordinary Ordinary!

worship  
WORKSHOPS

The logo features the word "worship" in a large, orange, serif font, and "WORKSHOPS" in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. The text is set against a background of a stylized flame or candle in shades of yellow and orange.

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, upcoming sessions on  
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.



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11**  
**9:00 AM**  
**IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**

JOIN YOUR HOLY TRINITY FAMILY  
AS WE VIEW INSPIRATIONAL STORIES  
THEN SHARE IN THE JOY  
OF PACKING FOR CHILDREN  
IN NEED OF GIFTS AND JESUS  
AROUND THE WORLD!

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](http://becauseinternational.org/christmas-shoebox-wow-item)



**Five Below is a good source for WOW items:**

- |  |                                    |
|--|------------------------------------|
| 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 Vison, 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



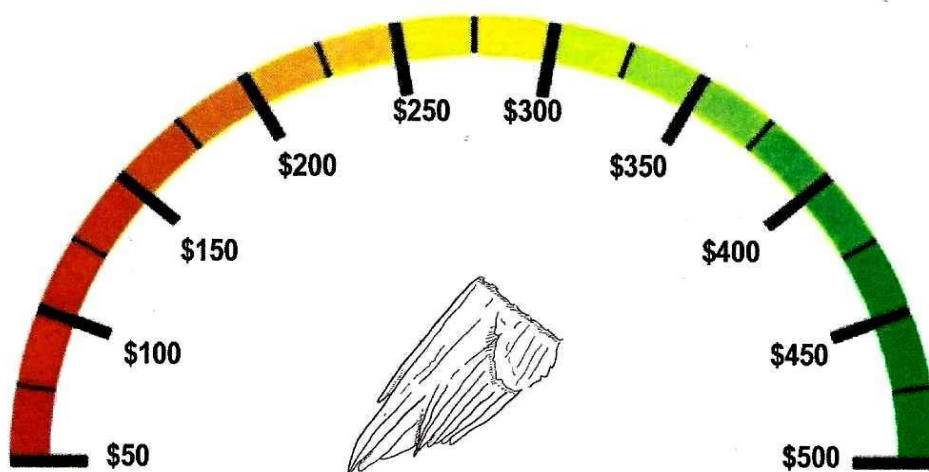
# Thanksgiving Donations Needed

## Thanksgiving Plans from Bread of Heaven

The items we plan to include are:  
stuffing, green beans, corn, canned yams,  
cranberry sauce, cream of mushroom soup,  
crispy fried onions, coffee, pumpkin pie mix,  
evaporated milk.

Already in the month of October we have served **110 guests** totaling **482 people** including family members with **17 new guests** as first time visitors. The need is great and growing. Your generous donations enable us to continue to provide for our neighbors in need.

### *BREAD OF HEAVEN* TURKEY CHALLENGE!

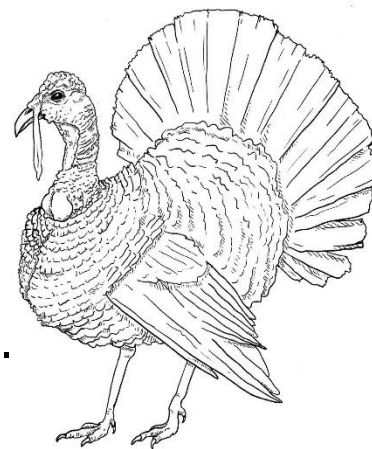


Can we reach \$1,000 or more?

An anonymous donor has challenged to give us \$500 if we can raise \$500.

This is to purchase turkeys for our guests.

To contribute toward our goal, use the white pew envelope and mark it **TURKEY!**



# Lutheran Church Women's Circle Bible Study



## November

### James and John - The Sons of Thunder

*"Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Matthew 20:28)*

There is much the Bible doesn't tell us about this second set of fishermen siblings. Some people suspect James may have been the older of the two, since James is usually listed before John. Other people speculate that because James and John could afford to hire workers to help them in their fishing business, they must have been a prosperous family (Mark 1:20). This month we'll leave speculation for the experts and look instead at what the Bible reveals about these men: in particular, the transformation that took place in the brothers who Jesus nicknamed the "Sons of Thunder."

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

**Eve Circle** - Thursday, November 9 at 7:30 p.m. in SS Peter & Andrew Study.

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

**Ruth Circle** - Sunday, November 12 at 11:30 a.m. in SS Peter & Andrew Study.

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

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

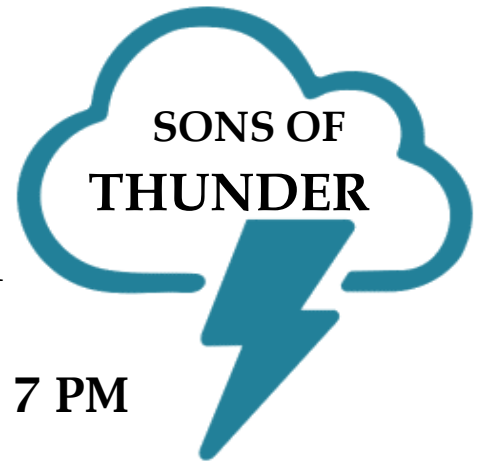
Contact: Deb Mumford (215) 443-5132 [Debssam@msn.com](mailto:Debssam@msn.com)

**Miriam Circle** - Monday, November 20 at 12:30 p.m. in the SS Peter & Andrew Study.

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



All youth 6th grade +



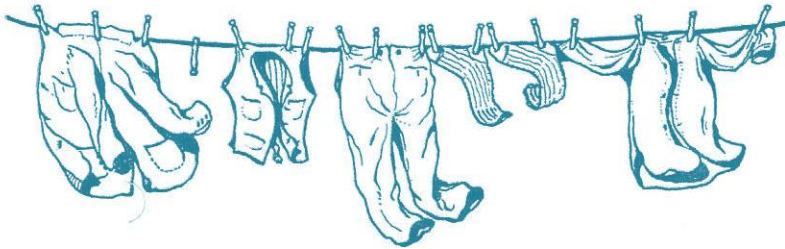
First Sunday of the month

**Sunday, November 5th 5 - 7 PM**

Join us for build your own pizza,  
stuff Care Packages, and of course games!  
Invite a friend...we meet in the kitchen!

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## Sarnelli House FALL COLLECTION DONATIONS



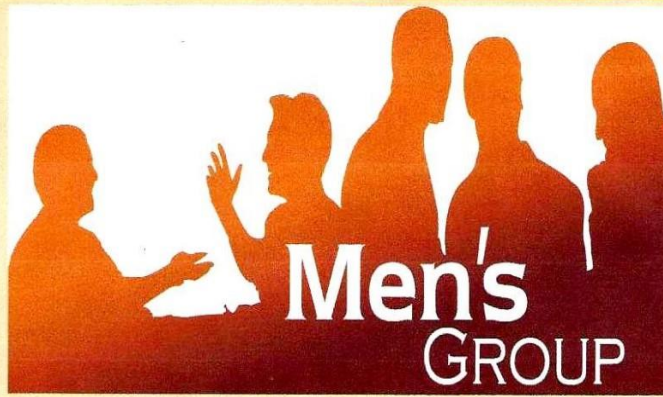
Fall is here (no matter what the thermometer reads)  
and winter is on its way:

Sarnelli House is always thankful for any donations 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!

And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one  
of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' Matthew 25: 40



## Men's Devotional Group

Mark your calendar & don't miss out on the next Men's Devotional Group Meeting.

Date: **Wednesday, November 8**

Time: **7:00 P.M.**

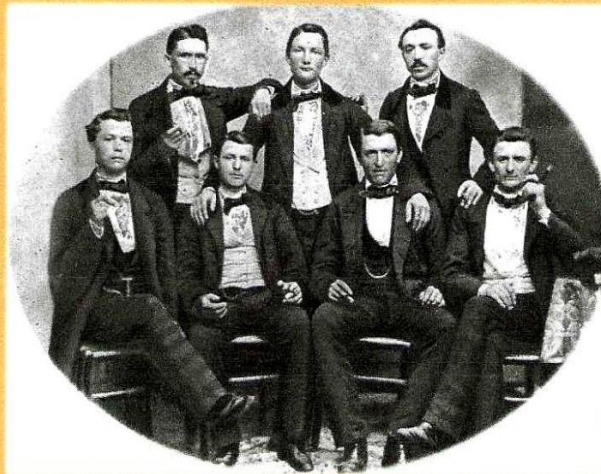
Speaker: Kile Smith

Place: The Iron Abbey

680 Easton Road, Horsham, PA 19044

(215) 956 - 9600

Menu: [ironabbey.com](http://ironabbey.com)



# Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

Wednesday, November 22, 2023 7:30 PM

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



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## Coram Deo

Meeting once a month on the 2nd Monday of each month  
(except for January it is on the 3rd Monday)  
in the SS Peter & Andrew Study at 7:30 p.m.



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

Books we will be reading for the monthly gatherings:

November 13, 2023 - *Children on their Birthdays, A Christmas Memory, Thanksgiving Visitor* by Truman Capote

December 11, 2023 - *The Short and Tragic Life of Robert Peace* by Jeff Hobbs

January 15, 2024 - *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens

February 12, 2024 - *The Heart is a Lonely Hunter* by Carson McCullers

March 11, 2024 - *Foundations of Russian Culture* by Alexander Schmemmann

April 8, 2024 - *A Prayer for Owen Meany* by John Irving

May 13, 2024 - *Waymaker* by Ann Voskamp

June 10, 2024 - *Howard's End* by E M Forester





# November Worship Assistants Schedule



## November 5

<b>Usher 4</b>	<b>Lector- Sat Linda Cassady</b>	<b>Cantor John Minges</b>
<b>Acolyte Rob Ischinger</b>	<b>Sun Matthew Gregg</b>	<b>Stream Charlie Tolton Team</b>
<b>Crucifer Dave Tolton</b>		

## November 12

<b>Usher 5</b>	<b>Lector - Sat Karen McGovern</b>	<b>Cantor Tom Schied</b>
<b>Acolyte Sherry Breslin</b>	<b>Sun Deb Mumford</b>	<b>Stream Frank Ganther Team</b>
<b>Crucifer Otis Bricker</b>		

## November 19

<b>Usher 1</b>	<b>Lector-Sat Linda Cassady</b>	<b>Cantor Steve Wyszomierski</b>
<b>Acolyte Michael Mutashobya</b>	<b>Sun Jim Necker</b>	<b>Stream Gloria Ischinger Team</b>
<b>Crucifer Suzanne Brown</b>		

## November 22

<b>Thanksgiving Eve Usher 3</b>	<b>Lector Allan Shikhvarg</b>	<b>Stream Charlie Tolton Team</b>
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## November 26

<b>Usher 2</b>	<b>Lector - Sat Karen McGovern</b>	<b>Cantor Deb Mumford</b>
<b>Acolyte Sherri Gregg</b>	<b>Sun Sherri Gregg</b>	<b>Stream Hannah Mumford Team</b>
<b>Crucifer Allan Shikhvarg</b>		








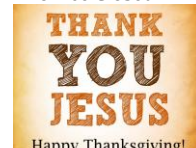


If you cannot serve please contact someone on the list for that particular service team and find a replacement. If you cannot find a replacement simply contact the office (215) 659-2642 or email Deb at [secretary@holytrinity.net](mailto:secretary@holytrinity.net)

Called to *Serve*





# 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."</p> <p>1 Thessalonians 5: 18</p>			<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Council 7:30</p>	<p><b>2</b> 10:00 Bread of Heaven No Theology class</p> <p>6:45 Handbell Choir</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>7:30 AA</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>  <p>5:00 Holy Communion</p> <p>7:00 AA</p>
<p><b>5 ALL SAINTS</b> 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 11:30 Christian Ed. 5:00 SOT Youth Group</p> <p>6:00 AA</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>  <p>7:00 Grief Support</p>	<p><b>7 ELECTION DAY</b></p> 	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>7:00 Men's Devotional Group</p>	<p><b>9</b> 10:00 Bread of Heaven No Theology Class</p> <p>6:45 Handbell Choir 7:30 Eve Circle</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>7:30 AA</p>	<p><b>11 9 AM</b></p>  <p><b>Veteran's Day</b> 5:00 Holy Communion</p> <p>7:00 AA</p>
<p><b>12 PENTECOST 24</b> 9:00 Holy Communion <b>10:30 Special Congregational Meeting</b></p> <p><b>11:30 Ruth Circle</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>OCC COLLECTION 6:30 - 8:30 pm</p>  <p>7:00 Grief Support 7:30 Coram Deo</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>OCC COLLECTION Noon - 2 pm</p>	<p><b>15</b> OCC COLLECTION 3:00 - 5:00 pm</p>  <p>6:00 WORSHIP WORKSHOP</p>	<p><b>16</b> 10:00 Bread of Heaven 10:00 Theology with Pastor Maurice</p> <p>OCC COLLECTION 6:30 - 8:30 pm</p> <p>6:45 Handbell Choir</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>OCC COLLECTION 4:00 - 6:00 pm</p> <p>7:30 AA</p>	<p><b>18 9 AM - 12 PM</b></p>  <p>OCC COLLECTION 11:00 am - 1:00 pm</p> <p>5:00 Holy Communion</p> <p>7:00 AA</p>
<p><b>19 PENTECOST 25</b> 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult <b>10:30 Hannah Circle</b> OCC COLLECTION Noon - 2:00 pm <b>STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY</b></p>	<p><b>20</b> OCC COLLECTION 9:30 - 11:30 am 12:30 Miriam Circle</p> <p>7:00 Grief Support 7:30 Women's Prayer Group</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>7:00 PM Evangelism</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>7:30 Thanksgiving Eve Service</p>	<p><b>23 Happy Thanksgiving</b> Office Closed</p>  <p>Happy Thanksgiving!</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>7:30 AA</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>5:00 Holy Communion</p> <p>7:00 AA</p>
<p><b>26 Christ the King</b> 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>  <p>7:00 Grief Support</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>7:00 PM Stewardship</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b> 10:00 Bread of Heaven 10:00 Theology with Pastor Maurice</p> <p>6:45 Handbell Choir</p>		

### Special Dates:

- ♦ All Saints' Day, *November 5, 2023*
- ♦ Daylight-Saving Time ends, *November 5, 2023*
- ♦ Every Tear, *November 6, meets every Monday night*
- ♦ Election Day, *November 7, 2023*
- ♦ Veteran's Day, *November 11, 2023*
- ♦ Thanksgiving, *November 23, 2023*
- ♦ Christ the King, *November 26, 2023*