

HOLY TRINITY

Evangelical Lutheran Church

ECHOES NEWSLETTER

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Staff

The Rev. Dr. Maurice Y. Lee, Pastor
Mrs. Deborah Mumford,
Office Administrator

Worship Services

Saturday at 5 p.m.
Sunday at 9 a.m.
(Sunday Church School
at 10:30 a.m.)

Holy Communion

Saturday evening, Sunday morning
& Festival Days

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

From the Pastor,

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Through the last seven months, we've been assisted in worship by a variety of visiting organists: musicians who will typically come on Sunday morning — occasionally having gotten familiar with our instrument earlier in the week — rehearse the choir, play the service, and then leave, usually not to come back, although a number of these colleagues have played for us multiple times.

I've often called these visitors *guest organists*. This isn't meant to be marketing-speak, as, for example, a department store might call its customers "guests" to divert attention from the coldly transactional nature of the relationship. It rather implies two things: first, that these contributors to our worship, since they *are* guests, are to be *treated* as guests, which is to say, with respect, appreciation, and hospitality, not as merely part of the "background" to our fellowship; and, second, that the Holy Trinity community of which we ("regulars") are members is indeed our home, in which together we have the privileges and responsibilities of being at home: mutual support, encouragement, and correction; joint prayer, service, and mission; suffering with those who suffer and rejoicing with those who rejoice; making sure that the place is clean, supplied, and livable; welcoming and witnessing to "outsiders."

We take our cue not from warm and fuzzy feelings — although I'm excited and in complete agreement when people speak of being "at home" here — but from the word of God, which calls the church of worshipping believers a *household* (e.g., Galatians 6:10, Ephesians 2:19, Hebrews 3:6). It is, those scriptures imply, precisely because we the church are a household, a home, that those things which can and should happen in a home can and should happen with us: honest and helpful judgment; faithful learning and service; upbuilding and unity.

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Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Mission Statement

We proclaim the
Gospel of Jesus Christ,
worshiping, making
disciples and serving
in His name.



Altar Flowers

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

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And yet, in another and perhaps equally important sense, we are (like our visiting organists) guests. Because, although we are definitely "at home" as Holy Trinity Church, the home where we are is fundamentally and exclusively *God's*. Those same scriptures make it clear that it is God who — in Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit — is the sole owner, builder, maintainer, defender, head, law-giver, life-giver, source, and goal of the household of faith. We are God's guests, which means that we are residents of God's home and members of God's household by invitation, by mercy, by the work of Christ and the Spirit rather than by our own merit, achievement, or initiative. And for that we may be, and we will be, eternally grateful participants in the ministry of God's house.

The 17th-century English poet George Herbert put it this way:

Love bade me welcome. Yet my soul drew back
Guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack
From my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning,
If I lacked any thing.

A guest, I answered, worthy to be here:
Love said, You shall be he.
I the unkind, ungrateful? Ah my dear,
I cannot look on thee.
Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,
Who made the eyes but I?

Truth Lord, but I have marred them: let my shame
Go where it doth deserve.
And know you not, says Love, who bore the blame?
My dear, then I will serve.
You must sit down, says Love, and taste my meat:
So I did sit and eat.

Your fellow guest and resident,
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
meets the **3rd Monday**
of each month.

We gather at **7:00 pm**
via Zoom for now.

Every woman is welcome,
come as you are able.

Contact Rosemary @

Rosemaryhinkle@comcast.net

so we can send you
the Zoom invite.

2024 Schedule

Feb. 19 March 18

April 15 May 20

June 17

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



Prayer List

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

Please pray for the following:

Please pray for the following individuals & their families: *(we cannot add last names or initials)* Allan, Allyson, Amanda, Ashley, Billie, Blanche, Bob, Carly, Charlie, Chris, Christopher, Craig, Dallas, Dave, Derek, Diane, Duke, Ekaterina, Elizabeth, Emersyn, Emma, Eric, Erica, Ernie, Gavin, Jen, Jennifer, Jill, John, Julia, Kathy, Laura, Levi, Linda, Logan, Lorraine, Maggie, Mary, Mary Kate, Matthew, Melody, Meredith, Rick, Roger, Rose, Sarah, Sharon, Sherri, Sherry, Steve, Teena, Todd, Tom, Tony, Trudy, Valentina, Vicki, Vince, Virginia, Violet, Willow.

Please pray for the following families: : Ambrose, Bradley, Burton, Carr, Custer, Edinger, Gregg, Gulden, Miller, Novak, Pharye, Quici, Singley, Weiss, Young.

Please pray for the following petitions:

That God would bless and protect all members of Holy Trinity,
together with those they love and pray for.

That God would guide each of us to grow in grace
and that He would please send workers into the Harvest.

For all who are chronically ill and/or shut-in.

For all who are fighting addiction to drugs and alcohol.

For those who are struggling with cancer of any kind. For the sick and the grieving.

For all travelers and for the dying. For all congregations of the NALC.

For the military and their families.

For all Native Americans living on U.S. reservations. For refugees and immigrants.

The unemployed, the underemployed & the uninsured, especially those in our own families.

All Caregivers, rescue workers, doctors, nurses, firefighters, EMTs.

For the members of the Mekane Yesus Lutheran Church in Ethiopia,

and for the Nifas Silk Congregation.

For all Christians who are being persecuted for the faith throughout the world.

For the victims of rains, wildfires, earthquakes, hurricanes; for favorable weather & an abundance of crops. For all in financial difficulty that they may be totally restored.

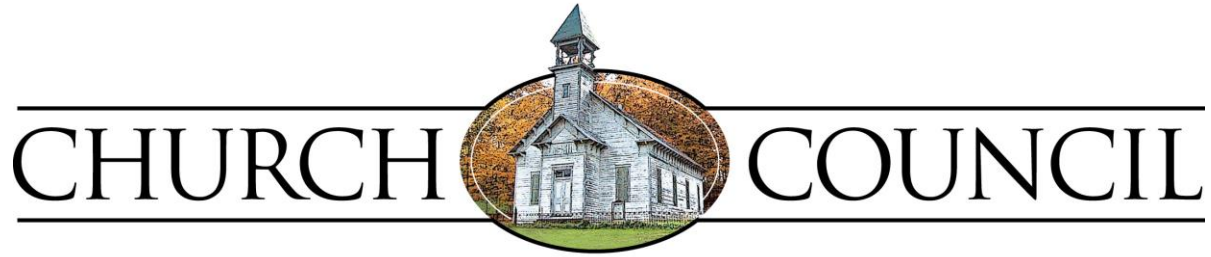
For those suffering from racial injustice, bigotry, and oppression in our nation and in the world.

For the people of Ukraine.

For peace in the world and shootings to stop in our cities.

For a peaceful political atmosphere.

We welcome new members to



Laurie Shikhvarg

Sue Tolton

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

Otis Bricker

John Minges



Our Christian Sympathy to

Maureen & Bruce Freer
along with the Witwer, Freer and Lynch families
on the death of **Marge Witwer**

January 10, 2024

Beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Chris and Tony Quici and their families
on the death of **Audrey Ambrose**

January 14, 2024

Beloved mother, grandmother and sister in Christ.

Psalm 112:6

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



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

LUTHER QUOTES:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Support Us

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

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

Christopher Biehl
Michael Boerner
Conor Gowton
Shaun Hall
Eric Henderson
CJ Hess
Nathan Quinlan
Vikas Shah
Jonathan Skilton, MD

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

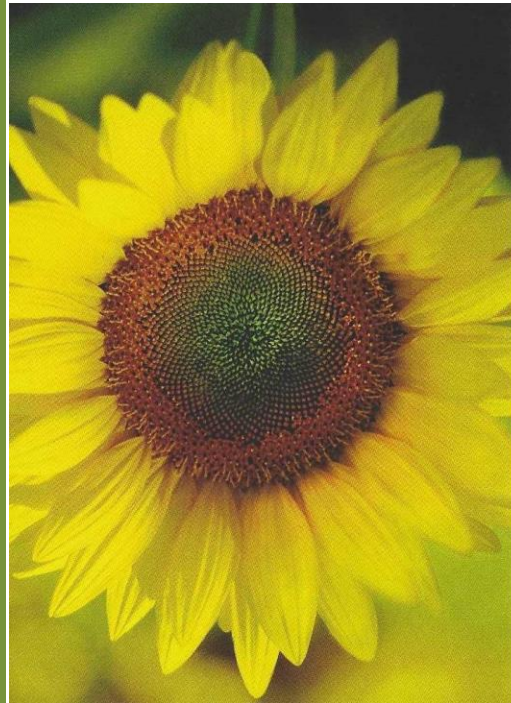


NOTES OF THANKS

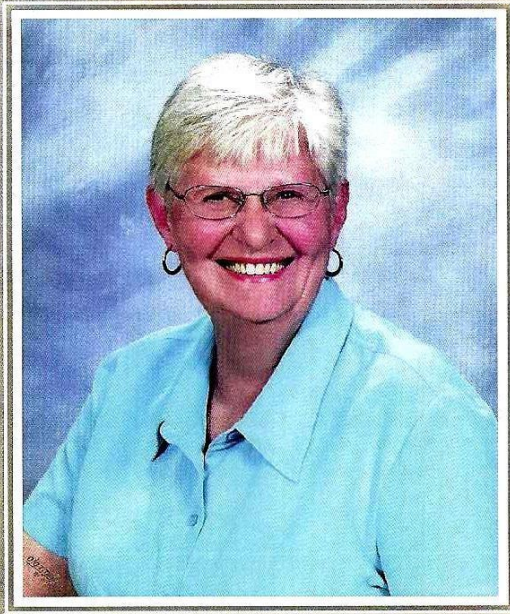
Dear Holy Trinity Family,
Thank you for the kind words, cards, and meals we received after my mothers' death.

We are blessed to be able to share our joys and griefs with you.

Sincerely,
Maureen Freer & family.



Thank You



In Loving Memory of
Audrey A. Ambrose
November 19, 1936 - January 14, 2024

Dear Church Family,

You have been such a blessing to our family. We all appreciated your genuine concern that went a long way in helping us cope during this difficult time.

All your cards, prayers, kind words and expressions of sympathy comforted us.

The Ambrose Girls
Robin, Sharon, Susan & Christine

May you be blessed by the Lord with the same warmth and joy you have given. Thank you so much.

Philippians 2:13



Where Did They Go?

Thank you again to all who participated in multiple ways to make our shoebox collection of 413 shoeboxes a success.

Holy Trinity's 2023 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes went to five countries: Botswana, Dominican Republic, Mozambique, Philippines, and South Africa.

A set of beautiful Wind chimes
has been given
to the *Bells of Holy Trinity*
Handbell Choir
in loving memory of Dick Erb.



Single Serve Opportunities!

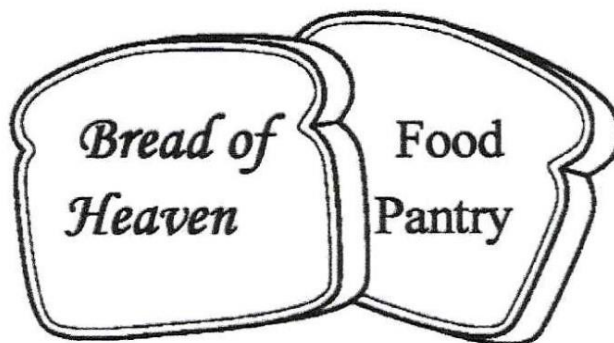


Sun., Feb. 11th come at **1 PM** to the kitchen to help make soup for Ash Wednesday.

Wed., Feb. 14th come at **4 PM** to set up or stay at **7 PM** to help cleanup.

For Lenten Wednesdays **Feb. 21 March 27** there is a signup in the narthex for taking one Wednesday to do one or more of the following: Bring Soup or Bread;
Set up at 5:30 PM;
Clean up at 7:30 PM,
Read for Vespers at 6:00 PM.

*If no one signs up we will have leftover soup & bread and tired setup/ cleanup crews!



Here are the January numbers:
We served 78 guests
for a total of 342 people.

Prayerfully consider a donation
these items:

Cereal	1 lb. or larger
Pasta Sauce	24 oz. or larger
Pastas:	
Spaghetti,	1 lb. or larger
Linguine	1 lb. or larger
Fettuccine	1 lb. or larger
Penne	1 lb. or larger
Rotini	1 lb. or larger
Egg Noodles	7.25 oz. or larger
Box Mac & Ch.	7.25 oz. or larger

*Any amount you choose to give toward a \$150 student sponsorship will be appreciated. Questions: Rosemary Hinkle

Sponsorships Needed for These DRC Seminarians

There have been some changes! At a meeting with our missionaries and church members Didi and Serafina Panzo in late January, we learned of some changes, while Didi also reaffirmed needs in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). Below are the current seminary students in need of support. Your support is not only a huge gift to these young men and women who are choosing to serve the Lord, but also it enables the seminary to survive financially. The students pictured here are familiar faces from last year. Didi will soon send us several new seminarians to include here. **In March, we will share about children's needs.**

Needed is \$150 of sponsorship per student for a semester. To provide for these students, please make a check payable to HOLY TRINITY and indicate "Seminarian(s)." Also, Didi has specifically requested that when you select a student(s), you provide your name. He wants to tell each student who at Holy Trinity is providing funds and praying for them.



Emmuel N



Charon



Esperant



Georges



Don atian



Joseph



Moise



Michee



Judith



Pierre



Roger



Goodies to Support Penn State Abington Students Headed to CCO Jubilee February 16

Thank you for all the goodies you have already brought. We are still in need. Please consult the sign-up sheets in the narthex and consider how you can support the students.

Holy Trinity is one of several congregations being asked by Ray Wiesen, who leads the Coalition for Christian Outreach (CCO) at Penn State Abington, to provide goodies for the students who will attend Jubilee in Pittsburgh on February 16. Some of these students are new Christians; others are exploring the faith. So our caring support is a witness. Further, many students do not have the extra funds to purchase snacks and small activities for the trip.

Here are the needs. Ray welcomes any additions. **Please place your contributions in the marked box in the Narthex no later than Sunday, February 11.**

Need at Least 70 of Each Item

Card Games: assorted UNOs, Dutch Blitz, Old Maid, etc. (only 30 of these)

Cookies in small, individual packets: Oreos, Chips Ahoy, etc.

Snack Bags - assorted chips

Pop-Tarts – each double pack in a box counts as one item.

Goldfish

Additional fun items such as fidget and other handheld toys, as you are led.

Also, Notes of Encouragement Needed

Ray has asked if we would write notes to students to let them know we are praying for their personal experience and sending along encouragement.

Please take a name card from the container in the narthex and return your personally written note no later than **Sunday, February 11.**

We want every student to receive a message from a Holy Trinity member.

Super Bowl Sunday means Souper Bowl of Caring!

The Competition...



The competition between the three adult classes.
Larry Guenzel, Tom Schied and Pastor Maurice.

Which class can raise the most money -
the winning class will be awarded the most prestigious trophy
in Holy Trinity history!

Each class will have the opportunity to contribute to their win
Sunday, February 11th "Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday".

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

All monies collected will go to Bread of Heaven.

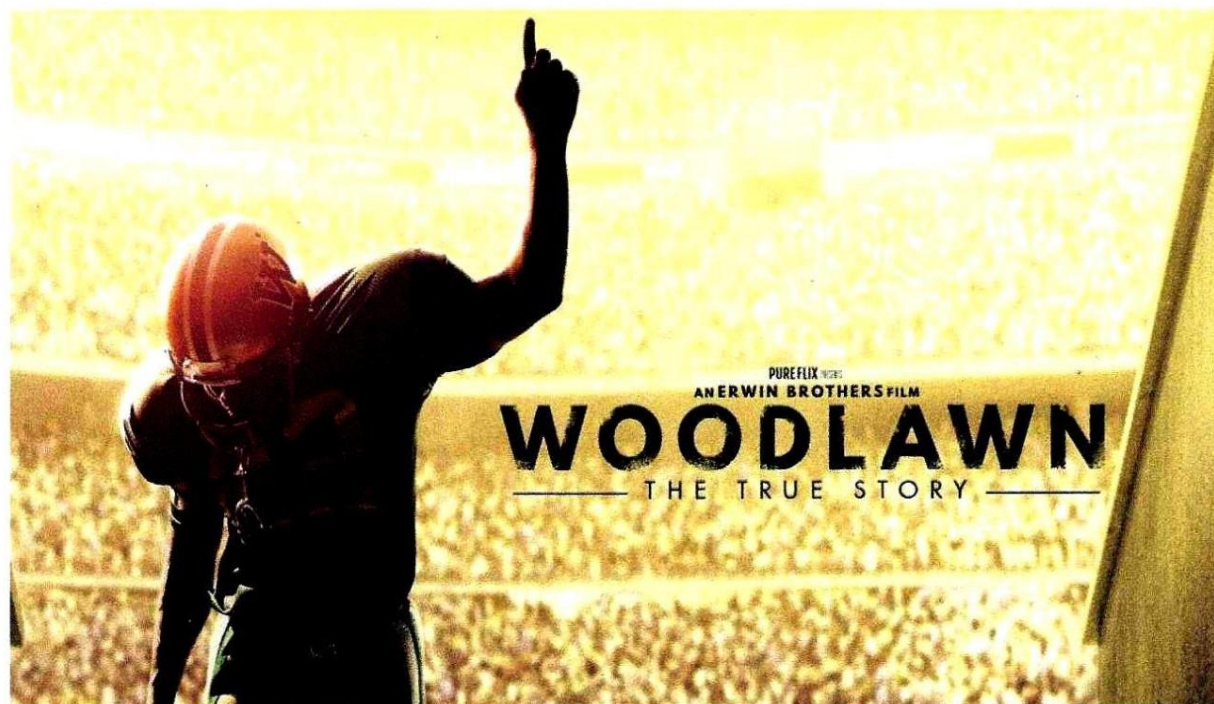




Free Family Movie Night

Join us in celebrating
Fastnacht 2024

Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 6:30 PM



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

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
2086 Parkview Avenue, Abington, PA 19001
(215) 659 - 2642

Enjoy this inspiring movie based on a true story
about one young man's journey
and what happens when God shows up!

Ash Wednesday Soup Supper- All Invited

Wednesday, February 14th

(prior to the Service)

Come anytime between 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

2 homemade soups, salad, bread
& beverages will be provided.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex

A free will offering will be taken.

Followed by...



Ash Wednesday Services February 14, 2024

10:00 AM

&

7:30 PM





Coram Deo

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

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

Books we are reading for the monthly gatherings:

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

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



MONDAY NIGHT WEEKLY SUPPORT GROUP

We meet in the Study at 7:00 p.m.

February 5, 12, 19 & 26

(February 5 meets in Youth room)



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

We invite you to gather in a safe space to talk, share,
(or not) and receive care and support.



Youth Group Gathering

Sunday, February 25

12 ~ 2 PM

Join us for food, fellowship & fun
as we plan for our first Youth Sunday of 2024

Lutheran Church Women's Circle Bible Study



FEBRUARY CIRCLES

Philip and Nathanael: Men of Few Words

*"Nathanael declared, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.'"
(John 1:49)*

Philip and Nathanael come across as completely relatable and totally approachable men. They might be the kind of friends who listen attentively, nod knowingly and respond enthusiastically. Our Study Guide call them "men of few words" because they are not singled out as often in the gospels. However, when these followers of Jesus do speak, their words give us a lot to see, hear, ponder and like about them. At our February meetings, come meet two of Jesus' more intriguing apostles.

Here are the circle times and dates as well as leader with contact information. Do not hesitate to contact a Circle leader to find out more about an individual Circle.

Eve Circle – Thursday, February 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Study

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

Ruth Circle – Sunday, February 11 at 11:45 a.m. at Beth Lee's home

1811 Lycoming Ave., Abington

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

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

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

Hannah Circle – Sunday, February 25 at 10:30 a.m. in Bread of Heaven Café

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

SAVE THE DATE



APRIL | 26-28 | 2024

WHEN: FRIDAY, APRIL 26 - SUNDAY, APRIL 28

WHERE: The Ave Maria Retreat House at the Shrine of our Lady of Czestochowa

ADDRESS: 654 Ferry Road, Doylestown PA 18901

WEBSITE: Czestochowa.us/visit-us/retreat-house/

SPEAKER: The Rev. Lara Bhasin

OPTIONS: For the entire weekend: Fri. night to Sun. morning
accommodations plus 4 meals (3 on Sat., 1 on Sun.)

Single Occupancy Room - \$208

Double Occupancy Room - \$138 per person

Triple Occupancy Room - \$118 per person

Saturday Day Only - \$60 includes 3 meals

HTLCW RETREAT APRIL 26 - 28, 2024

NAME: _____

DEPOSIT PAID: _____

BALANCE DUE: _____

FRIDAY NIGHT HOAGIE FEST: YES _____ NO _____



See Joy Alderfer for Scholarships that are available.



HYGIENE KITS FOR SARNELLI HOUSE



The Holy Trinity family has been very generous with donations of gently used clothing and new socks and underwear for Sarnelli House. Thanks & please keep it up – the need is constant!!

In addition, we have undertaken another important effort. Going forward we will be collecting items and assembling Hygiene Kits here at church to be taken to Sarnelli House.

The kits will contain the following items – all must be TRIAL/TRAVEL size. Shampoo, bar soap, hand sanitizer, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, skin lotion, shaving cream, a disposable razor and a comb.

Donations of any of these items (trial/travel size only) would be appreciated. If desired, items may be bought in bulk on Amazon and at other on-line sources but donations of any number are urgently needed. Monetary donations may also be made to go to the purchase of these items. Cash or checks may be placed in a pew envelope marked “Sarnelli”. Note - checks should be made payable to Holy Trinity and marked “Sarnelli” in the memo line.

Thank you for your consideration and consistent support of the Sarnelli House ministry. We pray God’s blessing on this new on-going program.



Beginning Thursday, February 15 9:30 AM
in the Sanctuary every weekday morning.

All throughout Lent ~ begin your day with God.

Beginning February 21 at 6:00 PM
every Wednesday night
Vespers service followed by dinner.

All throughout Lent ~ end your day with God.

Join your church family in prayer & worship!



Early Easter (March 31st) means early Easter Lily order deadline.

The same nursery that provided our beautiful poinsettias
will be supplying our Easter lilies.



ORDER FOR EASTER LILIES

Place Orders by 9:00 a.m.,
Monday, March 11, 2024
(Easter is March 31, 2024)

_____ Lilies (6 Bloom) @ \$12.00

TOTAL \$ _____

() In memory of _____

() In honor of _____

() Other _____

Your Name _____

Enclose your order and payment in a white pew envelope. Write "Lilies" on the envelope and place in the offering plate. Make checks payable to "Holy Trinity".



February Worship Assistants Schedule



February 4

Usher 2	Acolyte Otis Bricker	Cantor Deb Mumford
	Crucifer Linda Borkowski	
Stream Team Hannah Mumford	Lector Sat Karen McGovern	
Sun Nancy Ischinger		

February 11

Usher 3	Acolyte Rob Ischinger	Cantor Beth Lee
	Crucifer Steph Templeton	
Stream Team Frank Ganther	Lector- Sat Bruce & Maureen Freer	
Sun Deb Mumford		

February 14

ASH WEDNESDAY 7:30 PM

Usher 2	Acolyte Helen Haun	Communion Assistant Charlie Tolton
Stream Team Hannah Mumford	Lector- Jim Necker	

February 18

Usher 4	Acolyte Michael Mutashobya	Cantor John Minges
	Crucifer Sherri Gregg	
Stream Team Rob Ischinger	Lector - Sat Karen McGovern	
Sun Nancy Necker		

February 25

Usher 5	Acolyte Allan Shikhvarg	Cantor Dean Lawrence
Stream Team Charlie Tolton	Crucifer Sherry Breslin	
	Lector - Sat Bruce & Maureen Freer	
Sun Allan Shikhvarg		

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

Called to *Serve*

FEBRUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
"Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time." 1 Peter 5:6				1 10:00 Bread of Heaven 10:00 Meanderings 6:45 Handbell Choir	2 Happy Groundhog  BLOOD DRIVE 1:30 - 6:30	3 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
4 Epiphany 5 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 6:00 AA	5	6	7 7:30 Council	8 10:00 Bread of Heaven 10:00 Meanderings 6:45 Handbell Choir 7:30 Eve Circle	9 7:30 AA	10 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
11 Transfiguration 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 11:45 Ruth Circle Souper Bowl of Caring 6:00 AA	12 12:30 Miriam Circle 7:00 Coram Deo	13  6:30 FASTNACHT FAMILY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES	14 Valentine's Day 10 AM SERVICE 6:00 Soup Supper 7:30 PM SERVICE  ASH WEDNESDAY	15 9:30 Morning Prayer 10:00 Bread of Heaven 10:00 Meanderings 6:45 Handbell Choir	16 9:30 Morning Prayer 7:30 AA	17 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
18 Lent 1 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 6:00 AA	19 9:30 Morning Prayer OFFICE CLOSED Presidents Day 7:00 Women's Prayer Group	20 9:30 Morning Prayer 7:00 Stewardship	21 9:30 Morning Prayer  6:00 Lenten Vespers & Dinner	22 9:30 Morning Prayer 10:00 Bread of Heaven 10:00 Meanderings 6:45 Handbell Choir	23 9:30 Morning Prayer 7:30 AA	24 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
25 Lent 2 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 10:30 Hannah Circle 12 - 2 SOT Youth Group 6:00 AA	26 9:30 Morning Prayer	27 9:30 Morning Prayer	28 9:30 Morning Prayer  6:00 Lenten Vespers & Dinner	29 9:30 Morning Prayer 10:00 Bread of Heaven 10:00 Meanderings 6:45 Handbell Choir		

Special Dates:

- * Groundhog Day, February 2, 2024
- * Fastnacht Night, February 13, 2024
- * Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024
- * Valentine's Day, February 14, 2024
- * President's Day, February 19, 2024

