

HOLY TRINITY

Evangelical Lutheran Church

ECHOES NEWSLETTER

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Pastor

The Rev. Dr. Maurice Y. Lee

Staff

Mr. Thomas Hobson Williams,

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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 group of us going through a book of theology — *The Nicene Creed: An Introduction*, by Phillip Cary — recently read:

When the apostle [Paul] bids a congregation to “be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs” (Ephesians 5:18–19), this is another way of saying what he has to say in a parallel passage: “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs” (Colossians 3:16).

Cary uses this amazing and splendid pairing of scriptures to point out: “To be filled with the Spirit is to have the word of Christ dwelling richly in the congregation. Word and Spirit thus go together.”

Totally true and fundamentally important. (That’s one of the ways in which the Christian doctrine of the Trinity, the co-deity and co-supremacy of the Son and the Spirit with the Father, is indicated in the Bible, even though it doesn’t use the word “Trinity.”)

What Cary doesn’t elaborate on, however, is why he could make that equation in the first place — the common thread that shows how being filled with the Spirit and being indwelt by the word of Christ are the same thing. For the apostle Paul, it was “singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs.” In other words: the music of the church is the work of the triune God in our life together.

Not surprisingly, Luther was of a similar mind:

I would like to praise music with all my heart as the excellent gift of God which it is, and to commend it to everyone. The gift of language combined with the gift of song was only given to man to let him know that he should praise God with both word and music.

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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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That doesn't mean (God forbid!) that those who don't have musical training, or who don't sing well, or who think hymns are boring, aren't welcome in church. The exact opposite is the case. (Although you'd better be prepared to argue with me about how hymns could be boring.) Nor does it mean that only music of a certain kind, or from a certain era, should be allowed in church. Surely not. Nor does it mean that we must include some kind of music whenever we're gathered. That would be law, not gospel.

But what it does mean is that beautiful, transcendent, orthodox, participatory music — music that supports and illustrates and weaves throughout the proclamation of the Word and the practice of the sacraments — is of the essence of the church's worship.

That's why we have on our church staff a director of music, and why we have choirs and cantors and instruments and hymnbooks, and why we think that there's a distinction, a *musical* distinction, between praising God and entertaining ourselves.

I would go so far as to say that the music of the church is God's work in our life together because music is a way of pointing to God's own life together. At a recent conference, I had occasion to mention what Lutheran theologian Robert Jenson wrote about the Trinity:

The phrase "the one God" directs us finally to the [unity-in-community] of Father, Son, and Spirit, and that is to their communal music. ... God is a great fugue. There is nothing so capacious as a fugue.

Grateful that we may make melody to the Lord,
Pastor Maurice



Music is the art of the prophets
and the gift of God. - Martin Luther



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
1st 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

Remaining 2024 Schedule

November 4

December 2

"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, Adriana, Al, Alan, Alexa, Alice, Allan, Allyson, Amanda, Amy, Andrew, Anita, Ann, Ashley, Audrey, Barbara, Becky, Ben, Beryl, Billie, Blanche, Bob, Bruce, Bud, Caliq, Carly, Carmela, Carol, Charles, Charlie, Chris, Christine, Christopher, Colin, Connor, Craig, Dallas, Dan, Dave, David, Derek, Devin, Diane, Dianna, Dick, Duke, Ekaterina, Elizabeth, Emersyn, Emma, Eric, Erica, Ernie, Errol, Eugene, Flo, Gabe, Gavin, Gene, George, Grayson, Harrison, Ilze, Jamie, Jeff, Jen, Jennifer, Jill, Jim, Joanne, John, Joy, Julia, Julie, Justin, Kamelia, Kathleen, Kathy, Kelly, Kevan, Kim, Kyle, Landon, Laura, Levi, Linda, Lisa, Logan, Lorraine, Lois, Maggie, Margie, Marilyn, Marina, Margot, Mary, Mary Kate, Mary Lou, Matthew, Megan, Melody, Meredith, Michael, Mike, Mikhael, Miley, Milt, Nancy, Natalie, Nick, Pastor Jeff, Pastor Roger, Paige, Paulette, Pete, Peter, Philip, Randy, Ray, Rick, Rodney, Roger, Rose, Rosemary, Roy, Sam, Sandra, Sandy, Sarah, Sharon, Shary, Sherri, Sherry, Shirley, Sigrid, Solomon, Stacy, Steph, Steve, Tammy, Teena, Tiffany, Tina, Todd, Tom, Tony, Tonya, Travis, Trevor, Trudy, Valentina, Vicki, Viktor, Vince, Virginia, Violet, Willow.

Please pray for the following families: : Alderfer, Blessington, Bradley, Britton, Bruger, Burton, Cannan, Carr, Casey, Cassady, Criaris, Custer, Edinger, Diener, Dobbins, Edythe, Forsythe, Frandsen-Cannan, Gall, Gregg, Gulden, Hamilton, Huddleston, Lacy, Lint, Lockhart, Marsella, Marzario, McShea, Miller, Novak, Pharye, Powell, Quici, Robbins, Schenck, Singley, Spalding, Staedtler, Steinhofer, Tavella, Tolton, Ulan, Watkins, Weiss, Wildmore, Wright, Wyszomierski, York, Young.

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, 2024 (For the Year 2024)

Current Fund Deficit ~ (\$45,678.08)

Full Report available on request.

Martin Luther Quotes:

"Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world."

"Beautiful music is the art of the prophets that can calm the agitations of the soul; it is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us."

"My heart, which is so full to overflowing, has often been solaced and refreshed by music when sick and weary."

"As long as we live there is never enough singing."



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

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

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

Please remember your Church in your will.

CHURCH COUNCIL



Notes from Council:

We will be giving highlights from our last council meeting each month in Echoes. Once the minutes are approved from the previous month, they will be available in the Narthex.

Council met on Wednesday October 2nd. We opened our meeting as we do every month with devotions.

This month we took time to talk about one of the Council responsibilities as stated in our Constitution. There was a great discussion and we exchanged ideas about how to get members and visitor alike to feel welcome and to get to know each other.

Some of the highlights of the committee reports were:

Christian ED is looking for volunteers to teach the children's Sunday School. The volunteer can sign up for a Sunday. The sign-up sheet is in the Sunday School room upstairs or if interested they can talk to Linda Frezza or Charles Tolton

Evangelism is looking to update our informational pamphlet. They are also planning on holding a Prayer Service on November 16th.

Family Ministry will be meeting to discuss revamping youth group and moving more toward a family ministry style group.

Property asked for approval of funds to replace several broken floor tiles throughout the church and to stretch the carpet in the Nave. We also approve the expense to replace the bulbs in Fellowship Hall, the kitchen and Parlor.

We discussed new business:

The president of council requested that all committee budgets be handed in by the end of the month

We need to plan for a three - day convocation event here at Holy Trinity next October. Several committee liaisons were asked for a representative from their committee to help plan this three-day event. The planning will begin in May of next year.

The 100th anniversary steering committee establishment was discussed. This committee will begin to meet early next year to share ideas of events we would like to have to celebrate throughout our anniversary year. If any member of the congregation is interested in participating in this committee they should approach any member of council.

As always if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas, please talk to any of the council members. If you are unsure who we are, our pictures are in the Narthex.



Volunteers Needed for Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Project

It's Your Choice!

Help Prepare for Shoebox Packing Party:

Mon. & Tues., October 28 & 29, 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon in Fellowship Hall
Need assemblers for 200 boxes and help with unpacking supplies.

Help un-package & de-tag items:

Thursday, October 31, Fellowship Hall, 11:30 a.m. ~ 12:30 p.m.

More dates will be added the week of November 4, as needed.

Packing Party 9:00 AM November 9 in Fellowship Hall:

All hands on deck! Come view a Samaritan's Purse video in which recipients share the impact of receiving a shoebox full of gifts. Then have fun packing 240+ shoeboxes. We usually finish before 11:30 a.m.

These events are perfect Single Serve opportunities!

Holy Trinity Craft Fair and Bake Sale



**Saturday, Nov 23
9 AM -12 PM**



**In Fellowship Hall
Crafts and baked goods for sale.**

Proceeds to benefit Parish Relief.

When Do I Have *Enough?*

REV. DR. AMY LITTLE

It's easy to give thanks to God when everything is going well, when we feel secure, when our bodies are functioning perfectly and nothing hurts. In those times we can praise the Lord for his goodness and mercy.

It's the times when we are struggling that we need help giving thanks — when bills are left unpaid, when our health is a challenge, when our children are in need and we don't have the resources, energy, or patience to deal with everything. St. Paul's words to us in those difficult seasons of life are precious and encouraging.

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” (1 Thessalonians 5:15-18).

“Rejoice always!” We are called to be joyful in the good times and in the bad because we have Jesus! We have the promise of new life and God's providential care and comfort. With joyful hearts we can sense God's presence.

“Pray without ceasing!”
Never stop offering cares and

concerns and joys to the Lord. He wants to hear from us! Not because he doesn't already know the state of our heart, but because he wants us to know that he knows!

Paul says it is God's will in Jesus Christ that we give thanks no matter what's going on around us, in us and through us. This is the way of discipleship! When we give thanks in all circumstances, we come to realize that we have enough. God provides all we need for the day. Tomorrow is another day, and he will provide for that day as well.

FIRST HOT POINT: Are you a glass half empty or a glass half full kind of person? It might be a cliché, but there's great truth in it. Do you give thanks for all that you have, or do you spend time lamenting about what you don't have?

SECOND HOT POINT: Paul was consistent with his message to rejoice and pray. To the Philippians, he wrote, “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by

prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God” (Philippians 4:6-8). At the end of the chapter, he concludes: “And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus” (v. 19). If you really look at your life, do you have what you need, or are you lacking? If you're lacking, pray to the Lord to provide for your needs. If you have all you need for the day, give thanks and marvel at the wondrous gifts of God and how blessed you are.

THIRD HOT POINT: This is an attitude of abundance, rather than an attitude of scarcity. You may not have everything you want, but I'm willing to bet you have all you need from day to day. Perhaps there was a time when you were in need and God provided for you just in time — not too early and definitely not late! Trust the Lord to give you blessings, as he said: “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened” (Matthew 7:7-8).



Print this out and bring it to church to place in the Jehoiada chest for **Stewardship Weekend** Saturday, November 9th & Sunday, November 10th.



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.

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



A BIG thank you to our Holy Trinity family for your generous contributions in support of Cradle of Hope. Recently I delivered cozy blankets, beautiful handmade quilts, laundry supplies and sheet sets. I was received with enormous gratitude. Please know that your gifts will bring comfort to new mothers.

~ Nancy Matteo
LCW Christian Action Chair

Dear Pastor Maurice,
I wanted to reach out and say thank you so incredibly much for taking the time to bless my new house the other weekend. It is clear that you took great care in preparing, choosing verses appropriate for each room and area of my house accompanied by thoughtful prayer. I am so fortunate to have you as a Pastor and spiritual leader. My house felt home-y before, but now there is a profound comfort and reassurance that I feel knowing that my first house has been blessed and enriched with the presence of the Holy Spirit. Also, thank you for encouraging me to include my loved ones; it was so special to have my family and best friend with us that day. My cup runneth over!
I hope you have a wonderful, productive, and spiritually enriching week!
Sincerely,
Sophia Breslin



St. Luke Lutheran, Bloomsburg, PA October 17 - 19, 2024

Eighty-six disciples of the Atlantic Mission Region gathered in-person or logged on virtually over the course of three days at St. Luke Lutheran Church, Bloomsburg, PA on October 17-19, 2024 for the our first "Lutheran Week Light" which consisted of the annual Theological Conference, Women's Conference, and Regional Convocation.

Theological Conference: The Rev. Dr. Maurice Lee and the Rev. William Gies led a theological deep dive on Thursday on the double procession of the Holy Spirit in the Nicene Creed and why it is important (or not).

The Regional Convocation was held on Friday & Saturday. The theme for this year was "One in Christ's Mission."

Presentations were made by the NALC Director of Mission the **Rev. Carol Fryer** and Mission Support and Development Coordinator **Angela Breidenbach**, who led two plenary sessions all about mission (global, domestic, and local) and the importance of building those relationships.

The 2025 Ministry Spending Plan was approved. The assembly approved the \$64,100 Ministry Plan as presented.

The Rev. Rodney Lilley (Lebanon, PA) was unanimously elected by acclamation as the new Regional Dean. This is a three-year term, and he asks for your prayers.

Water Mission was the spotlight Ministry Partner this year. Greg and Janet Smith, volunteer advocates for this non-profit ministry, gave a presentation on Water Mission and the work they do to find clean water solutions for refugee camps and in areas in which a disaster has struck. They are currently busy in western NC and other places in the southeast.

Financial gifts were given to Water Mission (\$3,500) and Disaster Response (\$14,401.06). Disaster Response also received \$4,285 worth of gift cards from the AMR to aid their work in helping those whose lives were impacted by disaster. In addition, the NALC received \$1,000 from

the AMR as an honorarium for the work done at this Convocation by the Rev. Carol Fryer and Angela Breidenbach.

Stuff the Truck for NALC Disaster Response! The response was overwhelming, and the truck was filled to the top with health kits, school kits, kitchen kits, clean-up buckets, blankets, Bibles, rakes, shovels, and gift cards. THANK YOU! All donations were taken temporarily to the warehouse in Elmer, NJ. The warehouse will be emptied with all contents being sent to the southeast in the coming weeks.

Worship: We opened the Convocation with Eucharist with host pastor Rev John Mohan presiding and our assistant to the Bishop, the Rev. Dr. Bill White, preaching. The Rev. Brett Jenkins led Compline on Friday evening. We opened Saturday with Eucharist with the Rev John Mohan presiding and the Rev. Gregory Fryer preaching.

Mission District Meetings: The assembly broke into Mission Districts on Friday night and enjoyed fellowship with each other while they discussed the possibility of re-drawing mission district lines due to the geographic spread and increasing number of congregations per district.

Fellowship! There were plenty of opportunities for fellowship at this year's Convocation. There was scheduled free time for networking and visiting the Ministry Partner displays. We also enjoyed a dessert social on Friday evening where we celebrated St. Luke's 100th anniversary.

Informal Bible Study: The Rev. Carol Fryer 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 sixth Women's Conference on Friday morning in which they worked together to assemble 259 complete kitchen kits for NALC Disaster Response. They also had a time of prayer and praise, a Bible study, a virtual visit from Mary Bates (Disaster Response director), and great fellowship.

The 2025 Lutheran Week Light will be held on October 16-18 at Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Abington, PA. **The Theological Conference** will be held on Thursday, October 16. The **Women's Conference** will be held on Friday, October 17 in the morning, and the **Convocation** will be held on October 17 & 18. Mark your calendars!



All Saints

Sunday, November 3, 2024

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.

Names of Saints who have died

Maryjane Singley, December 24, 2023

Diane Sterner, April 3, 2024

Marge Witwer, January 10, 2024

Philip Bertsch, April 23, 2024

Audrey Ambrose, January 14, 2024

Bill Tolton, May 13, 2024

Dottie Gerlach, March 7, 2024

Carol Wright, June 5, 2024

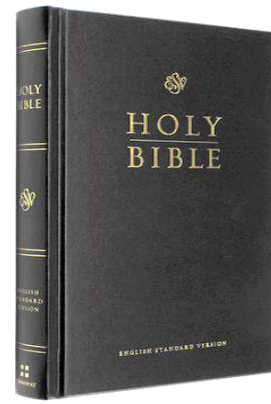
Dolores Shinn, March 29, 2024

Sharon Wright, September 13, 2024

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY



Congratulations to **Julia McAlonan**
who received her Bible, Oct. 27, 2024
compliments of our Christian Education
committee and our Sunday school teachers!



We are hosting a **Penn State Student Dinner**
Saturday, November 9 at 6:30 PM



If you would like to help contribute salad,
bread or cookies/brownies please sign-up
on the sheet in the Narthex.

FIRST THINGS

Religion and Public Life
Attentions **ROFTers**:

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Friday, November 22 at 7:00 p.m.**
meeting in the Study (doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

Save the Date!

Holy Trinity is hosting a Blood Drive
Black Friday, November 29, 2024
1:30 PM to 6:30 PM





IN NOVEMBER:
Monday, Nov. 11 & 25
7:00 PM
in Bread of Heaven Café



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

Utilizing *Dark Clouds, Deep Mercy* by Pastor Mark Vroegop to practice the prayer of lament beginning with prayer then moving to a time of private reflection with a worksheet, then a time of sharing & caring concluding with prayer.



Join us for a Star Party

Come and enjoy an evening of star gazing with friends:
7 – 10 PM

Hosted by John and Anita Ickler
The Twining Valley Park, 1400 Twining Rd, Dresher, PA

This event will be held on one of the following dates depending on the weather:

Friday, November 1st, Saturday, November 2nd
Friday, November 8th, Saturday, November 9th

Hot beverages will be provided. Please dress for cool weather, it will be colder than you think. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex. More information will be provided when your contact information is received.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9
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!

It's Time to Pack and Send Our Shoeboxes And Support Shipping Costs

Here Are 3 Ways You Can Participate in Operation Christmas Child at Holy Trinity this November:

**Come to our Shoebox Packing Party on Saturday, November 9,
9:00 AM, in Fellowship Hall.** View a video of shoebox recipients
sharing their stories. Experience the fun and joy of putting
together boxes of gifts for children in need.

**Bring your personally packed shoeboxes to our ingathering at
Saturday & Sunday worship services the weekend of November
9/10.** A special time in these services will be devoted to praying
for the delivery of these boxes and the children who will receive
them.



**Make a contribution to defray the shipping costs incurred by
Samaritan's Purse.** Shipping shoeboxes is costly. Please help
Holy Trinity cover the \$10/box for the 240+ boxes that will be
packed at our party. Please place your contribution in an envelope
marked "OCC." Please make checks out to Holy Trinity and write
"OCC" in the memo section.

Tips to Remember

Do NOT seal your box. Rubber band it.

Place a check, made payable to Samaritan's Purse, inside to defray shipping costs.

Only one check is needed if you pack multiple boxes.

Use a label with a barcode to follow your box to its destination.

**Include your photo and/or name, address, and/or email. It is exciting
to hear from recipients!**

**Thank you for everything you do to make Holy Trinity's shoebox contributions possible.
You are conveying the love of Jesus and bringing the Gospel to children and their families.**

Questions: Rosemary Hinkle or Nancy Ischinger

Join us for

VESPERS

Commemorating Martin Luther's 541st birthday



**Sunday, November 10, 2024
4:00 p.m.**

catered dinner to follow

Martin Luther Chapel
4100 Terrace Avenue,
Pennsauken, NJ 08109

With special guest,
Rev. Jeffrey Miskus,
Bishop & President of the
English District, LCMS



Please RSVP before
Monday, Nov. 4 by email
mlcemail2019@gmail.com
or by phone (856) 665-0116

There is a signup sheet in the Narthex

Bibles for Longing Hearts in Asia



Have you ever kissed your Bible? Have you ever held your Bible close and shed tears of joy just to have your very own copy of the scriptures? These are reactions that many people, both young and old, have when they receive their individual Bible for the first time. Jesus is precious to them and so is His Holy Word.

It is easy to take our own Bibles for granted. Most of us own several. And if we misplace one or want a different translation, we simply purchase a Bible or download a copy on our e-reader. At Holy Trinity, we have shelves of Bibles to use and share. Would you give \$3 to provide a Bible for a brother or sister in Christ, who longs to read the Word of God? How many brothers and sisters are you willing and able to equip?

Asia Harvest is a small but mighty ministry that works to place the scriptures in the hands of Asian Christians, many of whom must worship in secret, fearing for their lives. They typically only hear God's Word from their pastor or worship leader. There are literally

hundreds of people groups throughout numerous



Asian countries, and many have been waiting for decades to have their own copy of the Bible. Asia Harvest prints Bibles in 153 languages and counting. These Bibles are distributed in China, India, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Vietnam, and other nations, but most amazingly in North Korea where Christians are devouring the Word when they receive it.



Each Bible costs an average of \$3 to print AND deliver. Most of us do not miss the \$10 or \$20 that we spend on ourselves for weekly treats. **This November, would you prayerfully consider a generous gift toward providing Bibles**

to bless longing souls, our fellow believers who do not have access?

Please place your gift in an envelope marked "Bibles for Asia." Make checks out to Holy Trinity.



While out shopping prayerfully consider picking up one or more of these needed items:



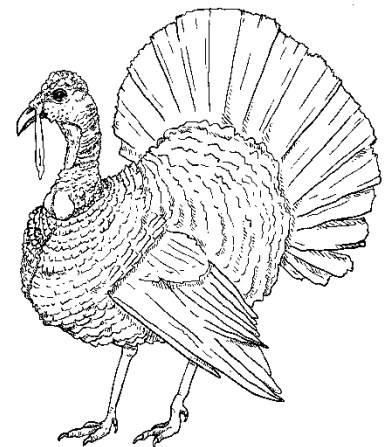
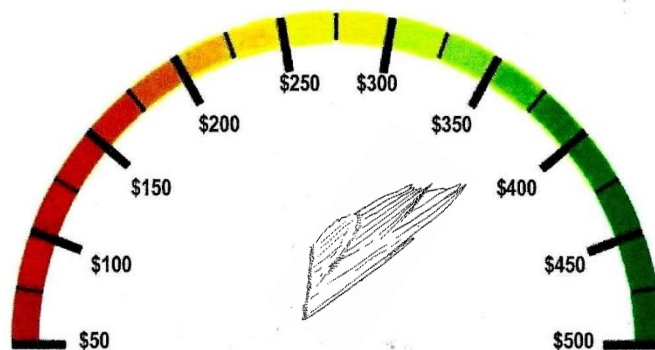
Dish soap	26 oz. or larger
Laundry soap	40 oz. or larger
Box Mac & Ch	7.5 oz. or larger
Canned chicken	12.5 oz. or larger
Canned Fruit	15 oz. or larger
Soup	10.5 oz. or larger

We welcomed 102 more guests than last year through September, with 35 new guests year to date.

We give thanks to God for your generosity and consistent support without which we could not continue to serve our neighbors in need!

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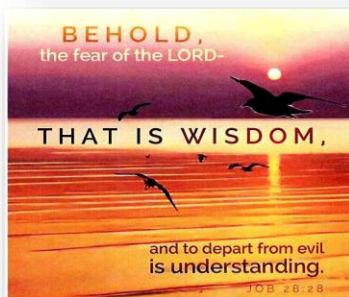
### *BREAD OF HEAVEN* TURKEY CHALLENGE!



Can we reach \$1,000 or more?  
Anonymous donors have challenged  
to give us \$500 if we can raise \$500.  
We are SO CLOSE!

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

If you are not yet attending a circle, please contact Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Women President **Katie Beyer** @ 215.572.6864 or [kbeyer0403@gmail.com](mailto:kbeyer0403@gmail.com) OR contact church secretary Deb Mumford @ 215.659.2642 to explore what might work best for you.

The circles are studying *Job: Where is God in my Suffering?* by Marc Davis (a friend of Nancy Ischinger and local pastor). In September we saw through the innocent suffering of Job (and Jesus) that our "relationship with God isn't a predictable 'business' relationship, but a more complicated ~ and better ~ friendship founded on grace." In October we studied how Job cried out to God in his pain and "his experience and our experience and the experience of Jesus all converge in a companionship of suffering." while we were given opportunities to write a lament of our own.

In November as we gather, we will be studying how Job, with his friends around him, longed to have a day in court where he could present his case (of innocence) and be vindicated. He wants a dispute, a dialogue with God! But what he knows of God makes that (rightly) seem impossible, so he realizes what he needs is a mediator, someone who is a man like him, but also able to connect to God as God. It's a daring request and yet the exactly right yearning for Jesus to come! We'll delve more deeply in our circle studies as we spend time in Job chapter 9.

**Ruth Circle** – Sunday, November 10 at 11:45 a.m. in SS Peter & Andrew Study.

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

**Miriam Circle** – Monday, November 11 at 12:30 p.m. in the SS Peter & Andrew Study.

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

**Eve Circle** – Thursday, November 14 at 6:30 p.m. in SS Peter & Andrew Study.

Leader: Noreen Weld (215) 659-8089 [lajennyda@aol.com](mailto:lajennyda@aol.com)

**Hannah Circle** – Monday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Room.

Contact: Deb Mumford (267) 210-1789 [Debssam@msn.com](mailto:Debssam@msn.com)



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## 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](mailto:secretary@holyltrinity.net) or by phone (215) 659-2642



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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.**

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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

# Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

Wednesday, November 27, 2024 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  
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 11, 2024 - *The Painted Veil* by Somerset Maugham

December 9, 2024 - *Ice* by Ulla-Lena Lundberg

January 13, 2025 - *North Woods* by Daniel Mason

February 10, 2025 - *The Inimitable Jeeves* by P.G. Wodehouse

March 10, 2025 - *When William Came* by Saki

April 14, 2025 - Selection TBD

May 12, 2025 - *J.B.* by Archibald MacLeish

June 9, 2025 - Movie Night ~ TBD



# THE CHORISTERS

David Spitko, Artistic Director  
Kelly Wyszomierski, Associate Director



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# November Worship Assistants Schedule



## November 3

|                             |                               |                                   |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Usher 1</b>              | <b>Lector- Sat The Freers</b> | <b>Cantor Tom Schied</b>          |
| <b>Acolyte Nancy Necker</b> | <b>Sun Larry Guenzel</b>      | <b>Stream Hannah Mumford Team</b> |
| <b>Crucifer Jim Necker</b>  | <b>Christophers Team # 3</b>  |                                   |

## November 10

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| <b>Usher 2</b>                | <b>Lector - Sat The Freers</b> | <b>Cantor Julia Gregg</b>         |
| <b>Acolyte Frank Ganther</b>  | <b>Sun Helen Haun</b>          | <b>Stream Charlie Tolton Team</b> |
| <b>Crucifer Matthew Gregg</b> | <b>Christophers Team # 4</b>   |                                   |

## November 17

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| <b>Usher 3</b>                  | <b>Lector-Sat Karen McGovern</b> | <b>Cantor Steve Wyszomierski</b> |
| <b>Acolyte Benet Donnelly</b>   | <b>Sun Julia Gregg</b>           | <b>Stream Frank Ganther Team</b> |
| <b>Crucifer Janice Donnelly</b> | <b>Christophers Team # 1</b>     |                                  |

## November 24

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| <b>Usher 4</b>                  | <b>Lector - Sat The Freers</b> | <b>Cantor Dean Lawrence</b>         |
| <b>Acolyte Sherri Gregg</b>     | <b>Sun Kathy Ingerson</b>      | <b>Stream Gloria Ischinger Team</b> |
| <b>Crucifer Steph Templeton</b> | <b>Christophers Team # 2</b>   |                                     |

## November 27

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| <b>Thanksgiving Eve Usher 1</b> | <b>Lector Nancy Ischinger</b> | <b>Stream Rob Ischinger Team</b> |
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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](mailto:secretary@holyltrinity.net)

Called to *Serve*



# 2024

| Sunday                                                                                                                                   | Monday                                                                                           | Tuesday                                                                                                    | Wednesday                                             | Thursday                                                                                                                                     | Friday                                                                                                                                                       | Saturday                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God<br>in Christ Jesus for you."<br>1 Thessalonians 5: 18                     |                                                                                                  |                                                                                                            |                                                       |                                                                                                                                              | <b>1</b><br><br>7:30 AA                                                                                                                                      | <b>2</b><br><br>5:00 Holy Communion<br>7:00 AA                                        |
| <b>3 ALL SAINTS</b><br>9:00 Holy Communion<br>10:30 Sunday School<br>Pre-K thru Adult<br><br>6:00 AA                                     | <b>4</b><br><br>7:00 WPG                                                                         | <b>5 ELECTION DAY</b><br> | <b>6</b><br><br>7:30 Council                          | <b>7</b> 10:00 Bread of Heaven<br>10:00 Theology with Pastor Maurice<br><br>6:45 Handbell Choir<br>8:00 Chancel Choir                        | <b>8</b><br><br>7:30 AA                                                                                                                                      | <b>9 9 AM</b><br><br>5:00 Holy Communion<br>6:30 Penn State Student Dinner<br>7:00 AA |
| <b>10 PENTECOST 24</b><br>9:00 Holy Communion<br>10:30 Sunday School<br>Pre-K thru Adult<br><br><b>11:45 Ruth Circle</b><br><br>6:00 AA  | <b>11</b><br>12:30 Miriam Circle<br><b>Veterans Day</b><br><br>7:00 Every Tear<br>7:30 Coram Deo | <b>12</b>                                                                                                  | <b>13</b>                                             | <b>14</b><br>10:00 Bread of Heaven<br>10:00 Theology with Pastor Maurice<br><br>6:30 Eve Circle<br>6:45 Handbell Choir<br>8:00 Chancel Choir | <b>15</b><br><br>7:30 AA                                                                                                                                     | <b>16 9 AM - 12 PM</b><br><br>5:00 Holy Communion<br>7:00 AA                          |
| <b>17 PENTECOST 25</b><br>9:00 Holy Communion<br>10:30 Sunday School<br>Pre-K thru Adult<br><br><b>STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY</b><br><br>6:00 AA | <b>18</b><br><br>7:00 Hannah Circle                                                              | <b>19</b><br><br>7:00 Evangelism                                                                           | <b>20</b>                                             | <b>21</b><br>10:00 Bread of Heaven<br>10:00 Theology with Pastor Maurice<br><br>6:45 Handbell Choir<br>8:00 Chancel Choir                    | <b>22</b><br><br>FIRST THINGS<br>6:30 ROFTERS                                                                                                                | <b>23</b><br><br>5:00 Holy Communion<br>7:00 AA                                                                                                                          |
| <b>24 Christ the King</b><br>9:00 Holy Communion<br>10:30 Sunday School<br>Pre-K thru Adult<br><br>6:00 AA                               | <b>25</b><br><br>7:00 Every Tear                                                                 | <b>26</b><br><br>7:00 Stewardship                                                                          | <b>27</b><br><br><b>7:30 Thanksgiving Eve Service</b> | <b>28 Happy Thanksgiving</b><br>Office Closed<br>        | <b>29</b><br><b>1 - 6 p.m.</b><br><br><b>BLOOD DRIVE</b><br><br>7:30 AA | <b>30</b><br><br>5:00 Holy Communion<br>7:00 AA                                                                                                                          |

### Special Dates:

- ♦ All Saints' Day, *November 3, 2024*
- ♦ Daylight Saving Time ends, *November 3, 2024*
- ♦ Every Tear, *November 11 & 25*
- ♦ Election Day, *November 5, 2024*
- ♦ Veterans Day, *November 11, 2024*
- ♦ Christ the King, *November 24, 2024*
- ♦ Thanksgiving, *November 28, 2024*

