



HOLY TRINITY

Evangelical Lutheran Church

ECHOES NEWSLETTER

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Pastor

The Rev. Dr. Maurice Y. Lee

Staff

Mr. Thomas Hobson Williams,

M. Mus., Director of Music

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 post by Dan Hitchens, an editor for the religion-and-culture journal *First Things*, pointed out a string of prominent recent conversions to Christianity:

“Fifteen years ago, Ayaan Hirsi Ali was a Bertrand Russell-reading atheist, Paul Kingsnorth was an anti-capitalist campaigner with only the mildest stirrings of curiosity about the supernatural, J. D. Vance was an expert in ‘all the ways in which C. S. Lewis was a moron,’ and Matthew Crawford was the guy who had written a smart book about working with your hands. What’s noticeable isn’t just that these figures have converted, but how publicly they have done it.” (“Cultural influence, political decline,” at firstthings.com)

Other converts — particularly pop stars and sports heroes — get even more attention and excited celebration, along with speaking tours, top billing at big church events, and movies and books telling their stories.

Certainly, when people come to faith, we have no business sitting on our hands if, as Jesus said, “there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents” (Luke 15:10). We *want* people to become Christians, and we should be unreservedly glad when they do. And if famous converts use their fame to encourage others to consider Christianity, so much the better.

However, as Hitchens also observed, it’s one thing to *become* Christian, through the grace of God. It’s another thing to *stay* Christian, through the same grace of God: to walk by faith, and to live in hope, and to bear the fruit of love, for the long haul.

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Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Mission Statement

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



Altar Flowers

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

From the Pastor

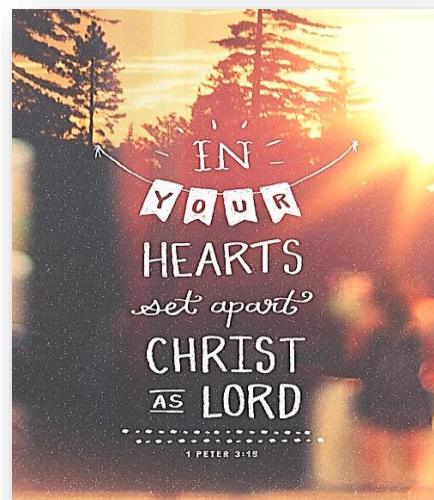
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Christians are not only called upon to explain their belief intellectually (1 Peter 3:15b: "be prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks"). They are also called upon to exemplify their obedience in day-to-day discipleship (1 Peter 3:15a: "in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy"). This is a matter of patience, perseverance, prayer, and constant repentance and realization of God's forgiveness. It happens out of the limelight, in the trenches, and with little immediate reward.

I'm reminded of the criterion Paul laid down for a church leader: "He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil" (1 Timothy 3:6). Christian faith — trusting God in Jesus for everything, which is our salvation — isn't an item to be checked off a to-do list or a one-time "experience" splashed over the celebrity pages. It can't be dropped or sidelined the moment one is no longer basking in the adulation of crowds. Christian faith is a way of life, practiced over a lifetime and within the community of the church.

All converts, famous or not, deserve our prayers — for the continuing, invisible, formational, countercultural work of the Holy Spirit in them, planting them into Christ and making them his servants, through all their days. It's by that work that God is glorified, instead of us creatures. It's by that work that the kingdom of heaven breaks into our world. It's by that work that Jesus is Lord.

Creeping back to my baptism,
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
resumes meeting
this month.

Monday, Sept. 16th
7:00 PM

In the upper room of
her carriage house.

Contact Rosemary @
arhinkle@comcast.net

"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: *(we cannot add last names)* Adam, Adriana, Al, Alan, Alexa, Alice, Allan, Allyson, Amanda, Amy, Andrew, Ann, Ashley, Audrey, 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, Diane, Dick, Duke, Ekaterina, Elizabeth, Emersyn, Emma, Eric, Erica, Ernie, Errol, Flo, Gabe, Gavin, Gene, George, Grayson, Harrison, Ilze, Jamie, Jeff, Jen, Jennifer, Jill, Joanne, John, 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, Miley, Nancy, Natalie, Nick, Pastor Jeff, Pastor Roger, Paulette, Pete, Peter, Philip, Randy, Ray, Rick, Rodney, Roger, Rose, Rosemary, Roy, Sam, Sandra, Sandy, Sarah, Sharon, Shary, Sherri, Sherry, Shirley, Solomon, Stacy, Steph, Steve, Teena, Tiffany, Todd, Tom, Tony, Tonya, Travis, Trevor, Trudy, Valentina, Vicki, Viktor, Vince, Virginia, Violet, Willow.

Please pray for the following families: All of the families of Holy Trinity, especially we pray for the: Ambrose, Bradley, Britton, Burton, Carr, Casey, Cassady, Criaris, Custer, Edinger, Diener, Dobbins, Edythe, Forsythe, Gall, Gregg, Gulden, Hamilton, Huddleston, Lacy, Lint, Lockhart, Marsella, Marzario, McShea, Miller, Novak, Pharye, Quici, Robbins, Schenck, Singley, Spalding, Staedtler, Steinhof, Taveila, Tolton, Ulan, Weiss, Wildemore, Wright, Wyszomierski, York, 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 & that He would please send workers into the Harvest.

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

For all who are fighting addiction to drugs and alcohol.

For the sick and the grieving.

For all congregations of the NALC.

For all travelers and for the dying.

For the military and their families.

For all Native Americans living on U.S. reservations.

For refugees and immigrants.

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

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

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

For victims of rains, wildfires, earthquakes, hurricanes; for favorable weather and an abundance of crops.

For all in financial difficulty that they may be totally restored.

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

For the people of Ukraine.

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

For a peaceful political atmosphere.



Our Christian Sympathy to

Elaine, Susan, John and the entire Craft family
on the death of

Herbert Charles Craft

August 19, 2024

Beloved husband, father and grandfather.

Matthew 5:4

"Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted."

Memorials received



In Memory of...

Nathaniel Tavella

RECENTLY/SOON TO BE BAPTIZED HERE AT HOLY TRINITY:

Sunday, August 4, 2024

Scarlett & Santanna Smith and Solomon Marschall

Sunday, September 1, 2024

Jalen David Vanderhorst

Sunday, September 8, 2024

Harrison Francis Walsh

Saturday, September 14, 2024

Gene Powell





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

Treasurer's Report

July 31, 2024 (For the Year 2024)

Current Deficit as of July 31, 2024 (\$33,020.58)

Full report available on request

Support the Church

Please consider a gift of appreciated securities to Holy Trinity as you do your tax planning for this year. Questions on how to do this contact alanhinkle@comcast.net.

Luther Quotes:

"I have so much to do that I shall spend the first three hours in prayer."

"We are saved by faith alone, but the faith that saves is never alone."

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

"I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all, but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess."



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

Please remember your Church in your will.

NOTES OF THANKS



Dear Members of Holy Trinity,

Thank you to those who supported the July 12 Red Cross Blood Drive! 20 units were collected, including 2 Power Red donations which will go on to help 60 hospital patients. We thank our regular donors & walk-ins as well as two first-time donors.

If you missed this summer opportunity to give we will be holding our annual Black Friday Blood Drive, November 29. Mark your calendars. May God bless all who give and receive this precious gift!

The Blood Drive Team

Dear Holy Trinity Family,
I wish to express my gratitude to Pastor Maurice, Beth, the entire congregation, and those who attended the presentation of my book, Adriel Peregrine. It was a great evening! I shall never forget the generosity of Holy Trinity Church. Again, thank you!
In Christ,
Pastor Michael Tavella



SEVERAL THANK YOU NOTES FOR OUR VBS CHILDREN AND VOLUNTEERS:

Dear VBS Gaffers and Troupers,

What a delightful surprise it was to receive your cheery, hand-decorated notecard in the mail. Thank you so much for thinking of me, thank you for your prayers, and thank you for the reminder that I can always rely on Jesus our Savior, both in good times and bad. Thank you!!
Always with love, Pastor Mandy.

Dear Holy Trinity family,

I want to thank all the children that attended Vacation Bible School for sending me such a lovely card. I loved reading all your names and it was very thoughtful of you to think of me!
Sincerely, Barbara Riehm

Dear Holy Trinity,

I truly appreciated the lovely card that I received recently in the mail. It was a wonderful surprise and greatly appreciated. So nice of all of the children to take the time to sign the card! Please send my thanks and regards along to all of them and the volunteers!
In Christ, Arthur Zbinden.



Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, and children of all ages gathered for Vacation Bible School during the week of August 5 -- August 9. Under the Big Top Tent, with circus banners waving, the Troupers (Primary) and Gaffers (Pre-K/Kindergarten) heard five key Bible stories in the life of Jesus.

A huge Thank You goes out to our team of volunteers who shared worship, stories, games, crafts, music and snacks with the children in various rotations. Thank you to our Decorations Crew, who set up the tent, banners and ticket booth in the sanctuary and decorated throughout the carnival including the Bread of Heaven display. Throughout the week, the participants brought 70 non-perishable items to stock the food pantry.

Thank you for praying for the program both before and during our gathering week. On Sunday morning we had 21 children registered. By Monday morning, we welcomed 34 participants. Thank you to parents and grandparents who made sure our teen helpers arrived cheerfully each day. Our volunteers brought a circus of kindness, creativity and talent to the rotations. We are thankful for how God uses our program to teach children how Jesus blesses us with eternal gifts and many reasons to celebrate. Thank you for your part in helping us to share the joy of Jesus as we celebrate the Savior!

Vacation Bible School Volunteers

Gaffers (Pre-K/Kdg.)

Linda Frezza
Gloria Ischinger

Troupers (Primary)

Rae Beasley
Jorja Davis
Michael Mutashobya

Under the Big Top Tent (Opening and Closing)

Pastor Maurice Lee

Bible Stories in Ring One

Charlie Tolton
Susan Schied (Friday)

Music in Ring Two

Ravinia Lee

Art in Ring Three

Beth Lee
Julia Gregg
Becca Nilsen

Games at Clown Alley

Janice Donnelly
Joshua Davis
Jude Donnelly
Aine McAleese

Decorations/Set-Up Team

Benet & Janice Donnelly
Hannah Mumford
Marilynn Murphy
Becca Nilsen
Ryan Schied
Tom & Susan Schied

Snacks at the Concession

Linda Borkowski
Katie Beyer (Monday)
Sophia Morales
Jonathan Mutashobya
John Radomski
Alex Ruggieri

Acrobatics & Administration

Nancy Berkovitz
Bruce & Maureen Freer
Nancy Ischinger
Deb Mumford
Sue Tolton

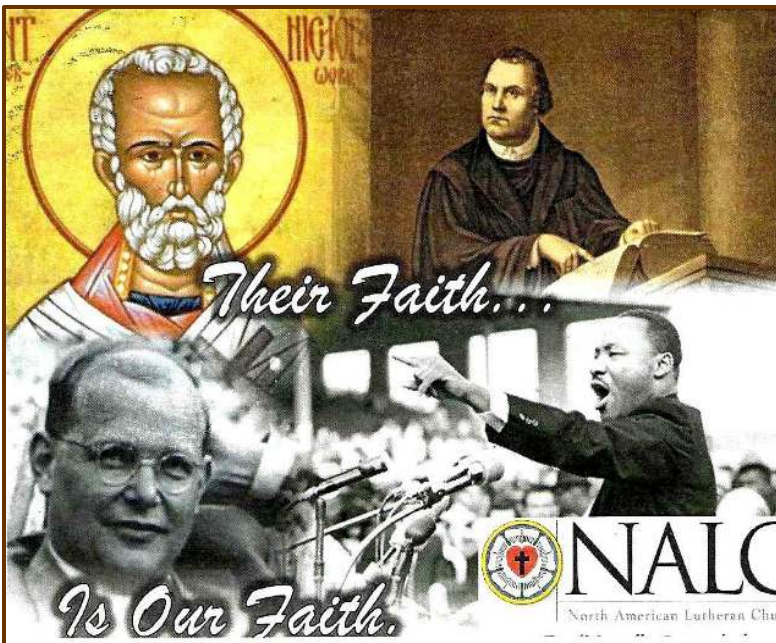
Photography & Video

Ernie & Sharon Koch

It's no small thing that you have so wonderfully re-supplied the Bread of Heaven Food Pantry with reusable bags through our Box ~O~Bag~A~Meter challenge...and for that and your generous spirit we say...



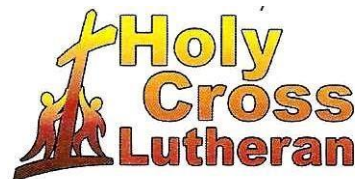
You know who you are and we give endless thanks for your participation in our BLACKOUT BINGO game! Your generosity has been a huge help in re-stocking our shelves so we can continue to provide food for our neighbors in need.



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

May our Lord Jesus Christ bless you and your ministry!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Brett Jenkins



Christ's Home

Caring. Compassion. Community.

www.christshome.org

June 26, 2024

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
2086 Parkview Ave
Abington, PA 19001-1136

Dear Friends,

On behalf of everyone at Christ's Home, I extend our heartfelt thanks for your ongoing support and your generous donation this year of pillows and pillow cases for cottages for the children in our care. Your commitment helps ensure that the children at Christ's Home receive the nurturing and compassionate care they deserve, in an environment filled with dignity and respect. May you be blessed abundantly for your generosity!

If you would like more information about Christ's Home or to explore further ways to get involved, please don't hesitate to contact me at 215-956-2393 or via email at bgreene@christshome.org.

Hope you're enjoying the summertime!

Thanks again,



Brenda Greene
Director of Development

A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed. Proverbs 11:25

Corporate Office

800 York Road
Warminster, PA 18974-2006
215-956-2260

Senior Services

1 Shepherd's Way, Suite 100
Warminster, PA 18974-3710
215-956-2270

Children's Services

800 York Road
Warminster, PA 18974-2006
215-956-1882

3182 Lincoln Highway East
Paradise, PA 17562-9602
717-687-6072



Abington Township Police Department Community Policing Division

1166 Old York Road • Abington, PA 19001 • 267-536-1100

August 14, 2024

**Holy Trinity Evan. Lutheran Church
2086 Parkview Avenue
Abington, PA 19001**

Re: Abington 24th Annual Pre-Night-Out Event

We want to thank you for your support and participation in our Pre-Night Out 2024 Event. Your support was a critical factor in making this a very successful event.

Because of your valued support, we are able to fund and present our DARE (Drug Awareness Resistance Enforcement) Program to the elementary school students in our township for this upcoming school year.

Again, we thank you and we look forward to your support and participation of our 25th Annual Pre-Night Out Event, August 4, 2025.

**Very truly yours,
Abington Township Police Department
Community Policing Division
CSC Kate Metzinger
kmetzinger@abingtonpa.gov**

**CSO Ken Hoffman
khoffman@abingtonpa.gov**



August 17, 2024

Dear Brethren throughout the Atlantic Mission Region,

Grace to you and peace from God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

I write this with thanksgiving to God and thankfulness to each of you, the pastors, leaders and congregations of the Atlantic Mission Region.

On Tuesday, Aug. 13, Mary Bates called me (Pastor Mark Werner, Emanuel, Elmer, NJ) to see if supplies could be delivered to northern Pennsylvania where remnants of Hurricane Debbie left devastating flooding in various small towns and communities. I asked one of the parishioners to send out an email request to the congregation for volunteers to load up a U-Haul and make the trip. Ten people were at the Disaster Response Warehouse the very next morning to load up the truck with 104 Flood Buckets, 245 Health Kits, 60 School Supplies, 105 blankets and prayer shawls, 3 tarps and 50 Bibles, along with a few rakes, shovels, and brooms in the truck.

Mission Region Vice-President Wayne Knerr, also a member of Emanuel, and I took them to Christian Valley Church in Westfield, PA, just short of the New York state border. When we got there Wednesday afternoon, they had just reopened their gas station and grocery store. Both of those businesses were shut down since the remnants of Hurricane Debbie hit on Friday afternoon. The people were very appreciative of what we delivered. This could not have happened without YOU! Last fall at our convocation we stuffed the trailer with most of these supplies. Emanuel also assembled kits and received donations since the convocation.

This also means that our Disaster Response Warehouse is nearly empty. Likewise, the Disaster Response Warehouse at St. Matthew, Middle River, Maryland is low on supplies. Therefore, as you prepare to attend our upcoming Atlantic Mission Region Theological Conference and Convocation on October 17-19, please bring with you any health kits, school kits, kitchen kits, Bibles, flood buckets (now being called clean up buckets), quilts, and yard tools. We will be sharing the donations between the two warehouses in our region.

Should members or groups within your congregation be assembling kits between now and the convocation, encourage any Thrivent members to apply for a Thrivent Action Team. This is a simple means of getting \$250.00 for the purchase of supplies to make the kits. Contact your Thrivent representative for more information.

So, thank you again for your generous support of NALC Disaster Response. "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.

God bless,

The Rev. Mark A. Werner,
Pastor, Emanuel Lutheran Church, Elmer, NJ



Disaster Response

KIT PACKING LIST

*** REVISED JULY 2024**

IMPORTANT — PLEASE READ FIRST

HOW TO PACK YOUR DISASTER KITS:

- Please send **COMPLETE** kits as outlined here. Incomplete kits must be completed before they can be distributed.
- Pack them, in **STURDY, WELL-TAPED** boxes (not too large).
- Label contents and quantity in **LARGE BLOCK LETTERS** and place labels on at least one end and one side of the box so the contents will be visible regardless of how box is stacked.
- Include the name and address of your group or congregation on each box with a label that says:
"A GIFT FROM [name & address of your church or group]"

Financial donations designated for
NALC Disaster Response*
should be made payable and mailed to:
North American Lutheran Church
PO BOX 860565
Minneapolis, MN 55486-0565

***Indicate "NALC Disaster Response" on the memo line of your check.**

NALC Disaster Warehouse,
16500 Noble Ave., Caldwell, Ohio 43724

For more information, please email Mary Bates,
disasterresponse@thenalc.org or visit
thenalc.org/nalc-disaster-response/

Bibles

(We encourage you to write messages of hope in the front pages of donated Bibles)

- o new or used (highlighted & underlined text is acceptable)
- o child, teen or adult
- o Bible stories for children
- o Spanish, or any language
- o large print
- o prayer books

Cleaning Buckets

- o 1 five-gallon bucket with lid
- o 1 jug bleach (1/2 gal. or smaller)
- o 2 large trash bags (Contractor 3 mil)
- o 1 roll paper towels
- o 2 rags
- o Comet or scouring cleanser
- o Pine Sol or liquid cleaner
- o scrub brush
- o gloves, 1 pair each, size L preferred
 - rubber (reusable, i.e. Platex, dishwashing type)
 - leather
 - cotton

Health Care Kit

(Pack in 2-gallon plastic storage bag or tote bag)

- o 1 bath towel
- o 1 wash cloth (optional)
- o 1 shampoo (2 if travel size)
- o 1 bar of soap (2 if travel size)
- o 1 toothbrush (individually sealed)
- o 1 pack of floss (optional)
- o 1 toothpaste (2 if travel size)
- o 1 comb
- o 1 deodorant
- o 1 nail clippers (optional)

School Kit – Elementary

- o 1 backpack or duffle bag
- o 4 notebooks
- o 4 pocket folders
- o 1 blunt scissors
- o 1 ruler
- o 1 pencil sharpener
- o 4 pencils
- o 2 pens
- o 1 eraser
- o 1 box of crayons, colored pencils, or markers

School Kit – High School

- o 1 backpack or duffle bag
- o 4 notebooks
- o 4 pocket folders
- o 4 pencils, 1 pencil sharpener & 1 eraser
-or- 4 mechanical pencils
- o 4 pens

Miscellaneous Items

(Pack like items together)

- o Masks (bundle/pack each type separately)
 - painting
 - sanding
 - N95
- o disposable diapers, baby or adult in assorted sizes
- o feminine hygiene items
- o any school supply item can be donated in bulk.
- o mops, brooms & dustpans
- o leaf and garden rakes, flat bottom shovels, spades

Kitchen Kits

(Pack kits in a 2-gallon plastic storage bag or drawstring backpack)

- o can opener
- o cookbook
- o dish cloths
- o dish towel
- o hot pad
- o spatula (turner)
- o measuring cups
- o measuring spoons
- o another helpful kitchen item of your choice (i.e., mini cutting board, peeler, tongs, etc.)
- o storage container (2-cup w/lid)
- o garbage bags (a few, mixed sizes)

Quilts and Blankets

- o any size including baby
- o any fabric including religious, patriotic/military theme, seasonal

Gift Cards*

****Please write the date purchased on each card***

- o Home Depot
- o Lowes
- o Walmart

NALC Disaster Response

Needs YOUR Help!



"Serve one another humbly in love"
GALATIANS 5:13b



Women's Prayer Group Resumes

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

SEPTEMBER: We will meet at Rosemary Hinkle's upper room in her carriage house on **Monday, September 16, beginning at 7:00 PM.**

The prayer group welcomes women at any time they wish to participate. Know that all discussions and prayers are held in strict group confidence. If you have not participated previously or if you have in the past, please prayerfully consider joining your sisters in Christ this fall.

Help Support our NALC Seminary



With the large number of current pastors approaching retirement age, there is a severe need for new pastors. The North American Lutheran Seminary in Ambridge PA (north of Pittsburgh) prepares Lutheran Pastors and church workers to provide needed leadership in our NALC congregations. The Seminary, with a generous donation, recently purchased a house nearby that will also enable the seminary to better serve the growing community of students. The name of this new house is the *Bonhoeffer House*. The house will feature three student apartments, a chapel, common room, a study room, and a kitchen for community meals.

The Seminary needs our help to get the *Bonhoeffer House* ready for students. We can help with our financial gifts. Gifts of any amount are appreciated. By making these gifts we are investing in the future of theological education and pastoral formation for the North American Lutheran Church. Learn more about Bonhoeffer House at:

<https://www.thenals.org/introducing-the-bonhoeffer-house/> or speak with Pastor Maurice who attended a meeting in the Bonhoeffer House recently.

We are asking the Holy Trinity community to prayerfully consider making an investment in the future of theological education and pastoral formation. Please make your check out to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and mark your gift: *NALS Bonhoeffer House*. All gifts should be over and above what you are already giving to the ministries of Holy Trinity Congregation.

~ Holy Trinity Stewardship Committee



RALLY DAY

DATE: **Sunday, September 8, 2024**

TIME: IMMEDIATELY AFTER WORSHIP

EXPANDED CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
INCLUDING SUNDAY SUNDAES!

LEARN ABOUT ALL OUR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
OPPORTUNITIES AT HOLY TRINITY FROM PRE-K TO ADULT
AND ALL OF THE MANY MINISTRIES YOU CAN
PARTICIPATE IN FOR ONE EVENT OR MORE!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR 2024 - 2025
BEGINS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024**



on Fiction

Holy Trinity focuses on Luther and various aspects of Christian Education, but we do house a Fiction Section in the Christian genre (coded with **PINK**). You will find titles from both classic and current authors, such as:

Great Lion of God ~ Taylor Caldwell
The Robe ~ Lloyd C. Douglas
Wrinkle in Time (series) ~ C.S. Lewis
The Narnia books ~ C.S. Lewis
The Light in the Ruins ~ Michael G. Tavella
The Word ~ Irving Wallace

These and many more can be found alphabetically by author in the Library's **PINK** section. We do not have a time limit on borrowing but would like to know when a book is being read. Please be sure to fill out the card with the date borrowed and your name and place it in the basket. Fellowship Hall also has a list to sign.

CHURCH LIBRARY

"Love the Lord your God with all your mind."





Music Notes

Just a 🎵 about our upcoming Rally Day Celebration on Sunday, September 8th I would like to extend an open invitation to anyone who would like to join us that morning for one final informal "End of Summer" choral gathering.

We will meet in the Sanctuary at 8:15 a.m. to run a simple anthem together. No need to robe, simply join us in the choir loft after the sharing of the peace and after the anthem you may return to your seat.

I encourage anyone who loves to sing, whether you have ever sung in a choir or not, to come out, as we prepare to start a new musical season here at Holy Trinity.

Our musical season kicks off with a



Pizza party on Thursday night, September 12th at 6:30 p.m.

We will meet in Fellowship Hall and all individuals involved (or wanting to be involved) in any of our musical offerings are invited to attend.

So all you ringers, singers, and instrumentalists of any kind, mark your calendars as we look forward to creating beautiful music together that magnifies and glorifies our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

To him be all the glory!

Sarnelli House End of Summer Update:

The Sarnelli House Clothing Room continues to be in need of warm weather clothing -

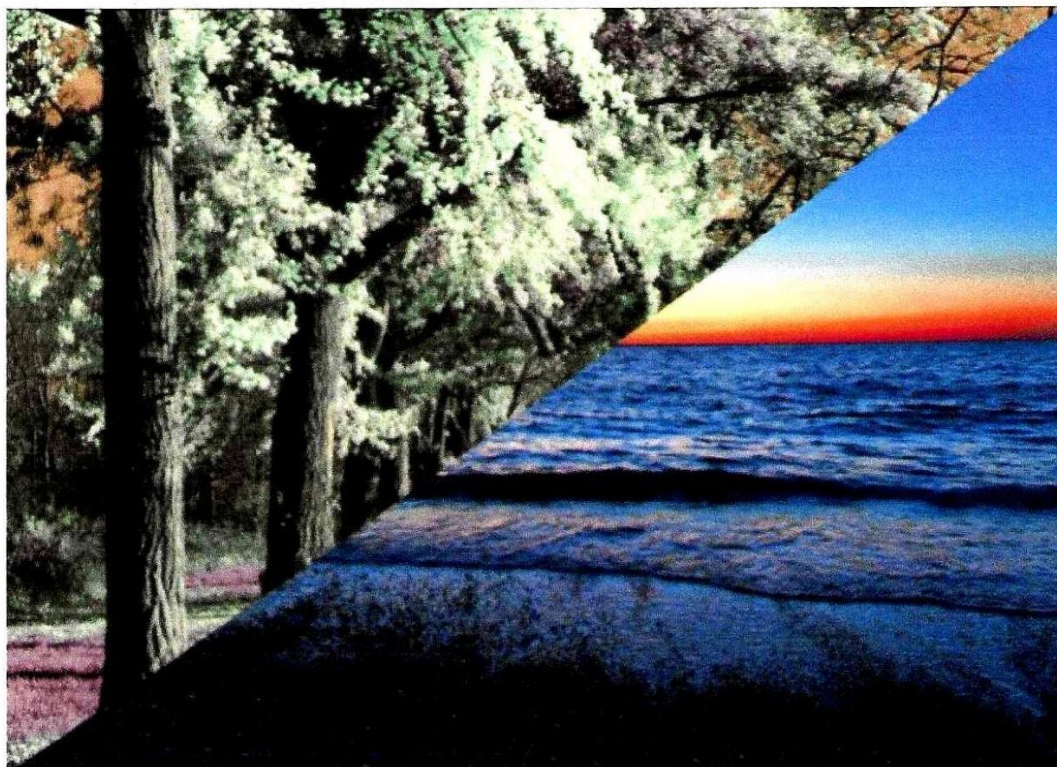
Shorts, shirts, tees, sneakers, sandals and such.

The urgent need for **NEW SOCKS AND UNDERWEAR** is constant. Smaller sizes are most in demand - particularly in men's underwear.



Thank you for your continued consideration and support of this most vital ministry.

A Photography Exhibit



featuring the work of
Ernest T. Koch and Kile Smith

September 8–14, 2024
at Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Opening reception:
Sunday, September 8, 5:00–7:30 p.m.,
in Fellowship Hall

Viewing:
Monday, September 9 to Saturday, September 14,
12:00–2:00 p.m. daily
or by appointment



DID YOU KNOW?

At The

*Bread of
Heaven*

Food
Pantry

We are in need of restocking these items:

Oil	48 oz. or larger
Flour	5 lb.
Peanut Butter	18 oz. or larger
Jelly	30 oz. or larger
Cereal	1 lb. or larger
Canned Tuna	5 oz. or larger
Honey	24 oz.

WE HAVE SERVED IN JULY: 93 GUESTS

385 PEOPLE IN TOTAL

11 NEW GUESTS

Keep ***Bread of Heaven*** in mind when you go shopping.

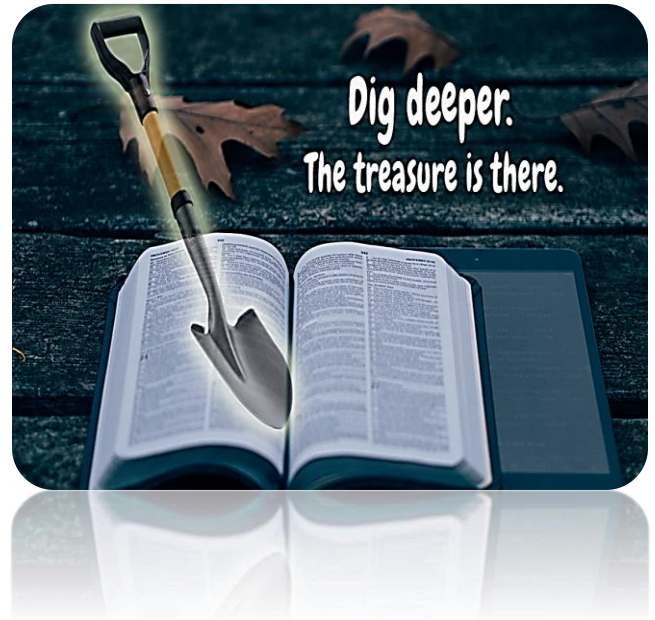
We are dependent upon your generosity
with donated items and monetary donations.

The Sunday following Rally Day, **Sept. 15th**
we offer 2 Adult Learning Opportunities

Here is an opportunity to delve deeper into each week's three Scripture readings with

A Longer Look at the Lessons.

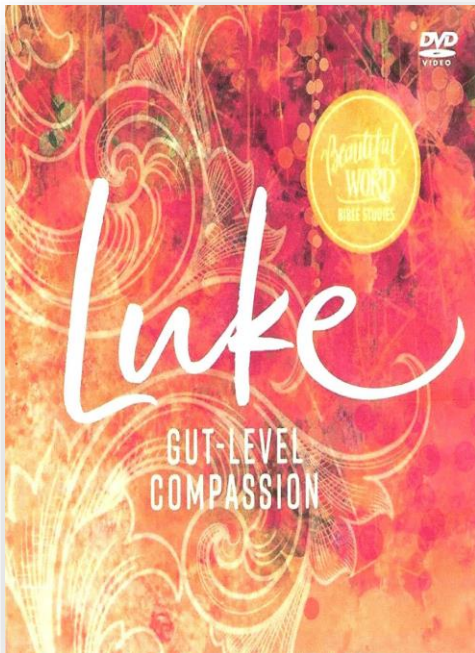
This Bible Study based on the lectionary in our worship and provides information about the readings and their contexts. Questions and answers mine the riches of the Readings while encouraging class discussion and personal application by asking, "What does it mean for us?"



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

All older teens and adults are welcome!

Beautiful Word: Luke ~ Gut Level Compassion by Lisa Harper



Join Tom Schied in this 8 week study on the book of Luke. His gospel account is a literary masterpiece, but it doesn't celebrate the elite. Instead, it's like the biblical version of Shakespeare whose main characters are lepers, prostitutes, and tax collectors who were absolutely stunned by the compassion Jesus extended toward them despite their cultural status as outcasts. This book proves that the pretense of perfection is overrated and certainly isn't a prerequisite for a relationship with God.

Dive deep into the well of perhaps the most common-man exposition of what a gift Jesus is in this new Beautiful World Series study.



EVERY TEAR, our grief support group, will be meeting on the second and fourth Monday of each month in the Bread of Heaven Café from 7:00 ~ 8:30 p.m., and (if there's interest) on the second and fourth Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m.

However, in September, we will meet on the 9th (10th) and the 30th (1st), due to September having 5 Mondays and Pastor Maurice and Beth being away the 16th and 23rd.

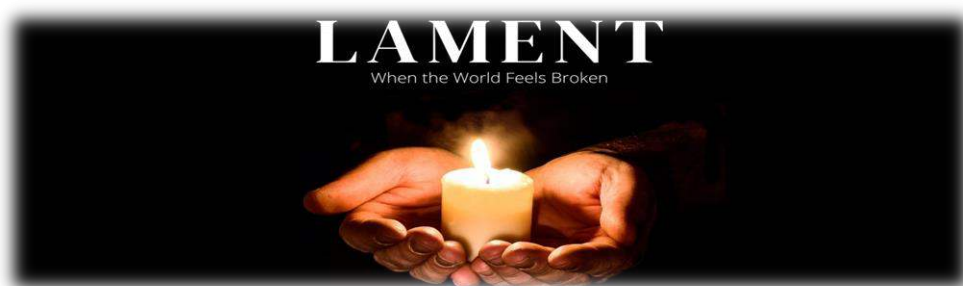
We are going to learn the practice of the prayer of lament from Pastor Mark Vroegop's book *Dark Clouds, Deep Mercy*, with a short introductory prayer time. After that, we will have a time of private reflection with a worksheet, then a time of sharing and caring, and then conclude with prayer. It is not necessary to be at every meeting (life interrupts) but hopefully this gathering will be helpful for our spiritual walk with God and life together.

For more information and/or to let pastor know which time works better for you to come, please email [**pastor@holytrinity.net**](mailto:pastor@holytrinity.net)

Lament...give(s) a person permission to wrestle with sorrow instead of rushing to end it. Walking through sorrow without understanding and embracing the God-given song of lament can stunt the grieving process. (p.19)

Lament is how Christians grieve. (p. 21)

A broken world and an increasingly hostile culture make contemporary Christianity unbalanced and limited in the hope we offer if we neglect this minor~key song. We need to recover the ancient practice of lament and the grace that comes through it. Christianity suffers when lament is missing. (p. 21)





Coram Deo

Come join Coram Deo,
Holy Trinity's long-running book club!

Meetings are on the 2nd Monday of the month,
September through June, in the parlor.

Upcoming Reads for the '24 ~ '25 Season:

September 9: *Return of the Native* by Thomas Hardy

October 14: *The Samurai* by Shusaku Endo

November 11: *The Painted Veil* by Somerset Maugham

December 9: *Ice* by Ulla-Lena Lundberg

January 13: *North Woods* by Daniel Mason

February 10: *The Inimitable Jeeves* by P.G. Wodehouse

March 10: *When William Came* by Saki

April 14: Selection TBD

May 12: *J.B.* by Archibald MacLeish

June 9: Movie Night ~ TBD

FIRST THINGS

Religion and Public Life
Attentions ROFTers:

MARK YOUR CALENDARS ~
Our next meeting is scheduled for
Friday, September 27 at 7:00 p.m.
(doors open at 6:30 p.m).

Christ's Home

Caring. Compassion. Community.

Join us for an evening of worship with Phillips, Craig and Dean
at Christ's Home on **Thursday, September 12, 2024.**



Celebrate over 30 years of their music ministry,
featuring your favorite songs
and new renditions from their 30th Anniversary album.

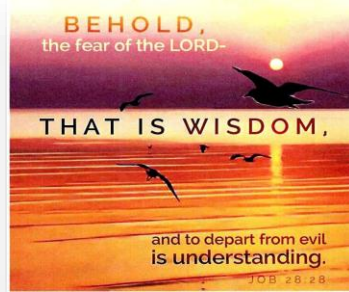
The event will be held at our state-of-the-art Community Center
in Warminster, PA starting at 7 pm.

Christ's Home Community Center
800 York Road
Warminster PA

Visit our website at:

christshome.givecloud.co/phillipsraigdean for tickets

Lutheran Church Women's Circle Bible Study



The LCW book study this year will be on the book of Job, using a recently published Bible study by Marc Davis. This study does not just stay in Job, though, it points to Jesus, the ultimate innocent sufferer, and then we have space to look at our own lives as we camp out in Job's questions and talk to God about the issues it raises.

From the introduction:

"One of the things Job clearly teaches is to resist the impulse to give simplistic answers to human anguish. Such answers are a way of keeping the lived experience of suffering at arms length. Job's suffering is uncomfortable for us because it raises the specter of suffering that might hit closer to home. As with Job's friends, so for us: "You see something dreadful and are afraid" (6:21 NIV). But neither avoiding the issues nor pat theological answers will stave off the seriousness of the things we have to think about. The way through "something dreadful" is to reflect on Job's story, and your own story, in light of Jesus' story..."

I myself have never liked the book of Job apart from the beginning and the end. But that may be because I have been like Job's friends, casting about for something to say to someone suffering. Finally by the grace of God, when my friend Andrea asked me why God had allowed her to get breast cancer I didn't try to answer her. But I told her that I expected God would show her the answer to that someday and I wanted to hear what it was when he did. Job's friends are still friends (not frenemies), and I have a better appreciation of them as I have grown and experienced suffering. So this time I will try to wade through the dialog, with the help of Marc Davis! I hope you will join us, Ladies, and I pray you will be blessed.
Beth Lee ~ LCW Program Chair.

Miriam Circle – Monday, September 9 at 12:30 PM in Study & on Zoom

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

Eve Circle – Thursday, September 12 at 7:00 PM in Study.

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

Hannah Circle – Monday, September 23 at 7:00 PM in Study.

Leader: Deb Mumford (215) 659-2642 Debssam@msn.com

Ruth Circle – Sunday, September 15 at 12:00 PM in the Study.

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



GIFT CARDS

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

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



Holy Trinity Blanket Collection for Cradle of Hope

During the month of September, the LCW is collecting both new sheets and blankets, twin sizes for Cradle of Hope residents.

Sunday, September 15th is designated as BLANKET SUNDAY.

Please leave your generous contributions in the blue basket marked LCW Blanket Collection in the Narthex beginning the first week of September.

Questions: Nancy Matteo 267 - 625 - 1104



There is a signup sheet in the Narthex to carpool if you want to attend.

**PENNSYLVANIA MARCH FOR LIFE
HARRISBURG, PA | SEPTEMBER 23, 2024**



CALLING ALL LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

*Gather with your pro-life Lutheran brothers and sisters
prior to the 2024 PA March for Life at:*

**THE HILTON HARRISBURG
ONE N. 2ND STREET
HARRISBURG, PA 17101**

9:00 AM to 10:00 AM
Meet and Greet with Full Breakfast

10:00 AM
Welcome, and Keynote Speakers:
"Life in the Darkness" Scott Licht, Lutherans for Life
and Legislative Update, Maria Gallagher PA Pro-Life Federation

10:30 AM
Walk to the Capitol Steps for the Rally

12:00 PM
March Begins

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Pastor Christopher Seifferlein of Mount Calvary Lutheran in Lititz
at (920) 918-7200 or email pamarchforlife@lancasterlutheran.com

Visit marchforlife.org/Pennsylvania for event details

Full Breakfast graciously provided free of charge by the English District of the LCMS

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Processing Center Volunteers Wanted

Would you like to be an Operation Christmas Child shoebox inspector and sealer?
These are the last important steps in readying these precious Gospel gifts to be flown around the world to children in need.

After a six-year hiatus, Holy Trinity once again hopes to send volunteer teams to the Baltimore processing center in early December.



2018 Holy Trinity Volunteers

When our packed shoeboxes leave our church for central collection in Hatboro in mid-November, they are packed in cartons and loaded onto tractor-trailers that deliver them to one of nine national processing centers. Holy Trinity boxes go to Baltimore.

At the center, each team is assigned to a station with multiple jobs. The first person checks inside for any envelopes of checks or cash and removes them to a designated place. The next two people thoroughly check the contents of each shoebox and remove any lotions, creams, toothpaste, food, and war toys. All removed items are placed in bins to be redirected; nothing is wasted. The next person seals the box with a large roll of tape, and the last person scans the bar codes so that you can later learn where your box or boxes are headed. The scanner then places the shoeboxes in carton designated by gender and age.

We make our volunteering a day trip, driving a little over two hours to the processing center, putting in a four-hour shift, and all going out to eat and share experiences before driving home. Depending on available vehicles, we sometimes pool our resources and rent a mini van for the day so that an entire team can travel together.

We can probably field a Saturday and a weekday team in early December. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up in the Narthex to indicate your preference.



2017 Volunteers

Signup Deadline: Sunday, September 29. Questions: Rosemary Hinkle



Ideas for Packing Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

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

Select your Gender & Age Groups:

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

All Children Need A Shoebox!

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



Ideas to Get Started!

School Supplies

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

Toiletries

Soap, Wash Cloth, Toothbrush, Chap Sticks
Nail clippers, Emery Boards, Band-Aids
Large-tooth Comb, Sports Towel, Tissue Pack
Feminine products

Accessories

Socks, Gloves, Scarves, T-Shirts
Ball Caps or Visors, Sun Glasses—UVA protection required
Barrettes, Hair Ties, Headbands, Bandanas
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 many 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)
Soccer Ball & Pump, small Tool Set
Manicure Set, small Purse, string bag or backpack

BE CREATIVE! Think Age-Appropriate

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

Date for Your Calendar!

Church Packing Party—Saturday, November 9

Want to Volunteer in the Baltimore Packing Center right after Thanksgiving? Sign up on "Interested" form in Narthex.



YOU'RE INVITED!

Join us for our free speaker series, presenting:

John V. Davis, of The **Mighty Oaks Foundation**



Scan me!

October 5th, 2024 @ 3:30 pm

Abington Baptist Church

1501 Huntingdon Road, Abington, PA 19001

We will honor our local and regional 1st Responders, and remember the service of local fallen hero, Police Officer Kevin Regan, represented by the Kevin Regan Family Foundation (serving families of 1st Responders in the tristate area).

The Atlantic Mission Region
of the
north American Lutheran church
Presents the 6th annual

Theological Conference

Thursday, October 17, 2024

at

St. Luke Lutheran Church
9 St. Luke's Way
Bloomsburg, PA 17815

*Of the Father's Love Proceeding:
The Holy Spirit in the Triune Life*

With Presenters
The Rev. Dr. Maurice Lee
And
The Rev. William Gies

Registration & fellowship
at 8:30 AM

Conference is from 9 AM–4 PM

\$30 Registration fee
(lunch is included)

\$15 Virtual Attendance

Registration deadline is October 4

Please see
www.atlantic-nal.c.org for more information.





Atlantic Mission Region 2024 Annual Convocation



One in Christ's Mission

Friday, October 18

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

&

Saturday, October 19

(9 AM–12:30 PM with lunch)

**St. Luke Lutheran Church
9 St. Luke's Way
Bloomsburg, PA 17815**



Featuring

The Rev. Carol Fryer
NALC Director of Missions

Angela Breidenbach

NALC Missions Support & Development Coordinator



Also included!

6th annual Women's Conference and an
informal Bible Study on Friday morning
PLUS Stuff the Truck for Disaster Response!

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

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



September Worship Assistants Schedule



September 1

Usher 2	Lector- Sat Karen McGovern Sun Jim Necker	
Acolyte Jonathan Mutashobya	Cantor Tom Schied	Stream Hannah Mumford Team
Crucifer Frank Ganther		Christophers Team # 2

September 8

Usher 3	Lector - Sat Bruce & Maureen Freer Sun Deb Mumford	
Acolyte Janice Donnelly	Cantor Sandy Schmidt	Stream Rob Ischinger Team
Crucifer Benet Donnelly		Christophers Team # 3

September 15

Usher 4	Lector-Sat Karen McGovern Sun Nancy Necker	
Acolyte Steph Templeton	Cantor Dean Lawrence	Stream Charlie Tolton Team
Crucifer Rob Ischinger		Christophers Team #4

September 22

Usher 5	Lector-Sat Karen McGovern Sun Allan Shikhvarg	
Acolyte Charlie Tolton	Cantor Eric Gregg	Stream Frank Ganther Team
Crucifer Allan Shikhvarg		Christophers Team # 1

September 29

Usher 1	Lector - Sat Bruce & Maureen Freer Sun Charlie Tolton	
Acolyte Jim Necker	Cantor Tom Schied	Stream Gloria Ischinger Team
Crucifer Nancy Necker		Christophers Team # 2

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

Called to *Serve*



September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 PENTECOST 15 9:00 Holy Communion 6:00 AA	2 OFFICE CLOSED  HAPPY LABOR DAY	3	4 7:30 Council	5 10:00 BOH Food Pantry 10:00 Theology with Pastor Maurice	6 7:30 AA	7 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
8 PENTECOST 16 9:00 Holy Communion RALLY DAY 5:00 ~ 7:30 Photography Exhibit 6:00 AA	9 12:30 Miriam Circle 7:00 Every Tear 7:30 Coram Deo	10 10:00 Every Tear	11  Patriot Day	12 10:00 BOH Food Pantry 10:00 Theology with Pastor Maurice 6:30 Pizza Party for Choirs & Musicians 7:00 Eve Circle	13 7:30 AA	14 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
15 PENTECOST 17 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 11:30 RUTH CIRCLE 6:00 AA	16 7:00 Women's Prayer Group	17 7:00 Evangelism	18	19 10:00 BOH Food Pantry	20  First Day of Autumn 7:30 AA	21 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
22 PENTECOST 18 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 6:00 AA	23 7:00 Hannah Circle	24 7:00 Stewardship	25 7:30 Worship & Music	26 10:00 BOH Food Pantry 10:00 Theology with Pastor Maurice	27 FIRST THINGS 7:00 ROFTers 7:30 AA	28 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
29 PENTECOST 19 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 6:00 AA	30 7:00 Every Tear	"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field." Luke 10:2 				

Special Dates:

Labor Day, September 2, 2024

Photography Exhibit, September 8 ~ 14, 2024

Patriot Day, September 11, 2024

First Day of Autumn, September 22, 2024

