

HOLY TRINITY

Evangelical Lutheran Church

ECHOES NEWSLETTER

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Staff

The Rev. Dr. Maurice Y. Lee, Pastor

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:

In a thought-provoking recent book entitled *Luther For Everyone: Who He Was and Why He Still Matters* (Fortress, 2024), German theologian Hans Schwarz wrote — channeling Luther, as it were —

For Luther it is an outrageous thing that God would be born as a child and die on a cross. One cannot understand this event through human speculation. Instead, God must lead our understanding if we are to recognize the meaning of this event. Whoever bypasses Christ does not recognize God. (57–58)

A lot has been packed into these relatively short sentences. But of considerable interest to me is the fact that Schwarz — and, I would venture, Luther too — thinks that it is a Christian task to *understand* Jesus' death on the cross.

This kind of understanding is not, of course, the same as subjecting the Passion to standard human, much less standard secular, scrutiny: Is that what I would have done, had I been in a similar position? What's the camouflaged economic or political agenda at work, which is the only one that counts? How is any of this practical: how can it make me richer, more influential, more comfortable, etc.?

To try to see past the Crucifixion to those other things is — as C. S. Lewis pointed out in *The Abolition of Man* (1944) — not to see it, and therefore not to understand it, at all.

Understanding Jesus' death — under God's leadership by his Holy Spirit, which is the only way we *can* understand it — means confessing that God, in the person of the Son, was there on the cross, and so that “he has purchased and freed me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death” (Small Catechism).

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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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Everything said here goes at least equally, indeed even more, for Jesus' resurrection. Since the new life of Christ is not an element of this fallen world, it must fail to be grasped by the measures of this fallen world, all of which insist with adamant certainty: "The dead do not, and will not ever, rise." (As I've said many times, that gullible secular dogma is secretly allied with the weird unbiblical notion that the final destiny of the souls of the righteous dead is "to go to heaven.")

Instead, the Resurrection is God's gracious giving of a glimpse into the world as it will be, when God renews and redeems it that he may dwell there with his creatures forever (Revelation 21:3).

Understanding Jesus crucified and risen, on the basis of the word of God and by the inspiration of the Spirit of God, is the work of a lifetime (Luther: "I must still study the catechism daily; I cannot master it as I wish, but must remain a child and pupil — and I do so gladly"). That's not the whole reason, but it's surely an important part of the reason, we celebrate Holy Week every year. In fact, it's an important part of the reason we're a church. What a gift from the Lord.

Swimming in Biblical depths,
Pastor Maurice





Healing Prayer Ministry

Trained members of our Healing Prayer Ministry are available for private one-on-one prayer in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd directly after worship on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings. We look forward to praying with you.



Women's Prayer Group

The Holy Trinity
Women's Prayer Group
Meets 1st Monday
of each month.
We meet at **7:00 p.m.**
at Rosemary Hinkle's
carriage house,
1164 Wheatsheaf Lane,
Abington
All women are welcome to join.

2025 Schedule

April 7 May 5
June 2

"We have to pray with our eyes on God,
not on the difficulties."

- Oswald Chambers

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:

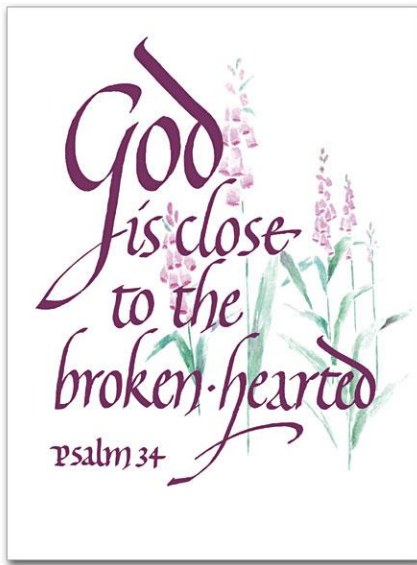
Please pray for the following individuals & their families: *(we cannot add last names) :*

Adriene, Allan, Allyson, Amanda, Angie, Ann, Anne, Antonette, Barbara, Beth, Bill, Blake, Bob, Brett, Carly, Carol, Caroline, Christopher, Cindy, Dallas, Darren, David, Deb, Derek, Donna, Emersyn, Emily, Eric, Erica, Erin, Ernie, Gavin, Gene, Gloria, Grace, Hannah, Jennifer, Jill, John, Julia, Kathy, Kellie, Ken, Kevan, Kim, Laura, Levi, Linda, Lisa, Logan, Mandy, Mark, Mary, Mary Kate, Matthew, Melania, Mike, Nancy, Pastor Jeff, Pat, Peter, Rich, Rick, Roger, Rosemary, Ross, Ryan, Sam, Sharon, Sherri, Skylar, Sophia C., Steve, Tiffany, Todd, Tom, Troy, Trudy, Valentine, Vicki, Willow.

Please pray for the following families Berkovitz, Cannan, Custer, Delucia, Eisenmann, Erb, Gregg, Hendrickson, Lacy, Maieron, Necker, Novak, Schenck, Schmidt, Staedtler, Steinhofer, Tavella.

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 struggle with 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.
The unemployed, the underemployed & the uninsured, especially those in our own families.
All Caregivers, rescue workers, doctors, nurses, firefighters, EMTs,
For the members of the Mekane Yesus Lutheran Church in Ethiopia, and for the Nifas Silk Congregation.
For our sister congregations: Nifas Silk in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and First Lutheran in Kirkland Illinois.
For all Christians who are being persecuted for the faith throughout the world.
For the victims of rains, wildfires, earthquakes and hurricanes and for favorable weather and an abundance of crops.
For all in financial difficulty that they may be totally restored.
For all 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

Milt Cannan, Anastasia, Kirsten, Sigrid
and the entire Frandsen family
on the death of **Sigrid Frandsen-Cannan**

March 1, 2025

Beloved wife, mother, stepmother, and grandmother.

Tom, Susan, Matthew and Ryan
and the Schied and Lurie families,
on the death of **Gladys E. Lurie**

March 5, 2025

Beloved mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother.

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

Psalm 34:18

Memorials received



The Rev. Dr. Michael G. Tavella
Dorothy H. Erb





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

Treasurer's Report

February 28, 2025 (For the Year 2025)

Surplus/(Deficit) 2025	(\$16,330.57)
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Full treasurer's Report available upon request.

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
Eric Henderson
CJ Hess
Nathan Quinlan
Vikas Shah
Jonathan Skilton, MD
Jeremy Zar

Martin Luther Quotes:

"One Book is enough, but a thousand books is not too many."

"The fewer the words, the better the prayer."

"An unjust law, is no law at all."

"They are trying to make me into a fixed star.
I am an irregular planet."

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



**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 the Echoes. Once the minutes are approved from the previous month, they will be available in the Narthex.

Council met on Tuesday March 11th.

Live-Stream equipment – Charles Tolton presented a proposal for new equipment for our livestreaming. We have had some issues with several service's live streaming being interrupted. With the current equipment and set up we are also unable to save any service to a local SD card so there is no back up. We would like to have all of this in good working order for the upcoming convocation. The council approve up to \$15,000 for all the equipment needed along with the cost of installation. A copy of the proposal will be available with the council minutes in the Narthex and the council will be happy to answer any questions or concerns members of the congregation might have.

Treasurer's report – we currently have a \$16,330.57 deficit

Property – Jim Necker is looking into replacing the timer and program needed for the parking lot lights .

LCW - The women's retreat is May 2 – 4 at Mother Boniface

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.



*Keeping
a Holy Lent*

Remaining Lenten/Holy Week Worship Services

Weekday Morning Prayer — Mon. through Fri. continuing through to Wed., April 16, 2025
9:30 a.m. — Morning Prayer (Sanctuary)

Wednesdays of Lent — April 2, 9, 16, 2025

9:30 a.m. — Morning Prayer (Sanctuary)

6:30 p.m. — Evening Prayer (Sanctuary) **Take note:** incense will be used at these services.

7:00 p.m. — Soup Supper (Fellowship Hall)

7:30 p.m. — Bible Study (SS Peter & Andrew Study)

Thursdays of Lent — through to April 17

10:00 a.m. — Meanderings with Pastor Maurice (SS Peter & Andrew Study)

Fridays of Lent — April 4, 11, 2025

5:00 p.m. — Stations of the Cross (Sanctuary)

Sunday of the Passion — April 13, 2025

9:00 a.m. — The Passion According to St. Luke, with Holy Communion (Sanctuary)

Tuesday — April 15, 2025

7:00 p.m. — Church-wide Prayer Walk

Maundy Thursday — April 17, 2025

7:30 p.m. — Holy Communion (Sanctuary)

Good Friday — April 18, 2025

6:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m. — Prayer Vigil (Sanctuary)

12:00 Noon — The Passion According to St. John (Sanctuary)

7:30 p.m. — Tenebrae (Sanctuary)

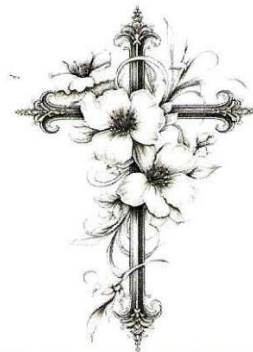
Holy Saturday — April 19, 2025

7:00 p.m. — Easter Vigil (meet outside Church)

Easter Sunday — April 20, 2025

7:30 a.m. — Son Rise Potluck Breakfast

9:00 a.m. — Holy Communion (Sanctuary)



NOTES OF THANKS

Aldersgate
49 Easton Road, Suite 203
Willow Grove, PA 19090



A civilization flourishes when people plant trees under which they will never sit"
Greek Proverb

February 26, 2025

*Reverend Dr. Maurice Y. Lee
Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
2086 Parkview Avenue
Abington, PA 19001*

Dear Reverend Dr. Lee & the Holy Trinity Congregation,

Aldersgate would like to thank you and the Holy Trinity Congregation for your recent donation of \$525.00. We deeply appreciate your support of our mission to promote both positive healthy relationships and healthy living in the community through our programs and services. Thank you for caring.

Sincerely,

*Susan Gueye
Executive Director*

Your contribution is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. No goods and services were provided in exchange for your generous financial donation. Please keep this acknowledgement as an official receipt.



LAMP

Sharing Jesus Christ in remote areas of Canada

LAMP Ministry Inc., P.O. Box 480167, New Haven, MI 480483 | Phone: 1-(800) 307-4036 ext 2
Website: www.lampministry.org | Email: office@lampministry.org

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

Dear Members,

Thank you for helping us proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in northern Canada as we embark on a significant year.

Though our 50th anniversary was affected by a global pandemic and the resulting lockdowns, we are now striving to make a profound impact through our 55x55 initiative, aiming for 55 visits in commemoration of our 55th anniversary. This initiative is a beacon of revitalization. With divine guidance and your unwavering support, LAMP continues to illuminate the farthest corners of the world with the Light of Christ.

I am deeply grateful for your commitment to sharing the hope we find in Jesus. May you feel uplifted, as your contributions are truly invaluable to the communities in the North.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Dr. Steven Schave
Executive Director

*Thank you
and
God Bless!*



LAMP Ministry Inc., P.O. Box 480167, New Haven, MI 48048
Phone: 1-(800) 307-4036 ext 2

February 13, 2025 Receipt No. U4045430

Amount	Designation
\$1,715.00 US	General Mission Fund

No goods or services were provided in exchange for funds received

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
2086 Parkview Ave
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OFFICIAL RECEIPT for income tax purposes.



P.O. BOX 145, WESTMINSTER, VT 05158

February 24, 2025

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
2086 Parkview Avenue
Willow Grove, PA 19001-1136

Dear Members of Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church:

We have been asked to inform you that the Freed-Givnish Funeral Home of Glenside is arranging to have a young tree planted in memory of Joan Mary Klass. This memorial tree will be planted during the earliest appropriate season on public lands in the state of Pennsylvania. John R. Freed, Jr. of the Freed-Givnish Funeral Home hopes that you will find solace in the fact that this lovely tree, symbolic of strength and future growth, will grace the countryside.

The living memorial to Joan Mary Klass is part of a large endeavor, in cooperation with reforestation efforts in the state of Pennsylvania, to restore the landscape and our environment with the eternal beauty of living trees. The individual tree is meant to provide a broad reaching legacy to all the people of Pennsylvania; it will grow as an important part of its natural surroundings without personal inscription. We hope the planting of this tree will bring the peace and comfort to you that the tree itself is intended to bring to the many who will pass its way in the years to come.

The planting of this living memorial is an example of the sincerity and caring of John R. Freed, Jr. of the Freed-Givnish Funeral Home, and we look forward to corresponding with you again in the future to confirm that the memorial has been planted among the new forests of the state.

Please accept our expression of sympathy along with that of the Freed-Givnish Funeral Home, who have provided this memorial to Joan Mary Klass.

Sincerely yours,

Nate Pearson, President
Lofty Oaks Association

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



ORDER FOR EASTER LILIES

Place Orders by 9:00 a.m.,
Sunday, April 6, 2025
(Easter is April 20, 2025)

_____ 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".

Join us for a Star Party

Come and enjoy an evening of star gazing with friends:

8:00 PM – 10:30 PM

Hosted by John Ickler

The Twining Valley Park, 1400 Twining Rd, Dresher, PA

This event will be held on one of the following days:

Friday, April 4th, Saturday, April 5th

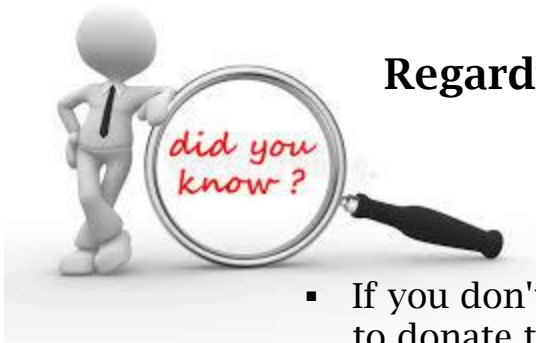
Friday, April 11th, Saturday, April 12th

Friday, April 18th, Saturday, April 19th

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.

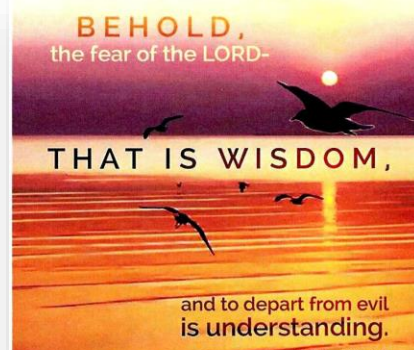


Regarding the LCW's Giant Gift Card Program...

- If you don't happen to shop at the Giant you could buy the cards to donate to the *Bread of Heaven* Food Pantry...
- Every card purchased goes to help the LCW provide scholarships for the women of Holy Trinity...
- It's easy to order (speak to Nancy Ischinger) any given Sunday...
- Card purchases are offered in any denomination...
- Now that you know why not order some...



Lutheran Church Women's Circle Bible Study



APRIL CIRCLES

Topic:

Last month we looked at Job's suffering and loss and also how Jesus suffered. We saw that our personal stories of loss and sorrow find meaning and hope in Jesus' bigger story of loss and sorrow.

This month we will be looking at the problem of injustice as Job hears from Elihu. Elihu has been a silent listener to the dialogue and now he speaks up, with confidence that he is speaking for God, but again he does not realize that Job's suffering is not from sin but "so the glory of God may be revealed."

We will discuss the idea of getting what you deserve (justice) and getting what you don't deserve (whether that's pain or grace!). Then we'll wrap up with four truths that give reasons to love and serve others.

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, April 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the SS Peter & Andrew Study

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

Ruth Circle - Sunday, April 13 at 11:45 a.m. in SS Peter & Andrew Study

Leader: Katie Beyer (215) 572 - 6964 kbeyer0403@gmail.com

Miriam Circle - Monday, April 14 at 12:30 p.m. in the SS Peter & Andrew Study & on Zoom

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

Hannah Circle - Monday, April 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sons of Thunder Youth Room

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

- On the next page please read about an opportunity for you to join in a time of fellowship and refreshment on our upcoming Women's Retreat!
- No need to be in a circle, this is open to all women!
- If you cannot get away for the whole weekend ~ consider joining us for Saturday!
- Money is not a factor as we adhere to pay-what-you-can and we gladly cover the rest.

LCW 2025 SPRING RETREAT

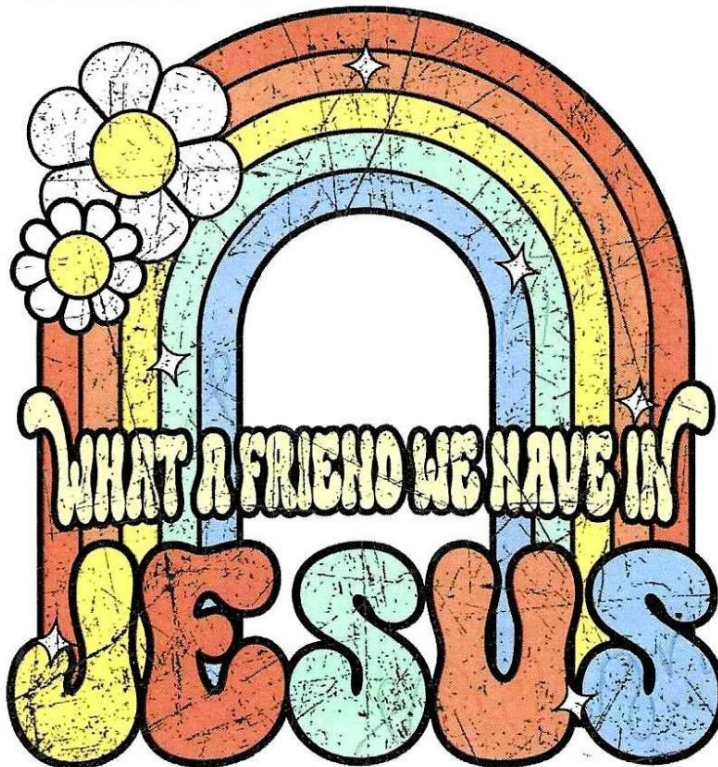
MAY 2 - 4

WHERE: Mother Boniface Spirituality Center
3501 Solly Ave., Philadelphia PA 19136

SPEAKER: Jennifer Bantle

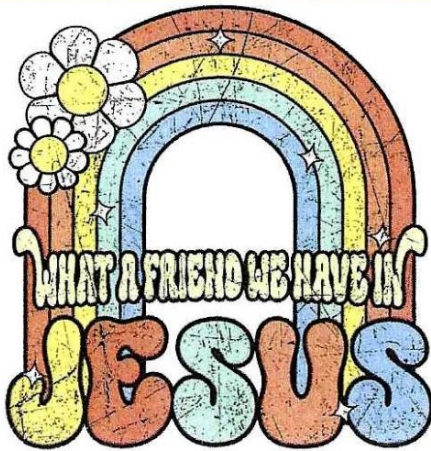
TOPIC: BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIPS

COST: FULL WEEKEND ~ \$190 includes room & 4 meals
SATURDAY ONLY ~ \$70 includes 3 meals



Scholarship money is available, we encourage all women to join us.

We have a pay-what-you-can policy,
do not allow cost to be a factor in your decision to attend.



Holy Trinity LCW Retreat
Friday, May 2nd—Sunday, May 4th

Name: _____

Phone#: _____ **Email:** _____

I will attend in the following way:

_____ **Full Retreat \$190** _____ **Saturday only \$70**

_____ **I would like to use the Scholarship Fund in full.**

To Contribute:

**I am enclosing a check made out to “Holy Trinity LCW”
in the amount of \$_____.**

**I understand that any amount under the above costs
will confidentially be added to from the LCW Scholarship
Fund, and only the LCW treasurer will know.**

Registration Deadline is Sunday, April 13th, 2025



Opportunity listed here...

AS WE HOST PENN STATE ABINGTON STUDENTS THROUGH COALITION FOR CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2025

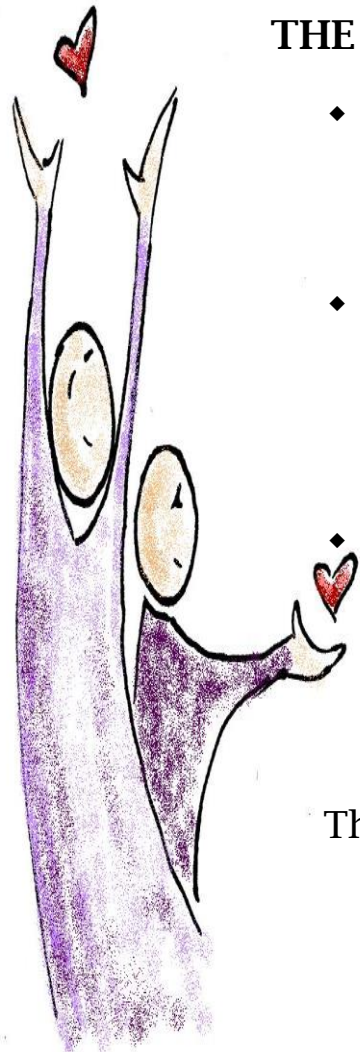
- ♦ Volunteers are needed Friday night, April 4 at 5:30 p.m. for setup
- ♦ Help with preparing food
- ♦ Interacting with the students
- ♦ Clean-up after the event.

Contact Beth Lee at highheartedly@yahoo.com
(805) 618 - 8406

THE BLESSED SARNELLI COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU

- ♦ Sarnelli House is always in need of gently used clothing, shoes, and new underwear, and socks. Please keep this in mind as you go through your closets and drawers this spring.
- ♦ In addition, Sarnelli House is always in need of meal preparation items. Please consider large containers of oatmeal (not instant), coffee, creamer, white sugar, brown sugar and ice tea mix.
- ♦ At Holy Trinity we assemble hygiene kits for Sarnelli House. Shampoo, soap, deodorant, combs, razors, etc. We buy these supplies in bulk. Please consider a monetary donation for the purchase of these items. Make checks payable to Holy Trinity marked "Sarnelli".

Thank you for your on-going support of this vital ministry.

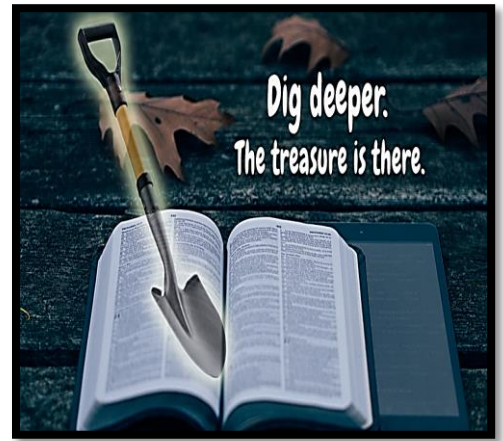


Adult learning opportunities

Join the opportunity today to dig deeper into each week's three Scripture readings with

A Longer Look at the Lessons.

This Bible Study, based on the Bible Readings in our worship, provides information about the readings and their contexts. The class meets in Fellowship Hall ~ stage end at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday.



SUCH AN EXCELLENT TREASURE

Hymns Through History

Sundays from February 2 to April 13, 2025
in the Sts. Peter and Andrew Study

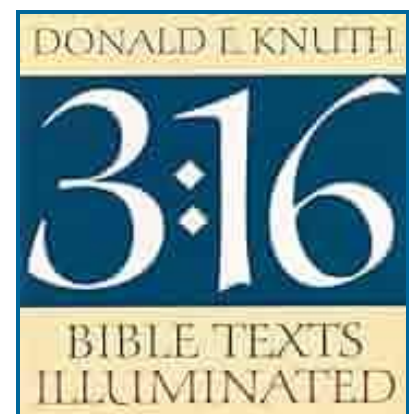
“‘Liturgy’ means ‘the work of the people.’

Nowhere is this more evident than in the music of the liturgy. The people singing together constitute the voice of the body of Christ” (Carlos R. Messerli). Hymns are such an important part of our worship life that we ought to be given every opportunity to delve more deeply into the music, texts, and history of congregational song. That’s what this class offers. Join Director of Music Thomas Williams and Pastor Maurice on an 11-week journey through Christian hymnody, *solī Deo gloria!*

Thursday morning Meanderings with Pastor Maurice
on *3:16 Bible Texts Illuminated*,
Every Thursday in April at 10:00 a.m.

Bagels and such on the house of course!

Join us for stimulating discussions
& lively conversations.





Dinners Ready is Holy Trinity's ministry in which members of the congregation prepare and deliver meals to other members who are going through challenging times, from having babies to laying loved ones to rest, as well as days or weeks of illness. At such time, a homemade soup with bread or a meal will be helpful when energy has waned.

To reinvigorate Dinners Ready, we ask of you:

- Please let Pastor Maurice or Deb know when you find yourself in a stressful or demanding situation. We want to know when you are ill, suffering loss, or having other challenges. We ask members of the congregation to help by alerting the office as well.
- We could use a few more folks to sign up to make meals or soups. Please contact Katie Beyer if you would like to provide food for others in times of distress.
- We will be keeping a meal and soup & bread in the church freezer so that Pastor Maurice always has something ready to take.
- Most of all, please be open to accepting meals from your church brothers and sisters. Many are inclined to say they are fine when meals are offered. If they really are fine, that is okay. But, when meals would be helpful, please do not decline the offer: that just takes away joy from others who want to serve in Jesus name!



NORTH AMERICAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY

The North American Lutheran Seminary offers a June Intensive every year. This year, **June 9-13** the topic will be **Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Pastor Theologian**, and our Pastor Maurice will be the pastor of the pastor-teacher team. Then there is a weekend retreat with the seminarians that Pastor Maurice will lead.

"The course is open to everyone, and is incredibly valuable in all contexts of ministry. We welcome auditors, pastors for continuing education, congregational leaders, students in other tracks, and anyone interested in diving into our rich heritage. Come learn with the NALS community!"

If you are interested in coming to the seminary for the course, or just coming in for a day, please speak with Pastor Maurice or Beth (who hopes to audit it). Whether or not you can come, please pray for this week, for the students and leaders, for the weather, and for God's grace upon our seminary! Thank you.

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## BYLD

**BUILDING YOUTH AS LEADERS  
WHO ARE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST**

BYLD is a week-long event for high school students that focuses on leadership skills, theological education, and discernment, all from the perspective of the NALC Four Core Values.

BYLD will take place **July 7-12, 2025** at Geneva College in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, 14 miles from the North American Lutheran Seminary (NALS).

In addition to worship, small groups, and recreation, Pastors Mark Braaten and Maurice Lee will be teaching on the Lord's Prayer from the Large Catechism.

The cost for students is \$100, plus their own transportation. For more information, email the Rev. Teresa Peters, [tpeters@thenalc.org](mailto:tpeters@thenalc.org). Register at [nalcevents.regfox.com/byld](http://nalcevents.regfox.com/byld).



# ORGAN RECITAL

Our own Director of Music,  
Thomas Hobson Williams  
will be playing at  
**St. Paul's Lutheran Church,**  
**415 E. Athens Avenue**  
**Ardmore, PA 19003**

**Tuesday April 29 at 12:00 noon.**

It is part of the Tuesday noon  
organ concert series organized by  
the Philadelphia chapter of the  
American Guild of Organists.

Program information to be announced.  
Information on the series can be found at

[www.agophila.org/pages/agophilatuesdayrecitals.htm](http://www.agophila.org/pages/agophilatuesdayrecitals.htm)

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While out shopping, donations  
of these items are needed for

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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>DISH SOAP</b>         | 26 oz. or larger   |
| <b>LAUNDRY SOAP</b>      | 40 oz. or larger   |
| <b>BOX MAC &amp; CH.</b> | 7.5 oz. or larger  |
| <b>CANNED CHICKEN</b>    | 12.5 oz. or larger |
| <b>CANNED FRUIT</b>      | 15 oz. or larger   |
| <b>SOUP</b>              | 10.5 oz. or larger |



Our March numbers are in: **133 guests served = 660 people total.**  
**Which is 28 more guests and 201 more people served than March of 2024.**

Much gratitude and thanks for your continued generosity  
that makes this ministry possible!

# ***BREAD OF HEAVEN PRESENTS: THE FOURTH ANNUAL***



## **CHALLENGE**

1. Sign up to receive a FREE vegetable plant.
2. Plant your seedling, nurture it, and watch it grow.
3. What the plant yields comes back to the plates of our guests.
4. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex.
5. The first seedling is FREE, any additional plants will be at cost.

## **OFFER GOOD TIL APRIL 13, 2025**

Small plants are being bought through Boy Scout Troup #437  
To benefit them now, vegetables grown will benefit families later.

Plants will come in Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>

**ARE YOUR THUMBS GREEN ENOUGH TO ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE?**

**CAIRN OPERA THEATER**

*presents:*



**Book and Lyrics by**  
Marsha Norman

**Music by**  
Lucy Simon

*Based on the novel by Frances Hodgson Burnett*  
*An enchanting classic of children's literature is reimaged in this brilliant musical.*

**MUSIC DIRECTOR**  
Steven Condy

**STAGE DIRECTOR**  
Robin Leigh Massie

**APRIL 11 at 7:00 PM | APRIL 12 at 2:00 PM & 7:30 PM**

**CHATLOS CHAPEL | [cairn.edu/tickets](http://cairn.edu/tickets)**

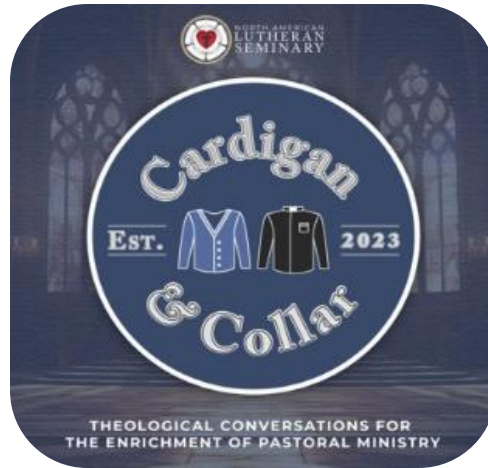
**\$25 General Admission; \$20 Students and Seniors.**



**SCHOOL OF MUSIC**

THE SECRET GARDEN is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals. [www.concordtheatricals.com](http://www.concordtheatricals.com)

## Episode 2 of the new season of **CARDIGAN & COLLAR**



the podcast hosted by Pastor Maurice Lee  
and Professor David Luy,  
is now available for listening at

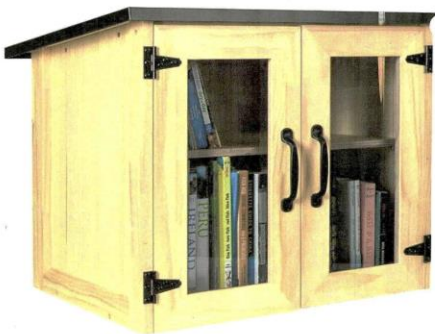
<https://www.thenals.org/learn-with-us/cardigan-collar/>

The new season is about Dietrich Bonhoeffer,  
and this second episode is on the question:  
“How did Bonhoeffer become a pastor-theologian?”

Podcast episodes are also available on Spotify, Amazon Music, and Apple Podcasts (links on the NALS page, or search for “Cardigan and Collar” or “North American Lutheran Seminary”).

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### **SMALL CHURCH/COMMUNITY LIBRARY ANYONE?**



The Social Ministry Committee is looking for people with carpentry skills, who might like to be involved in building or putting together a small library box to sit outside our church and offer Christian-themed books to our community. To explore this idea, contact Rosemary Hinkle (215) 704 - 3701 or [arhinkle@comcast.net](mailto:arhinkle@comcast.net)

# 2<sup>ND</sup> **FRIDAY NIGHT** *ers*

## APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup>

We start at 6 p.m. but come when you can, no sign up required.  
Each month has a theme. Bring a dish to share.

This month's theme:

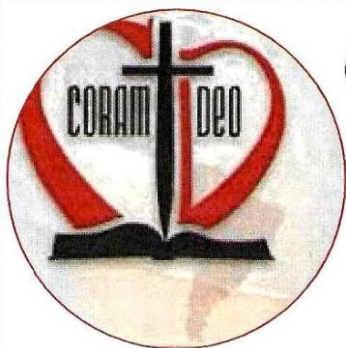
### APPETIZERS:

Small bites hot or cold



## **40 EASY HOT AND COLD APPETIZERS YOU'LL LOVE**

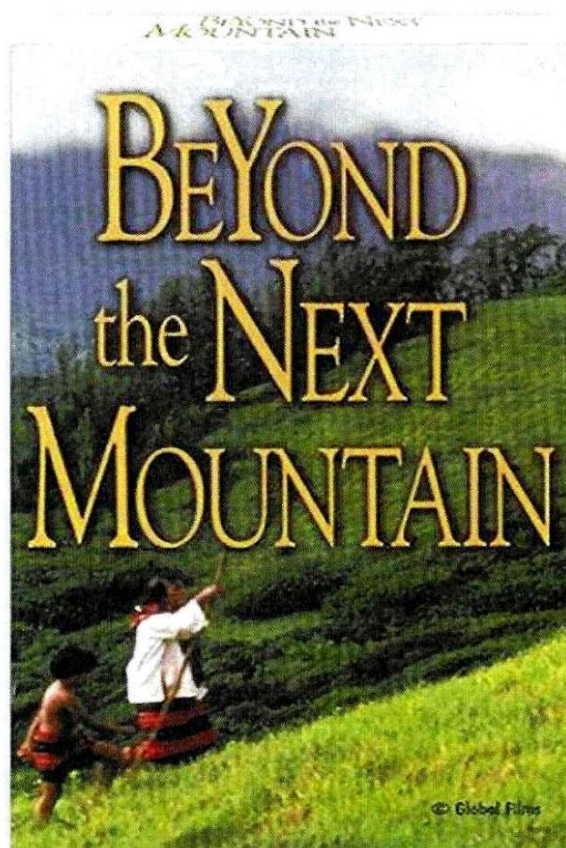




# *Coram Deo* Movie Night

**Monday, April 14 7:00 PM**

All are invited  
to watch this  
inspiring,  
beautifully  
made, true  
story...



# THE CHORISTERS

David M. Spitko, *Artistic Director*  
Kelly Wyszomierski, *Associate Artistic Director*



## *Even the Grass Must Sing*

*A World Premiere*



Composed by Philadelphia area resident and three-time Grammy nominated Kile Smith.

Also performing other nature poems set to music including *Frostiana* by Randall Thompson and works by Eric William Barnum, Jake Runestad & Cecil Effinger.

*Concert Accompanied by Chamber Orchestra*

**Saturday, April 26, 2025**  
**at 7:30 pm**  
**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
1000 W. Main Street Lansdale, PA 19446

**Adult:**  
\$25 in advance, \$30 at the door

**Senior Citizen:**  
\$20 in advance, \$25 at the door

**Student (college/high school):**  
\$5 in advance, \$10 at the door

Younger children admitted free



*Performance supported by a grant from Univest Financial.*

For additional information and discounted advance tickets, please call (215) 542-7871 or go to [www.TheChoristers.org](http://www.TheChoristers.org)

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Saturday, May 17

10 a.m.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

**walk  
for**  **water**  
water mission®

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**Millions of women and children walk over three miles daily to collect water. The Walk for Water on Saturday, May 17 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church simulates this trek and lets you help bring safe water to people in need.**

<https://walkforwater.rallybound.org/holy-trinity>



# April Worship Assistants Schedule



## April 6 Lent 5

|                             |                                                    |                       |                      |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Usher</b> Team # 3       | <b>Lector - Sat</b> The Freers                     | <b>Stream Team</b>    | Gloria Ischinger     |
| <b>Acolyte</b> Nancy Necker | <b>Sun</b> Nancy Necker                            |                       |                      |
| <b>Crucifer</b> Jim Necker  | <b>Christophers</b> Sherry Breslin<br>Linda Frezza | <b>Healing Prayer</b> | Nancy King-Berkovitz |
|                             |                                                    | <b>Cantor</b>         | Ravinia Lee          |

## Apr 13 Palm/Passion

|                                |                                               |                       |                                                   |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Usher</b> Team # 4          | <b>Lector - Sat</b> Karen McGovern            | <b>Stream Team</b>    | Frank Ganther                                     |
| <b>Acolyte</b> Helen Haun      | <b>Sun</b> Allan Shikhvarg                    |                       |                                                   |
| <b>Crucifer</b> Charlie Tolton | <b>Christophers</b> Beth Lee<br>Frank Ganther | <b>Healing Prayer</b> | Nancy Ischinger                                   |
|                                |                                               | <b>Cantors</b>        | Dean Lawrence<br>Tom Schied<br>Steve Wyszomierski |

## April 17 Maundy Thursday

|                       |                                                                    |                    |                |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| <b>Usher</b> Team # 4 | <b>Lector</b> Charlie Tolton                                       | <b>Stream Team</b> | Charlie Tolton |
| <b>Acolyte</b>        | <b>Stripping of Altar</b><br>Bruce & Maureen Freer<br>Nancy Necker |                    |                |
| <b>Crucifer</b>       |                                                                    |                    |                |

## April 18 Good Friday Noon

|                       |                                                                 |                    |                    |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                       | <b>Lectors</b> Linda Cassady & ?<br><b>Crucifer</b> Bruce Freer |                    |                    |
| <b>Tenebrae</b>       |                                                                 |                    |                    |
| <b>Usher</b> Team # 5 | Suzanne Brown<br>Kathleen Ingerson<br>Nancy Ischinger           | <b>Stream Team</b> | Rob Ischinger      |
|                       |                                                                 | <b>Acolytes</b>    | Jim & Nancy Necker |

## April 19 Easter Vigil

|                               |                                           |                          |  |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|
|                               | <b>Acolyte/Crucifer</b><br>Charlie Tolton | <b>Lectors</b><br>Need 6 |  |
| <b>Torchbearers</b>           | <b>Cantor</b>                             |                          |  |
| <b>Bookbearer</b> Bruce Freer |                                           |                          |  |

## April 20 Easter

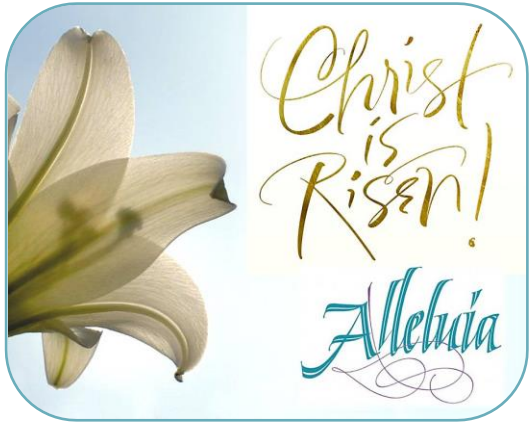
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|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Usher</b> Team # 5          | <b>Lector</b>                                          | <b>Stream Team</b>    | Hannah Mumford     |
| <b>Acolyte</b> Otis Bricker    | <b>Sun</b> John Bleimaier                              |                       |                    |
| <b>Crucifer</b> Sherry Breslin | <b>Christophers</b> Nancy Necker<br>Wayne Laudenslager | <b>Healing Prayer</b> | Wayne Laudenslager |
|                                |                                                        | <b>Cantor</b>         |                    |

## April 27 Easter 2

|                                |                                               |                       |                  |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| <b>Usher</b> Team # 1          | <b>Lector - Sat</b> The Freers                | <b>Stream Team</b>    | Gloria Ischinger |
| <b>Acolyte</b> Janice Donnelly | <b>Sun</b> Linda Borkowski                    |                       |                  |
| <b>Crucifer</b> Benet Donnelly | <b>Christophers</b> Sue Tolton<br>Deb Mumford | <b>Healing Prayer</b> | Sue Tolton       |
|                                |                                               | <b>Cantor</b>         |                  |



# April 2025

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Monday                                                                                        | Tuesday                                                                                                                                                               | Wednesday                                                                                    | Thursday                                                                                                                                                                                        | Friday                                                                                                                                                                                      | Saturday                                                                                                                               |
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| <p>"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."</p> <p>Romans 10:9</p>                                           |                                                                                               | <b>1</b> 9:30<br>Morning Prayer                                                                                                                                       | <b>2</b> 9:30<br>Morning Prayer<br><br>6:30 Vespers<br>7:00 Soup Supper<br>7:30 Bible Study  | <b>3</b> 9:30<br>Morning Prayer<br>10:00 Bread of Heaven Food Pantry<br>10:00 Meanderings<br><br>6:30 Handbell Choir<br>7:30 Chancel Choir                                                      | <b>4</b> 9:30<br>Morning Prayer<br><br>5:00 Stations of the Cross<br>6:30 Dinner with CCO Students<br>7:30 AA                                                                               | <b>5</b><br><br>5:00 Holy Communion<br><br>7:00 AA                                                                                     |
| <b>6 Lent 5</b><br>9:00 Holy Communion<br>10:30 Sunday School<br>Pre-K thru Adult                                                                                                                       | <b>7</b> 9:30<br>Morning Prayer<br><br>7:00 Women's Prayer Group                              | <b>8</b> 9:30<br>Morning Prayer<br><br>7:30 Council                                                                                                                   | <b>9</b> 9:30<br>Morning Prayer<br><br>6:30 Vespers<br>7:00 Soup Supper<br>7:30 Bible Study  | <b>10</b> 9:30<br>Morning Prayer<br>10:00 Bread of Heaven Food Pantry<br>10:00 Meanderings<br><br>6:30 Handbell Choir<br>7:00 Eve Circle<br>7:30 Chancel Choir                                  | <b>11</b> 9:30<br>Morning Prayer<br><br>5:00 Stations of the Cross<br>6:00 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday Nighters<br>7:30 AA                                                                       | <b>12</b><br><br>5:00 Holy Communion<br><br>7:00 AA                                                                                    |
| <b>13 Palm/Passion</b><br>9:00 Holy Communion<br>10:30 Sunday School<br>Pre-K thru Adult<br>11:45 Ruth Circle<br><br> | <b>14</b> 9:30<br>Morning Prayer<br><br>12:30 Miriam Circle<br><br>7:00 Coram Deo Movie Night | <b>15</b> 9:30<br>Morning Prayer<br><br><br><b>7:00 Prayer Walk at Holy Trinity</b> | <b>16</b> 9:30<br>Morning Prayer<br><br>6:30 Vespers<br>7:00 Soup Supper<br>7:30 Bible Study | <b>17</b> 10:00 Bread of Heaven Food Pantry<br>10:00 Meanderings<br><b>MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:30 Service</b><br> | <b>18 GOOD FRIDAY</b><br>6 am – 6 pm<br>Prayer Vigil<br>12 pm – St John's Passion<br>7:30 Tenebrae<br> | <b>19 EASTER VIGIL 7:00 Service</b><br><br>7:00 AA |
| <b>20 Easter</b><br>7:30 Son is Risen<br>Continental Breakfast<br>9:00 Holy Communion<br><br>                         | <b>21</b><br><b>OFFICE CLOSED</b><br><br>7:00 Hannah Circle                                   | <b>22</b><br><br>7:00 Evangelism Meeting                                                                                                                              | <b>23</b><br><br>7:30 Worship & Music Meeting                                                | <b>24</b> 10:00 Bread of Heaven Food Pantry<br>10:00 Meanderings with Pastor Maurice<br><br>6:30 Handbell Choir<br>7:30 Chancel Choir                                                           | <b>25</b><br><br>7:00 Readers of FIRST THINGS<br>7:30 AA                                                                                                                                    | <b>26</b><br><br>5:00 Holy Communion<br><br>7:00 AA                                                                                    |
| <b>27 Easter 2</b><br>9:00 Holy Communion<br>10:30 Sunday School<br>Pre-K thru Adult<br><br>6:00 AA                                                                                                     | <b>28</b>                                                                                     | <b>29</b><br>12:00 Thomas' Organ Recital<br><br>7:00 Stewardship Meeting                                                                                              | <b>30</b>                                                                                    |                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                        |