

# HOLY TRINITY

## Evangelical Lutheran Church

# ECHOES NEWSLETTER

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## February, 2025

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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.  
(*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:

Last week I was on a pastors' retreat sponsored by our denomination, the NALC. (I ended up sick in bed for a good chunk of the retreat, but that's of little interest.)

Fascinatingly, most of the retreat speakers told autobiographically of growing up in very non-Lutheran environments, but then being drawn into confessional Lutheranism as young(ish) adults.

The adjective "confessional" is not redundant. After all, we're very familiar with churchgoers whose only or main reason for being Lutheran — and one could substitute almost any other Christian tradition for "Lutheran" — is along the lines of: "My family have been Lutherans for generations," or "Being Lutheran is like being Catholic, just not as uptight," or "Lutheranism is about grace and forgiveness; everything else is optional."

By contrast, relatively few seem to be aware that Lutheran churches were originally known (in the early 1500s) as churches *of the Augsburg Confession*; or that the majority of Lutheran churches were unified (in the late 1500s) by their agreement *with the Formula of Concord*; etc., etc. (Those who have gone through our classes on the confessions at Holy Trinity are aware — or at least it's in our notes somewhere!)

We have in our time a remarkable opportunity as Lutherans: to live what the retreat speakers called a *generous confessionalism*.

As Luther might put it: *Was ist das?* What does this mean? Generous confessionalism is an attention to our originating confessions — the Nicene Creed, the Augsburg Confession, the Formula of Concord, and others — which can guide us into the rich depths of

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# Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

## ***Mission Statement***

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



## **Altar Flowers**

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

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- our God-breathed Bible, which gives us Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Man;
- our God-ordained task to speak the truth in love, knowing when to say "Yes" and when to say "No";
- our God-desired unity with all Christians, not aside from the good news but because of it; and
- our God-commanded mission to the world, all for whom the Lord Jesus died and rose again.

What will continued commitment to a generous confessionalism — "continued" because, God be praised, the confessions' witness to the gospel has never slipped out of sight here — look like, as Holy Trinity approaches its one-hundredth year in Abington? How will it change us?

That is, of course, impossible to predict (impossible for me, anyway) in any detail. But one thing I do know. In the mercy of God, Jesus Christ — to whom the Lutheran confessions unanimously point, and "in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Colossians 2:3) — will be worshipped, adored, met, obeyed, followed, served, proclaimed, taught, glorified, shared, and expected by us, in everything we say and do ... or else we will cease being confessional, indeed will cease being a church.

I'll take this opportunity to commend the retreat talks, which will be made publicly available sometime in the near future, to the whole Holy Trinity family. The speakers were Dr. David Luy, Dr. Alexander Pierce, the Rev. Dr. Orrey McFarland, and the Rev. Lara Bhasin. The talks were uniformly excellent and could, I think, lead to fruitful discussions. Meanwhile, feel free to corner me about them, or about the idea of generous confessionalism!

That Christ may be magnified,  
Pastor Maurice



**THE BOOK OF CONCORD**  
The Confessions of the Lutheran Church



## Healing Prayer Ministry

After both the 5:00 PM Saturday service and the 9:00 AM Sunday Service, trained members of the Healing Prayer Ministry are available in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd to meet with you for one-on-one prayer.



## Women's Prayer Group

The Holy Trinity Women's Prayer Group meets the **1<sup>st</sup> Monday** of each month.

We gather at **7:00 pm** at Rosemary Hinkle's carriage house, 1164 Wheatsheaf Lane, Abington, PA 19001

Every woman is welcome, come as you are able.

Contact Rosemary @

[Rosemaryhinkle@comcast.net](mailto:Rosemaryhinkle@comcast.net)

### 2025 Schedule

**Feb. 3    March 3**

**April 7    May 5**

**June 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:**

**Please pray for the following individuals & their families:** *(we cannot add last names or initials)* Adriene, Allan, Allyson, Amanda, Ann, Anne, Antonette, Bill, Blake, Bob, Brett, Carly, Carol, Christopher, Dallas, David, Deb, Derek, Emersyn, Eric, Erica, Ernie, Gavin, Gene, Hannah, Jennifer, Jill, John, Julia, Kathy, Kellie, Kevan, Kim, Laura, Levi, Linda, Logan, Mandy, Mark, Mary, Mary Kate, Matthew, Nancy, Pat, Peter, Rich, Rick, Roger, Rosemary, Sam, Sharon, Sherri, Skylar, Sophia C., Steve, Todd, Tom, Trudy, Vicki, Willow.

**Please pray for the following families:** Custer, Delucia, Erb, Gregg, Lacy, Maieron, Necker, Novak, Schenck, Schmidt, Staedtler, Steinhof, 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 and that He would please send workers into the Harvest.

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

For all who are fighting addiction to drugs and alcohol.

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

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

For the military and their families.

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

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

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

For the members of the Mekane Yesus Lutheran Church in Ethiopia, and for the Nifas Silk Congregation.

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

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

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

For the people of Ukraine.

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

For a peaceful political atmosphere.



### Our Christian Sympathy to

Marty, Jane, Kent, Kathy  
and the entire Erb family  
on the death of **Dorothy H. Erb**  
**January 22, 2025**

Beloved sister, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

#### Psalm 112:6

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

*those we*  
**LOVE**  
**DON'T GO AWAY,**  
*they walk beside us*  
**EVERY DAY**  
**UNSEEN, UNHEARD,**  
*but always near*  
**STILL LOVED,**  
**STILL MISSED,**  
*and very dear*

## Thoughts on loss by Dietrich Bonhoeffer...

"There is nothing that can replace the absence of someone dear to us, one should not even attempt to do so. One must simply hold out and endure it.

At first that sounds very hard, but at the same time it is also a great comfort. For to the extent the emptiness truly remains unfilled one remains connected to the other person through it.

It is wrong to say that God fills the emptiness. God in no way fills it but much more leaves it precisely unfilled and thus helps us preserve -- even in pain -- the authentic relationship.

Furthermore, the more beautiful and full of remembrances, the more difficult the separation. But gratitude transforms the torment of memory into silent joy. One bears what was lovely in the past not as a thorn but as a precious gift deep within, a hidden treasure of which one can always be certain."

-- Dietrich Bonhoeffer



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

**LUTHER QUOTES:**

"It is the duty of every Christian to be Christ to his neighbor."

"All the cunning of the devil is exercised in trying to tear us away from the Word."

"Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance, but laying hold of his willingness."

"We must meet hate with love. We must meet physical force with soul force."

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

"Peace if possible; truth at all costs."

"The Bible is a remarkable fountain: the more one draws and drinks of it, the more it stimulates the thirst."

## **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](mailto: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

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



# NOTES OF THANKS

## Christ's Home

Caring. Compassion. Community.

[www.christshome.org](http://www.christshome.org)

Gift Amount: \$377.00  
Gift Date: 12/31/2024  
Receipt: #46958

January 10, 2025

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

Happy New Year! As we step into 2025, I want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support of Christ's Home. Your gift makes a lasting difference in the lives of the children, teens, and senior adults we are privileged to serve.

At Christ's Home, our mission is to serve individuals with dignity and provide hope and healing through faith-based care. For the children entrusted to us, this means creating a safe, nurturing environment where they can thrive emotionally, academically, and spiritually. For senior adults in our community, we offer compassionate care and innovative programs that promote independence and enhance quality of life.

Your generosity fuels this mission, ensuring that children find a sense of belonging, teens gain the skills they need to succeed, and senior adults experience joy and fulfillment in their golden years. Thanks to supporters like you, Christ's Home continues to be a place where lives are transformed.

Thank you again for your partnership and for making such a meaningful impact. Together, we look forward to another year of serving those in need and spreading hope in our community.

With gratitude,

George Zandlik  
Vice President of Corporate Relations

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

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### Children's Services

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

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

January 10, 2025

Dear Parish Family,

First of all, I thank Pastor Maurice for his faithful ministry to both Mike and me during these difficult days. Pastor Maurice stunned me on December 8 when he came to the Emergency Room right after the ambulance brought Mike in. That room was pure chaos, filled with medical people working to stabilize Mike enough to transport him to the Intensive Care Unit. Worship would be beginning at Holy Trinity in less than an hour, yet Pastor Maurice came to our side and brought a calmness into the chaos for which I will be forever grateful.

In the weeks that followed, Pastor Maurice visited Mike and prayed for him many times. Mike had been very clear that he wanted Commendation of the Sick with Anointing, at the end of his life. And Pastor Maurice made that happen. With Chris and Scarlett and me surrounding Mike, Pastor Maurice officiated at a most beautiful Commendation of the Sick with Anointing. He carefully shepherded all of us through this moving service, and then he stayed with our family as Mike breathed his last. I thank Pastor Maurice so much. Thank you.

Years ago, Mike had picked the hymns and lessons for his funeral. He was very clear about the clergy he wanted involved. He was clear about what he wanted preached. He was adamant he wanted a lunch. He was even clear about who he wanted to do the flowers!

Although Mike died on December 19, his funeral could not be until January 6 because of Christmas and people travelling. During that time Holy Trinity's office had to come up with 3 Sunday bulletins, a Christmas Eve bulletin, and a special Epiphany

Eve bulletin for the joint service with St. Mark's. That's a lot! And then you throw in a funeral bulletin for Pastor Mike. But that bulletin was perfect! The entire service went exactly as Mike would have wanted it. Pastor Maurice, Deb Mumford, Thomas Hobson Williams and Tom Schied out did themselves!! The bulletin was perfect, the organ was as LOUD as Mike wanted it, the singing was spectacular thanks to Tom Schied's leadership of the hymns, the liturgy was led beautifully by the choir, all of the clergy were wonderful – and Pastor Steve Shipman preached EXACTLY the sermon Mike would have wanted. The whole thing was organized by Pastor Maurice, who was the Celebrant and made everything look easy. Which it was not.

And finally, I want to thank Janice & Benet Donnelly who put together exactly the lunch Mike said he wanted. Thank you so much. And thank you to the snow shovellers and dessert makers and ushers and Fellowship Hall set-up people. And a **special** thank you to all of you who came out in the face of the predicted “snowmageddon” and gave Mike a nice, full church for his funeral. Thank you.

As I write this, it is January 10 ... 4 days after Mike's funeral. That funeral was exactly what he had planned for so carefully. And it came off without a hitch thanks to all of you. I have no idea how anybody gets through something like this without a good church family. And you ARE a good church family. I am grateful to you ... but I am even more grateful to my Lord Jesus Christ who sets the solitary in families. And what a wonderful family He has set me in. Thank you.

Always with love,  
Pastor Mandy



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Dear Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church,

On behalf of the North American Lutheran Seminary (NALS), I want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your generous donation in support of the Bonhoeffer House. Your commitment to this important project is a blessing to our growing seminary community and will make a lasting impact on the future of theological education and pastoral formation in the North American Lutheran Church.

The Bonhoeffer House is a special place that will allow students to experience life together, form meaningful relationships, and grow in their faith as they prepare for ministry. Thanks to your support, we have been able to furnish the student apartments, equip the chapel for worship, and make the home a comfortable space for our NALS community to gather and grow together.

We are excited for what the future holds, and we are deeply grateful for your role in making the Bonhoeffer House a reality. Your investment in this project is an investment in the next generation of pastors and leaders for the NALC.

Thank you for your partnership in this vital mission!

In Christ,

**The Rev. Dr. Eric M. Riesen**

President, North American Lutheran Seminary



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Dear Holy Trinity,

Thank you so much once again for your monetary support for Freedom Steps. You have been a constant source of assistance over the years.

Each and every donation we receive is appreciated. Thank you again and God Bless You.

Happy New Year,  
Freedom Steps Committee

Your kindness is greatly appreciated!  
Merry Christmas, thank you so much  
for all the wonderful sweets, and gifts.

Have a happy New Year and  
Blessed 365.

God bless everyone and their family.

From: Rosalia Aversa.



Pastor Lee & Holy Trinity  
Lutheran Church Carolers,

Thank you for taking time to spread  
Christmas spirit with your lovely  
voices & music to us at Gwynedd.

~ Doreen  
Gwynedd Estates

Many thanks to the Fred Beans Automotive Group  
for their generous donation to the Bread of Heaven Food Pantry.

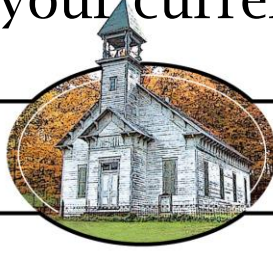


Meet your current

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# CHURCH COUNCIL

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President: Janice Donnelly

Vice-President: Dean Lawrence

Secretary: Stephanie Templeton

Treasurer: Sue Tolton

Linda Frezza

Sherri Gregg

Wayne Laudenslager

Barbara Rothermel

Frank Ganther

Helen Haun

Nancy Necker

Laurie Shikhvarg

There is a photo display on the wall in the Narthex  
so you can match a face with the name.

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## WELCOME **NEW MEMBERS**

Michael Graf & Stephanie Rampersad

Amy Haviland

Frank Hought

Bruce Lint

Stephen Mandell, Julie Zayon

Alexander Mandell-Zayon

Matthew & Margherita Marschall

Jose Pomales

Thomas Hobson & Charlotte Williams

*"But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship  
the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him."*

*John 4: 23*



## THE SOUPER BOWL OF CARING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9<sup>th</sup>

The Competition Begins

Pastor Larry's class

VS

Tom Schied's class

VS

Pastor Maurice & Thomas' class

Donate to vote for the winning class!

All proceeds go to the Bread of Heaven Food Pantry.

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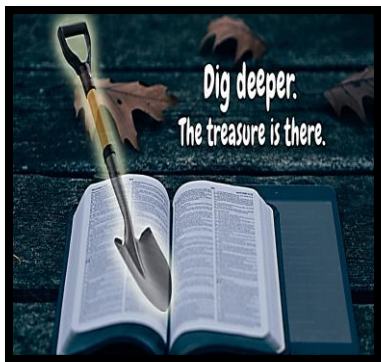
**119 is the number of guests** we served in January with 5 new guests signing up, bringing our monthly **total** to **463 people**.

\*Just as a frame of reference last year's month of January #'s were: **78 guests** total of **342 people**.

The Bread of Heaven food pantry is currently looking for donations of these items:



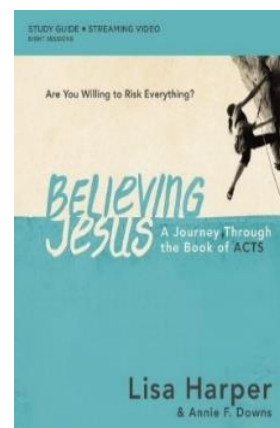
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| Pancake Mix | 32 oz. or larger |
| Syrup       | 24 oz. or larger |
| Pasta Sauce | 24 oz. or larger |
| Pasta       | 1 lb. or larger  |
| Canned Tuna | 5 oz. or larger  |
| Honey       | 24 oz.           |



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.  
**Returning Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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Join Tom Schied in the front half of Fellowship Hall as he continues with ***Believing Jesus: A Journey through the Book of Acts***. Bible teacher and author Lisa Harper retraces the steps of the apostles in the book of Acts. It required the disciple's willingness to risk everything to establish a new community that would change the future world. Class continues through to the end of February.



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## 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!*



## Healing Prayer Ministry

Before the pandemic, trained members of our Healing Prayer Ministry Team were available in the Little Chapel of the Good Shepherd (aka the Library) after worship services on both Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

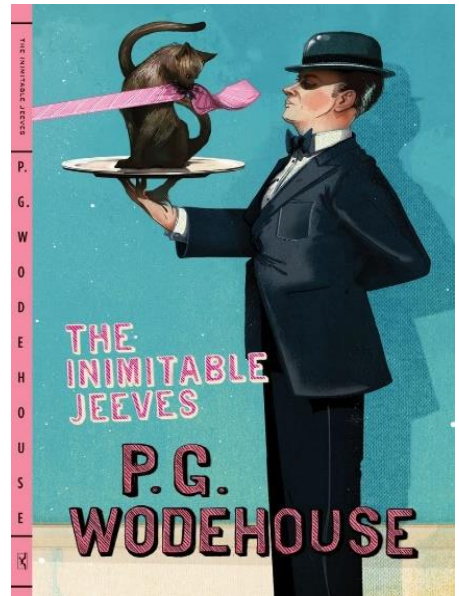
We are happy to announce the return of this opportunity for private one-on-one prayer beginning this month. We look forward to praying with you.

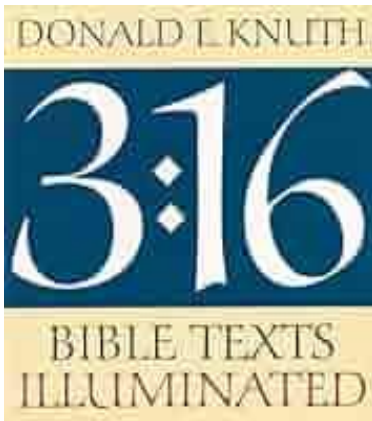


**Meets Monday, Feb. 10 at 7:30 PM**  
in the Study

We will be discussing:

*The Inimitable Jeeves* by P.G. Wodehouse





Thursday morning Meanderings  
with Pastor Maurice  
on *3:16 Bible Texts Illuminated*,  
**Returns Thursday, Feb. 6, at 10:00 a.m.**  
Bagels and such on the house of course!

Join us for stimulating discussions  
& lively conversations.

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Similar to the recent gathering  
focused on shared memories of Pastor Mike,  
we will meet in the Study, Tuesday night  
**February 4, 2025 at 7 PM**

Sharing stories, memories, photographs  
and joyful times with and about Dottie Erb.

Come and listen to each other in thankfulness  
to God for her life among us.

We will end with the service of Compline.



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There is still time to sign up  
on the sheet in the Narthex for:  
**Holy Trinity's**



Join our task force to help plan for this celebration in 2030!

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

### Our Chili Cook-Off Cooks



### Winner: Terri Nilsen!



Thank you to everyone who came out for our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Chili Cook-off. 8 pots of chili were prepared to sample. The winner was Terri Nilsen with her **Manly Manny's Chili**. Copies of the winning chili recipe are available in the Narthex.

Please join us for our next 2<sup>ND</sup> Friday Nighters event which will be on **Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**

Our theme will be (of course) desserts.

Bring your favorite dessert to share and join us.

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### NEW YEAR ... NEW BOOKS at Holy Trinity Library

Be sure to stop by the book cart in Fellowship Hall to see our new arrivals.

Easy directions on display to check out your selection and that also works for books inside the Library.

Enjoy your read! Look for more new arrivals next month.

## CHURCH LIBRARY

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





Thanks to your generosity we will be providing the financial means for 4 Penn State Abington students to attend the 2025 Jubilee in Pittsburgh!

Additionally, we are participating in a Food Collection for Penn State Abington students.

We will support the food needs of the 35 Penn State Abington students that Ray Wiesen is taking to the Coalition for Christian Outreach Jubilee in Pittsburgh on Feb. 21 ~ Feb. 23.

We are collecting **Pop Tarts** and **Apples**. Ray is looking for at least 70 Pop Tarts (2 per student) and 70 apples (2 per student).

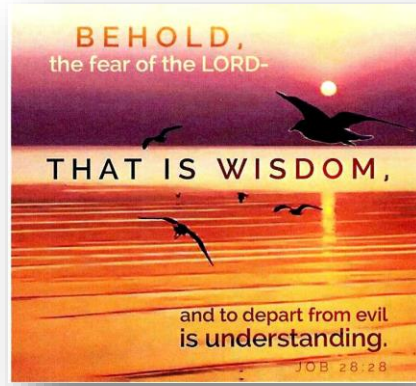


Pop Tarts may be left in the Narthex in a box on the steps, while apples will be purchased right before the trip with your contributions.

Please place monetary contributions in envelopes marked, "Jubilee." Money received in excess of the apple purchases will be put toward other snack needs for the students.

Thank you from Your Social Ministry Committee.

## Lutheran Church Women's Circle Bible Study



### **FEBRUARY CIRCLES**

#### **The Search for Wisdom**

Last month we looked at the gaze of God when we suffer and how for Job that turned from frightening to consoling. This month we are looking at Job's search for wisdom in the midst of the suffering. In chapter 28 Job is not talking personally about his suffering but seeking beyond it to find wisdom. Read chapter 28 ahead of time, if you can, and think about these questions, then come prepared to discuss: What images engage your imagination? Verse 13 says, "Man does not know [wisdom's] worth." How does this chapter illustrate this in ways you know to be true? What stands out to you about the relationship between God and wisdom? Enjoy circle discussion!!

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.

**Ruth Circle – Sunday, February 9 at 11:45 a.m. in the Study**

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

**Miriam Circle – Monday, February 10 at 12:30 p.m. in the Study & on Zoom**

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

**Eve Circle – Thursday, February 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Study**

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

**Hannah Circle – Monday, February 17 at 7:00 p.m. in Youth Room**

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



## **"It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood"**

Spring is coming and the LCW's focus during this time of renewal will be our Holy Trinity neighbors. We will be reaching out by giving them a "goodie" bag from our church and include a "spring message".

With your help, we hope to continue building a caring and thoughtful community.

Please leave your generous contributions in the blue basket marked LCW in the Narthex beginning February through March.

Any questions, please call Nancy Matteo 267 - 625 - 1104

### **Suggested Items**

Small cookie packages (NO NUTS)

Small jars of jam or jelly

Sealed tea bags - boxed

Seed packets

Sealed candy (Hershey Kisses, hard candy, etc.) NO NUTS

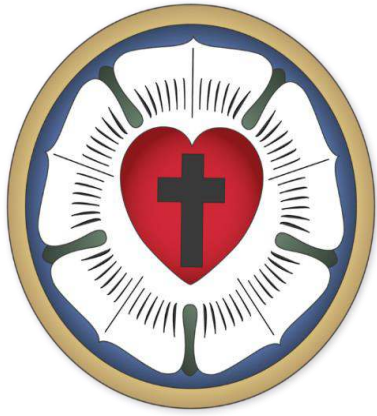
Tissue packs

Small hand soaps

Small gift napkins

Small candles

Small note pads



# NORTH AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## *DISASTER RESPONSE*

Pastor Mark Werner is planning a week-long trip with volunteers from our AMR region to aid in the rebuilding effort in North Carolina. NALC Disaster Response continues to actively work in Western North Carolina after the devastation from Hurricane Helene. There is an opportunity for volunteers from the Atlantic Mission Region to assist in this rebuilding effort.

### TRIP DETAILS:

- ♦ Travel from Emanuel, Elmer, NJ on Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>
- ♦ Volunteers would work Mon. through Fri., June 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>
- ♦ Travel home would be on Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>
- ♦ Cost: The cost would be for the travel to and from Burnsville, NC, food for meals, and any spending money one might wish to bring.

As of now, we would be working in Burnsville, NC. This may be subject to change as there are a number of mission trips occurring before our arrival.

Please indicate your interest in this trip by speaking to Pastor Maurice or calling the office. There is also a signing your name and email/or phone number on the sign-up sheet in the narthex by Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.



# February Worship Assistants Schedule



## February 2

|                                   |                                  |                                      |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Usher 4</b>                    | <b>Acolyte</b> Janice Donnelly   | <b>Cantor</b> Deb Mumford            |
|                                   | <b>Crucifer</b> Benet Donnelly   |                                      |
| <b>Stream Team</b> Hannah Mumford | <b>Lector</b> Sat Karen McGovern | <b>Healing Prayer</b> Sherry Breslin |
|                                   | <b>Sun</b> Nancy Ischinger       | <b>Christophers Team # 4</b>         |

## February 9

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| <b>Usher 5</b>                      | <b>Acolyte</b> Jonathan Mutashobya       | <b>Cantor</b> John Minges        |
|                                     | <b>Crucifer</b> Allan Shikhvarg          |                                  |
| <b>Stream Team</b> Gloria Ischinger | <b>Lector- Sat</b> Bruce & Maureen Freer | <b>Healing Prayer</b> Helen Haun |
|                                     | <b>Sun</b> Eric Gregg                    | <b>Christophers Team # 1</b>     |

## February 16

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| <b>Usher 1</b>                    | <b>Acolyte</b> Helen Haun          | <b>Cantor</b> Eric Gregg                   |
|                                   | <b>Crucifer</b> Otis Bricker       |                                            |
| <b>Stream Team</b> Charlie Tolton | <b>Lector - Sat</b> Karen McGovern | <b>Healing Prayer</b> Nancy King-Berkovitz |
|                                   | <b>Sun</b> Helen Haun              | <b>Christophers Team # 2</b>               |

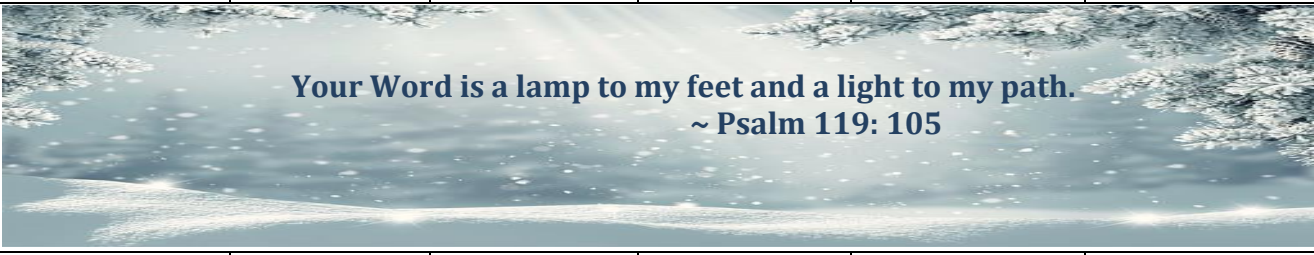
## February 23

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| <b>Usher 2</b>                   | <b>Acolyte</b> Linda Borkowski            | <b>Cantor</b>                            |
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| <b>Stream Team</b> Frank Ganther | <b>Crucifer</b> Charlie Tolton            | <b>Healing Prayer</b> Wayne Laudenslager |
|                                  | <b>Lector - Sat</b> Bruce & Maureen Freer |                                          |
|                                  | <b>Sun</b> Suzanne Brown                  | <b>Christophers Team # 3</b>             |

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

Called to *Serve*

# FEBRUARY 2025

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                      | Monday                                                                     | Tuesday                           | Wednesday                    | Thursday                                                                                                                    | Friday                                                                                                                                                                         | Saturday                                                                          |
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|  <p><b>Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.</b><br/>~ Psalm 119: 105</p> |                                                                            |                                   |                              |                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>1</b><br><br>5:00 Holy Communion<br><br>7:00 AA                                |
| <b>2 Epiphany 4</b><br>9:00 Holy Communion<br>10:30 Sunday School<br>Pre-K thru Adult<br><br>6:00 AA                                                                        | <b>3</b><br><br>7:00 Women's Prayer Group                                  | <b>4</b><br><br>7:00 Every Tear   | <b>5</b><br><br>7:30 Council | <b>6</b> 10:00 Bread of Heaven<br>10:00 Meanderings<br><br>6:45 Handbell Choir<br>8:00 Chancel Choir                        | <b>7</b><br><br>7:30 AA                                                                                                                                                        | <b>8</b><br><br>5:00 Holy Communion<br><br>7:00 AA                                |
| <b>9 Epiphany 5</b><br>9:00 Holy Communion<br>10:30 Sunday School<br>Pre-K thru Adult<br>11:45 Ruth Circle<br><br><b>Souper Bowl of Caring</b><br><br>6:00 AA               | <b>10</b><br>12:30 Miriam Circle<br><br>7:00 Coram Deo                     | <b>11</b>                         | <b>12</b>                    | <b>13</b><br>10:00 Bread of Heaven<br>10:00 Meanderings<br><br>6:45 Handbell Choir<br>6:30 Eve Circle<br>8:00 Chancel Choir | <b>14 Valentine's Day</b><br><br>Celebrating Saint Valentine<br>6:30 2ND FRIDAY<br>7:30 AA | <b>15</b><br><br>5:00 Holy Communion<br><b>6:30 Prayer Service</b><br><br>7:00 AA |
| <b>16 Epiphany 6</b><br>9:00 Holy Communion<br>10:30 Sunday School<br>Pre-K thru Adult<br>11:30 100th Ann. taskforce<br><br>6:00 AA                                         | <b>17 OFFICE CLOSED</b><br><b>Presidents Day</b><br><br>7:00 Hannah Circle | <b>18</b><br><br>7:00 Evangelism  | <b>19</b>                    | <b>20</b><br>10:00 Bread of Heaven<br>10:00 Meanderings<br><br>6:45 Handbell Choir<br>8:00 Chancel Choir                    | <b>21</b><br>7:00 Readers of FIRST THINGS<br><br>7:30 AA                                                                                                                       | <b>22</b><br><br>5:00 Holy Communion<br><br>7:00 AA                               |
| <b>23 Epiphany 7</b><br>9:00 Holy Communion<br>10:30 Sunday School<br>Pre-K thru Adult<br><br>6:00 AA                                                                       | <b>24</b>                                                                  | <b>25</b><br><br>7:00 Stewardship | <b>26</b>                    | <b>27</b><br>10:00 Bread of Heaven<br>10:00 Meanderings<br><br>6:45 Handbell Choir<br>8:00 Chancel Choir                    | <b>28</b><br><br>7:30 AA                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                   |

## Special Dates:

- \* Groundhog Day, *February 2, 2025*
- \* Valentine's Day, *February 14, 2025*
- \* President's Day, *February 17, 2025*

