



HOLY TRINITY

Evangelical Lutheran Church

ECHOES NEWSLETTER

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Pastor

The Rev. Dr. Maurice Y. Lee

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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 his celebrated book *Dominion: How the Christian Revolution Remade the World* (Basic Books, 2019), historian Tom Holland describes the stomach-turning strangeness of the event at the origin of our faith:

Everything about the practice of nailing a man to a cross — a “crux” — was repellent. “The very word is harsh on our ears” (Varro). This was why, despite the ubiquity of crucifixion across the Roman world, few cared to think much about it. Criminals broken on implements of torture: who were such filth to concern men of breeding and civility? (3)

And yet, Holland points out,

So profound has been the impact of Christianity on the development of Western civilization that it has come to be hidden from view. ... Belief that the Son of the one God of the Jews was tortured to death on a cross has come to be so enduringly and widely held that today most of us in the West are dulled to just how scandalous it originally was. (17)

September 14 is Holy Cross Day, “a celebration of the Johannine view of the crucifixion of Christ as the time of his glorification, the moment of death being the moment of his triumph and victory, his degradation on the cross paradoxically corresponding to his exaltation” (Philip H. Pfatteicher, *New Book of Festivals and Commemorations* [Fortress, 2008], 443).

The festival was at first intended to commemorate the discovery and display of the “true cross” in the time of Constantine, but its point does not depend on the existence of a relic, as secondarily interesting as that might be.

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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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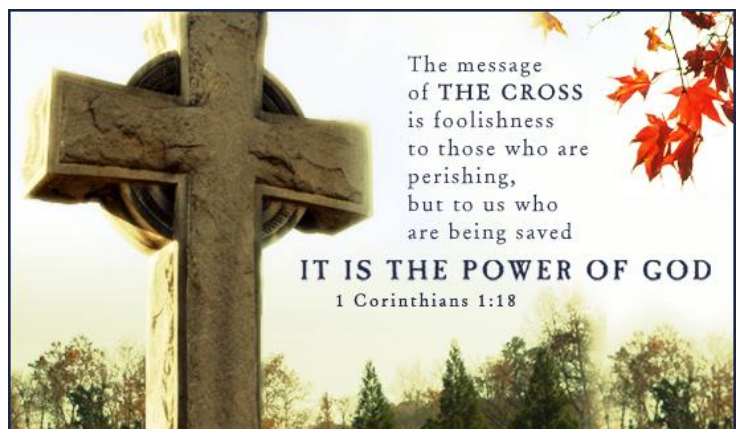
Instead, in the hanging, the *fixing*, of Jesus of Nazareth on a Roman cross — a piece of actual history, not something made up by a fevered imagination, no matter what happened subsequently to that wood — we recognize the incomparable work of God for the redemption of his creation and the greatness of his name. "That person is worthily called a theologian only who understands the things of God as seen through the sufferings and the cross" (Luther, *Heidelberg Disputation* [1518], thesis 20).

Such recognition is not possible on the basis of our own resources; the Holy Spirit alone can open our eyes to the truth. But once we've seen it, everything else looks different, everything else is transformed in that light, for "the word of the cross is the power of God" (1 Corinthians 1:18).

Yes, the crucifixion of Christ has its meaning only together with his resurrection — "if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain, your faith is in vain, you are still in your sins, and we are of all people most to be pitied" (1 Corinthians 15:14-19) — because it's *Jesus Christ*, not the cross, who is Savior and Lord of the universe. But that's precisely the amazing reality: the Jesus who is Savior and Lord is risen and ascended as the one who suffered and was crucified. And not merely crucified, but crucified *for us*.

Our celebration of Holy Cross Day is for the honor and worship, not of a scrap of wood, but of the God-man who let himself be nailed to that wood, that we might be his forever.

Rejoicing in God's indescribable gift,
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
resumes meeting
this month.

**Wednesday, Sept. 10th
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)* Adriene, Aimeé, Alan, Alex, Allan, Allyson, Amanda, Angie, Anita, Ann, Anna, Anne, Antonette, Art, Audrey, Baby Wilkinson, Barbara, Ben, Benjamin, Beth, Bill, Blake, Bob, Brett, Candy, Carly, Carol, Caroline, Cassidy, Charles, Charlie, Cheryl, Chris, Christine, Christopher, Cindy, Clare, Dallas, Dana, Darren, Daryl, Dave, David, Deb, Derek, Donna, Emersyn, Emily, Eric, Erica, Erin, Ernie, Frank, Gavin, Gene, Gerry, Gloria, Grace, Hannah, Harrison, Jamie, Jennifer, Jenny, Jill, John, Julia, Kathy, Kellie, Ken, Kevan, Kile, Kim, Laney, Laura, Levi, Linda, Lisa, Logan, Loreto, Lori, Mandy, Maria, Marissa, Mark, Martha, Marty, Mary, Mary Ellen, Mary Kate, Matthew, Maureen, Melania, Melissa, Michael, Mike, Nancy, Nat, Nick, Pastor Jeff, Pat, Paul, Peter, Phil, Rich, Rick, Roger, Rose, Rosemary, Ross, Ryan, Sandy, Sam, Scarlett, Sharon, Sherri, Skylar, Solomon, Sophia C., Steve, Stover, Susan, Teri, Thea, Tiffany, Todd, Tom, Tracy, Troy, Trudy, Valentina, Valentine, Vera, Vicki, William, Willow, Zach.

Please pray for the following families: All of the families of Holy Trinity, especially we pray for the: Beck, Berkovitz, Boehm, Cannan, Custer, Delucia, Diener, Dikhov, Eisenmann, Erb, Gregg, Hendrickson, Johnson, Lacy, Lowry, Maieron, McGear, Nickens, Novak, Riehm, Ripley, Rothermel, Schenck, Schmidt, Smith, Staedtler, Steinhof, Tavella, Wanger, Wilkinson.

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.



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP IS NOW AVAILABLE LIVE
ON YOUTUBE (THEHTLConline)
OR [HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/
@HOLYTRINITYABINGTON/STREAMS](https://www.youtube.com/@HOLYTRINITYABINGTON/STREAMS)
JOIN US AT 9 AM

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.

Treasurer's Report

July 31, 2025 (For the Year 2025)

Current Deficit as of July 31, 2024 (\$56,933.05)

Full report available on request

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

Christopher Biehl

Connor Gowton

Shaun Hall

Eric Henderson

Nathan Quinlan

Jamie Riley

Vikas Shah

Jonathan Skilton, MD

Jeremy Zar

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."



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

NOTES OF THANKS



Dear Members of Holy Trinity,

Thank you to those who supported the July 11TH Red Cross Blood Drive! 15 units were collected, including 1 Power Red donation which will go on to help 45 hospital patients. We thank our regular donors & walk-ins as well as first-time donors. If you missed this summer opportunity to give we will be holding our annual Black Friday Blood Drive, November 28TH. Mark your calendars. May God bless all who give and receive this precious gift!

The Blood Drive Team

Dear Holy Trinity,

I wanted to let you know that your kindness in putting together the welcome bags for all of us in the neighborhood was appreciated beyond words!

When it was delivered at our door it was quite the surprise and most certainly more than a pleasant one!

Thank you again,
Judy McAllister



August 9, 2025

Dear Holy Trinity,

Thank you so much for sending me a card signed by the entire Bible School!

I am delighted that all of you had fun journeying through the Bible and discovering more about Jesus.

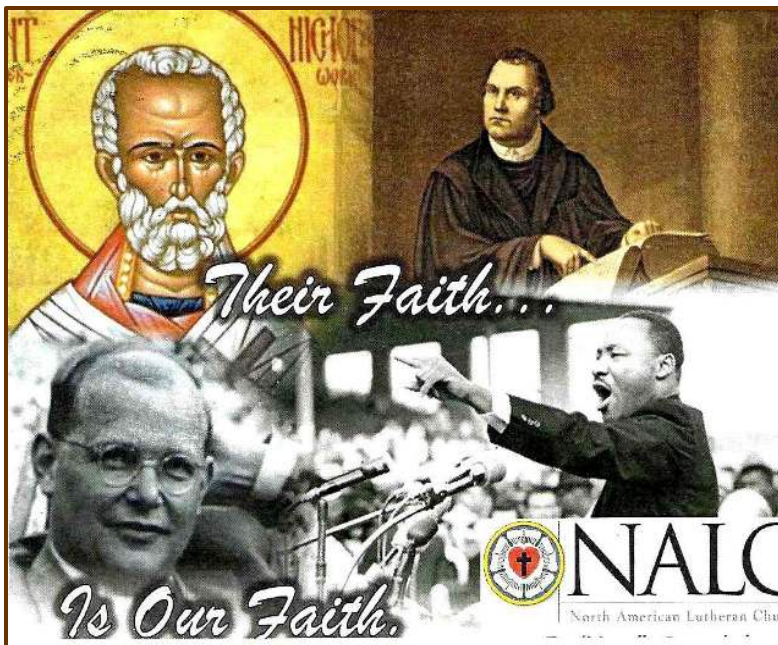
Thank you so much,

Pastor Mandy

It's no small thing that you once again heeded the challenge of helping to restock the shelves of our Bread of Heaven Food Pantry!



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.

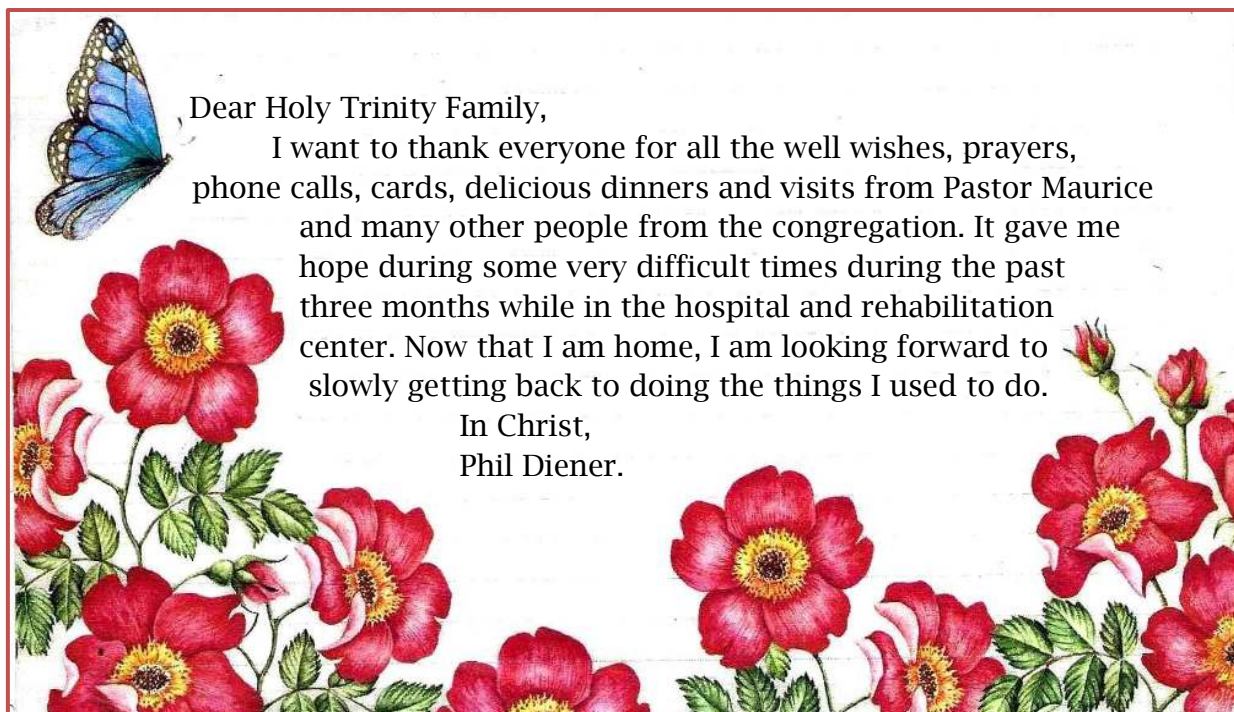


Just dropping you a line to let you know that on July 13, 2025 we were praying for you in Nazareth, PA.

May our Lord Jesus Christ bless you and your ministry!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Brett Jenkins





Dear Pastor Maurice, Deb, Ann and the knitting group,

What a surprise when I received the goodie bag from you all at Holy Trinity. I am using my new pen now! The shaw is so beautiful. I use one every day because it seems I am always cold now -a- days.

Thank you so much for everything! Most of all I am so happy to be sitting again with my family.

God bless you all and keep you in his loving care.
Gratefully,
Elly.



To my brothers and sisters
of Saturday evening worship:
a sincerely heartfelt "thank you"
for so warmly welcoming my
mother Elly to our congregation.
Tony Quici



Dear Holy Trinity family,

I thank the children and VBS teachers for the lovely card and continued care, love and prayers.

Your reaching out has been so wonderful and I happily rejoice in the faith that we all share!

Yours in Christ,
Mr. Arthur Zbinden



June 30, 2025

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

Dear Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your donation of \$363.00 from the Women's Thank Offering and \$515.00 in gift cards from the congregation to the ministry of Life Turning Point of Philadelphia (LTP). We will use the offering towards our much needed general operating expenses and distribute the gift cards to the moms as incentives for Bible study class participation and other program achievements. We are excited to start building a private, commercial, playground for our families one week from today! In our neighborhood, there is a playground a few blocks down the street but it is unsafe due to drug activity, etc. Our playground at LTP will allow our moms and kids to spend time together in a safe, private, space. This is an opportunity that most of our children have never experienced and this will also promote quality time for the entire family and peace of mind for our moms to sit outside in a beautiful, private, landscaped area. Our next project is landscaping around the property and converting our cottage into apartments for our families to transition into upon completion of our core program. Great things are happening at LTP and we're so glad you're a part of it.

Due to the uncompromising Christian aspect of our ministry, we do not receive government funding as we desire to be faithful to the call of God on this ministry to share the Word of God without compromise. Therefore, we are trusting God to provide through the body of Christ and likeminded individuals to sustain the work of the ministry. Please pray that God will touch the hearts of more likeminded people to partner with us. Together, we can provide homeless women and children with Biblical strategies for LIFE! Thank you for answering the call. ***"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith."*** Galatians 6:10

Our doors are always open. Please call to make an appointment for a visit. We'd love to see you and for you to see the work you are supporting.

In Christian Service,

Rita Whitaker
Life Turning Point of Philadelphia, Founder/Executive Director

Please retain this letter for tax purposes. It is your receipt in grateful acknowledgement of your generous contribution. No goods or services were provided by Life Turning Point of Philadelphia for this donation.

Address: 5200 Wayne Ave. Philadelphia PA 19144 Phone: (215) 826-7810

Life Turning Point of Philadelphia



July 11, 2025

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
2086 Parkview Ave
Abington, Pa 19001

Dear Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church ,

Many thanks for your generous donation of \$515.00 received on 06/30/2025 in support of Life Turning Point of Philadelphia.

Your generosity enables us to fulfill our mission- we greatly appreciate your support!

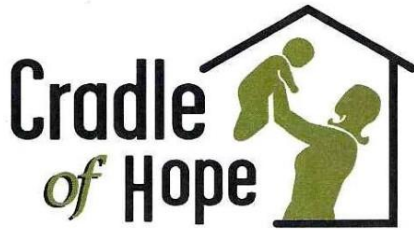
All of us at Life Turning Point of Philadelphia appreciate your thoughtful gift.

Again, we greatly appreciate your support.

With gratitude,

Rita Whitaker
Life Turning Point of Philadelphia, Founder/Executive Director

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A Home for Single Mothers and Children

July 1, 2025

Holy Trinity Lutheran Women's Group
2086 Parkview Avenue
Abington, PA 19001

Dear Holy Trinity Lutheran Women's Group,

Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$363 to the Cradle of Hope. We are honored to be in our 28th year of fulfilling our mission of ministering to the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of single mothers and their children through transitional housing and support services. This is only possible through the faithful donations of our supportive community.

Your money helps the Cradle of Hope to fund two programs. The first is our transitional housing program. We are blessed to be able to house nine mothers and their babies on our property at any given time. This programming assists our mothers in developing goals related to education, job training, permanent employment, and obtaining secure housing. The second program is the Cradle of Hope Pregnancy Resource Center (CPRC), which provides free referrals, counseling, education, and tangible goods to hundreds of families in crisis within our local communities each year.

Thank you for partnering with us in serving women and their children who are experiencing homelessness. Because of your generosity, we have the privilege and joy to witness young women as they begin a cycle of success, confidence, and hope for themselves and their children. It truly takes a village and we are grateful you are part of ours!

Sincerely,

Alissa Messina

Executive Director, Cradle of Hope

Rachel Mulletly

Development Coordinator, Cradle of Hope

Board Members: Teresa Supka, Heather Larocca, Michelle Nejman, Ray Cwierniewicz, Pastor Adarrel Fisher, Maggie Zulauf, Ben Drake, Dawn Johnson, Lisa McEntee

"Do not merely look out for your interests, but also for the interests of others." Philipians 2:4

Cradle of Hope is a 501-(c) (3) charitable organization. Your gift is tax-deductible. You did not receive any goods or services in exchange for your contribution. The official registration and financial information of the Cradle of Hope, Inc. may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, 1 (800) 732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

Cradle of Hope

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“If anyone thirsts, let him come and drink”

July 10, 2025

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generosity! It is a tremendous blessing to receive gifts that help keep our workers on the field and doing what God has called them to do. I would like to take this opportunity to share a thought-provoking and poetic reflection on the spiritual and geographical context of one of our workers. Please take time to read the words below.

“In this context, cold water is a treasure. Ice in our freezer, cold water in the cooler in the car, and even the slightly cooler bucket of water in the bathroom for a shower—these things are a relief and comfort, and yes, even a part of life. Without water, sickness, kidney failure, and even death are close at hand.

Spiritually, it feels similar. The dry sand of dead effort is sprinkled with sparse shrubs, small testaments of truth God always leaves about himself in every culture. They point to Him, but are not water. The air is heavy, thick with expectations and pressures and anxieties—the hustle of people from all over the world trying to make enough money to send home to desperate families and on the other end of the spectrum, the pressures of maintaining wealth and status and the appearances associated with that, and over it all the daily call to prostration and recitation. The remembrance of God is everywhere; the knowledge of Him is as sparse as the desert shrubbery. And like a well-air-conditioned mall, the glimmering towers, expensive cars, and expansive villas shield many from the oppressive spiritual atmosphere. In contrast, others bear it, knowing nothing else, and still others find refuge in work or alcohol, or even in family, and in wholehearted practice of a dead religion.

It is into this context that Jesus cries out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink.” He said it on the last day of the Feast. People had been eating and drinking. People had been sitting with family and practicing their religion. People had been remembering God. And Jesus cries out for the thirsty to come—because in that context, some people will have forgotten their thirst, and some will have felt it all along, and some will notice their thirst the moment he says it.

He is offering a cup of cold water to people who live in a sauna.

Would you pray with me, for people thirsty for the Spirit, for them to recognize their thirst, and the futility of hiding from it with other things?”

Having lived and worked in a similar context myself, the words above served as a stark reminder of the parallel harsh spiritual and physical conditions. Perhaps as you read this, you are reflecting on your context, or your own life, and your response to Jesus’ offer to come to him and drink to quench your thirst.

Thanks again for your generosity and prayers, which help bring a cup of cold water in the form of healthcare, education, development, and the Good News to those with little or no access to it.

In Christ,

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Kyle Scott
Executive Director



TOGETHER IN CHRIST, GLOBAL PRAYER & MOBILIZATION

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Chris's Home

Caring. Compassion. Community.
www.christshome.org

July 2, 2025

To the congregation at Holy Trinity:

A heartfelt thank you, to the congregation of Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Abington, for your generous donations of beach towels and movie theater gift cards! Your kindness is helping to create meaningful summer memories for the children at Christ's Home—and your support is a beautiful reflection of what it means to be the hands and feet of Christ in our community.

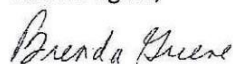
At Christ's Home, our mission is to serve the Lord by providing services to senior adults and disadvantaged children in an atmosphere graced with love, dignity, compassion, and respect. Our programs for children include a transitional living program for older teenagers, residential care for sibling groups, and support for teen mothers and their babies—offering each child a safe place to heal, grow, and thrive.

The generosity of churches like Holy Trinity brings that mission to life. One of our teen moms, Tammy, and her young daughter, Heather, are especially excited for summer movie nights and pool days—simple joys they've never been able to share together before. Because of you, they get to experience the kind of carefree, joy-filled moments every mother and child should have.

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church continues to be a beacon of light to Christ's Home and we are forever grateful for your support! Together, we are making this summer extra special for the children entrusted to our care.

If you're interested in partnering with us further, please feel free to contact me at bgreene@christshome.org or 215-956-2393.

Thanks again,



Brenda Greene
Director of Development

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Christ's Home

Caring. Compassion. Community.

The following story appeared in the most recent magazine from Christ's Home, and we have been invited to share it with all of you who provide support for children's services throughout the year. Typically, children's and teens' stories and photos are not able to be shared due to privacy issues, so here is a special opportunity for you to read and see.

A Mother's Touch: Painting Hope at Christ's Home

When Tammy first arrived at Christ's Home, she felt overwhelmed, isolated, and unsure of what her future held. As a teen mom, the weight of raising her daughter Heather felt heavy—especially in a world where judgment often speaks louder than understanding. But what began as sadness slowly turned into strength, and what once felt like the end of her story became the beginning of something transformative.

This spring, something truly beautiful unfolded on campus—not just in color and creativity, but in quiet restoration. At a recent art contest, the community room buzzed with laughter as children and teenagers leaned into the joy of creating. Tables overflowed with crayons, paints, and canvases. Among them sat Tammy and her daughter, side by side. Tammy gently encouraged Heather as she filled her paper with color and imagination.

To anyone passing by, it may have seemed like a sweet, everyday mother-daughter moment. But for those who know Tammy's journey—her perseverance, her heartbreak, her resilience—it was something much more. It was a picture of restoration in progress. A reflection of a young mother learning how to lead with love and empathy, not just for her daughter, but for the other young women she lives with and supports daily.

When the art contest ended, Children's Chaplain Ayren shared a brief message grounded in Ephesians 2:10: *"We are God's masterpiece—created anew in Christ to do the good things He planned for us long ago."* As her words settled into the room, Tammy's eyes filled with tears. In that quiet moment, she wasn't

just a teen mom helping her child paint—she was a daughter of God, reminded of her worth, her purpose, and her beauty.

Tammy still says she hasn't found her faith in God—not yet. She's searching. But she holds tightly to what she knows now: she is capable of love, leadership, and change.

With the support of her house mom, Ms. Bella—whom Tammy says has made the most impact on her during these past two years—she's learned that she can be a leader, not a follower. She can be a steady, empathetic voice for other young moms facing the same fears she's walked through. "I just try to help the other girls like me," she shared. "I've been there. I know what it's like."

Her high school graduation was one of her proudest moments. Seeing Ms. Bella there, cheering her on, made the day even more special. "She's be-



lieved in me since the beginning. Having her there made me feel like I wasn't alone in this."

Looking ahead, Tammy dreams of one thing: providing a stable, loving home for Heather. And she wants others to understand something important. "Being a single teen mom doesn't make you any less of a mom. We love our kids just as much as anyone else. We're doing our best—just like every other mom out there."

At Christ's Home, it's not always the big milestones that define a journey. Sometimes, it's the quiet moments—a conversation, a painting, a prayer—that plant the seeds of transformation. For Tammy, those seeds are taking root. And though her story is still unfolding, she's already become a source of strength and inspiration for those around her.

Because here, every mother matters. Every child matters. And every life—just like Tammy's—is a masterpiece in progress.

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Special Delivery

At the end of June, Beth Lee and Rosemary Hinkle delivered Holy Trinity's June collection to Brenda Greene, Director of Development, at Christ's Home. That delivery consisted of 16 medium-sized beach



towels and 11 full-sized beach towels, as well as \$200 in Regal Cinema gift cards, all to help defray Christ's Home costs for summer fun for the children and teens living there.

Members of Holy Trinity also provided two air fryers. These are much needed items for those ages 18 to 21, who have aged out of care but can choose to continue living at Christ's Home in an apartment. There they learn how to manage making meals, doing laundry, and other basics of daily living.

Christ's Home staff prefer they use air fryers for cooking, so if you would like to provide one of these appliances for a young adult learning to live on his or her own, visit Christ's Home Amazon wish list. <https://www.christshome.org/how-to-help/donate/>

In June, eight teens at Christ's Home graduated high school. Some have chosen to move into a Christ's Home apartment.

Of Interest

In May, Pastor Maurice, Karen Powell, and Rosemary Hinkle met with Brenda Greene and Anthony Cartusciello, Administrator of Children and Family Services at Christ's Home. We were surprised to learn that Holy Trinity is not only one of a small number of churches providing support, but also the first church group who wanted to meet to discuss Christ's Home's most pressing needs. They are so very appreciative of us.



All are invited
Sunday, September 7TH

Join us for breakfast snacks
after worship in Fellowship Hall.

Learn about the many Christian Education
opportunities being planned for 2025 - 2026
for young and old alike.



2ND FRIDAY NIGHT
ers

SEPTEMBER 12TH

2ND Friday nighters is a gathering of adults who come together
for food, fun and fellowship. It's a very casual time where we sit
and talk and get to know each other a little better.

We start at 6:30 p.m. no sign up required. Each month has a
theme. Bring a dish to share. This month's theme:

BREAKFAST FOR DINNER

Bring your favorite casserole,
quiche or pastry.



**115 is the number of guests we served in AUGUST
with 8 new guests signed up,
bringing our monthly total to 503 people.**



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

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



Food Needed

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

Holy Trinity will be hosting one more cleaning day to prepare the buildings for the Convocation being held at our church in October.

♦ **September 27TH from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.**



We will have many tasks available in the Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall and other various rooms around the building that will be used as meeting spaces for the Convocation. Please bring any cleaning supplies that you may have. We will also have some cleaning supplies available.

Questions, please contact Janice Donnelly or Susan Schied. Thank you.

The Men's Devotional Group
will be meeting quarterly beginning with a
backyard picnic/cookout

Saturday, September 20TH

Contact Tom Schied for details



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
Wednesday, September 10, 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.

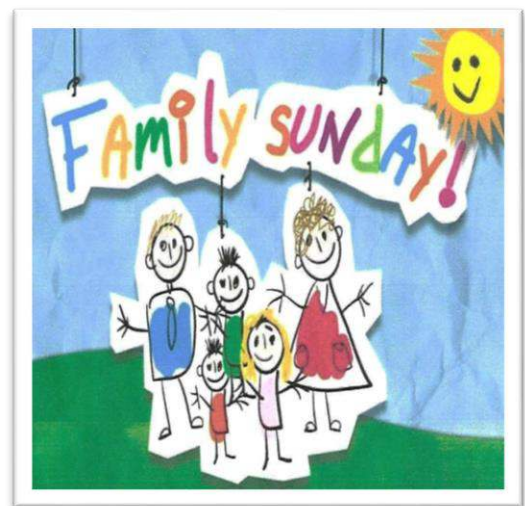
If you have not participated previously or if you have in the past,
please prayerfully consider joining your sisters in Christ this fall.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL BECOMES FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Calling all children and at least one parent: Come to Sunday School together!

The theme of the Family Sunday School this year as we walk through the Old Testament stories of Creation to the building of the Tabernacle is that God wants to live with us and be our God. We want, as Jesus prayed, for our church family to know and love God, the only true God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The Family Sunday School is an Intergenerational Bible Study with Bible stories, snacks, and crafts (that relate to the story). Older participants may mentor younger ones (in a Big Brother/Sister role) or pursue independent creative projects together while parents may discuss the passage in greater detail.



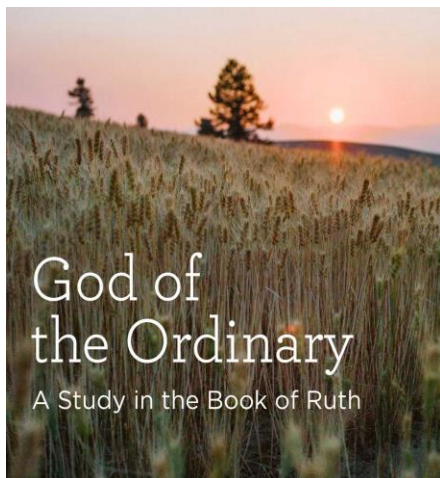
The Sunday following Rally Day, **Sept. 14TH**
we offer 3 Adult Learning Opportunities:
Here is an opportunity to dig deeper into each week's three
Scripture readings with ***A Longer Look at the Lessons.***

This Bible Study, based on the Bible readings in our worship,
provides information about the readings and their contexts.
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 stage end at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday. Pastor
Guenzel facilitates the discussion.

All older teens and adults are welcome!



GOD OF THE ORDINARY: A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF RUTH



Join Tom Schied in this 6 week study on the book of Ruth. The book of Ruth must surely be one of the loveliest short stories ever written, telling an unforgettable tale of purity, faithfulness, innocence, loyalty, duty, and love. Yet it is set in dark times: the final verse of the book of Judges, which precedes Ruth in the Bible, tells us that "in those days Israel had no king; everyone did as he saw fit." As one commentator writes, the time was marked by "violent invasions, apostate religion, unchecked lawlessness, and tribal civil war."

Meet in the Study after worship on Sunday mornings.

REASON FOR HOPE: APOLOGETICS WITHOUT APOLOGY.

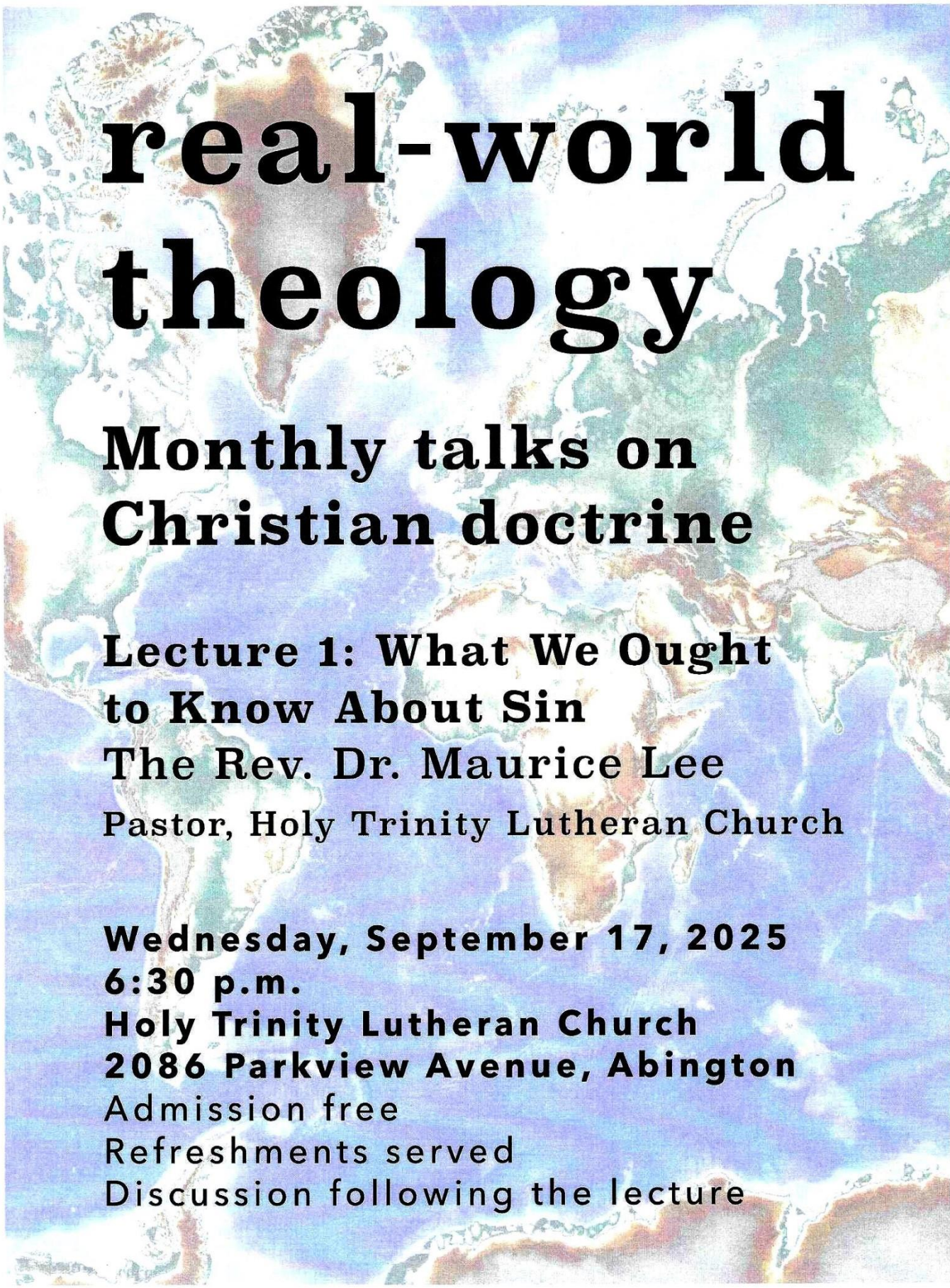
A course on living out 1 Peter 3: 15: "In your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you."

12 Sundays, September - December 2025

Fellowship Hall

Led by Pastor Maurice





real-world theology

Monthly talks on Christian doctrine

Lecture 1: What We Ought to Know About Sin

The Rev. Dr. Maurice Lee

Pastor, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

6:30 p.m.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

2086 Parkview Avenue, Abington

Admission free

Refreshments served

Discussion following the lecture

Coram Deo

Holy Trinity's long-running book club!



Monday, September 8TH at 7:30 PM

New and returning Members Welcome!

Meetings are on the 2nd Monday of the month,
September through June, in the Sts. Peter & Andrew Study.

We will be selecting our reads for the October - June season. Please bring a suggestion for our reading list if you would like to see it on the schedule this year. Happy reading!



Your Family Ministry Committee
invites everyone as brothers & sisters in Christ
to attend our now monthly events.

For the month of September please join us at:

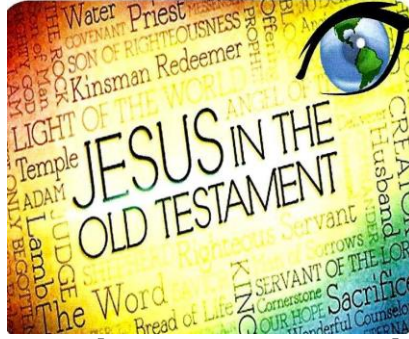
Grounds for Sculpture

You need to buy a ticket in advance for the timeslot of
Sunday, September 21ST at 12:30 p.m.

Go to www.groundsforsculpture.org

Questions: contact Deb at secretary@holytrinity.net

Lutheran Church Women's Circle Bible Study



How do we read the Old Testament? The stories are wonderful and they introduce us to real people, not imaginary heroes, and one very larger than life heroic God! To the people of the book, God introduced himself and his desire to be their God. In the LCW circles we are going to look deeper for how God reveals himself in Genesis and Exodus.

Is the New Testament the only place we get a sense of the Trinity, with the incarnation of the Son of God? That's where he is named Jesus, after all. But John 1 introduces the second person of the Trinity as the Word who was with God in the beginning, who later became flesh and dwelt among us. Jesus himself said, "Before Abraham was, I am," linking himself to the name given to Moses and to the timelessness of God eternal.

This year the Lutheran Church Women of Holy Trinity are going to be doing a deep dive into the ways God shows himself in Genesis and Exodus. We will be looking for God more than for the various people. We will be looking for him who would later be named Jesus, keeping in mind that God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We will recognize him only because of the years of his revealing himself to his chosen people, and their honest recording of his work throughout the centuries. This should increase our love not only for God but also for the people he loves.

We will be printing off bulletin sized and large print booklets for each woman in the studies. Now is the time to join a study, ladies! If none of the times listed work for you, please contact Deb Mumford or any of the ladies on the LCW board. If men are interested, they can request a copy for their own study.

Copies of the study will be available at Rally Day.

Miriam Circle – Monday, September 8 at 12:30 PM in Study & on Zoom
Leader: Sandy Schmidt (215) 657-5065 sandyschmidt19001@yahoo.com

Eve Circle – Thursday, September 11 at 7:00 PM in Study.
Leader: Noreen Weld (215) 659-8089 lajennyda@aol.com

Ruth Circle – Sunday, September 14 at 11:45 AM in the Study.
Leader: Katie Beyer (215) 572-6864 kbeyer0403@gmail.com

Hannah Circle – Monday, September 15 at 7:00 PM in Study.
Leader: Deb Mumford (215) 659-2642 Debssam@msn.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.

LCW COLLECTION



This month, Christian Action will be supporting the Women's Conference in October by collecting items for the 10 Health Kits they will be assembling. We will be collecting the following items to aid in this project.

- ♦ Bath towels
- ♦ Wide tooth comb
- ♦ Wash cloths
- ♦ Nail clippers
- ♦ Shampoo (1 large or 2 trial size)
- ♦ Dental floss
- ♦ Deodorant
- ♦ Soap (1 large bar or 2 trial size)
- ♦ Toothpaste (1 large or 2 trial size)
- ♦ Individually wrapped toothbrushes
- ♦ 2 gallon zip lock bags
- ♦ Small devotional

Please leave your generous contributions in the blue basket marked LCW in the Narthex.

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



**“Live out your God-created identity.
Live generously and graciously toward others,
the way God lives toward you.”
Matthew 5:48, the Message Bible.**

Ladies,

It is time to take up our Fall Thank Offering. As we have done in the past, please put a little bit of money aside each time you are thankful for something.

This fall we will be collecting the money to give to Disaster Relief to use to purchase feminine hygiene products.

Many of our sisters in Christ have suffered disasters recently such as floods, tornados, fires hurricanes and the like.

Helping them to replace these products will be a very big help.

Atlantic Mission Region
7th annual Women's Conference:
"Take heart, daughter, your faith has made you well"

(Luke 8:48)

Friday, October 10, 2025

8:30 registration & fellowship

9:00 AM—11:30 AM

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

2086 Parkview Ave.

Abington, PA 19001

We will be assembling health kits for Disaster Response!

Each **congregation** is asked to bring components for at least ten (10) complete health care kits. Please DO NOT have them assembled ahead of time. We will be doing a "hands on" assembly line at our conference.

Below is the list of items requested for each kit. Remember, we are asking for **AT LEAST TEN (10)** of each item from each participating congregation.

It is **HIGHLY** recommended that someone apply for a Thrivent grant to help with the purchase of these items OR post a sign up sheet in your congregation with each individual item listed to share in the purchasing/donating.

Health Care Kits

(one item of each listed below completes one kit)

- ◇ **One** bath towel
- ◇ **One** wash cloth
- ◇ **One** shampoo (regular size; two if travel size)
- ◇ **One** bar of soap, in original wrapping (regular sized or 2 travel size)
- ◇ **One** toothbrush (individually sealed)
- ◇ **One** pack of dental floss
- ◇ **One** tube of toothpaste (two if travel size)
- ◇ **One** comb (pick or wide tooth)
- ◇ **One** deodorant
- ◇ **One** nail clippers
- ◇ **One** pocket-sized devotional
- ◇ **One** box of 2-gallon ziplock bags (the kits will be packed into these bags; one box of bags will be sufficient for 10 kits)





Ideas for Packing Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

**NO toothpaste, food, liquids, creams, or
war-related items. Nothing breakable.**

NEW: NO Soap! (Customs problem)

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.



**All children prize
their stuffed animals.**

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 & construction paper

Toiletries

Washcloth, Toothbrush, Chap Sticks
Nail clippers, Emery Boards, Band-Aids
Large-tooth Comb, Sports Towel, Tissue Pack
Mirrors (only plastic), 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 (Barbie, Chelsea, rag)
Marbles, Glo Sticks, fold-up Frisbees, Yoyos
Coloring, Maze, & Dot-to-Dot Books
Vehicles of many kinds (no war)
Puzzles, Legos, Hand-held Pinball games
Playing Cards, Uno, Dominos
Musical Instruments: Harmonica, Kazoo, etc.
Definitely A Ball! (Pinky, bouncy, beach, sports)
Play Doh, Play Doh tools, Water Colors (dry)/Brush

Misc.

Flashlight with extra set of batteries (tape ends) or
hand crank.
Soccer Ball & Pump, small Tool Set
Manicure Set, Jewelry making kits, Sewing kits
Small Backpacks

BE CREATIVE! Think Age-Appropriate.

**Please 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 15

**Want to Volunteer in the Baltimore Packing Center right after
Thanksgiving? Please tell Rosemary Hinkle.**



Operation Christmas Child SEPTEMBER Collection



Need WASH CLOTHS in COLORS (NO white please.)

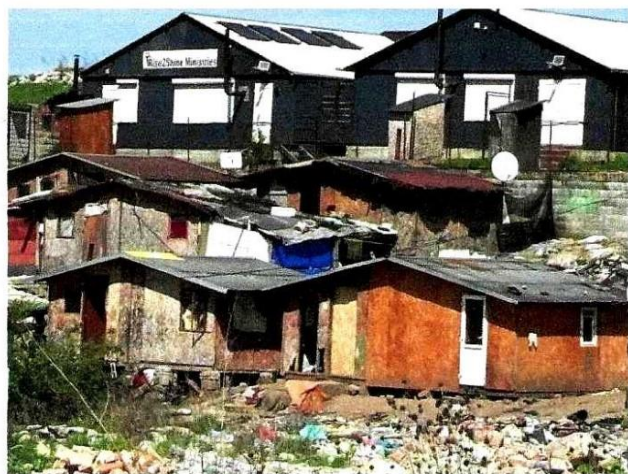
WOW Gifts

Games ~ Dolls ~ Musical items e.g. (harmonicas)
Crank Flashlights ~ Vehicles (diecast & Matchbox cars)
Soccer Balls & Pumps ~ Lego sets

Be Creative! All gifts appreciated.

\$ Financial Contributions welcome if you are not a shopper. \$

If you need shoeboxes for your personal packing, you can pick them up in the narthex, along with coloring pages for children.



Imagine if this was your home. These children don't have to imagine.

STUFF THE TRUCK!

~ 2025 Atlantic Mission Region Convocation ~



With current disaster response supplies depleted, your tangible donations of quilts, flood buckets, health kits, school kits, kitchen kits, diapers, Bibles (in English or Spanish), rakes, shovels, mops, brooms, dustpans, feminine hygiene products, and gift cards from Home Depot, Lowe's, and Walmart are urgently needed. Help us Stuff the Truck!

When you arrive at Holy Trinity, please place your donations in the designated area outside the church. A truck will take them to one of the disaster warehouses in our Mission Region.

For more information, please contact Mary Bates, NALC Disaster Coordinator, at disasterresponse@thenalc.org or Kathaleen Lilley at kflilley@comcast.net.

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****PLEASE NOTE:** The Women of the AMR are putting together health kits at their conference on Friday morning. If you have women from your congregation who will be attending the Women's Conference please have them bring those health kit items to the Conference loose so they may be assembled.

If you do not have any women attending the Women's Conference then please have any and all donations packed per instructions on the NALC Disaster Response kit list flyer. Thank you!

NALC DISASTER RESPONSE - STUFF THE TRUCK KIT PACKING LIST

We will be collecting all of these kits and items at the 2025 AMR Convocation at Holy Trinity, Abington, PA.

Cleaning Buckets

- 1 five-gallon bucket with lid
- 1 jug bleach (1/2 gal. or smaller)
- 2 large trash bags (Contractor 3 mil)
- 1 roll paper towels
- 2 rags
- Comet or scouring cleanser
- Pine Sol or liquid cleaner
- scrub brush
- 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)

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

School Kit – Elementary

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

Quilts and Blankets

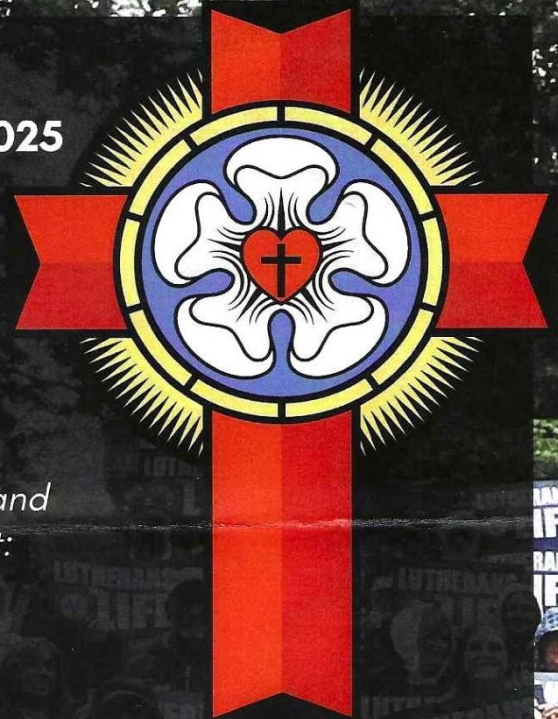
- any size including baby
- any fabric including religious, patriotic/military theme, seasonal



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

**PENNSYLVANIA MARCH FOR LIFE
HARRISBURG, PA | SEPTEMBER 22, 2025**

CALLING ALL LUTHERANS FOR LIFE



Gather with your pro-life Lutheran brothers and sisters prior to the 2025 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:
"Fearfully and Wonderfully Made" Scott Licht, Lutherans for Life
and Mary Ann Albertini, Advancement Director of
A Women's Concern Pregnancy & Parenting Resource Center

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

12:00 PM
March Begins

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jeanie Zentz at (717) 475-0271 or visit www.lancasterlutheran.com

*Full breakfast graciously provided free of charge by
Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, Lititz, PA
& Good News Lutheran Brethren Church, McAlisterville, PA*

Visit marchforlife.org/Pennsylvania for walk details

THE ATLANTIC MISSION REGION
OF THE
NORTH AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH
PRESENTS THE 7TH ANNUAL

THEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2025

AT

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
PARKVIEW AVE
ABINGTON, PA 1900

*ST AUGUSTINE AND THE LEGACY OF
NICENE ORTHODOXY
FOR THE CHURCH TODAY*

WITH PRESENTER

DR. ALEX PIERCE, NALS PROFESSOR

REGISTRATION & FELLOWSHIP

AT 8:30 AM

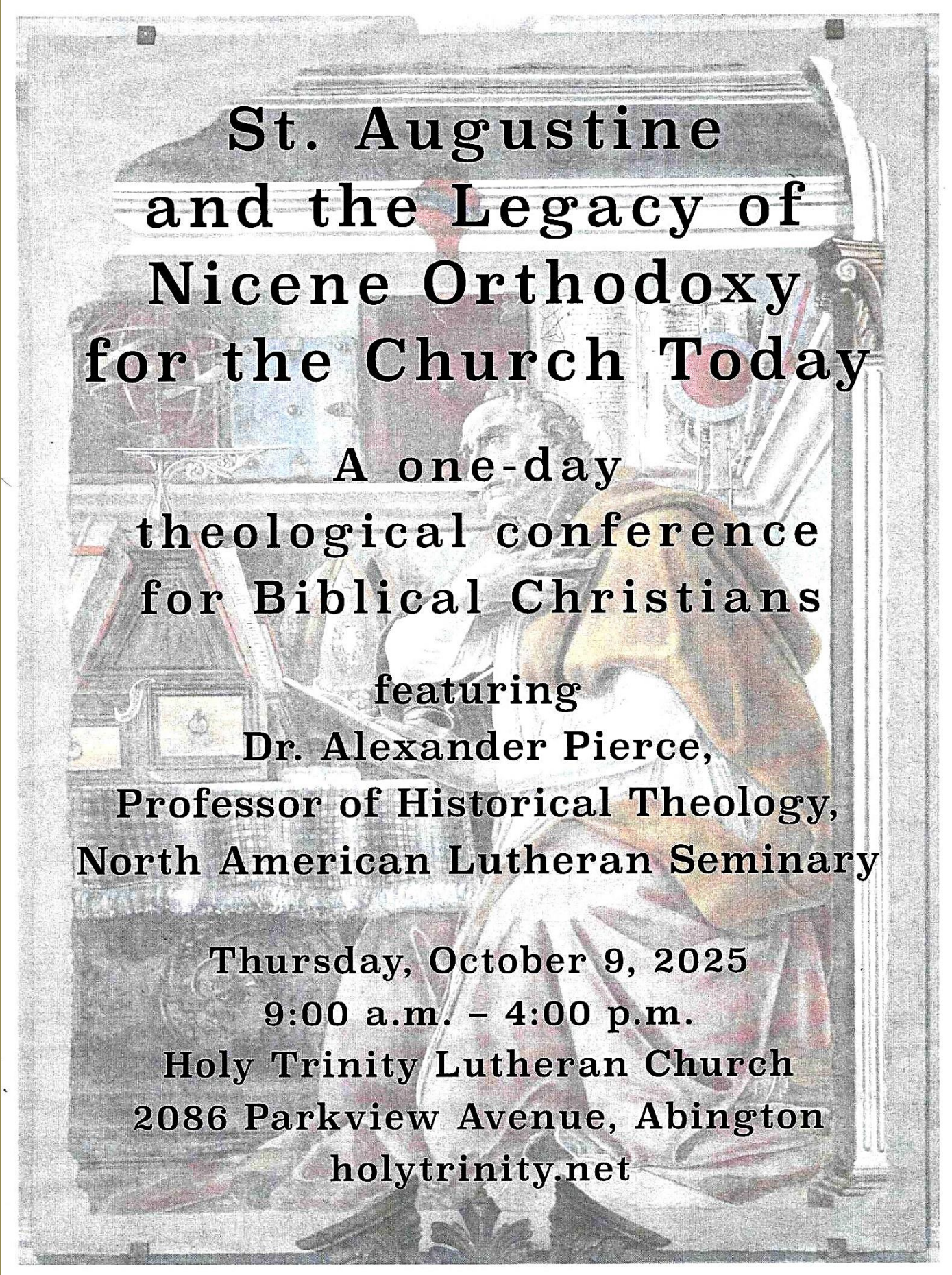
CONFERENCE IS FROM 9 AM–4 PM

\$30 REGISTRATION FEE

(LUNCH IS INCLUDED)

\$15 VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 28, 2025



St. Augustine and the Legacy of Nicene Orthodoxy for the Church Today

**A one-day
theological conference
for Biblical Christians**

**featuring
Dr. Alexander Pierce,
Professor of Historical Theology,
North American Lutheran Seminary**

Thursday, October 9, 2025

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
2086 Parkview Avenue, Abington
holytrinity.net**



Atlantic Mission Region 2025 Annual Convocation



Rejoice in Hope

Romans 12:12

*Raising our Youth as
Jesus' Disciples in an Unfriendly Digital Culture*

Friday, October 10

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

&

Saturday, October 11

(9 AM—12:30 PM with lunch)

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
2086 Parkview Ave
Abington, PA 19001

Featuring

Mr. Jeffrey Johnson
Focus on the Family

The Rev Bradley Hales
Reformation LC, Culpeper, VA

Also included!

7th annual Women's Conference
"Take heart, daughter, your faith has made you well" (Luke 8:48)
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.



September Worship Assistants Schedule



September 7

Usher 5		Lector- Sat Linda Cassady Sun Kathleen Ingerson	
Acolyte Suzanne Brown	Cantor John Minges	Stream Team	Hannah Mumford
Crucifer Scott Brown	Healing Prayer	Wayne Laudenslager Christophers Nancy & Wayne	

September 14

Usher 1		Lector - Sat Linda Cassady Sun Sherri Gregg	
Acolyte David Tolton	Cantor Julia Gregg	Stream Team	Gloria Ischinger
Crucifer Sherry Breslin	Healing Prayer	Sue Tolton Christophers Sue & Deb	

September 21

Usher 2		Lector-Sat Bruce Freer Sun Suzanne Brown	
Acolyte Sherri Gregg	Cantor Ravinia Lee	Stream Team	Frank Ganther
Crucifer Charlie Tolton	Healing Prayer	Deb Mumford Christophers Sherry & Linda	

September 28

Usher 3		Lector-Sat Karen McGovern Sun Nancy Ischinger	
Acolyte Otis Bricker	Cantor Deb Mumford	Stream Team	Rob Ischinger
Crucifer Rob Ischinger	Healing Prayer	Sherry Breslin Christophers Beth & Frank	

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

Called to *Serve*



September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 OFFICE CLOSED  HAPPY LABOR DAY		3 7:30 Council	4 10:00 BOH Food Pantry 10:00 Theology with Pastor Maurice	5 7:30 AA	6 10:00 Cairn Chorale Retreat 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
7 PENTECOST 16 9:00 Holy Communion RALLY DAY 6:00 NA	8 12:30 Miriam Circle 7:30 Coram Deo	9 7:00 Family Ministry	10 7:00 Women's Prayer Group	11 10:00 BOH Food Pantry 10:00 Theology with Pastor Maurice 6:30 Pizza Party for Choirs & Musicians 7:00 Eve Circle	12 6:30 ^{2ND} FRIDAY NIGHT ^{CRS} 7:30 AA	13 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
14 PENTECOST 17 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 11:30 RUTH CIRCLE 6:00 AA	15 7:00 Hannah Circle	16 7:00 Evangelism	17  6:30 Real World Theology	18 10:00 BOH Food Pantry 6:30 Bell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	19 7:30 AA	20 Men's Devotional Group Cook-out 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
21 PENTECOST 18 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 11:30 Grounds For Sculpture 6:00 AA	22  First Day of Autumn	23 7:00 Stewardship	24 	25 10:00 BOH Food Pantry 10:00 Theology with Pastor Maurice 6:30 Bell Choir 8:00 Chancel Choir	26 7:30 AA	27 9:00 Church Clean-up 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
28 PENTECOST 19 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 6:00 AA	29 	30 7:30 Worship & Music	"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 1, 2025

Patriot Day, September 11, 2025

First Day of Autumn, September 22, 2025

