

HOLY TRINITY

Evangelical Lutheran Church

ECHOES NEWSLETTER

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From the Pastor

Give us peace, Lord God, for you have given us all else; give us the peace that is repose, the peace of the Sabbath, and the peace that knows no evening. This whole order of exceedingly good things, intensely beautiful as it is, will pass away when it has served its purpose: these things too will have their morning and their evening.

But the seventh day has no evening and sinks toward no sunset, for you sanctified it that it might abide forever. After completing your exceedingly good works you rested on the seventh day, though you achieved them in repose; and you willed your book to tell us this as a promise that when our works are finished (works exceedingly good inasmuch as they are your gift to us) we too may rest in you, in the Sabbath of eternal life.

And then you will rest in us, as now you work in us, and your rest will be rest through us as now those works of yours are wrought through us. But you yourself, Lord, are ever working, ever resting. You neither see for a time nor change for a time nor enjoy repose for a time, yet you create our temporal seeing and time itself and our repose after time.

We, therefore, see these things you have made, because they exist, but for you it is different: they exist because you see them. Moreover when we see that they exist, we see it outside ourselves, but when we see that they are good, we see it by inner vision, whereas you see them as created in no other place than where you saw them as non-existent things you willed to create.

January, 2026

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Staff

The Rev. Dr. Maurice Y. Lee, Pastor
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***

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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.

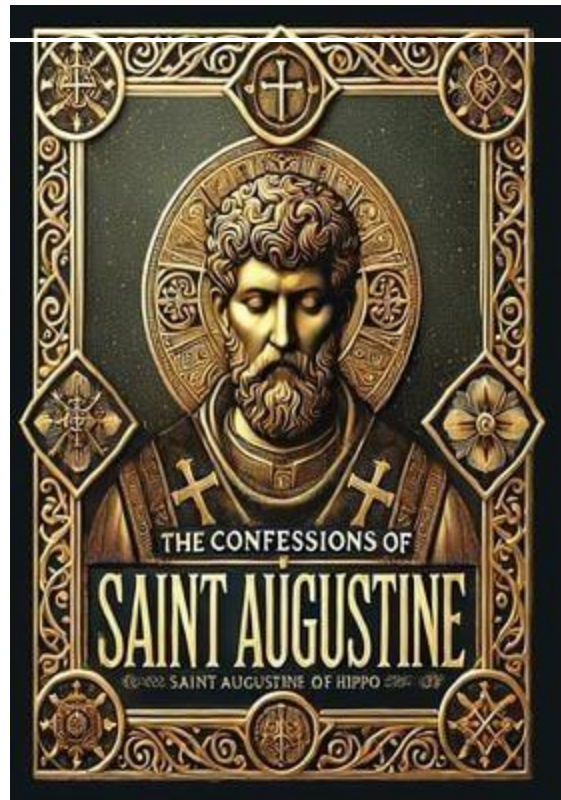
From the Pastor

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Once our heart had conceived by your Spirit we made a fresh start and began to act well, though at an earlier stage we had been impelled to wrongdoing and abandoned you; but you, O God undivided and good, have never ceased to act well. Some of our works are indeed good, thanks to your Gift, but they will not last forever, and when they are done we hope that we shall rest in your immense holiness. But you, the supreme Good, need no other good and are eternally at rest, because you yourself are your rest.

What human can empower another human to understand these things? What angel can grant understanding to another angel? What angel to a human? Let us rather ask of you, seek in you, knock at your door. Only so will we receive, only so find, and only so will the door be opened to us. Amen.

—Augustine, *Confessions*, Book 13, 35.50–38.53 (cf. *The Confessions*, 2d ed., tr. Maria Boulding [New City Press, 2012], 379–380)





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 the **1ST Monday**
of each month
at **7:00 p.m.**

This month we will gather
Wednesday, January 14th

Every woman is welcome,
come as you are able.
Questions contact Rosemary
@

arhinkle@comcast.net

2026 Schedule

Resumes Jan. 14, 2026
February 2 March 2
April 6 May 4
June 1

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)* The families of the members Holy Trinity together with those they love, including:

*** We encourage you to bring us your prayer requests for individuals and families in 2026.**

Please pray for the following families:

All of the families of Holy Trinity, together with those they love and pray for; especially we pray for:

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

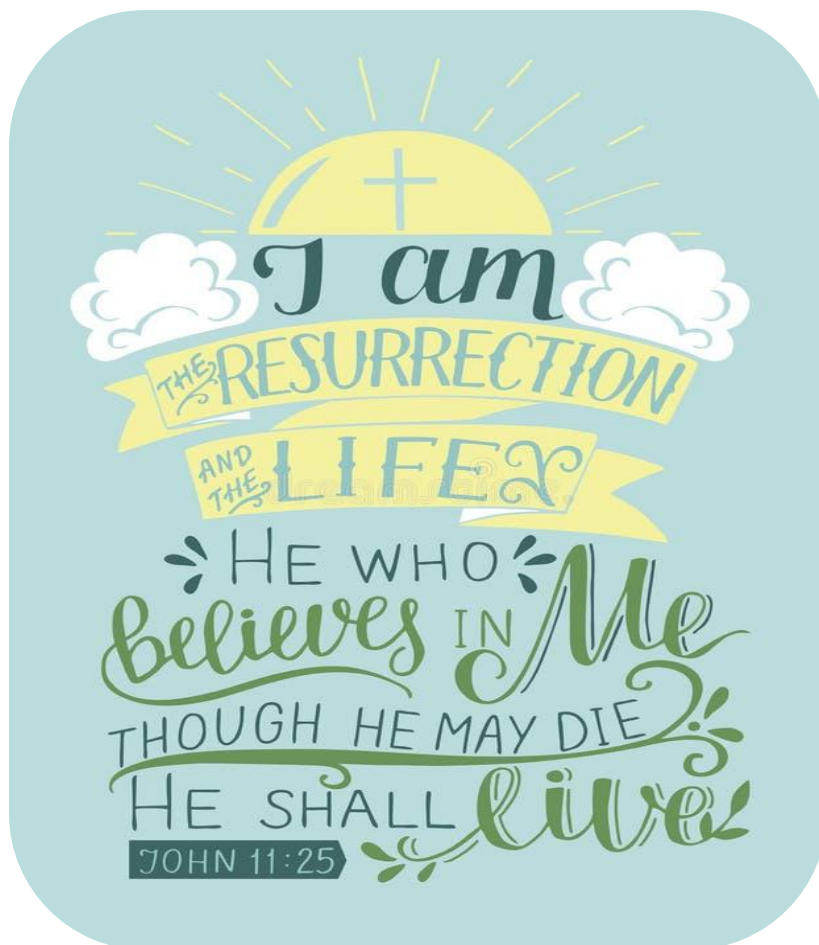
The family and friends of
Betsy Ahlum on her passing

December 18, 2025

Beloved sister in Christ.

Psalm 112:6

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





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

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

Treasurer's Report

November 30, 2025 (For the Year 2025)

Current Fund Deficit ~ (\$8, 480.31)

Full Treasurer's Report available on request.

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

Christopher Biehl
Michael Boerner
Conor Gowton
Eric Henderson
Nathan Quinlan
Vikas Shah
Jonathan Skilton, MD
Jeremy Zar

LUTHER QUOTES:

"Lord Jesus, you are my righteousness, I am your sin.
You took on what was mine; yet set on me what was yours.
You became what you were not that I might become what I was not."

"Before every great opportunity God gave me a great trial."

"Prayer is a strong wall and fortress of the church; it is a goodly Christian weapon."

"A Christian is never in a state of completion but always in a process of becoming."

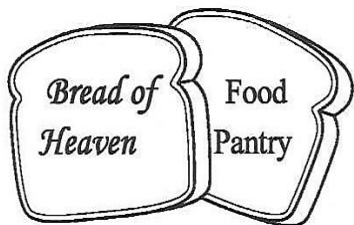
**Please remember your
Church in your will.**



NOTES OF THANKS

A HUGE thank you to all who took the time, energy, and effort to bake so many cookies for our Bread of Heaven guests that we were able to give out more than a dozen to each guest!

Many comments and compliments were received about how lovely it was for the congregation to bake all those homemade cookies! It is truly appreciated!!!



Let's Run the Numbers for food given out to our neighbors in need at the Bread of Heaven in 2025:

TOTAL FAMILIES SERVED - 1,475

TOTAL NUMBERS SERVED - 6,000

136 NEW GUESTS SIGNED UP!

**PLEASE KNOW HOW MUCH YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS
MEAN TO THOSE OUR PANTRY SERVES!**



NOTES OF THANKS (cont...)



Dear Pastor Lee & Members of Holy Trinity,

As we celebrate our Savior's birth, we are full of gratitude for you. You are bringing the hope, joy, and peace of Christ all over the world. Thank you for your partnership with Advancing Native Missions.

Merry Christmas

Danny and the ANM Staff

Dear Church Family,

We are so grateful for your continued support of world missions through ANM. God is using our partner ministries to spread the Gospel to unreached people. God bless you for being a part of His work.

Thank you,

The Church Relations Team

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

~ Romans 15:13

Missions Notes:

A Christmas card
from Pastor Alex
in the Philippines.

Jesus came to earth wonderfully.
He lived beautifully.
He died purposefully.
He rose from the dead powerfully.
And He still saves – thankfully!

Merry Christmas

The pastor in India writes:

Dear and most precious sister Rosemary, Pastor Maurice Lee, and the people of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,

Greetings to you in Jesus Christ our loving Savior.

We are so thankful to you for your love and prayers for me, my family, and ministry. With grateful hearts we continue to pray for you all.

I just want to share with you the pictures of my ministry among the Leprosy group of people. We have distributed blankets and rice to them. Your kind help has been a great blessing to me to share the blessings with these leprosy group of people.

I am taking medicines for my prostate issues nearly for the last 11 months. By God's grace I am feeling okay, the treatment is working positively. While taking the treatment I am continuing in the ministry. Please pray for my health and ministry and my family.

Thanking you,

Your brother M. Martin Luther & Hadassah (his wife)

Pictures on the next page



Pastor M. Martin Luther in India





Barns Filled With Plenty

December 10, 2025

Dear Friends,

As I reflect on Proverbs 3 in my devotions this morning, verse 10 brought me out of my morning stupor: "Then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine." I re-read verse 9 and what comes before that promise: "Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce." I reflected on the many ways God has been teaching me about faithfulness in giving, and I was reminded of how much it honors the Giver of all good gifts. I want to thank you for honoring God by giving your first fruits to whatever causes the Lord puts on your heart. May he bless you accordingly, and may your barns be filled with plenty.

In my last letter, I shared that Gloria would be visiting Kenya with a team from Houston, Texas, to conduct an eye camp. We've received word that 41 people underwent cataract surgery, and 76 professed new or renewed faith! Praise God! Thank you for your prayers; they were answered!

William Obaga, our Regional Director in Kissi, Kenya, wrote of a very sick young girl named Michelle Amondi in their community. He writes that Michelle has been refused treatment by the Government and mission hospitals due to her inability to pay for examinations and medicines. Michelle is bedridden, and her mother is distraught, and her condition continues to worsen at home. As William puts it, "the poor mother has left everything to fate. William has intervened and will use some of his work funds to cover at least the initial expenses. He asks us to pray for the following;

1. that the Lord may prolong her life while efforts for her medication are made.
2. that the Lord may make provision to enable her to seek medication and required medical examinations.
3. that the youth in the discipleship program in which Michelle is a member may continue to flourish.

Early next month LAMB Hospital in Bangladesh will begin their nearly year-long celebration of their Golden Anniversary. Events are being planned for staff, the local community, and supporters around the country to celebrate God's faithfulness. A "Thank Offering" is being considered by the LAMB and WMPL Board of Directors in their mission to serve the poor with the love of Jesus, "That all may have abundant life" as their motto goes. I would like to ask for your prayers as they consider how to organize that, and as they consider the purposes for which a Thank Offering will be dedicated.

Thank you for your partnership in ministry and for honoring God in your prayers and giving!

In Christ,


 Kyle Scott
 Executive Director



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TOGETHER IN CHRIST, GLOBAL PRAYER & MOBILIZATION

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Dear Members of Holy Trinity,

Thank you for the gift package! I have been sharing the candy and snacks with friends and it is nice during finals season.

Thank you,
Ezra



Dear Holy Trinity Congregation,

We're grateful for your partnership in sharing the joy of safe and Living Water around the world. Your support is transforming lives and offering hope.

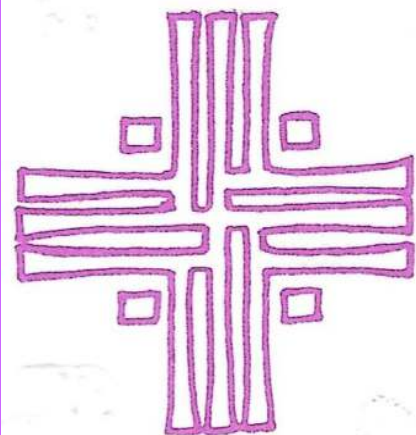
Wishing you and your loved ones a season of peace, joy, and blessing this Christmas.

Ken and the Water Mission Family

We have appreciated worshipping with you via your streaming service! Enclosed is a check for your continuing ministry and mission at Holy Trinity.

God bless,
Jack and Karen.

The Reverend & Mrs. Jack Bailey
35 High Street, Lyons, NY 14489-1142





Dear Holy Trinity family,

Thank you more than words can express for your support of our family while we went out one by one to help care for Maurice's father in California. Beth has spent most mornings (and other parts of the day) with him both when he was in the hospital and now in skilled nursing. Ravinia has cheered him considerably, and Maurice made the family complete on Christmas night.

We appreciate your prayers, your words of encouragement and understanding, and just keeping in touch across the miles. You are God's gift to us and we love you.

Thanking God for the incarnation and the gift that makes us his family, and relying on his grace for the new year, we celebrate with you the unexpected blessings that continue to come from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit!

See you soon, Lord willing!
the Lee family



Young life is such a special place to me. I started going in the beginning of freshman year and I have made so many friends! I look forward to fall weekend and summer camp every year. I am so grateful for everything that Younglife has given me and taught me about Jesus.

Merry Christmas,
Bree Hall

YOUNGLIFE MONTCO EAST



Thank you for faithfully standing with us this year. Your generosity and prayers opened the door for kids all across Montco to hear and experience the love of Jesus.

Because of your support:

74 students went to camp and heard the whole Gospel proclaimed.

13 began relationships with Jesus.

64 students came to our largest club and heard about our Savior.

3 leaders stepped in and launched a consistent Campaigners group in Abington.

213 new students were met and personally known by our leaders.

These numbers tell a story of real lives being reached and hearts being changed.
Thank you for helping bring the Good News to young people in Montgomery County.

YoungLife Montco East





BLESSED

TO BE A BLESSING

This congregation's financial support of the ministry we share at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is a blessing to our church, to our community, and to our world as we reach out to all with the Gospel of Jesus. As God has blessed us, so we become a blessing to others by sharing God's gifts.

As we begin a new calendar year, we encourage each household to review your giving for the manifold ministry of this church. God continues to bless us every minute of every day with His saving love and grace. As stewards of God's gifts, our giving reflects our love for Christ, and therefore also for the mission and ministry of His church.

In the last quarter of 2025, our income lagged our ministry expenses, and the congregation stepped up and erased that deficit. Thanks be to God for all who faithfully provided financial support through regular and special giving! We can avoid this kind of deficit by giving on a regular basis throughout the year.

If you are not giving by electronic transfer, please consider this easy way of making your regular contributions. You can either make arrangements for regular withdrawals from your financial institution sent directly to Holy Trinity, or use the Simply Giving program. If you have any questions about these methods of giving, contact the church office. Brochures with details about Simply Giving are available in the narthex.

Thank you for your faithful support of God's continuing work through Holy Trinity!

In Christ, our giving Lord,

Holy Trinity Stewardship Committee



At the Convocation this past August in Pittsburgh, the 457 delegates voted to approve three amendments to the NALC Constitution. As a result, each member congregation is asked to vote “yes” or “no” on each of the three amendments in order for them to be ratified.

Participation in this ratification process is an important right and responsibility of every NALC congregation. We will be presenting these amendments at the Annual Congregational Meeting to be held **Sunday, January 25th** immediately following worship.

Here is the pertinent information to make an informed decision:

Information on the Ratification of Three Amendments to the NALC Constitution

Amendment 1: The movement of some language in the Constitution to Bylaws, clean up Scrivener’s errors.

* Go to thenalc.org see Appendix: Amendment 1 = Constitution & Bylaws for the full changes, beginning on page 9 of the packet.

Amendment 2: Addition of Article on the North American Lutheran Seminary.

Article # - North American Lutheran Seminary

- X.01 The North American Lutheran Seminary, hereinafter referred to as “the NALS”, shall exist to form pastors and church leaders for the NALC.
 - X.01.01 There shall be an NALS Center.
 - X.01.02 The NALS may partner with institutions that are aligned with the mission, values, and model of the NALS and the NALC.
 - X.01.03 The NALS Center and partner seminaries will together comprise the NALS Network.
 - X.01.04 The NALS Network shall function as one faculty, comprised of the NALC faculty at the NALS Center and the full-time NALC faculty at partner seminaries.
- X.02 The NALS President shall lead the NALS.
 - X.02.01 The primary ministry of the NALS President is to grow, strengthen, and support all aspects of theological education and pastoral formation for the NALC.
 - X.02.02 The President of the NALS is called by the Executive Council upon recommendation by the Board of Regents.
 - X.02.03 The President is a staff member of the NALC and directly reports to the NALC Bishop.
 - X.02.04 The President shall direct the relationship between the NALS Center and partner seminaries.
- X.03 A Board of Regents shall be the primary governing body for the NALS.
 - X.03.01 The Board of Regents shall have operating policies and procedures approved by the Executive Council.
 - X.03.02 The Board of Regents is responsible for strategic planning, budgeting, and oversight of fiscal, academic, and student affairs.
 - X.03.03 The Board of Regents communicates changes regarding budgets and strategic initiatives to the NALC Executive Council.
 - X.03.04 The Board of Regents is accountable to the NALC Executive Council.

Amendment 3: Addition to current Article 16 entitled, "Indemnification" to be renamed, "Legal and Financial Matters."

Article 16 – Legal and Financial Matters

16.02 The Executive Council shall approve policies concerning all financial and legal matters of the NALC.

16.02.01 The NALC fiscal year shall be the calendar year.

16.02.02 The NALC shall receive funds, grants and other real or personal property contributed by individuals, congregations, foundations, and other entities with the approval of the Executive Council.

16.02.03 Funds shall be held in reputable banks, trust companies or other depositories selected by the officers with approval of the Executive Council.

16.02.04 Funds shall be received and disbursed by the Treasurer, the General Secretary and their designees as set forth in policies and resolutions approved by the Executive Council.

16.02.05 The officers of the NALC shall be authorized signers for all legal documents.

16.02.06 The Executive Council may authorize any officer, employee, or agent of the corporation, in addition to the officers so authorized by these bylaws, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the NALC, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

16.02.07 Notification by electronic means is considered written notification.

16.03 Validity of meetings of the NALC shall be determined by the Executive Council.



NORTH AMERICAN
LUTHERAN
CHURCH

CELEBRATING
15
YEARS



Is Just Beginning!

Mark your calendar and be sure to join us

Sunday, January 25, 2026

directly after the service at 10:30 a.m.

for our Annual Congregational Meeting

Items of Business: Reports, Budget, Elections.

Now more than ever we invite your participation

Join the conversation– make your voice heard!

Pray about how you can play a more active role
in the life of Holy Trinity in 2026!

– Your Church Council –

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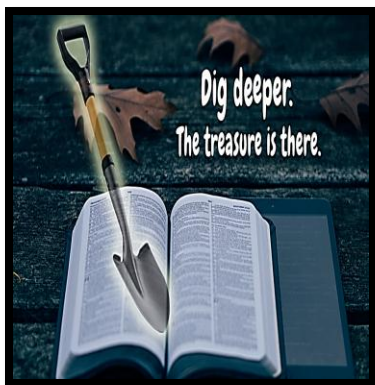
SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026

The first item of business will be the adoption of Rules of Procedure. This adoption of Rules of Procedure has always been done at the outset of every denominational or synodical convocation (LCA, ELCA, or NALC).

This adoption needs only a simple majority and is done to make the meeting run smoothly. Among other things, The Rules of Procedure say that Holy Trinity's Annual Meeting will be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, that all speeches will be limited to three minutes, and that anyone can present a resolution but that this resolution must be presented in writing to the Committee on Reference and Counsel **by 3:00 p.m.** on the Monday immediately prior the Annual Meeting, **Monday, January 19th**. At the time each resolution is presented to the Annual Meeting, Reference and Counsel will advise the Annual Meeting as to whether or not the resolution should be adopted.

Copies of these Rules of Procedure & Forms for Resolutions are available in the Narthex.

IN FELLOWSHIP HALL: Continuing Sunday December 28th

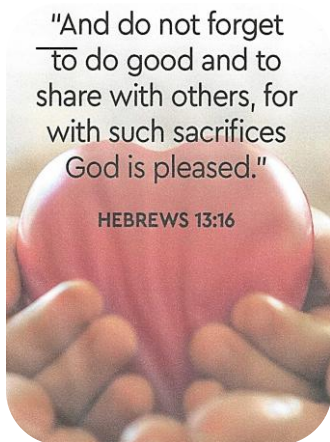
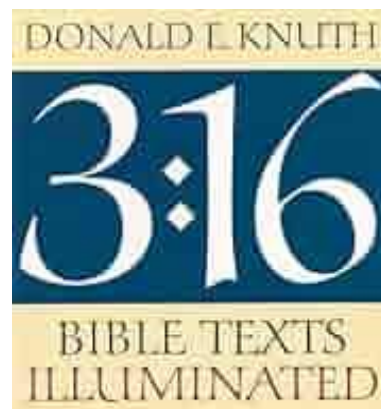


Here is an opportunity to dig deeper into each week's three Scripture readings with **A Longer Look at the Lessons**. This Bible Study, based on the Bible Readings in our worship, provides information about the readings and their contexts. The class meets in Fellowship Hall - stage end at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday. Pastor Guenzel facilitates the discussion. All older teens and adults are welcome

**THURSDAY MORNING MEANDERINGS
WITH PASTOR MAURICE**

on *3:16 Bible Texts Illuminated*,
Thursday, January 8th, at 10:00 a.m.
Bagels and such on the house of course!

Join us for stimulating discussions
& lively conversations.



Sarnelli House Needs ~Ongoing

Men's & Women's coats & warm jackets
Men's jeans esp. waist sizes 32, 34, 36

Women's jeans Hoodies
Gloves Knit caps
Blankets

Underwear and socks are always in need.

Leave your donations in the Narthex.



Coram Deo

2nd Monday of each month in the Study at 7:30 p.m.

All are invited to join - even if it's "just for one book".

Books we are reading for the monthly gatherings:

January 12 ~ *Shop Class as Soulcraft: An Inquiry Into the Value of Work*
by Matthew Crawford

February 9 ~ *The Good Neighbor: The Life and Work of Fred Rogers*
by Maxwell King

March 9 ~ *A Sportsman's Notebook* by Ivan Turgenev

April 13 ~ *The Crisis of Islam: Holy War and Unholy Terror*
by Bernhard Lewis

May 11 ~ *Lucky Jim* by Kingsley Amis

June 8 ~ *Once Upon a Wardrobe* by Patti Callahan

July 13 ~ *All the King's Men* by Robert Penn Warren

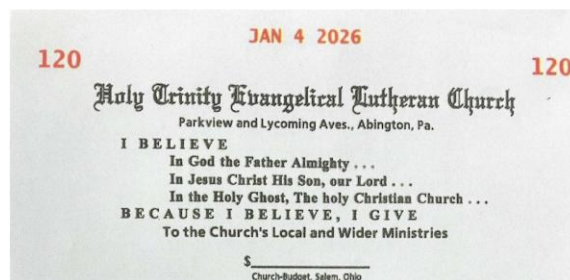
August 10 ~ *Oblomov* by Ivan Goncharov

September 14 ~ *Death Comes for the Archbishop*
by Willa Cather



**The 2026 Offering Envelopes
and Lutheran Calendars**
are available in Fellowship Hall

Call Deb in the office (215) 659 ~ 2642
if you need to have them mailed out to you.



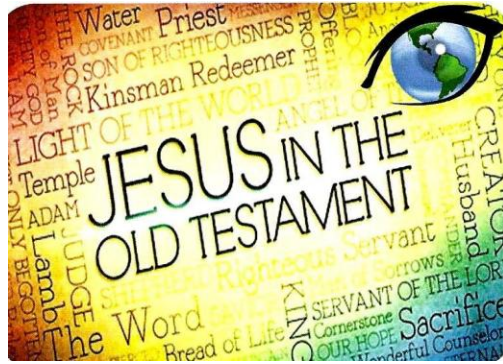
REMINDER TO

All Committee Chairpersons & Other Group Leaders

Please submit your Annual Reports
to the Church office by
Monday, January 12, 2026



Lutheran Church Women's Circle Bible Study



JANUARY CIRCLES

Our journey through the beginning of the Old Testament story looking for Jesus started with creation and marveled at the world and God's Trinitarian involvement in creating and interacting with the world and his people. Then we looked at the fall and how God appeared and spoke to Adam and Eve and later to Cain: lovingly yet firmly explaining the consequences of sin and offering hope in his power to save, ultimately leading in this study to the flood. The promise of hope in the next study was clear as God appeared and spoke to Abraham about blessing the world through him and then Hagar is blessed to receive hope when she was distressed and running away! Last month we looked at the similarities of Abraham hoping and waiting for the promised son and Zechariah in his old age being promised a son and perhaps related this waiting to the length of time before the Son of God was born. This month we will look at Jacob and Esau in Genesis 32 and 33. For background, please read Genesis 25 to 31 before the circle meeting. We will look at the passage of Jacob wrestling in the night before his encounter with his estranged brother Esau.

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, January 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the SS Peter & Andrew Study
Leader: Noreen Weld (215) 659-8089 ljennyda@aol.com

Ruth Circle – Sunday, January 11 at 11:45 a.m. in the SS Peter & Andrew Study
Leader: Katie Beyer (215) 572- 6864 kbeyer0403@gmail.com

Miriam Circle – Monday, January 12 at 12:30 p.m. in the SS Peter & Andrew Study
Leader: Sandy Schmidt (215) 657-5065 sandyschmidt19001@yahoo.com

Hannah Circle – Monday, January 19 at 7:00 p.m. in Youth Room
Contact: Deb Mumford (267) 210-1789 debssam@msn.com



You are invited to join in reading the Bible Plan,
The Bible with Nicky & Pippa Gumbel,
Classic Version, 2025

The link below should get you to the plan and prompt you to download the app if you don't have it already.

Bible.com/p/70868840/27b6374dc5ebf2e981898a4412cb9f27

We start on January 1st. We like this plan because in addition to the readings for each day you get Nicky's thoughts on the theme of the readings and there is space for writing a response that the group can read, so it can begin a discussion or a prayer.

Consider joining us and set aside 15 minutes of your day.
It really makes a difference.

Giant Gift Cards – A great way to shop!



Whether you are purchasing for yourself or as a gift the LCW makes it easy and convenient! Plus our program is a wonderful fundraising tool as the LCW receives a 5% cash back for each card sold!

This money goes to charities that Holy Trinity supports as well as our scholarship fund which is utilized to offset the cost of any LCW related function for any church women who may want to attend but need financial assistance.

See Nancy Ischinger for purchase or orders.
(267) 803 ~ 1384 or email her nancymaeisch@yahoo.com



ALL Are Invited

To A Luncheon Program

Featuring Stirring Stories of Children Who Received Shoebox Gifts in 2024

When: Saturday, January 24, 12:00 Noon; Snow Date Saturday, January 31, 12:00 Noon
So mark your calendar twice but pray for good weather.

Where: Fellowship Hall

Guest Speaker/Presenter: Rania Metry, Operation Christmas Child Area Coordinator for Montgomery County. Rania will share stories and slides from her May 2024 trip to distribute shoeboxes to children in Romania, including to the impoverished Romma people.

Rania has served as Montco's Area Coordinator for the past six years. She has been involved in packing more than 2,000 shoeboxes for each of the past 16 years as a member of St. Mary & St. Mercurius Coptic Orthodox Church in Conshohocken. She has traveled Pennsylvania to visit other Orthodox churches and plant the seed for OCC. Now 15 Orthodox churches are participating.

Sign Up: Please sign up so that we can plan for YOU!



This special program is sponsored by the Lutheran Church Women (LCW) of Holy Trinity.

The Social Ministry Committee of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church



Freedom Steps Collection

There is a need for donated items such as:

- Tooth brushes & toothpaste
- Non-aerosol shaving cream (gel or lotion type)
- Body powder
- Men & Women's deodorant
- Foot powder
- Disposable/flushable wipes
- Razors
- Travel size combs & brushes
- Pens/pencils
- Puzzle books
(word searches, crossword puzzles, Sudoku)

The cost of shipping packages is anywhere from \$700 - \$1,000
so we are always grateful for monetary donations!



There is a box in the Narthex that is checked before the shipments are made.
We do shipments ever couple of months.
So donations are always welcome!

2ND **FRIDAY NIGHT**
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FEBRUARY 13TH

We start at 6:30 p.m. no sign up required.
This month's theme:

2nd Annual Chili Cook-off



2nd Friday Nighters is a group of adults who get together once a month for food and fellowship. Come out and get to know your fellow church members a little better.
Questions: Contact Susan Schied slschied@verizon.net



January Worship Assistants Schedule



January 4

Usher 2	Acolyte Benet Donnelly	Cantor John Minges
	Crucifer Janice Donnelly	

Stream Team Charlie Tolton	Lector- Sat Karen McGovern	Christophers Sue & Deb
	Sun Julia Gregg	Healing Sherry Breslin Prayer

January 11

Usher 3	Acolyte Charlie Tolton	Cantor Tom Schied
	Crucifer Frank Ganther	

Stream Team Gloria Ischinger	Lector-Sat Bruce Freer	Christophers Sherry & Linda
	Sun Lois Hamilton	Healing Helen Haun Prayer

January 18

Usher 4	Acolyte Jonathan Mutashobya	Cantor Deb Mumford
	Crucifer Rob Ischinger	

Stream Team Frank Ganther	Lector- Sat Kathy Ingerson	Christophers Beth & Frank
	Sun Suzanne Brown	Healing Nancy Ischinger Prayer

January 25

Usher 5	Acolyte Nancy Necker	Cantor Sophia Breslin
	Crucifer Jim Necker	

	Lector - Sat Karen McGovern	
Stream Team Rob Ischinger	Sun Helen Haun	Christophers Nancy & Wayne
		Healing Nancy King-Berkovitz Prayer

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*

January 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Psalm 147: 16 – 18 He gives snow like wool; he scatters frost like ashes. He hurls down his crystals of ice like crumbs; who can stand before his cold? He sends out his word, and melts them; he makes his wind blow and the waters flow.				1 Office closed 	2 7:30 AA	3 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
4 CHRISTMAS 2 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 6:00 NA	5	6 	7 7:30 Council	8 10:00 Bread of Heaven 10:00 Meanderings 6:30 Handbell Choir 7:00 Eve Circle	9 7:30 AA	10 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
11 Baptism of our Lord 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 11:45 Ruth Circle	12 Office Closed 12:30 Miriam Circle 	13 7:00 Stewardship	14	15 10:00 Bread of Heaven 10:00 Meanderings 6:30 Handbell Choir	16 7:30 AA	17 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
18 Epiphany 2 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 10:30 Budget Meeting 6:00 NA	19 7:00 Hannah Circle	20 7:00 Evangelism	21 7:30 Worship & Music meeting	22 10:00 Bread of Heaven 10:00 Meanderings 6:30 Handbell Choir	23 7:30 AA	24 10:00 LCW  5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
25 Epiphany 3 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30  6:00 NA	26 Pastor at NALC retreat in VA	27 Pastor at NALC retreat in VA	28 Pastor at NALC retreat in VA	29 Pastor at NALC retreat in VA 6:30 Handbell Choir	30 7:30 AA	31 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA

- * Epiphany, January 6, 2026
- * Baptism of our Lord, January 11, 2026
- * Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Observance, January 12, 2026
- * Annual Congregational Meeting, January 25, 2026

