

HOLY TRINITY

Evangelical Lutheran Church

ECHOES NEWSLETTER

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Pastor

The Rev. Dr. Maurice Y. Lee

Staff

Mr. Thomas Hobson Williams,

M. Mus., Director of Music

Mrs. Deborah Mumford,

Office Administrator

Worship Services

Saturday at 5 p.m.

Sunday at 9 a.m. (also live-streamed)

Sunday Church School at 10:30 a.m.

Holy Communion

Saturday evening, Sunday morning
& Festival Days

***Deadline for submission
of material for the Echoes
Newsletter is 9 a.m. on
the 15th of each month.***

From the Pastor:

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

In a book discussion at church, I mentioned how interesting I found various journalists' articles reacting to the most recent encyclical from Pope Leo XIV, *Magnifica Humanitas: On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence*.

I'm not so interested in *what* those reporters wrote: modern journalism on religious (not to mention theological) topics is usually extremely ignorant. Much more interesting to me is the fact that news outfits which one wouldn't have expected to pay attention to anything connected with the Roman Catholic Church were suddenly all over this new church document, reading it like tea leaves for clues as to what this pope is up to, all because he had things to say about artificial intelligence.

Magnifica Humanitas is important not first because it talks about AI. That particular topic is all the rage, of course, and everyone who's anyone apparently feels like they have to have an opinion on it. But *Magnifica Humanitas* exemplifies how to think about AI (and similar technologies) *in the context* of thinking through what technology should be for, what makes for a flourishing society, and what human beings are created — gifted — by God to be and to do. In other words, *Magnifica Humanitas* thinks about AI in a distinctively *Christian* way.

When that isn't done — and I hasten to add that *Magnifica Humanitas* isn't the *only* Christian analysis of AI; there are others, as good or even better — we're ripe for taking on board secularized ideas and assumptions concerning technology, society, and humanity: ideas and assumptions which blithely disregard God's word, God's ways, and God's will, as if God had nothing to say about and nothing to do with who we are and how we live.

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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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Breezy dismissals of Christian concerns, like "Technologies in general and AI in particular are ethically neutral; they can be used for good or for evil, but they're going to be used no matter what, so we might as well get on the train," or "The church has always been against progress, development, and evolution; we'd be better off taking no notice of what it says," or "There's no such thing as human nature; human beings are what we can and want to make of them with the tools at our disposal," etc., etc., *ad nauseam*, amount to not much more than people plugging their ears and shouting, "La la la! Can't hear you, couldn't care less, don't want to discuss this with you!"

But we can be thankful — even as Lutherans — that a voice like Leo XIV's can at least get some attention, even if much of what he says will almost certainly be misunderstood, misrepresented, or brushed aside. And what we can learn — even as Lutherans — from the pope is that we have a responsibility to speak and to act in the world *as Christians*, with a Christian starting point, and with God's glory, rather than our own or that the secular culture, as our guiding light and as our ultimate goal.

Ad maiorem Dei gloriam,
Pastor Maurice





Healing Prayer Ministry

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



Women's Prayer Group

The Holy Trinity
Women's Prayer Group
Meets 1st Monday
of each month.
at **7:00 p.m.**

Contact Rosemary @
Rosemaryhinkle@comcast.net
for more information.

All women are welcome to join.

2026 Schedule
June 1

"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) Abigail, Alan, Allyson, Antonette, Arthur, Beth, Caden, Carol, Charles, Charlie, Conor, Darlene, Dave, Derek, Emily, Irene, Jennifer, Kem, Linda, Jim, John, Joseph, Marlene, Mary Kate, Matt, Matthew, Peggy, Pete, Rich, Rick, Sharon, Steve, Troy, Weston.

All of the families of Holy Trinity, together with those they love and pray for; especially we pray for: Anderson, Cassady, DeJames, Dundon, Gies, Magee, Maieron, McIntyre, Ramsey, Taubenberger.

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 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 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, 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.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Notes from Council:

These are the highlights of our last council meeting. Once the minutes are approved from the previous month, they will be available in the Narthex.

Council met on Wednesday May 6th

Thomas Williams spoke to the council requesting an evaluation of the organ and pipes be done. The evaluation would review the status of the organ and pipes along with recommendations for additions and design modification to make the instrument suitable for our needs. Council approved \$3000 (the amount requested by the Worship and Music Committee) to obtain professional evaluations. The information from the evaluations will be made available to the congregation once received.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Lee reviews his past and upcoming activities. He also provided an overall list of opportunities for fellowship and study for the summer. He would like to begin a monthly youth event for teenagers called Wood & Word. He also asked for ideas to increase the participation in the quarterly community prayer services.

Treasurer's report – The current deficit for 2026 is \$22,691.25.

Digital Ministry – The new website should be ready to launch in June. There will be training offered to those who will be adding and updating the site.

Property - The Knox box has been obtained and Jim Necker met with a representative of the fire department to have it installed. It will be placed at the fellowship hall doors. This box contains a key fob to allow emergency services access to the building. There will be a single serving event to paint Fellowship Hall on Saturday June 13th. All are invited to help with this project.

Old Business – A fire drill will be held on May 10th for the family Sunday School. Janice will also invite the adult Sunday School to participate or at least discuss the proper exits and outdoor meeting place in case of an emergency. A fire drill for worship attendees will be held in the fall.

New Business – A Leadership Retreat will be held on Saturday June 27th. Council is invited along with committee chairs and members. If any other members would like to attend they are very welcome. If you want any information about this event, please talk to Janice Donnelly.

As always if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas, please talk to any of the council members. If you are unsure who we are, our pictures are in the Narthex.



CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Laura Kathryn Burroughs ~ Montgomery Blair High School,
Silver Spring, MD
studying Environmental Science
at William and Mary University.

Thomas Delahoy ~ Pennsylvania State University
continuing to graduate school
at University of Colorado at Boulder.

Ravinia Lee ~ B. Mus. in Vocal Performance
from Cairn University

Nadiya Weld ~ Temple University



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

Treasurer's Report

April 30, 2026 (For the Year 2026)

Surplus/(Deficit)2026 (\$22,691.25)

The full treasurer's report is available upon request.

"To trust God in the light is nothing, but to trust him in the dark. That is faith." – Charles Spurgeon.

"Prayer does not fit us for the greater work; prayer is the greater work." – Oswald Chambers.

"God is not looking for men of great faith, he is looking for common men to trust his great faithfulness. – Hudson Taylor.

"It is only because he became like us that we can become like him." – Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"You move us to delight in praising you; for you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you." – Augustine.

"If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world." – C.S. Lewis

Support Us

Please consider a gift of appreciated securities to Holy Trinity as you do your tax planning for this year. You may direct questions about how to do this to Alan Hinkle @ alanhinkle@comcast.net

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

Christopher Biehl
Conor Gowton
Shaun Hall
Eric Henderson
Nathan Quinlan
Jamie Riley
Vikas Shah
Jonathan Skilton, MD
Jeremy Zar

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



NOTE OF THANKS



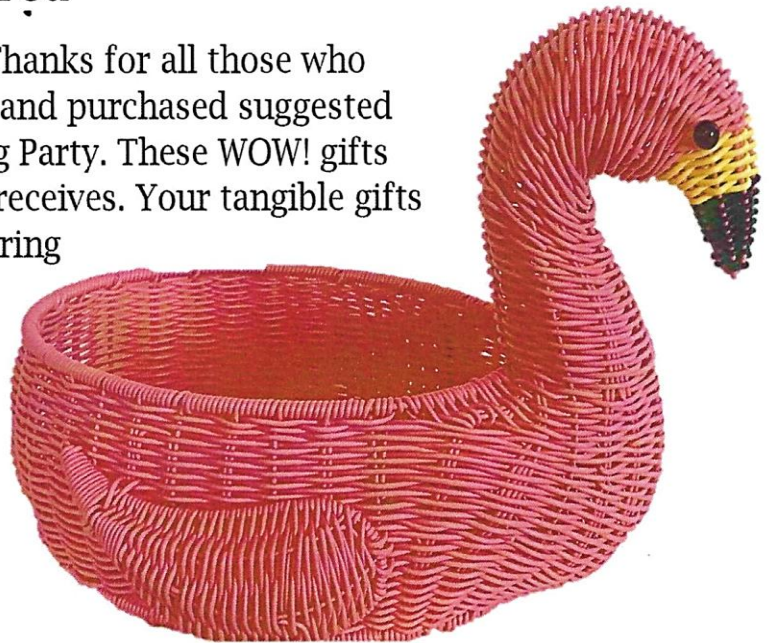
Bake Sale Thank You

Whether you donated baked items or made a purchase of sweet treats, thank you for participating in the Operation Christmas Child Fundraiser on May 3. Your participation raised \$175 for the Shoebox Packing Party. You are a sweet congregation, and I truly appreciate your help with our OCC Ministry. (Gloria Ischinger)

Shoebox WOW Gift Thank You

I have an overflowing Shoebox of Thanks for all those who picked up an egg, or two, or three, and purchased suggested items for our OCC Shoebox Packing Party. These WOW! gifts are often the very first gift a child receives. Your tangible gifts will be tucked inside shoeboxes during our OCC Packing Party.

Given together with the Good News of Jesus, they will reflect God's love to a boy or girl in need. You filled the Giant Shoebox with WOW!, and you filled my heart with gratitude for your generosity. (Gloria Ischinger)





A Home for Single Mothers and Children

May 13, 2026

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
2086 Parkview Avenue
Abington, PA 19001

Dear Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$500 to Cradle of Hope. As we celebrate 29 years of ministry in 2026, we remain deeply grateful for faithful supporters like you who make this mission possible.

For nearly three decades, Cradle of Hope has been committed to ministering to the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of single mothers and their children through transitional housing and supportive services. Your generosity directly sustains this work and strengthens families in our community.

Your gift helps fund our two core programs:

Our **Transitional Housing Program** provides safe, stable housing for up to nine mothers and their babies at a time. Through individualized case management and goal planning, we walk alongside each mother as she pursues education, job training, employment, and permanent housing, building a strong foundation for long-term success.

Our **Cradle of Hope Pregnancy Resource Center (CPRC)** serves hundreds of families each year by offering free referrals, counseling, educational resources, supportive classes, and tangible goods to women and families facing crises in our local communities.

Because of your partnership, we have the privilege of witnessing lives transformed. We see young women move from uncertainty to confidence, from crisis to stability, and from hardship to hope. Truly, it takes a village, and we are so grateful you are part of ours. Thank you for using your gifts to bless the families we serve.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 215-572-5937 or email Alissa at cradledirector@gmail.com or Rachel at cradleofhope@gmail.com.

With deep gratitude,

Alissa Messina

Executive Director, Cradle of Hope

Rachel Mulletly

Development Coordinator, Cradle of Hope

Board Members: Teresa Supka, Heather Larocca, Pastor Adarrel Fisher, Ben Drake, Lisa McEntee, Lisa Dillard

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10

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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www.cradleofhope.net



May 5, 2026

Dear Friends,

Greetings from Nairobi, Kenya, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

I'm privileged to be in Nairobi, Kenya, with about 15 other Prayer League workers and representatives from our almost 60-year partnership in Kenya - The Southwest Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Kenya. Our workers attending the conference represent our work in Kenya, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and The Gambia in West Africa. They also include two home office workers, and associate workers involved in mission mobilization, member care, and medical work (eye camps) in Kenya. Please join the Prayer League in prayer that the Lord of the harvest will send out workers to his harvest fields. From the stories we hear, the fields are ripe, the church is growing, and the laborers are too few!

Today I had the opportunity to meet with two senior leaders of the diocese to discuss entering into a revitalized relationship. They are seeking people interested in teaching and mentoring ordained and lay leaders, because there are too few church leaders to handle the load, even with lay evangelists. Their commitment to train missional leaders, who, with their congregations, desire to cross cultural boundaries to reach the unreached, makes this an interesting prospect! The ELCK Southwest Diocese is also interested in receiving medical workers for the same purpose.

Tomorrow our group will visit Theovision, where the Prayer League has positioned two of our workers. It's been an incredible couple of days as we've heard story after story of how instrumental the audio Bibles are in bringing people to Christ. We've witnessed the passion of our workers to boldly share their faith with Muslims, Animists, and adherents of African traditional faiths, and to mobilize others to do the same. We hope to see Prayer League Kenya take shape as young people join a grassroots movement to pray for the unreached. Please pray with us for discernment as we seek to jump on board with what God seems to be doing among young people in Kenya, and around the world.

There are millions of Africans who are still unreached with the Good News. This evening, we spent almost 2 hours praying for 3 unreached people groups across Ethiopia, Kenya, and Uganda. Each evening this week during our retreat, we will focus our prayers on the unreached as we remain focused on the task God has given the Prayer League. Thank you for joining us in prayer for the nations!

If you or someone you know might be interested in exploring opportunities in Africa, please contact Kari Hilpert at KHilpert@WMPL.org or William Obaga at WObaga@wmpl.org. Thank you for your generosity, which enables our workers and collaborating ministries to participate and have a tremendous impact in God's mission in this world.

In Christ,


Kyle Scott, Executive Director



WORLD
MISSION
PRAYER
LEAGUE

TOGETHER IN CHRIST, GLOBAL PRAYER & MOBILIZATION

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From Pastor Alex in the Philippines

Greetings to you today.

Hope you are in good health as your soul prospers.

Attached in this email is the children's feeding program among the MBB (Muslim Background Believers). We are supporting our network leader to advance the Kingdom of God through the children's feeding program with the Gospel Storytelling. Some of these children are children of the ex-commanders of renegade extremist armed groups and some are from religious family backgrounds. Now they have an opportunity to listen to the Gospel. May the word sown to their hearts grow and make them strong followers of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your prayers and support that we are able to provide assistance to our Muslim background brethren in the mission work among the Muslims.

Thank you for your kind help to us in the mission works.

May God bless you.

In His grace,

Alex



**Above: children's tribal ministry
Below: Youth Camp**

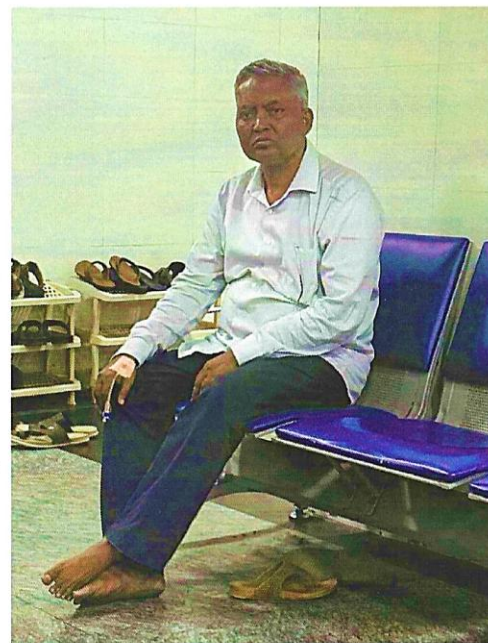
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From Didi Panzo in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Thanks for your note. We are doing well, sister Rosemary. The worst is on the east of Congo and not at the west side of Congo where we live. Continu to pray for us as we are watching over the spreading of the disease. In case it is worse, we will leave and cross into Angola.

From Martin Luther in India

Dear and most precious Sister Rosemary, Brother Alan, and Pastor Maurice Lee,
Greetings to you in Jesus Christ our Loving Saviour.. There is great persecution going on in our state (Andhra Pradesh). Churches are vandalized, pastors are beaten up, and even Christians are treated as nobodies. Specially; the Christians from the Dalit communities (suppressed communities) are treated so harshly by the local Hindu communities, the police, the state Government, and even the Central government, which is under the Narendra Modi Administration. Please pray for us. Your love and kind help has been a great blessing to all of us for our poor families in our congregations.



My Health Update : After my son's marriage, I went to the Cancer hospital. As per the doctor's advice. I took the Pet CT Scan to see my prostate Cancer position and the metastasis condition. I will be going to take the reports on 4th June as per my next schedule. This is my picture at the scanning center waiting to go for the scanning. Presently, I am taking medicines and continuing in the ministry with my wife's and children's help. Please continue to pray for my healing from the prostate Cancer.

Your brother M. Martin Luther.

**walk
for water**
water mission®

A huge shout out to all who participated in our second Annual Walk for Water, to all who donated to Water Mission and the great work they do, not only in providing safe drinking water to communities in need worldwide, but in advancing the Gospel of Jesus Christ through word and deed.

Thanks to your generosity we raised \$ 2,765

Mark your calendars for the first Saturday after Mother's Day! For those who like to plan, next year that falls on **Saturday, May 15 at 9:00 a.m.**

Most humbly thankful,
Your Evangelism Committee

May 2026

“We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.” – Romans 8:26b

Dear Friend,

This year, International Day for the Unreached is on May 24, Pentecost Sunday. These days go perfectly together: the Gospel went out to many people in many languages on the first Pentecost, and today we are still praying for unreached people to hear the Good News.

When we ask missionaries what they need, their first request is often prayer. Prayer is the most important gift we can give our native missionaries who are reaching those unreached people. Even when we don't know exactly how to pray, as Romans 8 reminds us, the Holy Spirit is interceding.

We invite you to join us in prayer for the unreached using our new prayer guide, 9 Ways to Pray for the Unreached. One group you can pray for is the Yi people of China.

The Yi community in southwest China are a collectivist culture, where an individual who becomes a Christian often faces rejection or punishment from the extended family. Long-term poverty and limited education have made it difficult for people to think about life or faith, while widespread issues of alcohol, smoking, and drug abuse further hinder spiritual reflection. Deep-rooted idol worship and ancestral rituals within families form significant spiritual obstacles as well.

Local Yi believers and a church from the capital of their region need prayer. One of their top requests is that the light of Christ will break through the spiritual darkness that enslaves minority groups like the Yi.

Thank you for partnering with us in prayer for unreached people groups and our beloved missionaries who are serving them. You are a blessing!

'Til All Hear,



Oliver L. Asher

President

P.S. Download the new “9 Ways to Pray for the Unreached” guide at advancingnativemissions.com/pray-for-the-unreached/.



www.FreedomSteps5k.com

PO Box 118 Willow Grove PA 19090

May 2026

On behalf of the Freedom Steps committee and volunteers, we would like to thank you for your sponsorship of the 2026 Freedom Steps' 5K. Without local support from businesses such as yours, we would be unable to fulfill the mission of our organization. We strive to support our service members in any way we can, those both deployed at home and abroad. Your support is integral to that mission and greatly appreciated. Below is a reminder of your sponsorship level.

Sponsorship: Division Level (\$470)

Masons Mill Park was once again our site for this year's 5k. While some years, the weather wasn't perfect, this year proved to be a beautiful day. Members from the Upper Moreland community joined together to celebrate America250 and the 18th anniversary of Freedom Steps. We also took a moment to remember those servicemembers, veterans, family, and friends who are no longer with us. Our mission has continued throughout the year, and we were able to ship packages to many deployed service men and women. Each of our contacts were thrilled with their packages and so were their fellow troops.

Over the last 18 years, we have shipped over 1,000 boxes around the world, each of which has enough supplies for approximately ten people. Your sponsorship not only helps with expenses from the 5k but even more importantly, your sponsorship helps purchase the supplies for the troops as well as cover the cost of mailing all these boxes. We couldn't do it without you!

This year it is increasingly important to support the many troops that are currently deployed and those that will be deployed in the near future due to the rising tensions around the world.

Enclosed you will find an Event Program listing your business as a contributor to our event. In addition, we are providing a complimentary T-shirt from this year's event. We thank you for your support of both the organization and our troops, and hope that you will continue to support Freedom Steps in the future. Freedom Steps 5k is an official 501c3 non-profit organization and your donation is tax-deductible.

To stay updated on Freedom Steps' happenings "Like" us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/FreedomSteps or "Follow" us on Instagram at @FreedomSteps5k.

Respectfully,
The Freedom Steps Committee

*Thank you
for everything you
do for our troops!
F.S.*

Sunday, June 7th



Join us at the
**Church
Picnic!**

following the worship service,
for Holy Trinity's annual church picnic.

Come out and meet new members
and catch up with those you haven't seen
in a while. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will
be provided. Families are encouraged to
bring a side dish to share.

Once again we will be having our 5th Annual Cornhole competition,
so grab a partner and sign-up to compete.



Again this year will be a church pie / cake raffle. Donations of cakes and pies (baked by our wonderful church members) will be raffled off and all proceeds will be donated to the Bread of Heaven Food Pantry. You will purchase raffle tickets (1 ticket is \$2.00 or 3 tickets for \$5.00) and place your ticket(s) by the cake or pie you want to win. Winning tickets will be drawn after the cornhole competition and hopefully you go home with a delicious cake or pie (and maybe a cornhole trophy!!)

A Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex for:

- Attendance & Side Dish
- Donations of a cake or pie

We hope to see you there!!!

SUMMER EVENTS



As you begin planning your summer schedule for 2026 please consider joining your Holy Trinity family for:



Take dad "down the shore" One-Day beach trip, **Sunday June 21st** after service. Contact Beth Lee at highheartedly@yahoo.com for specifics.

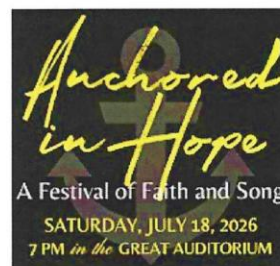
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL IN JULY

Pastor Maurice will be teaching
"How to Go to Church"
July 5, 12, 19 & 26



"Celebrate Your Faith" Nights at Reading Phillies game!
Friday, July 17, 2026 Please sign - up in the Narthex as we need a count to purchase enough tickets!

72nd Annual Choir Concert at Ocean Grove, NJ
Saturday, July 18th at 7:00 p.m.
visit www.oceangrove.org/choir-festival



Sunday, August 2nd 2 p.m.
Bring a suit & towel!

Wednesday, August 19 at 11 a.m.
Sight & Sound in Lancaster PA
Sign - up in narthex for a head count so we can purchase advance tickets!





Congratulations to Richard & Claire David
on the birth of their son, **Duke Scott David**,
May 19, 2026, 9 lbs., 21.5"
and to proud big sister Peyton, Aunt Audrey
and grandparents Scott & Suzanne Brown



June Collection for Christ's Home

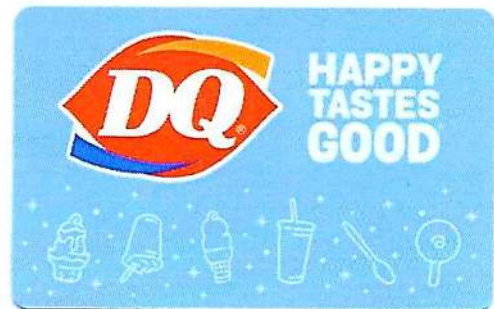
Throughout June, we are collecting Regal Cinema movie gift cards and Dairy Queen gift cards for the children living at Christ's Home. We have been told that they do not

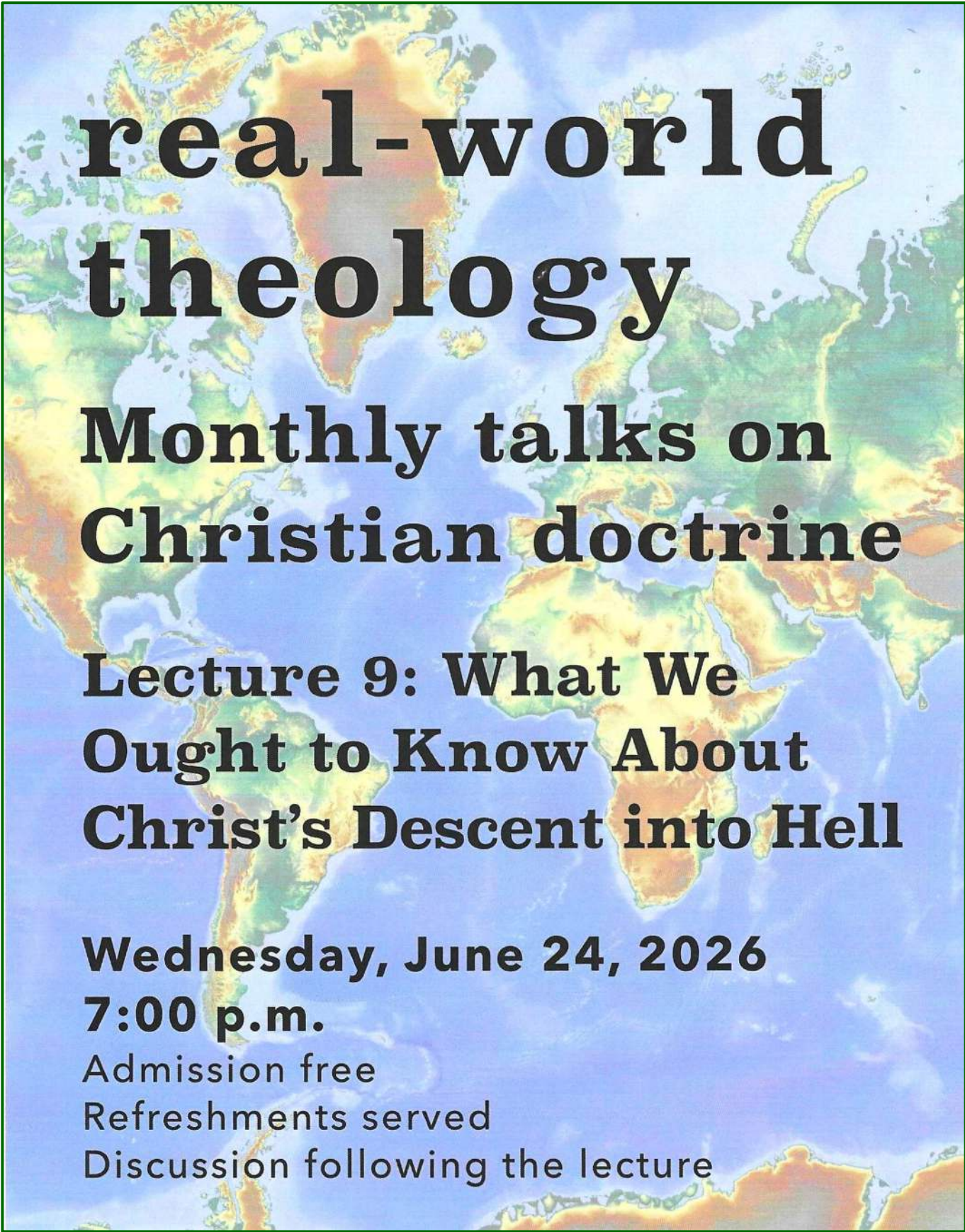
have a budget for extra activities.

If you are not in a position to visit these places, then please consider making a monetary contribution marked "Christ's Home Summer."

We plan to deliver movie and Dairy Queen gift cards at the end of June.

Your Social Ministry Committee





real-world theology

Monthly talks on Christian doctrine

Lecture 9: What We Ought to Know About Christ's Descent into Hell

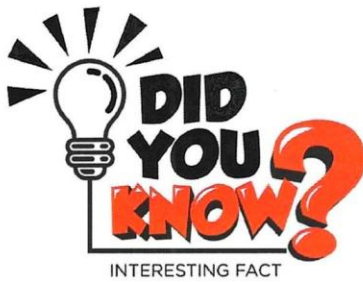
Wednesday, June 24, 2026

7:00 p.m.

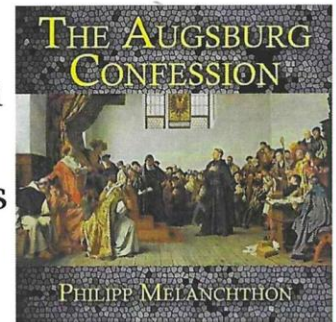
Admission free

Refreshments served

Discussion following the lecture



that **The Augsburg Confession** is the primary confession of faith of the Lutheran Church and one of the most important documents of the Protestant Reformation?



To this day **The Augsburg Confession** remains the basic definition of what it means to be a Lutheran.



The Book of Concord, published in 1580 on the 50th anniversary of the presentation of the Augsburg Confession to the Emperor Charles V at the Diet of Augsburg, contains 10 statements of faith including **The Augsburg Confession**. These documents, known as the Lutheran Confessions, summarize what we believe, teach and confess based on Holy Scripture.

The Holy Scriptures are set forth in **The Book of Concord** to be the sole, divine source and norm of all Christian doctrine.

The full, searchable text of our Lutheran Confessions is available for free online at:
bookofconcord.cph.org



Unofficially
SUMMER HAS ARRIVED!
Sarnelli House is in need
of gently used warm
weather clothing -



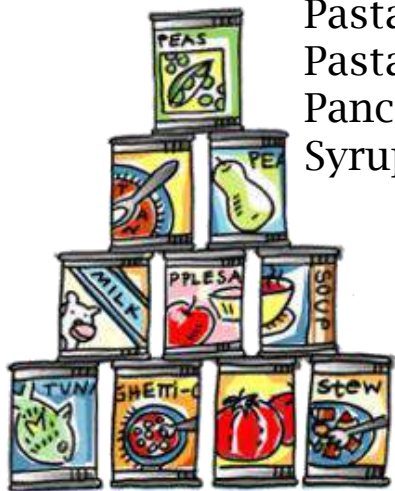
**Shorts, tee-shirts, sneakers, sandals & hats.
New men's and women's underwear
is an urgent and on-going need.**

Thank you for your continued giving to this vital ministry.

94 is the number of guests we served in **MAY** with **12 new** guests signed up, bringing our monthly total to **369** people.

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

Sugar	4 lb. or larger
100% Fruit Juice	64 oz. or larger
Pasta Sauce	24 oz. or larger
Pasta	1 lb. or larger
Pancake Mix	32 oz. or larger
Syrup	24 oz. or larger



Food Needed

2ND FRIDAY NIGHT ers

JUNE 12TH

6:30 PM

This month's theme:

PICNIC



Bring your favorite dish to share. If the weather looks good, we will sit outside so bring a chair or you can use a folding chair from Fellowship Hall. Each month we always have delicious food and engaging conversation, so if you haven't had the opportunity to come out before, please join us!

Questions? Contact Susan Schied at slschied@verizon.net

A special adult
Sunday school
class in July.

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July 5
How to worship
God

how to go

Helpful for
newer members,
but really for
every Christian
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July 12
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July 19
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in the Lord's
Supper



Coram Deo

For the month of June

Monday, June 8th at 7:30 PM

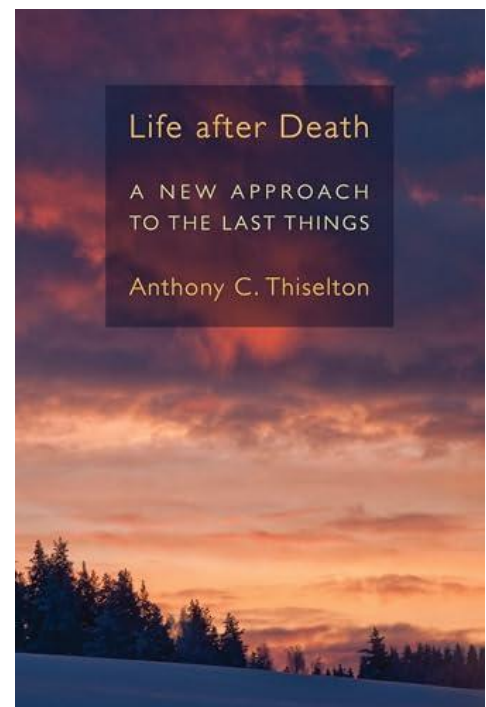


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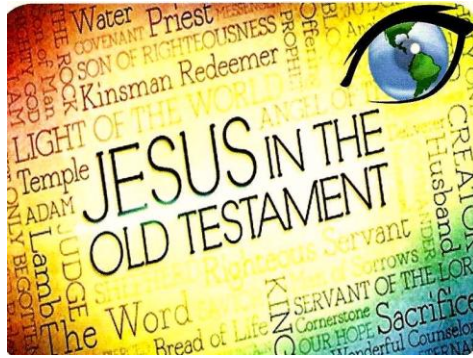
Thursday Morning Meanderings

Biblical and theological discussions
with Pastor Maurice on *Life after Death*,
by Anthony C. Thiselton
continue throughout the summer.

In the month of June meeting on
Thursday, June 4th, 18th, and 25th at 10:00 a.m.
Bagels and such on the house, of course!

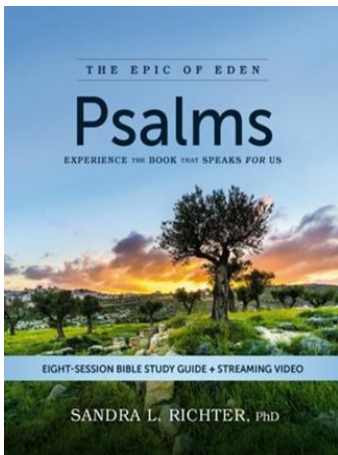


Lutheran Church Women's Circle Bible Study



June Gatherings

In June, Circles may gather for a special lunch or dinner and enjoy a time of fellowship and socializing. Even if you have not attended a meeting this year, now is a great time to informally gather with a circle, fellowship with a meal, and mark your calendar to reconvene in September to begin a new bible study on *The Epic of Eden: Psalms* by Sandra L. Richter.



The book of Psalms is the Old Testament book that speaks for us in that it gives us words to pray along, and it is quoted extensively in the New Testament and contemporary culture.

There are 8 sessions in this study that offers discussion and reflection questions, video notes, in - depth breakdown of specific psalms, and more. Experience Psalms in a new and deeply sensitive way and see fresh connections to worship and devotional practices!

Eve Circle – Thursday, June 11 at 6:30 p.m.

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

Ruth Circle – Sunday, June 14 at 12:00 p.m.

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

Hannah Circle – No meeting in June.

Contact: Deb Mumford (267) 210-1789 Debssam@msn.com

Miriam Circle – No meeting in June.

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



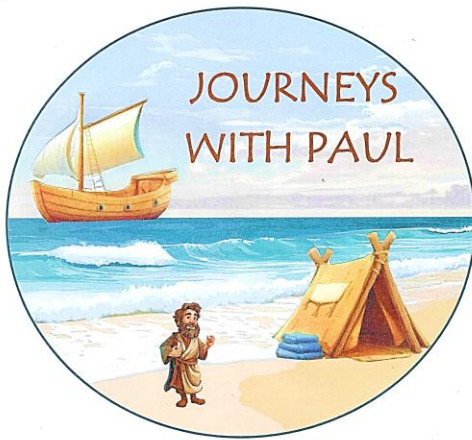
GIANT GIFT CARD PURCHASES DO GOOD WORKS

When you purchase Giant Food Store Gift Cards, you help the women of Holy Trinity to do good works. The women realize 5% or \$50 of every \$1,000 sold. Here are some of our projects:

- Purchase Jockey monthly underwear for the girl's 10 - 14 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.
- Provide Target and Walmart gift cards for the women living at Life Turning Point and Cradle of Hope.
- Meet specific needs of students at Penn State Abington who are food insecure and lack sufficient funds for certain supplies.
- Cover registration costs for women attending NALC conferences and provide scholarships as needed for women attending our retreat.
- NEW: Use funds to help women mentored by Serafina Panzo in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

We appreciate every purchase of these gift cards which are sold in \$25 increments. See Nancy Ischinger to purchase; pay in cash or checks made out to "Holy Trinity LCW."





2026 Vacation Bible School

Yes, it's that time of year again.
Unofficially summer is soon to be upon us!
With that in mind, we are planning this year's VBS.

Our theme for VBS 2026 is
JOURNEYS WITH PAUL

We need *your* prayers, and we also need **your participation** to provide the best Vacation Bible School possible. We need all kinds of people with their gifts and abilities. Please consider volunteering your time and talent to make this year's VBS one of the best weeks of the summer for the children in our community.

Thank you for your willingness to help! Please place the volunteer form in the offering plate or return it to the office. The earlier we have the classes and centers staffed; the sooner we can distribute all of the necessary materials. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Lee at highheartedly@yahoo.com

VBS Dates: July 27th to July 31st 9:00 AM to 12:15 PM

Be a Vacation Bible School Volunteer! Don't miss the fun!!

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Full Address: _____

Yes! I would like to help with VBS in the areas I have marked below.

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| ☐ Pre-School teacher/helper | ☐ Bible Story Center leader/helper. |
| ☐ Kindergarten teacher/helper | ☐ Game center leader/helper |
| ☐ Art Center teacher/ helper | ☐ Group Guide |
| ☐ Snack Center helper | |

*All volunteers over the age of 18, will need to provide a copy of
their PA state clearances to volunteer*

* You can register as a participant or volunteer
by going to our website www.holytrinity.net



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June Worship Assistants Schedule

June 7			
Usher 4	Lectors-Sat Bruce Freer Sun John Minges	Cantor	
Stream Team Charlie Tolton	Acolyte Nancy Necker	Healing Prayer	Wayne Laudenslager
Christophers Beth & Frank	Crucifer Jim Necker		
June 14			
Usher 5	Lectors-Sat Linda Cassady Sun Julia Gregg	Cantor	
Stream Team Frank Ganther	Acolyte Sherry Breslin	Healing Prayer	Deb Mumford
Christophers Nancy & Wayne	Crucifer Charlie Tolton		
June 21			
Usher 1	Lectors - Sat Karen McGovern Sun Jim Necker	Cantor	
Stream Team Gloria Ischinger	Acolyte Allan Shikhvarg	Healing Prayer	Sherry Breslin
Christophers Sue & Deb	Crucifer Michael Mutashobya		
June 28			
Usher 2	Lectors-Sat Kathleen Ingerson Sun Suzanne Brown	Cantor	
Stream Team Derek Staedtler	Acolyte Linda Borkowski	Healing Prayer	Helen Haun
Christophers Sherry & Linda	Crucifer Frank Ganther		

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 contact the office (215)659-2642 or email Deb at secretary@holyltrinity.net

Called to *Serve*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00 WPG	2	3 7:30 Council	4 10:00 Bread of Heaven 10:00 Meanderings	5	6 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
7 Pentecost 2 9:00 Holy Communion  6:00 NA	8 7:30 Coram Deo	9	10	11 10:00 Bread of Heaven 6:30 Eve Circle	12 6:30 2 ND Friday Night's	13 9:00 SINGLE SERVE PAINTING FELLOWSHIP HALL 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
14 Pentecost 3 9:00 Holy Communion 12:00 Ruth Circle  6:00 NA	15	16 12:00 Pastors Praying Together	17 9:30 Library Ladies	18 10:00 Bread of Heaven 10:00 Meanderings	19	20 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
21 Pentecost 4 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Beach Trip to OC HAPPY FATHER'S DAY  6:00 NA	22	23	24 St. John the Baptist  7:00 REAL WORLD THEOLOGY	25 10:00 Bread of Heaven 10:00 Meanderings	26	27 9:00 - 4:00 Leaders Retreat 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
28 Pentecost 5 9:00 Holy Communion 6:00 NA	29	30	<u>SPECIAL DATES:</u> Sunday, June 7 Church Picnic Friday, June 12 Picnic w/ 2 nd Friday Night's Saturday, June 13 Painting Party Sunday, June 21, Father's Day Wednesday, June 24 Real World Theology Saturday, June 27 Church Leaders Retreat			

