

HOLY TRINITY

Evangelical Lutheran Church

ECHOES NEWSLETTER

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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:

As I write this, I'm preparing to give a little talk to fellow pastors and lay leaders of our local Central Mission District, in commemoration of the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea (the actual anniversary was last year, but we're taking the opportunity to keep observing it). I thought I'd run a version of the introduction to my talk by you.

Why should anyone celebrate the Council of Nicaea, belonging as it does to an era so distant that we identify it with three digits instead of four (A.D. 325)? There are various ways to celebrate. One way is scholarly. The occasion could be marked by an academic conference, such as last year's "Nicaea and the Church of the Third Millennium" in Rome, where both of our NALS faculty, David Luy and Alexander Pierce, gave papers. Or books could be published (on or near the anniversary), such as two I have in my office, *The Cambridge Companion to the Council of Nicaea* and *Fontes Nicaeana Synodi* — a collection of source documents in the original languages.

Scholarly celebrations involve historical analysis, and lead to deeper understanding of the event being celebrated in its original context. But they could just as well happen any time.

We have other ways of celebrating, particularly at milestone anniversaries. Think of this summer, marking 250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Or (a few years ago) the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation. Or (a few years from now) our own centennial as Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

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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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There's nothing intrinsically special about round numbers like 100, 250, and 500. All they do, really, is to provide a convenient opportunity to step back and realize how amazing that we — Holy Trinity Church, the United States, Lutheranism — are still here. That's amazing. It's not something to be taken for granted. It's an occasion for thanksgiving to God. It's also an occasion for meditation on who we are — as members of Holy Trinity, as Americans, as Lutherans — and where we're headed, under the providence and mercy of the Lord. (And yes, an occasion for partying, socializing, eating and so forth.)

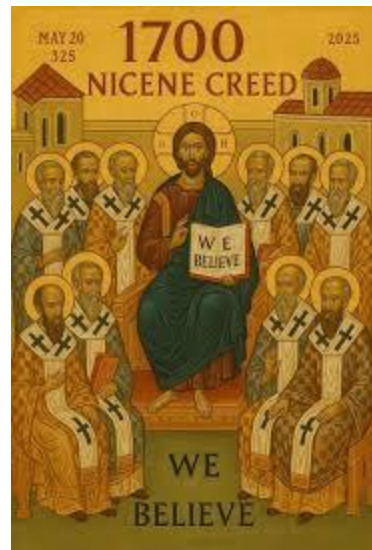
What that sort of celebrating presupposes is that, in some important sense, we're the *same* as in 1930, or in 1776, or in 1517. Obviously we're not the identical individuals, but, nonetheless, there's some sort of continuity of community that links us, that binds us, to the people of that time.

Similarly with the Council of Nicaea. If it makes sense to celebrate that, and not only in a scholarly way, then we're recognizing some profound commonality with the Christians who argued and developed the Nicene Creed, the creed we still recite on festival Sundays (and some others).

The commonality, of course, is that we, together with our Nicene siblings in Christ from 1701 years ago, worship the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and that when we acclaim Jesus as Lord, we're saying — in word and in deed — that he, our Savior, is the God who created us.

That is a message that has not gone, and will never go, out of date. 1,700,000 years from now, if the Lord tarries, it will be the same. There's something to celebrate!

He is risen and reigning,
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 this month
**Wednesday, May 13th
at 7:00 p.m.**
in Rosemary Hinkle's
carriage house
1164 Wheatsheaf Lane,
Abington, PA 19001
All women are welcome
to join.

2026 Schedule

May 13 June 1

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

- Oswald Chambers

Prayer List



One of the beautiful aspects of Christian Fellowship is that we can share one another's concerns through prayer.

Please pray for the following:

Please pray for the following individuals & their families: *(we cannot add last names)* The families of the members Holy Trinity together with those they love, including: Alan, Allyson, Antonette, Arthur, Beth, Carol, Charles, Charlie, Darlene, Dave, Derek, Irene, Jennifer, Linda, John, Marlene, Matthew, Peggy, Pete, Rich, Rick, Sharon, Steve, Troy.

Please pray for the following families:

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

Please pray for the following petitions:

That God would bless & protect all members of Holy Trinity, together with those they love & pray for.
That God would guide each of us to grow in grace & that He would 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 the members of the Mekane Yesus Church in Ethiopia, and for the Nifas Silk Congregation.
For all Christians who are being persecuted for the faith throughout the world.
For the victims of rains, wildfires, earthquakes and hurricanes and 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 (HOLY TRINITY, ABINGTON)
OR OUR WEBSITE HOLYTRINITY.NET
JOIN US AT 9 AM ON SUNDAYS

Treasurer's Report

March 31, 2026 (For the Year 2026)

Surplus/(Deficit) 2026 (\$22,315.85)

Full treasurer's report available upon request.

Luther Quotes:

We need to hear the Gospel every day,
because we forget it every day.

God does not need your good works,
but your neighbor does.

The whole being of any Christian is faith and love.
Faith brings the person to God,
love brings the person to people.

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

Show me where a man spends his time and money
and I'll show you his god.

Everything that is done in this world
is done by hope.

You have as much laughter as you have faith.



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.**



Our Christian Sympathy to

To Carol and Irene Taubenberger and family
on the death of **Violet Taubenberger**

April 6, 2026

Beloved sister and disciple of Christ.

To Dave Mansell and family
on the death of his daughter,
Angela Magee, April 9, 2026

Beloved daughter, sister and wife.

To Darlene Ramsey and family
on the death of
The Rev. William Gies

April 30, 2026

Beloved husband, father and servant of Christ

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

Psalm 34:18

Memorials received



In Memory of...

Dorothy H. Erb

**WE NEED THE NAMES OF ALL GRADUATES THIS YEAR:
HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE AND BEYOND!**



Please email Deb at secretary@holytrinity.net
with the name of your graduate and their school!
We will recognize all of them in the June Echoes!



NOTES OF THANKS



Hello,
Thank you for offering your
streaming Worship services.

God Bless,
The Rev. Jack and Karin Bailey
Lyons, NY

Charlie and Holy Trinity,
It was truly a pleasure working with you. We
are so grateful that we had the opportunity to
be a small part of your ministry. We are
hopeful that our work is serving you well, so
please don't hesitate to reach out if you need
support. We care deeply about serving local
churches and are thankful how word of mouth
connects us with others.

– Kirsten Penzi and
the Audiobahn Team



**Thank
You**

A big **Thank You** to our Holy Trinity congregation for your
support of Christian Action and our recent collection for Cradle of
Hope. We were able to deliver diapers, onesies, a variety of
blankets including hand crocheted ones, sheets, baby wipes,
baby shampoo and lotions, rattles, pajamas and socks. Please
know your donation will support the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of single
mothers and their children.

Church Women's Semi-Annual Thank Offering Collection

During May and early June, the Lutheran Church Women of Holy Trinity are collecting our semi-annual Thank Offering for two worthy projects.

Our members and missionaries Did and Serafina Panzo run two programs related to women's ministry. Neither one has a budget and accordingly does their best but could be helped and enhanced by monetary contributions.



One project is the annual July seminar during which the Women of CELCCO (a French acronym for Communauté des Eglises Luthériennes Confessionnelle du CONGO or the nation's Lutheran church women) gather to learn under a selected theme. At that time, they also share some of the positive outcomes of what they accomplished during the previous year. Lodg-

ing, food, and teaching materials are needed. The small contribution each woman can give does not cover the expenses, so outside help must be solicited.

The second project involves helping widows with sustainability. They meet monthly to reflect on their single life and find meaning in how to survive as women typically rely on their husband's income. They try to create farming projects and find paid help to clear the land and plant seeds. At harvest, they sell their crops.

Thank Offering is the money we set aside throughout our days when we are grateful to God for answered prayer, both in the concerning situations of daily living as well as in our joys that are the blessings we celebrate. We collect Thank Offerings twice a year and dedicate them to the needs of others.

Please contribute your Thank Offering at weekend worship services, placing it in the collection plate in an envelope marked "Thank Offering."



"For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control." 2 Timothy 1:6-7 ESV

"Fanning into flame the gift of God..."

April 7, 2026

Dear Friends,

I love the imagery of 2 Timothy 1:6-7. We can all imagine fanning smoldering coals until they burst into flame. Sometimes starting a fire can be a tedious endeavor to the point that you wonder if it will ever start or be worth the effort. Depending on how important the fire is to your health and well-being, or how cozy you want to feel, it's usually worth the effort.

I recently heard a story from our workers, "Guru and Ann," about a young man who we'll call 'Raj.' Raj lives in Eastern Nepal and was being disciplined by our workers there. Raj learned to play the guitar from someone who attended the regular Bible studies held at their home. He began leading worship in his small church and was proficient in memorizing scripture. His dream of being a doctor was put aside when Covid lockdowns forced him to help his family get out of debt. Raj began teaching others guitar before an opportunity to work in Malaysia opened. Although his cheerful leadership was missed, he kept in contact and shared prayer requests with our workers and his church.

Raj's conduct was noticed by his coworkers and supervisors in Malaysia, and he was eventually promoted over others. After helping his family pay off their debt, Raj returned home, jumped back into things, reenrolled in school, and is at the top of his class. He still manages time for Bible class, and seeks counsel from our workers on life and ideas for strengthening local congregations, relationships, and children's ministry.

I see Raj as a Timothy figure who is 'fanning into flame the gift of God' as he lives his life to the fullest in serving his King and Master. I see our workers in Raj's life as mentors and coaches who laid their hands on him and reminded him about what's important, while the Holy Spirit did the work in and through his life. We need people to bless us and remind us of what is important, but we also desperately need the Holy Spirit's help to overcome our fear or lack of love for those who don't know him.

Our workers are leaving that region of Nepal within the next year to focus on a new ministry area with tremendous need. Isn't it wonderful that God has raised up new leaders like Raj who fan into flame the gift of God and remind others of the importance of doing so? The effort in fanning the flame is worth it!

Please pray for Raj and for leaders like him to be raised up. Who is the Lord asking you to lay your hands on to remind, bless, mentor, or coach? Or to share the Good News with?

Thank you for your generosity, which helps us share our spiritual gifts around the world!

In Christ,

 Kyle Scott
 Executive Director


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Discover our newest prayer guide, "9 Ways to Pray for the Unreached."

Learn about:

- 9 unreached people groups around the world
- 9 native missionaries who are reaching them right now
- 4 specific ways to pray for each missionary



www.advancingnativemissions.com/prayer



Hello Church family,

As we help others and share Jesus, we also lay up treasures in heaven as we invest in his kingdom. Matthew 6: 20

A win – win, all for Jesus!

Thank you so much for your continued support. Your gift helps missionaries serving in their own countries take the transforming power of the gospel to people who have never experienced it. 'Til all hear!

Dan, Advancing Native Missions

Greetings in the name of our Risen Lord. As we are facing a busy time, I am delighted to send to you these few lines of information to see how we started the year of 2026.

Lots of situations happened at the beginning of the year, but God is so faithful and took care of most problems we encountered. The CELCCO (French acronym for Confessing Evangelical Lutheran Churches of the Congo) faced difficulties that no one expected, all related to death and sickness, also a young boy of the community who had a motorcycle accident that could cost him a life but praise to the resurrected Lord that he is out of danger. In the following pages we outlined a few articles of interest, explaining how God is so faithful to us.

Thanks for all your support and generosity toward the work of mission; your prayers, donations, and other supports that helped us and will continue to help us to respond to the calling of our Lord Jesus. This mission term of 4 years is shared in two countries, DRC and Angola, as we felt the need of doing so. The problems the DRC are facing relate to what is in Angola, as the two countries share the border. It's helping us to cross the border and do ministry under the guidance of the Anglican Church. Continue to pray for us as we are building this relation with our brothers and sisters of another denomination of whom we share the same faith. May our risen Lord bless all of you in His name and wish everyone a Happy Easter.

Didi & Serafina.

Prayer News of the Panzo's Mission

Update about Jordani

After a long stay at the hospital and rehabilitation center, Jordani is making some success moving with orthopedic support that he is using to move around. His general health is in good condition, and we are always with him and pray for him continually. Thanks to all for your prayers and contributions that saved Jordani's life.



Death in the CELCCO

CELCCO is recovering from mourning as three of the old Pastors passed away simultaneously from different types of sickness; these deaths occurred from the last week of February to the middle of March as they lost a pastor in charge of Tshela, the late Rev. Othaniel Binda and while waiting for his funeral, Pastor Malonda of Sanzi passed away and was buried 3 days after the burial of Pastor Binda. A week after the two burials, another retired pastor, Pastor Mabonzo passed away and was buried a week later. These events have weakened the church as members were mourning the loss of the loved ones. We thank God that the church began to regain its strength through prayers of the saints and the support of churches around the cities. Let's hold CELCCO in our continuous prayers.



REV. OTHANIEL BINDA



PASTEUR MALONDA

Empowering Men.

We had a seminar about Masculinity Possible to close the International Women's Day. The reason for that was to motivate men to be supportive to any action women are developing as gender equality and to recognize their contribution in the society and be supportive on the celebration of their right and gender equality. 5 points were reflected in this seminar:

1. Express gratitude with thoughtful Women's Day gifts.
2. Support gender equality at work and house as written in the Bible.
3. Explore creative ideas for women's development.
4. Mutual respect as children of God.
5. Avoid domestic violence.

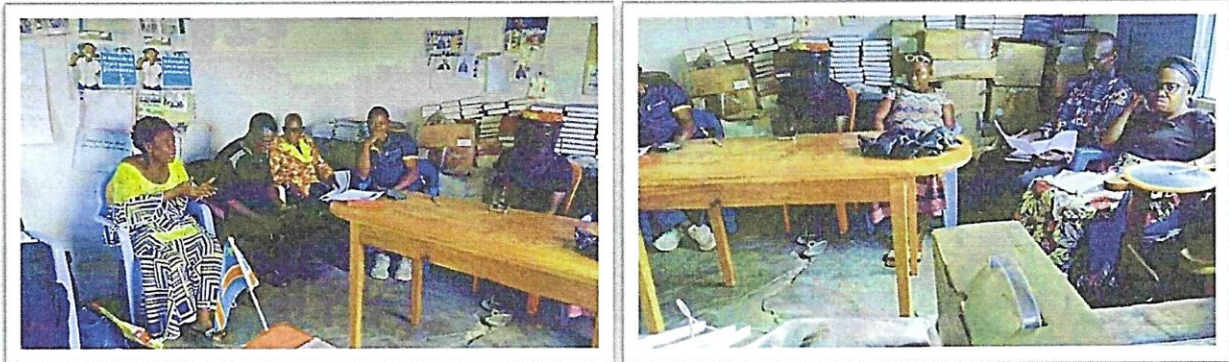
The seminar was led by a sociologist, psychologist from the city council, me as a Christian counselor and Serafina as part of women activist. The participants were majority of men who contributed to many thoughts and good ideas of how to reform men in gaining good habits and respond as men of God in situations affecting women. Let us continue to pray that these participants may serve as voices to other men for the dignity of women.



Christian Counselors Training

During this last assignment in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, we find a need to train Christian counselors who may continue to help those facing domestic violence and other kinds of abuses that are bringing trauma to the lives of many. My wife and I set up a plan to train at least 200 counselors in Kongo Central where the Lutheran Church is established and also to cross the border of Angola to collaborate with the Anglican Church with the same purpose.

The DRC has four sites of training: Boma, Tshela, Matadi, and Muanda. We started our training in Boma with 20 participants since March 2nd through April 27th and then will be training in Tshela. For the Boma group, they are adapting well with capability of doing a good assessment and directing patients in a good direction. Our hope is that after training all the CELCCO selected members, the church will be capable in responding to the needs of the communities. Pray that God may make a sustainable way of supporting those in volunteer duty.



Prayer Requests

- For Jordani for total recovery.
- That men may build a strong network that help to reduce domestic violence.
- For women in abusive situations under our care.
- Poverty relief in the DRC, it's been 3 months since public workers were paid.
- God's calling for servants in the CELCCO.
- For theological students, council trainees for strength in study & training.
- For God to strengthen us to be obedient to his will as in our last assignment.
- For provision and good health.

From Pastor Alex in the Philippines:

Greetings to you today.

The children's ministry team ministered to the tribal church (both children and adults) in San Mateo in March. Afterward, they were given grocery packs and rice. Please pray that we can do this often as the children have stunted growth due to lack of nutrition.

The children's ministry team came back from the tribal village of Balongkot with good reports and victories. We continue to go to many remote areas where no one else dares to go to reach the younger generation with the Gospel. Most evangelistic efforts are focused on adults, but Jesus emphasized, Let the children come to me for theirs is also the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 19:14). In Matthew 18:6, Jesus said, If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea. .

We view these verses with extreme seriousness. So we are taking much importance in reaching out to the children with the Gospel. Please pray with us for our children's ministry.

This week (April 20) we are going for a mission trip with the children's ministry team and the youth evangelistic team. There are 22 team members. We will also show a film in the evening. We take the opportunity to reach children while they are still off school. We recognize the 4-14-year-olds as a window of opportunity to reach out with the Gospel. We will feed them lunch and teach them as well. Please pray with us that God will bless our work in reaching the tribal areas.

Thank you for such great help in enabling us to reach others. May God bless you richly.
in His grace,
Alex



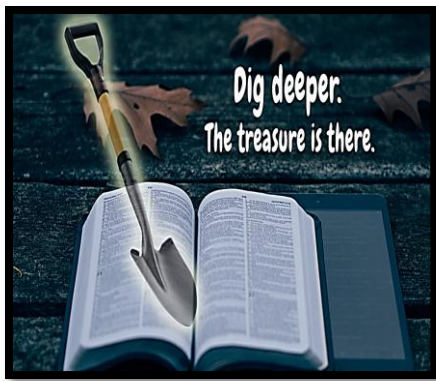
Taking food and clothes during Gospel outreach to tribal children.



Kids' Camp April 2026

The children of San Mateo





Join the 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. May 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st.



**Thursday morning Meanderings
with Pastor Maurice**
on *3:16 Bible Texts Illuminated*,
next class on **Thursday, May 7th**
at 10:00 a.m.

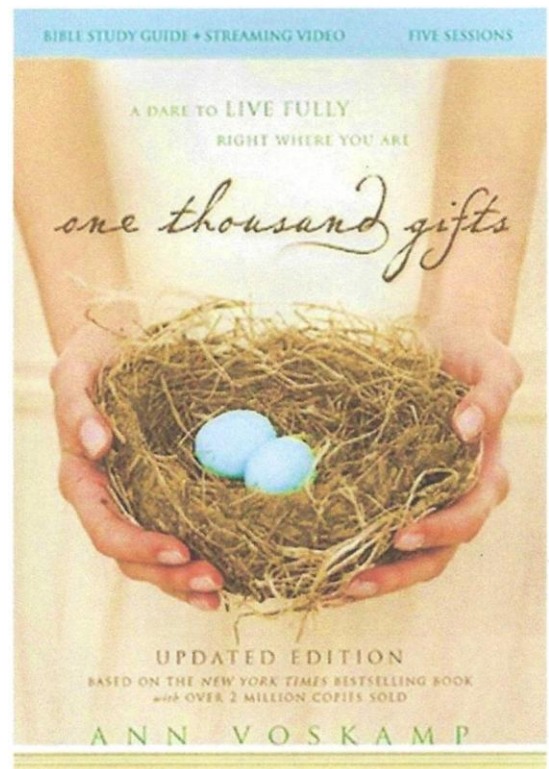
Bagels and such on the house of course!
Join us for stimulating discussions
& lively conversations.



***One Thousand Gifts* by Ann Voskamp**

is the new 5 week study being led by Tom Schied. The last Sunday in April was the first class and every Sunday from **May 10 through to May 31.**

You will be encouraged to take on the life-changing discipline of journaling God's gifts as a way of becoming present to God that brings deep and lasting joy. It is only in this expression of gratitude for the life we already have, that we discover the life we've always wanted. In it, we come to feel and know the impossible: that we are wildly loved by God!



2nd Friday Night's – Friday, May 8th at 6:30 p.m.



Theme: Cinco de Mayo



It seems like this church loves a competition! Keeping with the theme, we are going to have a salsa / guacamole competition. Much like our chili competition back in January, we will ask you to bring your favorite recipe for salsa/guacamole to the church in a large bowl (please bring a card with the recipe ingredients on it). We will then number each batch and provide samples for everyone to try and vote for who's was the best!!

If you don't want to make a salsa/guacamole, make another dish with a Mexican theme for all the share (tacos, quesadillas, rice, beans, etc.)

If you have any questions, please contact Susan Schied
at slschied@verizon.net.

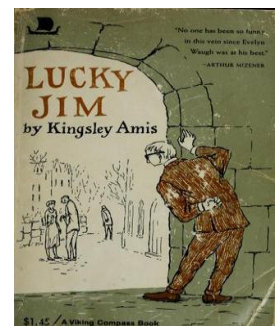


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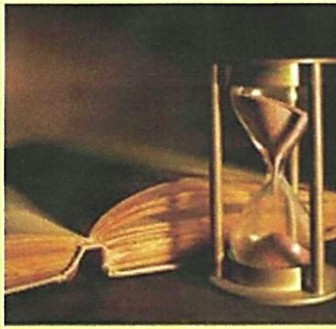
Living in the Presence of God

We meet in the Sts. Peter & Andrew Study
on the second Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.
Please feel free to drop in for any or all sessions.

May 11: *Lucky Jim* by Kingsley Amis



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



TITHING YOUR TIME

*Making Daily
Time for God*

Embracing Every Moment

The Bible has a lot to say about time. Time is a precious gift from God for us to use to God's glory and our discipleship. Ecclesiastes chapter 3 tells us, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven. there is a time to be born, and a time to die . . ." In Psalm 90, Moses prays to the Lord: "Teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom." Two times, St. Paul encourages us to walk in wisdom "making the best use of the time." (Colossians 4:5, Ephesians 5:16) As we get older, we grow in understanding that life is fleeting so we are to learn to focus on what really matters. Each moment is an opportunity to reflect God's love and grace, making our time on earth rich with purpose and meaning.

When considering what the Bible says about stewardship of time, we must understand the importance of prioritizing the use of the precious gift of time in our lives. As children of God, we place our relationship with God, our families, and our communities at the top of the list. Making time for prayer, worship, and acts of love demonstrates that we prioritize God's Kingdom. By aligning our schedules with God's mission, we reflect His purpose in our daily activities, encouraging us to stay committed to a meaningful agenda.

As we consider our Stewardship of time, managing distractions becomes a central theme for us in a world filled with various temptations and distractions. Consider how much time you spend with a phone in your hand. It's vital for us to identify what steals our focus from God. We need to cultivate habits that help us eliminate distractions and allow time for prayer, meditation, and reading His Word. We need to make weekly worship and Bible Study on the Lord's Day fundamental in our weekly schedule. This not only helps us grow closer to God but also empowers us to use our time more wisely.

As we consider our use of time, we realize how crucial it is to embrace every moment, prioritize God's work, manage distractions, and follow divine guidance. As we cultivate healthy routines and recognize the impact we can make on others, we must also remember to find rest in God. It is about understanding the balance between action and reflection, knowing that our time is a gift to be cherished. As we work together as stewards of our time, we can live a life that truly honors God and serves our neighbor. With God's guidance, we can become intentional in every moment, filled with love, purpose, and eternity in our sights.

An exercise on time: With the help of a concordance or a Bible website such as Bible Gateway, look up the word "Time" and read some of the many uses of the word throughout the Scriptures.

In Christ's love,
Holy Trinity Stewardship Committee

CALLING ALL SAMARITAN'S PURSE SHOEBOX ENTHUSIASTS!

Since 1993, more than 244 million children in more than 175 countries and territories have received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox. The project delivers the joy of what, for many kids, is their first gift ever.

Local churches around the world partner with OCC to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ at festive outreach events where children are surprised with these shoebox gifts. To fulfill the mission of OCC in demonstrating God's love in a tangible way, each child who receives a shoebox opens it to reveal a WOW! gift.

To prepare for Holy Trinity's Shoebox Packing Party, we need your help. Look for the Pink Flamingo egg basket in the narthex. Select an egg, or two or three and purchase the gift idea in the egg. Place the purchased items in the OCC labeled box in the narthex. Not a shopper? No time to shop? No problem! Monetary contributions designated for "OCC Shoebox" are cheerfully accepted.

Most importantly, please "pray without ceasing" for the children who will receive your shoebox gifts. Pray for their families to be receptive to the Good News of Jesus Christ, for the pastor who delivers the shoebox gifts, and for their communities to be transformed by the Gospel.

Any questions? Contact Gloria Ischinger, OCC Shoebox Team, 267 - 803 - 1384



While out shopping, donations
of these items are needed for

DISH SOAP	26 oz. or larger
LAUNDRY SOAP	40 oz. or larger
BOXED 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



Our April numbers are in: **135 guests served = 429 people total.**
17 new guests registered.

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

Ascension Day
Thursday, May 14
7:30 PM

Join your Holy Trinity
family for worship



⁹And when He had said these things, as they were looking on,
He was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. - Acts 1:9

Scan the QR code on the poster to register to walk with us or sponsor someone who is registered or to www.holytrinity.net or just show up that morning and walk with us! You won't regret it!



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

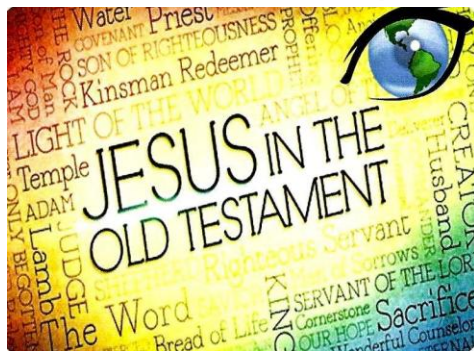
Saturday, May 16

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
10 a.m.

Register Today!



Lutheran Church Women's Circle Bible Study



MAY CIRCLES

Remember when we looked at God's creation of his world, how it showed us who God is and how he wants to live with his people? Then we looked at the fall and how God watched the effects of sin on his people until their hearts were "only evil, always" except for Noah, and God reset the world. God restated his blessing and commission to fill the earth and care for it. He chose a people, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob's offspring, and he has delivered them from oppression and brought them out to be his people with mighty power. He gave them words to live by and now we are looking at his instructions for them to build a tent to live among them.

If we remember the story so far and add what we know from having read the whole Bible, we can see glimpses of Jesus in the instructions for building the sanctuary, because one's house tells something about one's character and priorities. This month's exploration of Tabernacle draws largely from The Christ Key, by Chad Bird. His lectures can be watched at academy.1517.org if you would like to learn more.

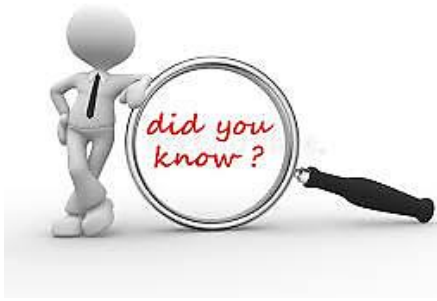
Groups may come to the 8th grade room (off fellowship hall, opposite the kitchen) to see the model sanctuary made of Bible Bricks (like Lego) as they discuss the main parts of the sanctuary. (Anyone interested is invited to come help put it together the first two weeks of May!)

Eve Circle – Wednesday, May 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the SS Peter & Andrew Study
Leader: Leader: Noreen Weld (215) 659-8089 lajennyda@aol.com

Ruth Circle – Sunday, May 17 at 11:45 a.m. in SS Peter & Andrew Study
Leader: Katie Beyer (215) 572 - 6964 kbeyer0403@gmail.com

Hannah Circle – Monday, May 18 at 7:00 p.m. in Sons of Thunder Youth room
Contact: Deb Mumford (267) 210 - 1789 Debssam@msn.com

Miriam Circle – Monday, May 25 at 12:30 p.m. SS Peter & Andrew Study and Zoom
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 the 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."



Church Women's Semi-Annual Thank Offering Collection

During May and early June, the Lutheran Church Women of Holy Trinity are collecting our semi-annual Thank Offering for two worthy projects.

Our members and missionaries Did and Serafina Panzo run two programs related to women's ministry. Neither one has a budget and accordingly does their best but could be helped and enhanced by monetary contributions.



One project is the annual July seminar during which the Women of CELCCO (a French acronym for Communauté des Eglises Luthériennes Confessionnelle du CONGO or the nation's Lutheran church women) gather to learn under a selected theme. At that time, they also share some of the positive outcomes of what they accomplished during the previous year. Lodg-

ing, food, and teaching materials are needed. The small contribution each woman can give does not cover the expenses, so outside help must be solicited.

The second project involves helping widows with sustainability. They meet monthly to reflect on their single life and find meaning in how to survive as women typically rely on their husband's income. They try to create farming projects and find paid help to clear the land and plant seeds. At harvest, they sell their crops.

Thank Offering is the money we set aside throughout our days when we are grateful to God for answered prayer, both in the concerning situations of daily living as well as in our joys that are the blessings we celebrate. We collect Thank Offerings twice a year and dedicate them to the needs of others.

Please contribute your Thank Offering at weekend worship services, placing it in the collection plate in an envelope marked "Thank Offering."



SUNDAY, MAY 3RD 10:30 – 11:30 AM

**PRESENTATION IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
LIGHT LUNCH TO FOLLOW**

Elena was 8 years old when she and her sister were moved from an abusive, poverty-stricken home into an orphanage in the former Soviet Union. At a time when she was feeling unloved, she was handed an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift. It was the first gift she had ever received.

Along with her shoebox gift, Elena was given The Greatest Journey booklet, which seemed like an unbelievable fairy tale. It said the Creator of the universe loved her. She began to pray, hoping for a family for her and her sister – a prayer that was answered in 2004 by a loving family in the United States. To hear about God's love in her life, please join us for a special time of Elena sharing her testimony.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES WANTED

Although Operation Christmas child shoeboxes are the perfect size, we are looking to offset some costs by collecting our own shoeboxes.

If you have good condition shoeboxes that you are not using, please bring them to our drop-off box on the stage. Medium sized boxes are best. We are not able to use boot boxes as they are too large, and plastic cracks too easily.

Thank you for your contributions.



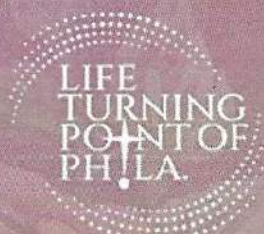


*You are Cordially Invited
to our 5th Annual*

OPEN HOUSE AND SUPPORTER
APPRECIATION EVENT

SUNDAY, MAY 17TH 2026
1:30PM

ADCOCK MANOR
5200 WAYNE AVE,
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19144



AGENDA

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

1:30 PM TO 2PM

PROGRAM & APPRECIATION

OPEN HOUSE & TOURS

2PM TO 4:00PM

LIFE TURNING POINT

OF PHILADELPHIA

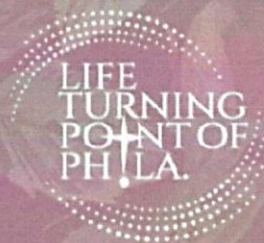
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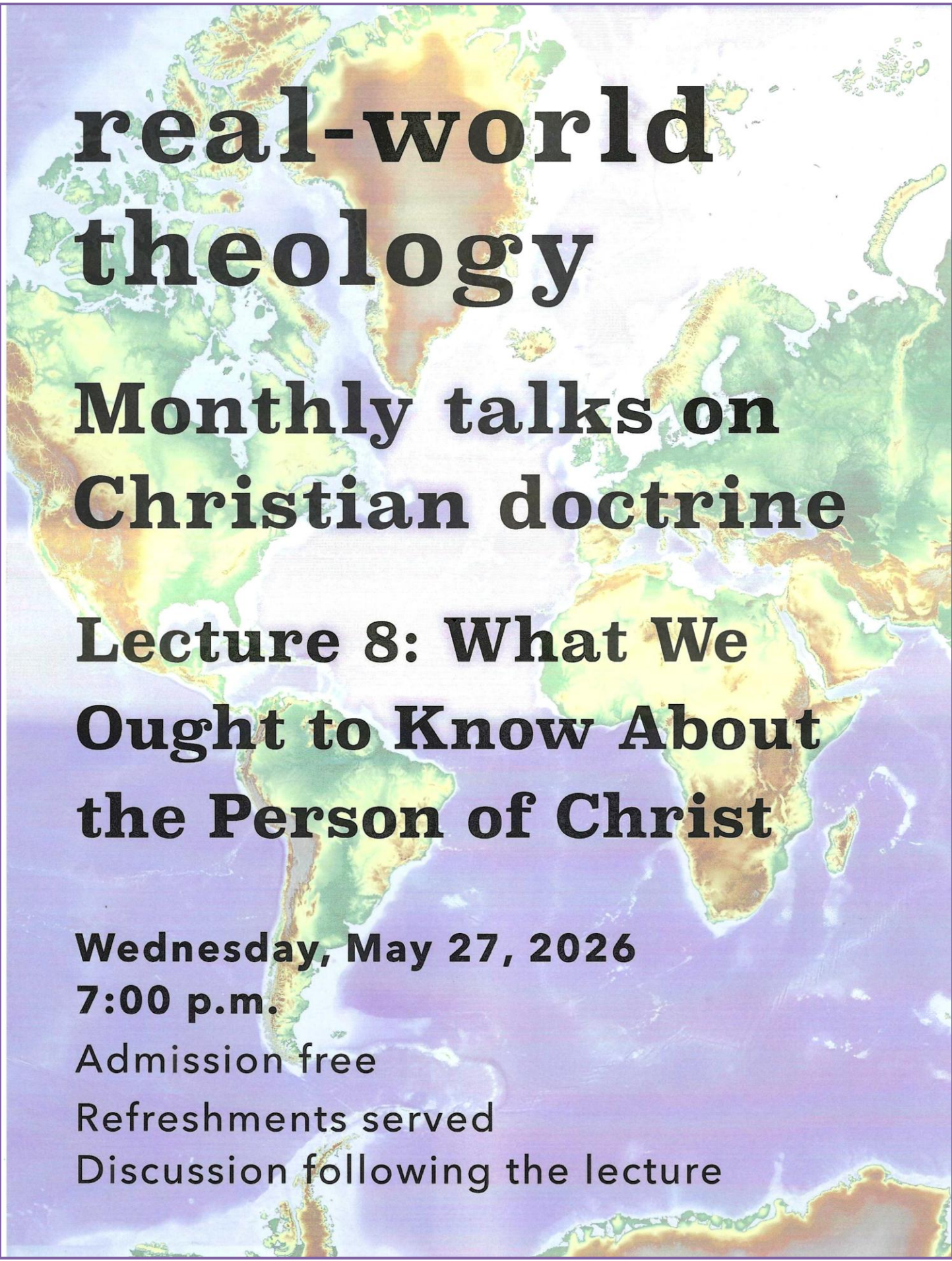
Join us in an evening of prayer
SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2026
6:30 PM

Prayer requests cards are in the Narthex,
please take one home, fill it out,
then return and place it in the marked box.
All prayers are strictly confidential.



May 4 – 10 is children's book week, so come on out for a book in the Children's room next to the office. We are still hoping to make a little free library if anyone is interested and available to help this summer.

Sincerely, Your resident logophiles!



real-world theology

Monthly talks on Christian doctrine

Lecture 8: What We Ought to Know About the Person of Christ

Wednesday, May 27, 2026

7:00 p.m.

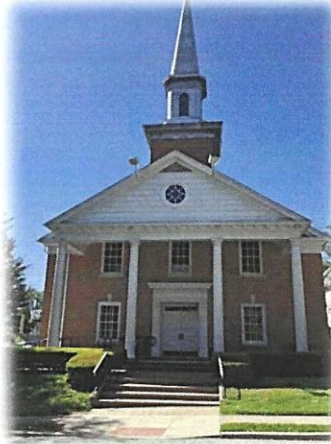
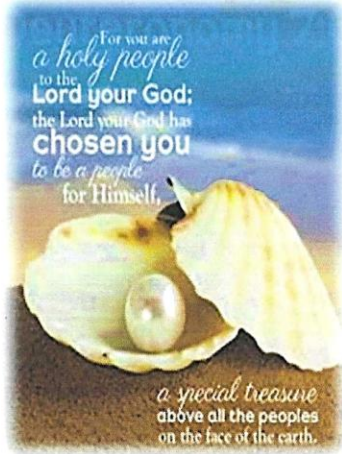
Admission free

Refreshments served

Discussion following the lecture

All Holy Trinity Women & their friends and family are invited to:

TREASURED IN THE HOUSE OF GOD



A One Day Retreat sponsored by your LCW

Saturday, May 30, 2026

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

here at Holy Trinity.

Enjoy games, enlightening sessions,
wonderful food & fellowship!

Cost is \$25

Sign - up sheet is in the Narthex
or call the church office (215) 659 - 2642

We encourage you to have fun “dressing up”
(whatever that means for you)
and bring one “estate sale” item
of your choice to give away!

Sunday, June 7th

following the worship service, join us 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. Sign up is in the Narthex.



Join us at the
Church Picnic!

Once again, we will be having our 5th Annual Cornhole competition, so grab a partner & join in!



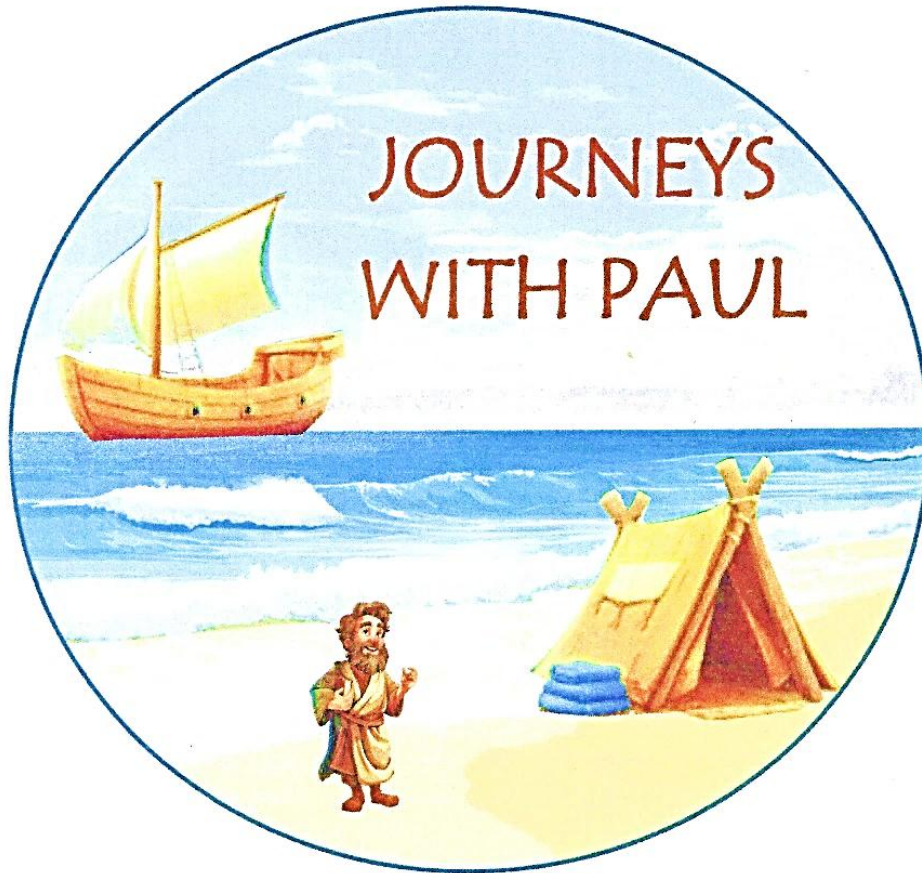
Again, this year will be a church pie/cake raffle. Donations of cakes and pies (baked by our wonderful church members) will be raffled off and all proceeds will be donated to the Bread of Heaven Food Pantry. You can purchase raffle tickets (1 ticket is \$2.00 or 3 tickets for \$5.00) and place your ticket(s) 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!!)



We hope to see you there!!!

Mark your calendars for the summer extravaganza...

VBS SUMMER 2026



MONDAY – FRIDAY

JULY 27th – 31st

9:00 AM - 12:15 PM

***Speak to Beth Lee or Nancy Ischinger
for volunteer opportunities**



May Worship Assistants Schedule



May 3 Easter 5		
Usher 4	Lectors- Sat Karen McGovern	Cantor John Minges
Stream Charlie Tolton Team	Sun Eric Gregg	Acolyte Gloria Ischinger
Healing Prayer Nancy King-Berkovitz	Christophers Linda & Sherry	Crucifer Rob Ischinger
May 10 Easter 6		
Usher 5	Lectors - Sat Kathleen Ingerson	Cantor Deb Mumford
Stream Frank Ganther Team	Sun Larry Guenzel	Acolyte Charlie Tolton
Healing Prayer Deb Mumford	Christophers Frank & Beth	Crucifer Suzanne Brown
May 17 Easter 7		
Usher 1	Lectors-Sat Linda Cassady	Cantor Ravinia Lee
Stream Gloria Ischinger Team	Sun Lois Hamilton	Acolyte Charlie Tolton
Healing Prayer Sherry Breslin	Christophers Nancy & Wayne	Crucifer Michael Mutashobya
May 24 Pentecost		
Usher 2	Lectors - Sat Bruce Freer	Cantor Tom Schied
Stream Derek Staedtler Team	Sun Kathleen Ingerson	Acolyte David Tolton
Healing Prayer Helen Haun	Christophers Deb & Sue	Crucifer Otis Bricker
May 31 Holy Trinity		
Usher 3	Lectors – Sat Karen McGovern	Cantor
Stream Rob Ischinger Team	Sun Nancy Ischinger	Acolyte Sherri Gregg
Healing Prayer Nancy King-Berkovitz	Christophers Linda & Sherry	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@holytrinity.net

Called to *Serve*

MAY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
"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 					1	2 8:30 CMD Convocation in Lancaster, PA 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
3 Easter 5 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 OCC Testimonial 6:00 NA	4	5	6 7:30 Council	7 10:00 BOH Food Pantry 10:00 Meanderings with Pastor Maurice 6:30 Bell Choir 7:30 Chancel Choir	8 6:30 2nd Friday Nighters	9 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
10 Easter 6 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult Happy Mother's Day  6:00 NA	11 7:30 Coram Deo	12 7:00 Evangelism	13 7:00 Women's Prayer Group 7:00 Eve Circle	14 10:00 BOH Food Pantry 10:00 Meanderings with Pastor Maurice 6:30 Bell Choir 7:30 Ascension Service	15	16 10:00 Walk for Water  5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
17 Easter 7 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult Tabernacle Lego Event 11:45 Ruth Circle	18 7:00 Hannah Circle	19	20	21 10:00 BOH Food Pantry 10:00 Meanderings with Pastor Maurice 6:30 Bell Choir 7:30 Chancel Choir	22	23 5:00 Holy Communion 6:30  Service 7:00 AA
24 Pentecost 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Adult SS classes 6:00 NA	25 Office Closed 12:30 Miriam Circle 	26	27 7:00 REAL WORLD THEOLOGY	28 10:00 BOH Food Pantry 10:00 Meanderings with Pastor Maurice 6:30 Bell Choir 7:30 Chancel Choir	29	30 9:00 LCW Retreat Treasured in the House of God 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
31 Holy Trinity 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Adult SS classes 6:00 NA	SPECIAL DATES: Convocation in Lancaster, May 2, 2026 OCC Testimonial, May 3, 2026 2nd Friday Night'rs, May 8, 2026 Mother's Day, May 10, 2026 Walk 4 Water, May 16, 2026 Community Prayer Service, May 23, 2026 Real World Theology, May 27, 2026 LCW One-Day Retreat, May 30, 2026 					