



The Herald

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Dear Friends in Christ,

I come to you as your new pastor in the midst of a global pandemic, at a time of racial unrest, and economic dislocation. You've been very well served by the long and fruitful pastorate of John Houck and the transitional ministries of Dennis Ritter and Susan Fox. Now it's my turn, and I don't blame you if you harbor a certain skepticism about my prospects in such a bizarre and surreal period in the life of our Church and nation. Paradoxically, the very mark of the Church in bringing people together is seemingly abrogated by the need for social distancing. Seeing the face of God in the face of Jesus, even as we see one another in face-to-face recognition, now becomes more clouded as we don literal masks over and above the psychological masks we typically wear to hide our true feelings.

All of these elements make it strangely more difficult to engage with one another in the mission and ministry of our Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity. They certainly make it more challenging for me to get to know all of you when I can't visit in the homes and see only the whites of your eyes when we gather for worship on a Sunday morning. Under these circumstances, churches have been forced to get creative, using social media and new technology to bring people together. Here at Trinity, we've been pro-active in returning to in-person worship with all the practical precautions in place. We've continued our fine tradition of feeding the hungry and helping our neighbor with practical projects around the home—again, all the while abiding by the restrictions that science and public health require.

I have to say that I'm proud and encouraged to be a part of such an outwardly-focused group of Christians. During this time of transition, let us discern the Spirit's leading as we seek to grow closer to God, one another, and the world beyond the walls of our church. It's with that goal in mind that I pledge you my utmost efforts.

In His service,
Pastor Filer



WORSHIP AND MUSIC NOTES

Worship Attendance



September worship services 9:00 AM:

- September 6- 14th Sunday after Pentecost, Communion service.
- September 13 - 15th Sunday after Pentecost.
- September 20 - 16th Sunday after Pentecost, Communion service.
- September 27 - 17th Sunday after Pentecost.

Other Notes:

- Next meeting is Thursday September 10th at 8:00 PM following choir rehearsal.

6/28	60
7/05	43
7/12	49
7/19	42
7/26	38
8/02	40
8/09	31
8/16	32
8/23	36

ROCKING HORSE PRESCHOOL

Submitted by Mrs. Woods and Mrs. Leshar



This school year was definitely like no other we have had thus far. In March when we received word that school would shut down, it was everyone's hope that it would only be a few weeks. Weeks turned into months and we slowly saw our school year slip by. However, we tried to make the best of it

by putting together our weekly themed packets that provided students with worksheets and crafts to help keep them occupied and hopefully a little bit on track for the remainder of the school year.

We wish them all the best for the upcoming school year.



Unfortunately at this time we are still unsure of what the next school year is going to look like exactly. Please keep Rocking Horse in your thoughts and prayers as we try to navigate through this difficult time.

We hope everyone has had an enjoyable summer and we hope to see some old and new faces this fall!






While our school year didn't end quit the way we had wished and hoped for we did manage to give our PM group students a graduation ceremony. On Tuesday, June 9th, 2020 in the church parking lot we handed out awards and graduation certificates to 20 of the most adorable graduates you could ever meet. It was a bittersweet day, finally getting to see them all again but yet having to say goodbye...



Unfortunately, the 2020-2021 school year has begun similar to the way we ended last year. Packets will be sent home for the first 2 months and we will hopefully return to in person school in the beginning of November.

SEPTEMBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 7:30 PM NA Group Meeting	4	5
6 14th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion	7 	8	9 7:00 PM Council Meeting	10 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Group Meeting 8:00 PM Worship & Music meeting after choir rehearsal	11	12
13 15th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Worship	14 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	15 NEWS LETTER DEADLINE	16	17 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Group Meeting	18 2:00 PM Food Pantry Delivery	19 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution
20 16th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion	21 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	22	23	24 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Group Meeting	25	26
27 17th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Worship	28 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	29	30			


 For up to date calendar information, visit our website, www.lcht.org and click on the on [Calendar tab](#)


APPLE DUMPLING & POT PIE
FUNDRAISER
October 10



Submitted by Karen Bausch

On Saturday, October 10 there will be an apple dumpling and pot pie fundraiser. Price for apple dumplings is \$4.50 each and pot pie is \$8.00 a quart. Items will be available for pick up from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the lower level of the church. Order form is on the bulletin board.

If you are interested in helping to make apple dumplings Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. and/or pot pie on Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m., there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Please contact Daren DeAntonio at 610-926-6402 with any questions.



Troop 160 is hoping to start having regular meetings and campouts soon!

We are having a sandwich sale on Saturday, October 3rd.

There is an order form on the bulletin board if you are interested.



As always, thank you for your support of our Troop!

Come join us and have a ton of fun! For more information, call Karen Bausch at 610-334-9739.

NOTES ABOUT OUR FOLKS

PRAYERS:

- * Scott Biehl at Sacred Heart Villa.
- * Pauline Bond at Maiden creek Place.
- * Cynthia Leutze at her daughter's home in Mohrsville.
- * Delores Seaman at Rittenhouse Village.
- * Shirley Weist at Columbia Cottage.
- * Carole Imgrund in Elizabethtown.
- * Audrey Delong at her home in Leesport.
- * To all the frontline workers fighting Covid19 and the scientists working for a cure.
- * To all our servicemen, servicewomen and first responders at home & abroad.
- * To all the leaders of our church, the nation and the world.
- * To all the peacekeepers and journalists in places of conflict.



CONDOLENCES TO:

- * The family of Beatrice Malaney.
- * The family of Molly Jones.

THANKS TO:

- * Thanks to: the LCHT congregation for the prayers and cards for my wife, Barbara, as she recovers from deep vein thrombosis in her left leg. – Pastor Filer
- * Our mowers Dennis Biehl, Kenny Frankhouser and Dan DeAntonio.
- * Everyone who contributed financially and physically to restore Vicki Fetterman's home
- * Ron & Judy Corl and all our other volunteers who help with the SV Food Pantry.
- * Everyone who has, and continues to, support the Gift Card program.
- * Those who save Redner's tapes. *(Remember to use your save-a-tape card.)*
- * To all the leaders of our church, the nation and the world.



CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Austin Witinski for his June graduation from Schuylkill Valley High School.



SYNOD NEWS

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

Bear Creek Camp Confronts the Pandemic

New Ways for Ministry in Summer Season 2020

When COVID-19 forced the suspension of the summer camp program for this season, the staff and Board of Directors of Bear Creek Camp quickly grappled with the challenge. They moved toward new ministry opportunities that could still provide for the safety and health of their community. Two programs emerged from their work: **Family Vacation Rentals** and the **Bear Creek Camp Conservation Corps (BCCCC)**.

Family Vacation Rentals was a unique opportunity for families to visit the camp, stay in cabins, eat meals prepared carry-out style, and enjoy the nearly 3000 acres of forest and streams through swimming, hiking, and relaxing time together.



Family Camping



Painting Crew

The BCCCC was a select group of twelve returning summer staff who had previously made the commitment to serve as counselors this summer. Throughout the four weeks of their time together, they lived as a cohort and formed an intentional Christian community.

Each day the team worked on maintenance projects including improving trails and overnight sites, building new high and low ropes elements, constructing bridges, and painting anything they could get their hands on.

They also connected with the campers and their families, creating digital content to share on social media and assisting with programming on-site.

Above and beyond these duties, the group spent each day in devotion and worship with one another. They also took time to focus on professional development and on building skills to benefit the summer camp experience in 2021.

As Bear Creek Camp moves towards the Fall and beyond, your prayerful financial support will be more important than ever before. To learn more about programs at BCC throughout the year, visit www.bearcreekcamp.org.



Trail Blazers

SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS

Altar Flowers

06 - Leon & Donna Degler
13 - Sue Reiber
20 - Nettie & Irvin Kauffman
27 -

Bulletins

06 - Leon & Donna Degler
13 - Sue Reiber
20 - Nettie & Irvin Kauffman
27 -

Ushers

06 - Vicki Fetterman, Helen Stoudt, Dennis Biehl
13 - Mike Lowery, Renee Lenning, Linda Roshong
20 - Mike Lowery, Sue Reiber, Dennis Biehl
27 - Helen Stoudt, Diana Biehl, Linda Roshong

Greeter

Acolytes

TBD

Nursery

no attendant but room will be open

See bulletin board
to sign up to sponsor
the weekly bulletins,
and the altar flowers.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE CURRENTLY ON HOLD DUE TO COVID 19.

WE ARE STILL COLLECTING REDNER'S REGISTER TAPES

IF YOU CAN'T DROP YOUR TAPES OFF AT THE CHURCH OR JANET KLEFFEL'S HOME PLEASE CONTACT JANET AND SHE WILL PICK THEM UP AT YOUR HOME/PORCH.

Redner's Warehouse Markets gives 1% of purchases back to the Women of the ELCA. This one percent can really add up! And the monies go to good things like the Mission Trip, VFW, Berk's Women in Crisis, just to name a few.

In order for Redner's to count the receipt (a.k.a. - register tape), it has to be the ENTIRE receipt, and it has to have a "save-a-tape" number on it.

Use your pump perks card or save-a-tape card at the checkout. Then, just drop the ENTIRE receipt in the box at the ushers station in the narthex.

DO NOT cut the bottom off. We only get credit for COMPLETE tapes! Also, please be sure to turn your tapes in in a timely manner, as Redner's will not accept any over three years old. Your help is so appreciated. If you have any questions, please see Janet Kleffel.

Veterans Making a Difference is an ongoing project through WELCA and Pastoral Care. There is a box in the narthex for collecting needed items for the veterans. Items will be delivered as they accumulate. Requests include personal care items, laundry detergent, large size winter coats, boxer shorts, white socks, large size flannel night pants, Crest toothpaste and Old Spice deodorant.



GIFT CARD PROGRAM

Gift cards continue to be available for Redner's and Weis. Giant gift cards are available upon request. All cards are available in \$25, \$50 and \$100 denominations.

Cards can be purchased after church on Sunday mornings from Phyllis Heffner. If Phyllis is not in attendance she can be reached at 610-926-1004. Please leave a message with your request and she will make arrangements to deliver your cards.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

No face to face meetings are currently taking place however, you do not have to come to the monthly get-togethers, you can work on projects anywhere. Please contact Darlene Savage or anyone on the Social Ministry Committee for more information.



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Our church continues to be the distribution site for the Schuylkill Valley Food Pantry. It is a monthly distribution done on the third Saturday of each month, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. There is an income guideline and a registration form to fill out, giving us your name and address as well as the number of family members in your household.

Also, there are brochures and information available on heating assistance, ways to conserve energy and general concerns of limited income families. Please contact the church for further information.

Due to Covid 19 distribution has been changed to a drive through service. Pre packaged boxes come from Helping Harvest . We also pack other donated items into boxes to supplement the Helping Harvest box.

There is currently very little fresh produce so we are supplementing with canned fruits and vegetable.

There continues to be a need for canned fruits and vegetables as we are steadily serving at least 110 families every month.

Your donations are greatly appreciated.
Thank you!



SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays:

03 - Donald Mengel
04 - Matthew Franklin
07 - Kent Riegel
 Kevin Lenning
08 - Dan DeAntonio
 Silas DeAntonio
10 - Leon Degler
12 - Charles Hoke, V



15- Jean Stoudt
 Maxx Franklin
 Charlotte Schwendeman
 Henry Schwendeman
17 - Lollie Seaman
18 - Raymond Reichard
19 - Lorna Oswalt
 Tara Stoudt
21 - Heather Griffin
23 - Destiny Macrae
25 - Dominic Lombardo
26 - Mike Korpics
28 - Neil Oswalt

Anniversaries:

01 - Richard & Carole Imgrund
08 - Daniel & Ashley Savage
09 - Oliver & Yvonne Graeff
18 - Roy & Lorna Oswalt
 Tom & Phyllis Heffner
28 - Damien & Ashley DeAntonio



About The Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity

Our Mission:

“The Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity is a worshipping, community of faith in Christ Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit to reach out and serve all people with God’s love.”

Everyone is always welcome at the Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity. If you would like more information or have any questions, please contact Pastor Fox at her office number or home phone.

About The Herald:

The Holy Trinity Herald is a newsletter distributed by the beginning of each month, except August. Articles can be submitted to the church office or e-mailed (preferred) to the secretary.

Deadline for article submission is the 15th of each month.

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Worship at 9 a.m.

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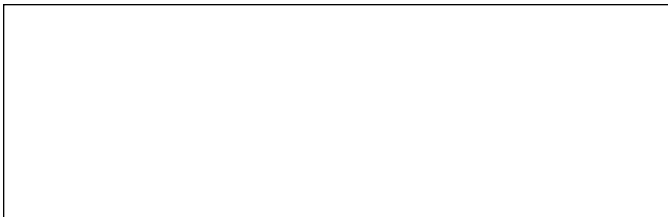
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Return Service Requested