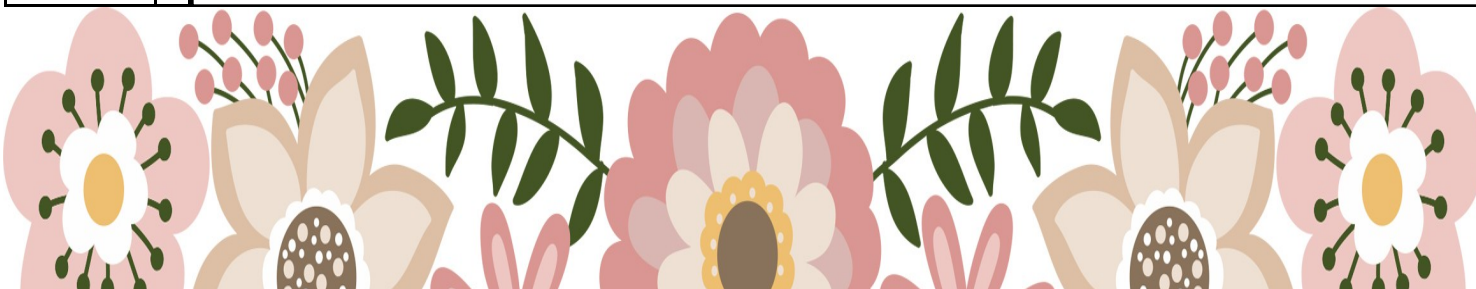


The Herald

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Inside this Issue		<u>FROM THE PASTOR</u>
Worship & Music	2	<p>Dear Friends in Christ,</p> <p>As part of our plan here at LCHT to be welcoming to our guests on Sunday mornings, I make it a practice to follow up their visits with a letter the following week. In it I thank them for worshipping with us, then ask them to fill out a brief survey having questions like, “What brought you to LCHT on the day you visited? What made you feel welcome or unwelcome? Do you have any suggestions that could help us do a better job of ministering to someone like you?”</p> <p>When I sent out the letter and questionnaire to a local couple who had visited us recently, their responses were all fairly standard to what I would have received from guests in the past. Yes, they were greeted warmly as they entered the church. It was very helpful, they said, that they happened to be good friends with two other couples and a gentleman who were members of the congregation and were in attendance. But most surprising was their response to the question: “What was the most significant aspect of your worship experience at LCHT?” No, it wasn’t the sermon or the hymns or the anthem. It wasn’t the pastoral prayer or the liturgy or any of the Scripture lessons. The most significant element of the service, from their viewpoint, was “. . . the precaution you took for Communion,” meaning, I concluded, the fact that I had put on a pair of latex gloves to distribute the bread.</p> <p>Think about it for a moment. Why, do you suppose, was that one simple act of putting on gloves so noteworthy for this visiting couple? Simply put, it showed that I as the pastor (and representative of the congregation) cared. With some of the other precautions for COVID-19 like mask wearing and social distancing having been relaxed, one might have surmised that our return to the customary way of celebrating Holy Communion would likewise have been retained intact. But that one act of pulling out pieces of bread from a loaf and handing them to communicants was so fraught with hygienic risk that the wearing of gloves seemed like a no-brainer to me and appears to have been a game-changer for that couple visiting us. While they admitted that they weren’t yet ready to join our church, they wrote that they “. . . are glad the door is open to us! We left there with good feelings we haven’t felt in a long time.”</p> <p>Not just what we say during worship but what we do can seemingly make the biggest difference in conveying the loving care that Jesus Himself demonstrated during His life among us.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Your pastor and friend, Carl W. Filer</p>
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WORSHIP & MUSIC NOTES



Worship Attendance



Worship services for June :

- June 5 – Day of Pentecost, Worship/Holy Communion
- June 12 –Holy Trinity Sunday, Worship
- June 19 - 2nd Sunday after Pentecost, Worship/Holy Communion, Father’s Day
- June 26 – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost, Worship

5/1	23
5/8	33
5/15	31
5/22	Preschool
Sunday	113

The next Worship & Music meeting will be June 16 at 7:00 PM.

NOTES ABOUT OUR FOLKS

PRAYERS:

- * Shirley Weist at Columbia Cottage.
- * Cynthia Leutze at Masonic Village in Elizabethtown.
- * Pauline Bond at Maidencreek Place.
- * Lollie Seaman at Rittenhouse Village.
- * Carole Imgrund in Elizabethtown.
- * Audrey Delong at her home in Leesport.
- * Richard Reiber at Berkshire Commons.
- * The people of Ukraine.



THANKS TO:

- * Our mowers - Dan DeAntonio, Kenny Frankhouser and Dennis Biehl.
- * All our 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 frontline workers and scientists who continue to fight COVID 19.



CONDOLENCES TO:

The family of Helena Latshaw.

JUNE VOLUNTEERS

Altar Flowers

- 05-Sue Reiber
- 12-Virginia Lash
- 19-available
- 26-Vicki Fetterman

Bulletins

- 05-Sue Reiber
- 12-Virginia Lash
- 19-available
- 26-Vicki Fetterman

Nursery

No attendant but room will be open.

See bulletin board to sign up to sponsor flowers or bulletins. The cost to sponsor flowers is \$25. The cost to sponsor bulletins is \$15.

Ushers


- 05- Ron Davidheiser
- 12- Phyllis Heffner
- 19- Darlene Savage
- 26- Ron Davidheiser







JUNE 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 7:30 PM NA Group Meeting	3	4 8:30PM AA Group Meeting
5 <i>Day of Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship/ Holy Communion	6 1:00 PM WELCA	7	8 7:00 PM Council Meeting	9 9:30AM Pastoral Care Team Meeting 7:30 PM NA Group Meeting	10 Synod Assembly	11 Synod Assembly 8:30PM AA Group Meeting
12 <i>Holy Trinity Sunday</i> 9:00 AM Worship Kathy Kauffman substituting organist LCHT attends Reading Fightin Phillies game. Game time 5:15 PM	13	14	15	16 7:00 PM Worship & Music meeting 7:30 PM NA Group Meeting	17 2:00 PM Food Pantry Delivery	18 9:00 AM Food Pantry 8:30PM AA Group Meeting
19 Father's Day <i>2nd Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion Pastor Filer vacation. Supply Pastor Steve Shusseck	20	21 	22	23 7:30 PM NA Group Meeting	24	25 8:30PM AA Group Meeting
26 <i>3rd Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship Pastor Filer vacation. Supply Pastor Norman Drescher	27	28	29	30 7:30 PM NA Group Meeting		


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


Articles from LIFELINES

Magazine for supporters of ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

COVID-19 grant helps Palestinian refugee family find stability and medical care.

Mikhael, one of the 400,00 Palestinians in Lebanon, lives in the Dbayeh refugee camp with his family. The Dbayeh camp, just north of Beirut, is one of twelve refugee camps in Lebanon, which account for nearly half of all Palestinians who reside in Lebanon as refugees. In such camps, Palestinians such as Mikhael and his family are particularly vulnerable to poverty, unemployment and poor housing.

Mikhael, now in his 60s, has provided for his family by working in construction. Like many others, Mikhael lost his job during the COVID-19 pandemic. His health began to weaken, and he couldn't afford necessary medical care. Mikhael needed to find another way to support his family and himself.

The ecumenical Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (DSPR) connected Mikhael to its local work through the Joint Christian Committee for Social Service in Lebanon (JCC). Using COVID-19 support from Lutheran Disaster Response, JCC distributed cash grants to households economically impacted by the pandemic. Upon hearing Mikhael's story, JCC awarded him one of these grants, made possible by your generous giving.

Mikhael felt "blessed and happy" to receive the grant. It helped him cover expenses for his family and gain medical care so he could look for a job and return to work.

Many of us share Mikhael's sense of financial uncertainty during the pandemic, but poverty and lack of social protection leaves such refugees especially vulnerable. The flexible financial assistance provided by JCC and DSPR empowered Mikhael and his family to weather the crisis, and their ongoing work helps him look to the future with hope.

Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) shares hope, healing and renewal with people in the United States and around the world whose lives have been disrupted by disasters. Your gifts support survivors of disasters as they work to rebuild.

LOOKING AHEAD: LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE IN 2022

Your gifts of more than \$4 million to support relief in Eastern Europe through Lutheran Disaster Response are already at work.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 quickly escalated into war and humanitarian crisis. In collaboration with Lutheran, ecumenical and other partners, the ELCA, through Lutheran Disaster Response, is accompanying partners in Ukraine and neighboring countries that are supporting refugees, internally displaced people and others impacted by the crisis.

Response activities include: Cash support for refugees and displaced people. Emergency items such as beds, blankets and shelter. Food, clean water and hygiene items. Protection and safeguarding of vulnerable individuals and groups. Psychosocial care and pastoral support. Gender justice and the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse.

TRANSFORMING CITY LOTS INTO COMMUNITY GARDENS IN WISCONSIN

"Even in the midst of the pandemic, dreams may still come true." says Venice Williams, executive director of Alice's Garden in Milwaukee, Wis., a two acre urban farm, community garden and gathering place for the ELCA worshipping community called The Table. Alice's Garden works with families, teaching them to grow their own food and build their own businesses, to love and respect the land, and to be caretakers of creation. Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger help unique communities such as The Table-where worship happens on a farm in urban Milwaukee-thrive and adapt in a rapidly changing world.

During the pandemic, we all craved connection, and Alice's Garden and The Table provided a safe space to meet the increased need in Milwaukee. At the garden, neighbors participated in outdoor culinary classes, reading circles and yoga classes. At The Table, a "first century-style community in the 21st century," they gathered to worship and share food.

COVID-19 has brought the community many challenges and heartaches, yet the slower pace of people's lives allowed them to see Alice's Garden more fully, as a space to cultivate existing relationships and plant new ones. As it celebrates 50 years of urban farming this year, its work in the community is more important than ever. Your gifts allow ELCA World Hunger to invest in the future of Milwaukee through the leaders and neighbors working together in the garden and gathered together at the Table.

ELCA WORLD HUNGER

One in ten people (about 821 million) around the world, including many in our own country, go hungry every day.

As members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), we are called to respond. Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger help our church creatively and courageously work toward a world of justice in which all are fed. Progress has been made in the last few decades, but much work remains to be done.

During the summer months, we will be collecting your loose change for the ELCA's World Hunger efforts.

There is a box in the narthex for you to contribute your coins. As a reminder, there are also small collection boxes that you can pick up and fill at home.

If you would like to contribute a larger sum, envelopes for this purpose are available and may be put in the regular offering plate.



GIFT CARD PROGRAM

Gift cards continue to be available for Redner's and Weis.

Giant gift cards are available upon request.

Our church will receive a 5% rebate with each gift card you purchase.

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.



WOMEN OF THE ELCA

MONTHLY MEETING

Join us on Monday, June 7 at 1:00 p.m. for our monthly meeting.

REDNER'S REGISTER TAPES

Submitted by Janet Kleffel

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.

Below is the list of current needs for the veterans!

Toilet paper

Paper towels

Laundry detergent

Liquid body soap

Dish soap

Toothpaste & toothbrushes

Mouthwash

Deodorant

Shampoo

Sleep pants



LCHT NEWS

FIGHTIN' PHILIES NIGHT

We will be attending a Reading Phillies game on **Sunday June 12TH** in the Club 67 Picnic Area.

All you can eat buffet 4:00-6:30.
Game time is 5:15PM.

Cost will be \$32 per person age 5 and up.

Age 4 and under are free but must be included in the count.



Contact Dennis Biehl with questions

JULY/AUGUST NEWSLETTER

Just a reminder that the deadline for the next newsletter, which will cover the months of July and August is **Friday, June 17.**

Our newsletter is only as informative as the articles submitted.

It's better to have multiple submissions for the same event, than none at all. It's also important to remember that the office is not necessarily aware of all events, so it's safer to presume the information is not known, and submit it.

Your help in making *The Herald* an informative tool for our church family is greatly appreciated!

SIGHT AND SOUND EXCURSION

"DAVID"

July 16, 2022 – 3:00 PM Show

Twenty (20) tickets at cost of \$89/person have been ordered for the presentation of "David" at the Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA for July 16 at 3:00 PM.

Reservations are being accepted at this time until June 5.

All reservations should be made by signing the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the church's entry foyer, OR call Nettie Kauffman at 610-926-5389 to place a reservation. If there are more than 20 reservations, we will obtain extra tickets (please contact Nettie).

Payments should be made payable to Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity (L.C.H.T.) and given to Nettie, or mailed to the church (102 Apple Street, Leesport, PA 19533) with indication of "Sight & Sound" on the envelope.

It has been suggested we have a meal planned for after the show (ends around 5:00 PM).

Arrangements can be made after receipt of all reservations by June 5.

All reservations for the Sight and Sound "David" activity must be paid for by June 5.



LCHT MINISTRIES INFORMATION

FOOD PANTRY:

Our church is the distribution site for the Schuylkill Valley Food Pantry. It is a monthly distribution done on the third Saturday of each month, from 9 to 11 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.

The food pantry continues to serve many families in our community.

All donations are greatly appreciated.

There is a box in the vestibule for donations.



JUNE CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays:

- 02 - Evan Lash
- 06 - Mary Ann Franklin
Shirley Weist
Judy Corl
- 07 - Stone Weber
Peter Miller
- 08 - Michael Miller
- 09 - Jenna Strause
- 16 - Oliver Graeff
- 20 - Braiden Lash
- 23 - Bryce Hawkins
Lori Lowery
- 24 - Jacob Lowery
- 25 - Chuck Mowery



Anniversaries:

- 06 - Paul & Juliana Clery
- 10 - Ken & Jean Stoudt
- 15 - Raymond & Linda
Reichard
- 17 - Bruce & Sandy
Buchalter
- 19 - Richard & Sue
Hawkins
- 30 - Jeffry & Linda Greely
Michael & Lori
Lowery



If you do not see your Birthday or Anniversary listed, it means the office is missing this information. Please write your information down, drop it by the office, or email it to: lchtsecretary@comcast.net. Thank you.



ROCKING HORSE PRESCHOOL

Submitted by Mrs. Woods and Ms. Wentzel

It's crazy how fast our school year has gone!

We are so happy we were able to use our fundraiser money to cover the cost of our students plus a guardian to go to the Lehigh Valley Zoo and experience a special presentation that allowed students to see some animals up close.



On May 19th we held our field day. The weather did not cooperate with us for the morning class, and we utilized the churches basement. We were lucky to be able to be outside for the afternoon class. It was a fun day for everyone!



On Thursday, May 26th we held our graduation ceremony where 14 of our PM group students graduated and now are on their way to kindergarten. We wish each of them the best and know that they will do great!!



We would like to say thank you to everyone for supporting us through this school year and wish everyone a happy, healthy, and safe summer!!

A BITTERSWEET FAREWELL

A message from Ms. Wentzel: "I sadly will not be teaching at RHP next school year. I will be working on finishing my Associates Degree at Northampton Community College Fall 2022 and will be transferring to Kutztown University Spring 2023. I am so grateful for the opportunity to gain teaching experience here at RHP. I am especially thankful to have



Ms. Woods as a mentor these past two school years. Her teaching skills have been essential to the success of the students over the years. I will miss all my students but have made lasting memories my first teaching years."

P.S. Classes for AM and PM are almost full. Please contact us for availability at 610-926-9428 or email us at rhp@comcast.net

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."

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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