



# The Herald

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## From The Pastor's Desk:

*Have you ever taken time to walk a Labyrinth? A labyrinth is a meandering path, often unicursal, with a singular path leading to a center. Labyrinths are an ancient archetype dating back 4,000 years or more, and were used symbolically as a walking meditation or choreographed dance, or as a site of rituals and ceremonies, among other things.*

*Labyrinths are tools for personal, psychological and spiritual transformation. Walking a Labyrinth can give one a sense of spiritual pilgrimage and religious practice. Walking a Labyrinth can evoke mindfulness as you walk in silent contemplation.*

*LCHT has a labyrinth behind the Rocking Horse PreSchool outdoor play yard. This labyrinth was created by Eagle Scout Jacob Hoffman in 2020. If you have not taken time to walk the created path, I would encourage you to do so.*

*My favorite time to walk a labyrinth is on a summer evening as dusk is beginning to fall. And my favorite labyrinth to walk is at Epler's Church behind the cemetery. It was established in the mid-1990's under the tutelage of Rev. Evelyn Aurand.*

*Many times when I have been puzzling over a problem or just wanting to seek some spiritual contemplation, I have walked the labyrinth. I have also led Labyrinth Walks with visitors, friends, and even confirmands.*

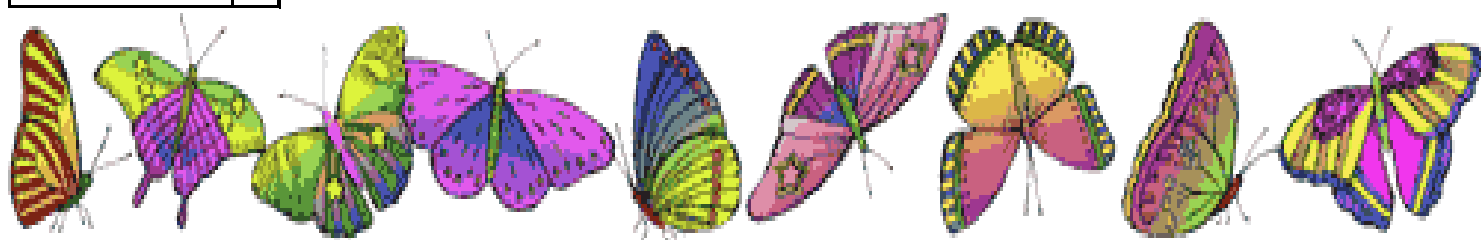
*Summer is a wonderful time to experience a walk on the labyrinth, and I am encouraging everyone to experience this opportunity sometime in July and August, either at LCHT Labyrinth or the Epler's Church Labyrinth.*

*Guest walkers are welcome at Epler's Labyrinth, and there is a guest book to sign if you choose in the stand that is nearby. The labyrinth area there is quiet, and frequently you may observe some wildlife as you take your walk.*

*I pray that you will have an opportunity to walk a labyrinth this summer. I would enjoy hearing from you about your experience if you do.*

*Have a blessed summer!*

*Pastor Fran*



## Summer Worship Schedule



# WORSHIP AND MUSIC NOTES

### Worship Services for July and August:

- July 2** - 5th Sunday after Pentecost-communion service, *The Rev. David Rowe*,  
**July 9** - 6th Sunday after Pentecost, regular service, *Randy Schlegel*, Kathy Kauffman substituting for our organist Virginia Lash  
**July 16**- 7th Sunday after Pentecost-regular service, *Randy Schlegel*  
**July 23**- 8th Sunday after Pentecost, communion service, *The Rev. Steven Shussett*, Kathy Kauffman substituting  
**July 30**- 9th Sunday after Pentecost, *The Rev. Robert Kramer*

## Worship Attendance



5/7	30
5/14	33
5/21	33
5/28	24
6/4	27
6/11	30
6/18	19
6/25	27

COMMUNION SERVICE DATES for AUGUST are DEPENDENT UPON PASTOR AVAILABILITY. Dates will be posted in the weekly Sunday bulletins.

**August 6** - 10th Sunday after Pentecost

**August 13**- 11th Sunday after Pentecost, Kathy Kauffman substituting

**August 20**- 12th Sunday after Pentecost

**August 27**- 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Other Notes:

\* *The next Worship & Music meeting date will be Sunday, August 6, following the worship service.*

### Remember LCHT this Summer

As you head out on vacation or family outings opportunities this summer don't forget LCHT. Just like our household expenses the expenses for our church continue to roll in. So please keep current in your giving, as best you can.



## ROCKING HORSE PRESCHOOL

May was a fun filled month. On Thursday May 18th our kiddos had a blast during our field day. There were bubbles, sidewalk chalk, and lots of other fun outside games and toys to play with. We enjoyed our story, snack and art project outside too.

Our school year rounded out on Thursday May 25th. That evening we watched as 16 of our PM students participated in graduation. We are going to miss them but know they will enjoy kindergarten.

At this time our PM group is full for the 2023/2024 school year with 2 on the waiting list. Our AM class currently has 11 students enrolled. We have 5 spaces open. If anyone knows a child that will be 3 by Sept 1st. please pass along our contact information. [rhaps@comast.net](mailto:rhaps@comast.net) is the best way to get a hold of us during the summer months.

During the summer break we have been very busy cleaning out our classroom and reorganizing our closets. It's amazing how much you can accumulate over the years. It was very overdue. We also are busy developing a fun filled lesson plan for our upcoming school year. We will be having a meet and greet night coming up in mid August. Letters will be mailed to all of our enrolled students.

We hope everyone has a wonderful summer!!



## 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.





# JULY 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1  <b>8:30 PM</b> AA Meeting
2 5th Sunday after Pentecost <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship/Holy Communion Rev. David Rowe supplying	3	4 	5	6 <b>7:30 PM</b> NA Group Meeting	7	8 Hall rented 10:00-4:00  <b>8:30 PM</b> AA Meeting
9 6th Sunday after Pentecost <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship Randy Schlegel Kathy Kauffman substituting for our organist Virginia Lash	10	11	12	13 <b>7:30 PM</b> NA Group Meeting	14 <b>2:00 PM</b> Food Pantry Delivery	15 <b>9:00 AM</b> Food Pantry Distribution  <b>7:00 PM</b> AA Meeting
16 7th Sunday after Pentecost <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship Randy Schlegel	17	18	19	20 <b>7:30 PM</b> NA Group Meeting	21	22 <b>11:00-5:00</b> Hall Rented Ana Calancea  <b>8:30 PM</b> AA Meeting
23 8th Sunday after Pentecost <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship/Holy Communion Kathy Kauffman substituting for our organist Virginia Lash Rev. Steven Shussett supplying	24	25	26	27 <b>7:30 PM</b> NA Group Meeting	28	29  <b>8:30 PM</b> AA Meeting
30 9th Sunday after Pentecost <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship Rev. Robert Kramer supplying	31					


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



# AUGUST 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Holy Communion services are dependent upon the availability of a supply pastor. Updates will be printed in the weekly Sunday bulletins.</b></p>		1	2	3 7:30 PM NA Meeting	4	5 8:30 PM AA Meeting
<p>6 10th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Worship</p> <p>Worship &amp; Music meeting following worship service.</p>	7	8	9 6:00 PM Council Meeting & picnic	10 7:30 PM NA Meeting	11	12 8:30 PM AA Meeting
<p>13 11th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Worship</p> <p>Kathy Kauffman substituting for our organist Virginia Lash</p>	14	15	16	17 7:30 PM NA Meeting	18 2:00 PM Food Pantry Delivery	19 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution 8:30 PM AA Meeting
<p>20 12th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Worship</p>	21	22	23	24 7:30 PM NA Meeting	25	26 8:30 PM AA Meeting
<p>27 13th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Worship</p>	28	29	30	31		


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# JULY/AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

**July Birthdays:**

02 – Jayce Gruber  
 06 – Judith Wert  
 07 – Ashley DeAntonio  
 14 – Richard Imgrund  
     Michael Lowery  
 20 – Carissa Trievel  
 21 – Carolyn Heffner  
 25 – Mae Schwendeman  
 26 – Lucas Zimmerman  
     Jacob Zimmerman  
 27 – Teri Potts  
 28 – David Lombardo  
 30 – Pauline Minnich



**July Anniversaries:**

02 – Boris & Pam Pikhtovnikoff  
     David & Elaine Lombardo  
 07 – Jason & Heather Griffin  
 10 – Leon & Donna Degler  
 24 – Joey & Deidre Angstadt  
 31 – Jason & Mary Gruber

16 – Miranda Reeser  
 20 – Michelle Sanders  
 22 – Greg Zimmerman  
 24 – Diana Biehl  
     Colin Stoudt  
 27 – Dennis Savage  
 28 – Anna Griffin  
 29 – Audrey DeLong  
 31 – Kent Riegel



**August Birthdays:**

01 – Daren DeAntonio  
 09 – Pamela Pikhtovnikoff  
 10 – Phyllis Heffner  
 11 – George Manwiller  
 12 – Gordon Kistler  
 13 – Walter Heffner

**August Anniversaries:**

05 – Irvin & Nettie Kauffman  
 20 – Peter & Patricia Miller  
 21 – Daniel & Daren DeAntonio  
 22 – Ron & Judy Corl

## VOLUNTEERS

**FOR JULY**

**Altar Flowers**

02– WELCA  
 09– Ron Davidheiser  
 16– Available  
 23– Available  
 30--Available

See bulletin board to sign up to sponsor bulletins, and altar flowers. Bulletins cost \$15 and flowers cost \$25 to sponsor.

**Bulletins**

02– Available  
 09– Ron Davidheiser  
 16– Available  
 23– Available  
 30--Available

**Ushers**

02–Linda Roshong  
 09–Janet Kleffel  
 16–Vicki Fetterman  
 23–Dennis Savage  
 30–Darlene Savage

**FOR AUGUST**

**Altar Flowers**

06– Irvin & Nettie Kauffman  
 13– Available  
 20– Janice Care  
 27– Ron Davidheiser

**Bulletins**

06– Available  
 13– Available  
 20– Janice Care  
 27– Ron Davidheiser

**Ushers**

06–Ron Davidheiser  
 13–Diana Biehl, Dennis Savage  
 20–Linda Roshong  
 27–Ron Davidheiser

**Nursery**

*no attendant but room will be open*

## NOTES ABOUT OUR FOLKS

**PRAYERS:**

- \* Shirley Weist at Columbia Cottage.
- \* Pauline Bond at Maiden creek Place.
- \* Carole Imgrund in Elizabethtown.
- \* Audrey Delong at her home in Leesport.
- \* Richard Reiber at Berkshire Commons.
- \* Walter Heffner recovering from surgery.
- \* Glenn Miller at the Highlands.
- \* Gordon Kistler.
- \* Dennis Stoudt at his home in Leesport.
- \* Betty Strause in Tower Health Hospital.
- \* The people of Ukraine.

**THANKS TO:**

- \* Our mowers, Dan DeAntonio, Dennis Biehl and Kenny Frankhouser.

- \* All our other volunteers who help with the SV Food Pantry.
- \* Everyone who sponsored Geraniums for Pentecost Sunday.
- \* 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.

**CONDOLENCES TO:**

- \* Our sexton Ana Calancea and her family on the death of Ana's mother, Ecaterina Albu.

**LEESPORT CEMETERY CARETAKER WANTED**

Leesport Cemetery Co. is looking for an individual interested in part-time work, learning all the responsibilities of Caretaker duty now performed by Donald Kauffman. Donald is willing to pass on his knowledge of what is required.

If interested, please call 610-823-9035 or the cemetery number 610-926-1031 and leave your information if no answer.



# LCMT MINISTRIES INFORMATION

## WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Submitted by Janet Kleffel

**NO WELCA MEETING UNTIL SEPTEMBER.**

### **REDNER'S REGISTER TAPES**

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 check-out. 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. Suggestions for items are as follows: Toothpaste (preferably Crest), toothbrushes, mouthwash, deodorant (preferably Old Spice), shampoo, sleep pants (L, XL, XXL), toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent, liquid body soap and dish soap.

### **"GOOD GIFTS" THANK YOU**

Submitted by Nettie Kauffman

**THANKS** and appreciation to all who contributed to the WELCA "Good Gifts" project. Our group was seeking contributions (\$500) to purchase a cow for a family that would supply them with a calcium-packed source of nutrition for their children and to generate income by selling extra milk, cheese, yogurt, butter and more. Many **THANKS** to our congregation, as we exceeded our goal with a total of \$1,670 being collected. With this amount of funds, we were able to purchase the following items: 2 Family farms, 2 roosters, 2 water filter units and 1 latrine. The Family farm consists of a cow, a couple goats, a dozen chicks, two pigs, farming tools, seeds and agricultural training which can create a world of opportunity for a family living in poverty. The roosters were added in order to keep reproduction of chickens going. The two water filters will help provide safe drinking water; it is capable of purifying water without electricity or chemicals. The latrine purchase will provide training to help with maintenance and hygiene and will lead to a much healthier community, not to mention a safer way to take care of business. This latrine purchase will also help with prevention of contamination of the local water supply and food chain; thus preventing far too many people getting sick and preventable diseases.

Again, the members of the WELCA group say **THANK YOU!**



Latrine



Family farm

Rooster



Water filter

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GOOD  
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A gift has been given in your honor.

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**Campbell's Soup Labels no longer being collected:** Please note that WELCA is no longer collecting Campbell's Soup labels. That program has been discontinued. Thank you to all who donated in the past.

## 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 area.

All donations are greatly appreciated.

There is a box in the vestibule for donations.

### FOOD PANTRY SUMMER REQUEST

Greeting all, Can you believe that it is the end of another school year? With Summer upon us we are reminded that our recipients' children will not be receiving the school meals. These families will have to include this added expense to their grocery bills to have additional food available for their children during the summer months.

**The Schuylkill Valley Food Pantry Inc. wishes to help by providing additional food and snack items for the children.** We hope we can count on your support. Please ask your congregation to donate items to help feed the children during the summer months.

***Below you will find a list of some items that are fun to eat as well as nutritious.***

- \* ***Cheese sticks***
- \* ***fruit cups***
- \* ***nuts***
- \* ***dried fruits***
- \* ***snack packs of pudding and gelatins***
- \* ***jerky***
- \* ***snack size assortments of cookies, crackers, pretzels, etc.***
- \*

Items can be dropped off at the Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity on the 3rd Friday of June, July, and Aug. so they can be added to the distribution to our recipients on the 3rd Saturday of those months.

If you have questions, and or require additional information please feel free to call Sam Reimert @ 484-269-4205.

As always Thank you for your continued support we are all very appreciative.  
Continue to be safe.

God bless,

Samuel J. Reimert Pres.



### A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

I want to thank the congregation for the beautiful Mother's Day dahlia plant. I transplanted it into a 12" planter and it has taken over that entire space! It is covered with beautiful yellow flowers. Those little acts of kindness mean so very much.

Thank you,

Deb

# 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 the church office.

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

## LCHT Sundays' Schedule:

Worship at 9 a.m.

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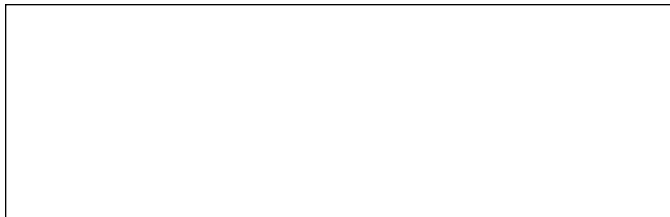
**Teacher:** Mrs. Aliesha Woods  
Mrs. Elisha Zimmerman  
Office: 610-926-7176 ext. 3  
Email: [rhaps@comcast.net](mailto:rhaps@comcast.net)

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