

The Herald

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Even a cursory reading of the resurrection stories in the gospels makes one thing clear that the news that Christ had been raised from the dead was too wonderful to keep to oneself. Those who heard this news couldn't help themselves. They had to tell someone else. Thus the good news that Christ had overcome death and the grave spread and the numbers of those who were Christ's disciples grew from a few to many. Indeed by the time we get to the book of *ACTS* the church is growing by thousands of new converts at a time.

It is no secret that in many communities in our society the number of Nones (those who say that they do not belong to any Christian denomination or other faith tradition) far outnumber those who claim some religious affiliation. This would seem to suggest that we shouldn't have to look very far in our own communities to find a neighbor, a friend or even a family member to invite to come to church with us; yet attendance figures for our congregation and many other congregations in our area tell us that few if any of us extend such invitations. It seems that the good news that Christ is risen isn't the exciting, must share news it once was. While there are certainly many reasons for this, if you and I don't share this news and invite others to discover the joy and new life that we have found, who will?

We don't need to wonder why so many congregations are struggling.

Imagine finding a new restaurant where the food was excellent and the service impeccable and then not telling anyone else about it. I can guarantee you that it won't be long before that restaurant will need to shutter its doors and go

out of business. It is the same for the church.

Who can you invite to join you? The good news of Jesus' resurrection is no less needed today in our broken and sin-filled world, than it was nearly 2,000 years ago. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Now, go and share that good news.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Ritter

New Members Are Always Welcome

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a part of our fellowship, worship and service life at LCHT, contact Pastor Ritter, as soon as possible, at 484-529-7801 or dsritter@ptd.net. I believe that God has a purpose for LCHT, and I am eager to share that purpose with those who would like to join our fellowship and worship and serve him through this faith community. New members will be

received in the late spring.



WORSHIP AND MUSIC NOTES

Submitted by Renee Lenning, Chairperson

- April 1 - Easter, Communion service, Bell Choir will play, egg hunt to immediately follow worship
- April 8 – 2nd Sunday of Easter, Pastor Ritter will be attending retreat with confirmation class
- April 15 – 2nd Sunday of Easter - Communion service with supply pastor
- April 22 – 4th Sunday of Easter – Preschool Sunday
- April 29 - 5th Sunday of Easter – supply pastor

Worship Attendance



2/25	47
3/4	43
3/11	48
3/18	35

Other Notes:

- * After Pentecost, there will be two youth serving as acolytes and each will be doing one Sunday per month. Congregation members will need to fill in the remaining Sundays
- * Next meeting is Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

NOTES ABOUT OUR FOLKS

PRAYERS:

- * Jim & Audrey Delong, who are at home.
- * The Hoke family who is in transition.
- * Randy Walborn and Lori Buehrer as they prepare to be married
- * Evacuees from Puerto Rico
- * Lorna Oswalt, who continues to receive therapy.
- * John & Shirley Weist, who are at home.
- * Ana Mae Beitler, who is recovering from knee surgery.

THANKS TO:

- * 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 soup labels.
- * 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.


CONDOLANCES TO:

- * The family of Fern Baer
- * The family of Geraldine Kauffman



April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 EASTER 9:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion 10:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt	2 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	3 9:30 AM Pastoral Care Team Mtg.	4	5 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	6 7:00 PM Youth Group	7
8 <i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i> 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Sunday School 4:30 PM Den Committee Meeting 6:00 PM Den meeting	9 1:00 PM WELCA meets 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	10 7:00 PM Mission Trip Meeting	11 7:00 PM Council meets	12 6:30 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	13	14 11:00 AM Chili Cook-off 6:30 PM LCHT Movie Night
15 <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i> 9:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion 10:30 AM Sunday School NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	16 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	17	18	19 5:30 PM Soul Supper 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	20 2:00 PM Food Pantry Delivery 6:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal	21 1:00 PM Wedding 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution
22 <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i> 9:00 AM Worship Preschool Sunday 10:30 AM Sunday School 6:00 PM Den meeting Leave on Mission Trip	23 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	24	25	26 6:30 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Food Pantry Committee Meeting	27 Return from Mission Trip	28 8:00 AM Boy Scout Sandwich Sale
29 <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i> 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Sunday School	30 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal					


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


APRIL VOLUNTEERS

Altar Flowers

- 1- Vicki Fetterman
- 8- Dennis & Sue Biehl
- 15- available
- 22- available
- 29- Dennis & Sue Biehl

Bulletins

- 1- Vicki Fetterman
- 8- Dennis & sue Biehl
- 15- Mr. & Mrs. Randy Walburn
- 22- available
- 29- Dennis & Sue Biehl

Nursery

no attendant but room will be open

Acolytes

- 1-
- 8-
- 15- Makayla Lowery
- 22- Mason Clery
- 29- Evan Lash

Greeter:

Jan Weaver

Ushers

- 1- Lowery, Davidheiser, Dennis Biehl
- 8- P. Heffner, Corl, Diana Biehl
- 15- Davidheiser, Lowery, Corl
- 22- P. Heffner, Davidheiser, Diana Biehl
- 29- Lowery, Corl, Dennis Biehl

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

LCHT EVENTS

Reading Fightin' Phillies

Saturday, June 30th join us at The Reading Fightin' Phils @ 6:35 pm in the Club 67 Area for food and fun. See Dennis Biehl for details and tickets.

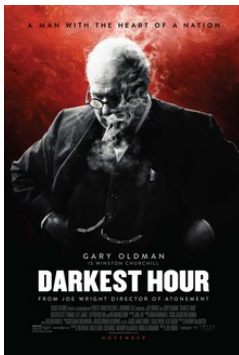


Deadline for submissions for the May Newsletter will be Saturday, April 15.

LCHT MOVIE NIGHT SATURDAY, APRIL 14

6:30 p.m.

The movie will be shown downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.



PRETZEL CITY BARBERSHOP CHORUS:

"It's All about Love" is the theme of the concert on Saturday, April 21st @ 2pm located at the Wilson West Middle School in Sinking Spring. Tickets are \$15/adult and \$8/student. Check see Ron Davidheiser for tickets or call (610)741-4277.



MISSION TRIP: The 2018 Mission Trip will be returning to Monmouth County, NJ and is scheduled for April 22 – 27, 2018. If you are interested in going on the trip please see Dan DeAntonio.





ROCKING HORSE PRESCHOOL

Submitted by Mrs. Woods and Mrs. Leshner

We can only hope that spring is here to stay now and that the temperatures will be getting warmer! Our students love when we get to go outside and run around!

March was a fun month! We were very busy learning and exploring through our crafts and daily centers. Picture day went well and we are excited to see our pictures for this year. We rounded out the month with our Easter parties. The kids love getting to dye Easter eggs and then hunt for them too! The students also get to listen to a special Easter story and do a craft with Pastor Ritter.

April is busy for us as we start the month off start preparing for Preschool Sunday and Graduation. At this time, our PM Group for next year is full and has a waiting list. Our AM group has 3 spaces open at this time so if you know someone with a child who will be 3 by August 1, they are eligible to enroll.

Current Wish list:

- googly eyes
- baby wipes
- Tissues



As a reminder, our Little Caesars fundraiser ends April 5th. Pickup is April 19th.

Planned Giving is Important!

What exactly is planned giving? Simply stated, it is a decision to make a gift at some future date, either a number of years from now or at the time of death evidenced by a legal contract. Types of planned gifts include but are not limited to bequests made through a will, charitable annuities, charitable remainder trusts, paid up life insurance policies designating a church or other charitable cause as the beneficiaries, donor managed investment accounts and pooled income funds. Planned gifts can result in immediate income, income to a charity over time or serve to delay a gift for life or other periods of time while the donor or others retain income and/or access to the assets used to fund the gift.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's foundation staff is available to meet with you at no cost to talk about planned giving opportunities that are both beneficial to you and to the Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity or other charitable causes that you hold dear. You can contact Pastor Ritter for more information or talk with someone at the foundation by calling 1-800-638-3522.





It is never too early or late to join us and have a ton of fun! Day Camps/Camping, Community Events, Earning Badges, Pinewood Derby, Cub mobile Races, Holiday Parties, Adventures/Trips and so much more! For more information, call Cubmaster Jason Witters at 484-671-2471 for Cub Scouts (Kindergarten—5th grade; ages 5-11) or Asst. Scoutmaster Karen Bausch for Boy Scouts (6th —12th grade).

CALLING ALL YOUTH GRADES 1 TO 8

Come on out for our next youth group meeting on Friday, April 6 from 7-8:30 p.m. downstairs in the fellowship area. We will have a time for games, snacks and fun. Plan to come out and bring a friend. We would love to see you. If you have questions, email Mike or Lori Lowery at mllowery@comcast.net. Thanks!

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

MONTHLY MEETING

Join us on Monday, April 9 at 1:00 p.m. for our monthly meeting.

REDNER'S REGISTER TAPES

Submitted by Janet Kleffel

Did you know that 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 goes to good things like the Mission Trip, VFW, Berk's Women in Crisis, just to name a few.

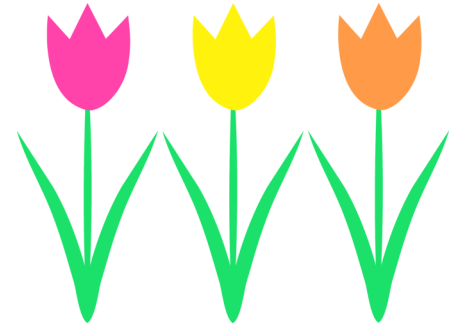
How does Redner's calculate the

one percent? Glad you asked. Well, we depend on church members to drop off their Redner's receipts. However, its not quite that simple.

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. How do you insure this? Well, you must 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.



APRIL CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays:

- 01 - Frank Snyder
Kenneth Stoudt
- 02 - Jillian Storch
Bruce Buchalter
- 06 - Linda Snyder
- 07 - Vicki Fetterman
Juliana Clery
- 08 - Douglas Heister
- 09 - Hailey Leffler
- 11 - Krissy Wink
Owen Manwiller

- 16 - Eldon Kibler
Patricia Easterbrook
- 19 - Dennis Biehl
- 20 - Leanna Stoudt
Dominic Batdorf
- 21 - Krystle Bittner
Weston Hawkins
- 22 - Angel Zimmerman
- 24 - Mary Gruber
- 27 - David Biehl
- 28 - Glenn Miller



Anniversaries:

- 01 - Harry & Lisa Werner
- 11 - Ronald & Donna Kessler
- 12 - Harold & Anita Bond
- 17 - Ken & Linda Snyder
- 19 - Walter & Carolyn Heffner
Jerry & Cynthia Leutze

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.



1st Annual

CHILI

Cook off

Sponsored by The Schuylkill Valley Pastors' Association

Saturday

April 14, 2018

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE SCHUYLKILL
VALLEY FOOD PANTRY

Time: 11 am to 3 pm

Location: 102 Apple St, Leesport, Pa 19533

Cost: \$5.00/person

Chili judging @ Noon/People's choice award @ 2:45 pm

Bike Safety Rodeo and Carnival Games

Participant Agreement and Information Form available upon request @
lchtsecretary@comcast.net

About The Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity

Our Mission:

"The Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity is a worshipping, growing 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.

LCHT Sundays' Schedule:

Worship at 9 a.m.

Sunday School at 10:30 a.m. for adults and confirmands

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Rocking Horse Preschool Information:

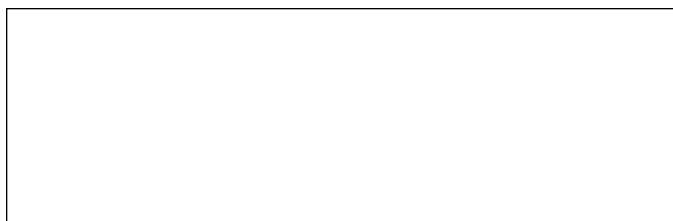
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Mrs. Adrienne Leshner
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