

The Herald

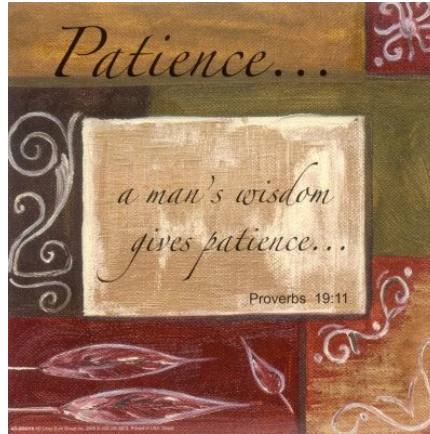
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A Note from LCHT Council:

We have begun the process of searching for a new pastor with the support from the Lutheran Synod. This will be an extended process as there are many steps to complete prior to receiving information about pastors looking to start a new ministry.



As we move through this process, it is important that the members of The Lutheran Church of The Holy Trinity continue to support the church with your weekly attendance at worship.

In addition to that, even though we do not have a stated pastor, the expenses of the church continue. The general expenses and upkeep of the church continue as well as the salaries for the church staff.

We ask that you prayerfully consider personal involvement at LCHT and your continued financial giving.

Together, we will see that LCHT moves safely into a new chapter as we proceed with the search process.

LCHT Council



WORSHIP AND MUSIC NOTES

Worship & Music meeting was held on Thursday October 20 at 8:00 PM.

Worship services for November:

November 6 - All Saints Sunday – Worship/ Holy Communion -
Remembrance of members who have died during the past year.

November 13 - 23rd Sunday after Pentecost – Worship -*Recognition of Veterans*

November 20 - Christ the King Sunday – Worship/Holy Communion
WELCA Thankoffering

November 27 - 1st Sunday of Advent - Worship

Other Notes:

Sanctuary will be decorated for the Christmas season on Saturday, December 3 at 9:00 AM.

The next Worship & Music meeting will be held Thursday, December 1 at 8:00 PM.



Worship Attendance



9/25	29
10/2	30
10/9	28
10/16	28
10/23	24



ROCKING HORSE PRESCHOOL

Submitted by Mrs. Woods

October sure has been a wet messy month, but the fall leaves have helped to brighten things up a bit!

As we look into November, we will be learning about yummy food during our cooking week where the students will actually get to take part in making their own yummy treats.



On Oct 13th we had our free vision screenings with the Berks County Association for the Blind.



We will also be doing lots of Thanksgiving projects. We will have our feast on November 22nd. This is a fun time where we get to share a feast of chicken nuggets, smiley fries and lots more with our families.

On Oct 27th and 31st we had our annual Halloween parade and party. The students always love getting to dress up as their favorite characters. A fun time was had by all. □

We hope everyone enjoys their Thanksgiving break and gets to spend lots of time with their loved ones!





NOVEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30PM NA Mtg.	4	5 7AM-2PM Karen Bruno- hall rented for soap making 8:30 PM AA Meeting
6 <i>All Saints Sunday</i> 9:00AM Worship/Holy Communion <i>The Rev. Scott Davis</i>	7 1:00PM WELCA 7:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal RHPS in fellowship hall & kitchen 12:30-3:00 PM	8 RHPS in fellowship hall & kitchen 9:30-3:00 PM 	9 RHPS in fellowship hall & kitchen 9:30-3:00 PM 7:00 PM Council meeting	10 RHPS in fellowship hall & kitchen 9:30-3:30 AM Pastoral Care Team Meeting 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30PM NA Mtg.	11 	12 Hall Rented 12-6PM Michele Roman 8:30 PM AA Meeting
13 <i>23rd Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00AM Worship Randy Schlegel <i>Recognition of Veterans</i>	14 7:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	15	16	17 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30PM NA Mtg.	18 2:00PM Food Pantry Delivery	19 9:00AM Food Pantry Distribution 8:30 PM AA Meeting
20 <i>Christ the King Sunday</i> 9:00AM Worship/Holy Communion <i>The Rev. Brian R. Holben</i> <i>WELCA Thankoffering</i>	21 7:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	22	23	24 Happy Thanksgiving  7:30PM NA Mtg.	25	26 8:30 PM AA Meeting
27 <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i> 9:00AM Worship <i>The Rev. David Rowe</i> Bell Choir will play. Lighting of the Advent wreath will begin.	28 7:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	29	30			

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.



WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Submitted by Janet Kleffel, President

Monthly meetings are held the first Monday of the month at 1:00PM.

Our October meeting was held on October 3rd. We meet again on November 7th.

WE CONTINUE TO COLLECT 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 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 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.

WELCA is also collecting personal care items for vets through **Veterans Making a Difference.**

Requested items include :

- *White socks
- *Shaving cream
- *Boxer shorts
- *Toothpaste
- *Toothbrushes
- *Mouthwash
- *Deodorant (preferably Old Spice)
- *Laundry detergent
- *Shampoo
- *Sleep pants (L, XL, XXL)
- *Toilet paper
- *Paper towels
- *Liquid body wash
- *Dish soap

Items can be placed in the marked box in the narthex.



LIGHT MINISTRIES

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 9:00 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.

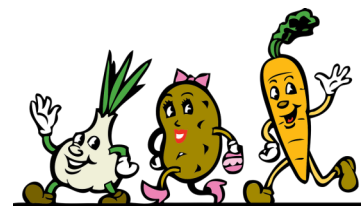
Due to Covid 19 distribution continues as a drive through service. Pre packaged boxes come from Helping Harvest . We also pack other donated items into boxes to supplement the Helping Harvest box.

We served 90 families in September.

This is the breakdown by age groups-

64 children, 109 adults and 87 seniors for a total of 260 people.

Donations are appreciated.



NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays:

06-Irvin Kauffman,
Amanda Schwendeman
08-Betty Strause
Rosemary Mowery
10-Ronald Kessler
11-Joshua Buchalter, Everett Graeff
13-Brendan Lenning, Kaitlyn Kuhns
17-Ronald Davidheiser
18-Renee Lenning, Sarah Yeager,
Melissa Strause
19-Amy Manwiller
21-Debra Yeager
24-Helen Stoudt

25-Thomas Heffner
26-Mason Clery
29-Donna Kessler, Wyatt Reeser
30-Patricia Miller, Gail Putt



Happy Anniversary!

Anniversaries:

03-Eldon & Patricia Kibler

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.

NOTES ABOUT OUR FOLKS

PRAYERS FOR:

- * Pauline Bond at Maiden creek Place.
- * Cynthia Leutze at the Masonic Home in Elizabethtown.
- * Shirley Weist at Columbia Cottage.
- * Carole Imgrund in Elizabethtown.
- * Audrey Delong at her home in Leesport.
- * Richard Reiber at Berkshire Commons.
- * All our servicemen and servicewomen at home & abroad.
- * All the leaders of our church, the nation and the world.



THANKS TO:

- * Our mowers, Dennis Biehl, Ken Frankhouser and Dan DeAntonio.
- * All our volunteers who help with the SV Food Pantry.
- * Those who save Redner's tapes.
- * Those who have and continue to support the Gift Card Program.
- * All the leaders of our congregation, the nation and the world.



CONDOLENCES TO:

- * The family of Delores Seaman.

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY:

Jan Weaver has a new address. 106 Tower Court Topton, Pa. 19562

HONORING OUR VETERANS

On Sunday, November 13th we will be honoring those members who so graciously served our country.

If you served in the Military please provide your name and the branch of service in which you served to the office by Monday, November 7th.



NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS

Altar Flowers

06 - Linda Roshong
13 - available
20 - Vicki Fetterman
27 - available

Bulletins

06 - available
13 - available
20 - Irvin & Nettie Kauffman
27 - Vicki Fetterman

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

Ushers

06 - Darlene Savage
13 - Janet Kleffel
20 - Dennis Savage
27 - Dan DeAntonio

Nursery

There will be no attendant but the room will be open.

“LOOKING FOR ANGELS”



The Salvation Army Angel tree Program will again be arriving here at LCHT in November. We will keep you posted in the bulletins with more specific information as we receive it.

We will have 15 tags & Rocking Horse Preschool will have 10 name tags to buy Christmas gifts for those in need in our local community.

After selecting your name tag please locate the numbers and letters on your tag. Find those numbers on the sign up sheet & sign your

name to the right of the number along with your phone numbers. This helps us to keep track of who has which names.

If for some reason you pick a name & are unable to bring a gift in, please contact Renee Lenning 610-858-2428 or Phyllis Heffner 610-926-1004.

BELOW ARE THE ANGEL TREE GIFT GIVING GUIDELINES FROM LAST YEAR. We have not yet received this years guidelines. We will give you any changes to the guidelines as we receive them. Any changes from last year will be added to the announcements in the weekly Sunday bulletin. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

ANGEL TREE GIFT GIVING GUIDELINES

- The Salvation Army has selected the Angel from the neediest in our communities.
- The items your Angel needs are listed on the tag. You may buy anything listed or you may choose to substitute other age-appropriate gifts. You may purchase more than 1 gift.
- Gifts must be new – NO used clothing or toys.
- **Please do not wrap your gifts.** The Salvation Army will un-wrap all wrapped gifts to make sure that gifts are suitable. No toy guns please.
- All gifts are given anonymously.

If using a gift bag for gifts, please secure/attach the Angel Tag to the inside of the bag either with tape or a staple.

Please secure/attach Angel Tree card to the gift if not using a gift bag.

The date gifts need to be returned to the church will be added to the bulletin when we receive that information.

Angel Tree gifts will be picked up at LCHT.

Thank you for your continued support of The Salvation Army Hamburg Service Center Angel Tree Program.

It is through your generosity and kindness that Christmas will be special for those in need in Northern Berks County Communities.

Blessings,

Cathy Correll & Amy Shanaman, Angel Tree Coordinators



All Saints Day's Relation to Halloween

Dressed as Dracula or as devils, neighborhood children were happily "trick or treating" in the United States and some other countries. But would it surprise you to know that "Halloween" (by that name) started out as a holy Christian celebration?

Hallow, in Old English, means "holy" or "sacred." Therefore, "Hallows' Eve," or "Halloween," simply means "the evening of holy persons" and refers to the evening before All Saints Day, which is , November 1 on both Anglican and Catholic calendars. Halloween is a mixture of Celtic religious ideas and Christian martyrology.

Pictured below is a traditional Hallows' Eve Ceremony.



The Origin and History of All Saints Day

In the early years when the Roman Empire persecuted Christians, so many martyrs died for their faith that the Church set aside special days to honor them. For example, in 607, Emperor Phocas presented the beautiful Roman Pantheon temple to the pope. The pope removed the statues of Jupiter and the pagan gods and consecrated the Pantheon to "all saints" who had died from Roman persecution in the first three hundred years after Christ. Many bones were brought from other graves and placed in the rededicated Pantheon church. Since there were too many martyrs for each to be given a day, they were lumped together into one day. In the next century, All Saints Day was changed by Pope Gregory III to today's date--November 1. People prepared for their celebration with a night of vigil on Hallows' Eve -- Halloween (possibly because of the strong holdover influence of the Celtic Samhain festival, which many Christians in Ireland, Britain, Scotland, and Wales had continued to observe).

In the 10th century, Abbot Odela of the Cluny monastery added the next day--November 2nd--as "All Souls" Day" to honor the martyrs and all Christians who had died. People prayed for the dead, but many unchristian superstitions continued. People in Christian lands offered food to the dead--as it had been in pagan times. The superstitious also believed that on these two days, souls in purgatory would take the form of witches, toads, or demons and haunt persons who had wronged them during their lifetime. As happens so often in Church history, sacred Christian festivals can absorb so many pagan customs that they lose their significance as Christian holidays.

But think of it positively. Who are your favorite heroes in Christian History? Can you think of any whose example has inspired you? Why not use All Saints Day to think of and give thanks for as many Christians from the past as you can remember, whether they are famous or not, especially if their lives and teaching contributed something to yours.

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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