

The Herald



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We had a visitor on April 14, Palm/Passion Sunday. He was sitting in the nave when I arrived. The bell choir had come early to practice, and at first I assumed that he was with one of them. I didn't think I had seen him before at church or anywhere else for that matter. He was slumped over with his head in his hands. He looked up when I greeted him and I thought, "He's exhausted." (it's much the same look I see in the faces on many people who come to our food pantry.)

"I know we're not having coffee hour after church because we leave in silence today," a member rushed up to say, "But that young man really needs a cup of coffee! Do I have permission to make some?" She didn't need my permission of course. I was just moved by her compassion.

The man in question rallied a bit through the service, participating and even communing. Regretfully as I stood at the altar I faced my feelings of vulnerability, wondering what he had in his back pack and if by chance I'd be left alone with him when the service was over.

Though he might have been a hiker off the trail, we learned that he was essentially homeless and on foot, he was headed to Allentown. He saw the spire of our church in the distance and assumed we would have coffee. (and he didn't even know we are Lutherans!) He had a lot of questions about God

and, at one point, said his main goal was to get an ID so he could get a job. How does a twenty something nice looking young man not even have an ID? Eventually he was on his way, but in truth he has not moved on from my heart.

Though I'm gratified by the way he was welcomed by our members, offering conversation, food, and yes, coffee, we could have done so much more. We could have offered him a time to nap in one of the comfortable reclining chairs downstairs. I could have called my husband to come up and together we could have taken him to his stated destination, Allentown. We could have taken time to find out more about his circumstances and referred him to appropriate agencies.

Recently while thinking about him a fox came out of nowhere and ran across our yard. It's the first fox we've seen in this residential neighborhood and may very well be the last. But now I know, they're out there, even if we don't see them. Under the bush, darting from place to place looking for enough food to survive or simply a place to lay down one's head.

Or maybe a cup of coffee to fortify oneself for the next few miles.

I pray for our visitor on Palm/Passion Sunday. And all those struggling to survive.

I wonder if he was somehow a gift to us?



God's Peace,

Pastor Fox

WORSHIP AND MUSIC NOTES

Submitted by Renee Lenning, Chairperson

Worship services for June :

- June 2 – 7th Sunday of Easter – communion service
- June 9 – Pentecost, Confirmation, communion service, geraniums to be displayed
- June 16 - Holy Trinity Sunday, communion service, Father's Day litany
- June 23 – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost
- June 30 – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost
- July 7 – 4th Sunday after Pentecost, communion service

Worship Attendance



4/28 136
preschool Sunday

Other Notes:

Announcements during worship services will be moved to the end of the service to avoid disruption of preparation for worship

We will be moving toward a new method of submitting names for the prayer list to make sure they are included in a timely manner

The committee will be preparing a brief survey for members regarding moving to every-Sunday communion

5/05 37
5/12 50
5/19 38
5/26 51

Next meeting date: Thursday, June 6 at 7:00 p.m..

NOTES ABOUT OUR FOLKS

CONGRATS GRADS!!

PRAYERS:

- * Audrey Delong
- * Shirley Weist
- * The family of Leonard Christ
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- Congratulations to Donna & Leon Degler's grandson, Dominic Lombardo for graduating from Hamburg High School.
- Congratulations to Ron Davidheiser's daughter, Dorothy for graduating from Schuylkill Valley High School.

THANKS TO:

- * Our mowers, Dan DeAntonio, Kenny Frankhouser., and Scott Care
- * Our Mission Team members.
- * 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.*)
- * Ron & Judy Corl for "hosting" a funeral for a member from another Lutheran Church.



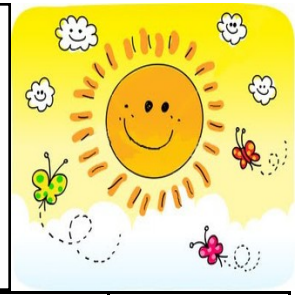
Pastor Vacation




Pastor Fox will be on vacation from June 14 through July 2. Pastor David Blich will be covering for emergencies. He can be reached at 484-663-4911. We will have supply pastors for June 16, 23 and 30 worship services.







JUNE 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 <i>7th Sunday of Easter</i> 9:00 AM Worship/ Holy Communion 6:00 PM Troop160 meeting	3 1:00 PM WELCA	4 7:00 PM Chili Cook-Off Meeting	5	6 7:00 PM Worship & Music 7:30 PM NA Group	7	8 No Movies until September
9 <i>Day of Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion 6:00 PM Troop160 meeting	10	11	12	13 7:30 PM NA Group	14 Flag Day 2:00 PM Food Pantry Delivery	15 9:00 AM Food Pantry
16 Father's Day <i>The Holy Trinity</i> 9:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl 	17 7:00 PM Troop 160 Committee Meeting	18	19	20 5:30 PM Soul Supper 7:30 PM NA Group	21 	22
23 <i>2nd Sunday of Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship 6:00 PM Troop160 meeting	24	25	26	27 7:30 PM NA Group	28 4:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 1266 Meeting	29 6:35 PM LCHT Night @ Fightin' Phils 
30 <i>3rd Sunday of Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship 6:00 PM Troop160 meeting						


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

JUNE VOLUNTEERS

Altar Flowers

02- Virginia Lash
09- Virginia Lash
16- Sue Reiber
23- Kathy Wagner & Kara Fretz
30- Vicki Fetterman

Bulletins

02- Donald Kauffman
09- Sue Reiber
16- Scott & Janice Care
23- *available*
30- Vicki Fetterman

Nursery

no attendant but room will be open

Acolytes

02- Jayce Gruber
09- *available*
16- Jayce Gruber
23- Evan Lash
30- *available*

Greeter

Phyllis Weaver

Ushers

02- P. Heffner, Davidheiser, Diana Biehl
09- Lowery, Corl, Dennis Biehl
16- Davidheiser, Lowery, Reiber
23- P. Heffner, Davidheiser, Dennis Biehl
30- Lenning, Corl, Care

ELCA WORLD HUNGER DOLLARS AT WORK

Yazidi children in a camp for internally displaced persons at Dawodiya in Iraq's Kurdistan region. More than 600 families living in the camp escaped from their communities in the Sinjar region during the attempted genocide by the Islamic State group. Although ISIS was militarily defeated in 2017, these Yazidi families say it's still not safe to return home, nor do they have sufficient resources to rebuild their homes. Through your gifts, Lutheran Disaster Response helped provide water, sanitation, garbage collection, and psychosocial support for the families in the camp.





ROCKING HORSE PRESCHOOL

Submitted by Mrs. Woods and Mrs. Lesher

WOW! The last half of our school year has flown by! This year was full of fun activities and we enjoyed getting to know all of our students.

On Thursday, May 23 we watched as 20 PM students graduated and will now be moving onto kindergarten in the fall. We know that they will do awesome when they get there!! Good luck to each and every one of you!

We finished off our school year taking a field trip to the Hands on House in Lancaster, making gifts for our Moms and Dads, having fun during our annual field day and doing fun summer crafts.



Current Wish List:

- Glue Sticks
- Washable Markers – Skinny and Regular

On Wednesday, May 22nd the AM and PM students enjoyed a fun filled day at Ozzy's to celebrate our school year. Due to all of our snow days this year we still held classes on Thursday for AM students.

GIFT CARD PROGRAM QUESTIONS

- 1. WHY BUY A GIFT CARD FROM THE CHURCH?** Our church will receive a 5% rebate with each gift card you purchase. The proceeds from the sales of these gift cards goes towards the capital improvement fund.
- 2. DOES THE GIFT CARDS COST ME ADDITIONAL MONEY?** No! If you buy a \$50 gift card, it is worth \$50. The proceeds the church gets is from the store, not from you!
- 3. MY STORE OFFERS FUEL PERKS. WILL I STILL GET THEM IF I USE A GIFT CARD FOR MY PURCHASE?** Absolutely! The gift card is just a way for you to pay for your purchase, you will still get all your store's perks.
- 4. WHAT STORES CAN I GET GIFT CARDS TO?** Gift cards can be purchased for Redner's or Weis. The Redner's gift cards may be used at any Redner's (including the pharmacy) or Redner's Quick Shoppes. Cards may be used to purchase gas; you would have to pre-pay with the card. Weis cards may also be used at the following stores: Cressler's, King's, Mr. Z's or Scot's Lo Cost.
- 5. WHAT AMOUNTS CAN I BUY THE GIFT CARDS FOR?** Cards in amounts of \$25, \$50, \$100 are available and can be paid for with cash or checks made payable to The Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity.
- 6. REMEMBER** with the gift cards from Redner's you can buy other gift cards like Sears, Olive Garden & etc.
- 7. WHAT IF I STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?** Please see Phyllis or Tom Heffner, or see back of card for details.

ELCA WORLD HUNGER

One in nine 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.





BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Submitted by Adrienne Lesher

Troop 160 will be doing a fundraiser at Andali's Restaurant sometime in June to raise money for our high adventure trip. We will advise on the date after it is finalized. Please support Troop 160!



We will also be assisting with the Leesport Historical Society Strawberry Festival / Kids at Play day on June 8th. Come out for a fun day at the Lock House! Thank you!

FIGHTIN' PHILIES NIGHT

Saturday, June 29th @ 6:35 PM in the Club 67 Picnic Area for food and fun. Cost will be around \$30 per person. Contact Dennis Biehl for details and tickets.



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 15**.

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.

There will be **NO** movie night in June, July, August or September.

See you in October!



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

LCMT 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 remains in need of canned fruits and vegetables.

There is a box in the vestibule for donations.



FOOD PANTRY

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:

The prayer shawl ministry group meets the third Sunday of the month from 2 to 4 p.m. Ideas for new projects are always welcome.

Tower Health is providing us with yarn to make chemo and premie hats for patients.

You do not have to come to the monthly get-togethers, you can work on projects anywhere.



WOMEN OF THE ELCA

MONTHLY MEETING

Join us on Monday, June 4 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.

LABELS TO SAVE

The Women of the ELCA continue to save **THE BARCODES** from Campbell Soups, Pepperidge Farms, Franco-American and Swanson products. The bar codes are sent to Solheim Lutheran Home in Los Angeles in support of the Navajo Lutheran Mission and School in Rock Point, AZ, where they are used to purchase vans and school supplies at the mission.

We are just one of 525 congregations participating in this worthwhile project. Keep on saving the bar codes and place them at the usher's station or give them to Darlene Savage.

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.



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
- 18 - Joyce Kauffman
- 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.

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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Worship at 9 a.m.

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