



The Herald

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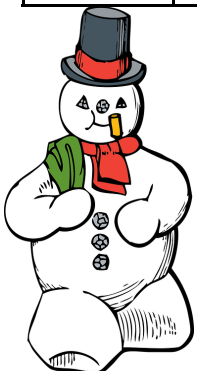
Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This is my last letter to you as your transitional Pastor. Thank you for the opportunity and honor to share your ministry here at LCHT these past few months. I will miss you, but my left knee needs my undivided attention over the next weeks and months and the right knee will soon need to be cared for as well.

At this time it appears that our synod has been able to identify another interim pastor who will be able to begin on or around February 1st. I have talked with the individual and have shared the good news of the wonderful witness you make to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Until the new interim is in place supply pastors will be assigned to lead worship in January and local pastors will cover any pastoral care needs along with the members of LCHT's pastoral care team.

Although the future can sometimes appear to be uncertain, remember that God has a purpose for you and for LCHT and will bring that purpose to fruition. Of this you can be certain.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Ritter



BAD WEATHER INFORMATION

In the event of bad weather, please refer to the following for cancellation notification:

- On the internet: www.wfmz.com
- On television: channel 69 news
- By telephone: 610-926-7176 option 5 for special announcements

WORSHIP AND MUSIC NOTES

Submitted by Renee Lenning, Chairperson

Worship Attendance

Worship services for January:

January 6	Epiphany of Our Lord , Communion service
January 13	Baptism of Our Lord
January 20	2 nd Sunday of Epiphany, Communion service
January 27	3 rd Sunday of Epiphany



July	159
August	166
September	206
October	175
November	197



Other Notes:

Sanctuary will be dedecorated on January 5 at 9:00 a.m.
 Next meeting date is January 10 at 8:15

NOTES ABOUT OUR FOLKS

PRAYERS:

- * Jim & Audrey DeLong, who are at home.
- * John Weist, who was in the hospital in December but is back at Columbia Cottage, Wyomissing
- * Jerry Leutze, who is at Masonic Home in Elizabethtown.
- * Rudy Arceo and his children who continue to recover from a Thanksgiving Day fire
- * Pastor Ritter, who is undergoing knee surgery
- * To all our shut-in members and all those who are on our prayer list.



THANKS TO:

- * Everyone who decorated the Church for Christmas
- * Everyone who sponsored Poinsettias for Christmas.
- * Ron & Judy Corl and all our volunteers who help with the SV Food Pantry.
- * All the leaders of our church, the nation and the world.



JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays:

01 - Lisa Kuhns	12 - Mason Wink
02 - Joseph Lowery	13 - Paul Clery
09 - Shelby Gabel	14 - Janet Kleffel
Linda Greely	20 - Alyssa Potts
10 - Pauline Bond	25 - Victoria Wagner
Johnathan Greely	27 - Derrick Potts
Laura Reiger	28 - Barry Beitler
11 - Elaine Lombardo	29 - Donna Degler
Ronda Wolfe	Sallyann Hoke
Bradley Buchalter	
Anna Mae Beitler	

Anniversaries:

04 - Michael & Amy Korpics





January 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Mtg.	4	5 9:00 AM Removal of Christmas decorations
6 <i>Epiphany of Our Lord</i> 9:00 AM Worship : Holy Communion 4:30PM Troop 160 PLC 6:00 PM Troop 160 Mtg.	7 8:30 AM NA Mtg. 1:00 PM WELCA 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	8	9 7:00 PM Council meets 7:00 PM Troop 160 Roundtable Mtg.	10 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Mtg. 8:15 PM Worship & Music meeting	11 4:30 PM Girl Scouts Meet	12
13 <i>Baptism of Our Lord</i> 9:00 AM Worship 6:00 PM Venom Insti- tute Meeting	14 8:30 AM NA Mtg. 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	15 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 9:30 AM Pastoral Care Team meeting	16 7:00PM Congregational Meeting with Bishop	17 5:30 PM Soul Supper 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Mtg.	18 2:00 PM Food Pantry Delivery	19 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution
20 <i>2nd Sunday of Epiphany</i> 9:00 AM Worship 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 PM Troop 160 Mtg.	21 8:30 AM NA Mtg. 7:00 PM Troop 160 Committee Mtg. 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	22	23	24 9:30AM Pas- toral Care Team Mtg. 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Food Pantry Committee Meeting 7:30 PM NA Mtg.	25 4:30 PM Girl Scouts Meet	26
27 <i>3rd Sunday of Epiphany</i> 9:00 AM Worship : Holy Communion 6:00 PM Troop 160 Mtg. 6:00 PM Venom Insti- tute Meeting	28 8:30 AM NA Mtg. 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	29	30	31 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Mtg.		

JANUARY VOLUNTEERS

Bulletins

06-available

13-available

20-available

27-available

Altar Flowers

06-available

13-available

20-available

27-available

Nursery

no attendant but room will be open

Acolytes

06-Evan Lash

13-Jayce Gruber

20-Evan Lash

27-Jason Gruber

Greeter:

Donna Kessler

Ushers

06-Mike Lowery, Ron Corl, Diana Biehl

13-Phyllis Heffner, Dennis Biehl, Ron Corl

20-Mike Lowery, Phyllis Heffner, Diana Biehl

27- Dennis Biehl, Ron Corl, Scott Care

MOVIE NIGHT IN THE HALL



Movie night **will not** take place in January or February. Watch the newsletter for a possible show in March 2019.

Have a safe and warm winter.



Save The Date

It's never too early to start thinking Baseball!
June 29, 2019

Reading Fightin Phils Club 67
Picnic Area
\$30.00 AYCE buffet
See Dennis Biehl for more
information



Submitted by Karen Bausch



Boy Scout Troop 160 is attending the annual Klondike Derby at Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation in January. We've been practicing our Scout skills in anticipation of this event. Also in January our Committee Chair, Bonnie Bohnenblust, will be stepping down after MANY years of dedicated service. Leandra Karasak will be taking Bonnie's place as Committee Chair. We hope everyone had a great New Year!

It is never too early or late to join us and have a ton of fun! Day Camps/Camping, Community Events, Earning Badges, Holiday Parties, Adventures/Trips and so much more! For more information, call Karen Bausch at 610-334-9739 for Boy Scouts (6th —12th grade).

ROCKING HORSE PRESCHOOL

Submitted by Mrs. Woods and Mrs. Leshner



And another thank you everyone who participated in the Angel Tree program. We were able to fulfill many children's wish lists due to your generosity and kindness.



Welcome to 2019! Can you believe it's the New Year already?!

We had such a busy month in December that we welcome January and a slower pace! Now let's hope the weather cooperates.

Please mark your calendar for our annual Hoss's day. This will take place on Sunday January 20th. More information will be available in the church office and by contacting the preschool at rhps@comcast.net.

During December, the students enjoyed shopping for gifts for their loved ones and everyone enjoyed the Cookies and Cocoa day! It is always so much fun decorating cookies, "Christmas trees", playing games, and doing crafts together. Santa even made a surprise visit to our party and handed out candy canes to everyone. A big thank you to Pastor, for sharing a Christmas story and a craft with the students, this is always something the children look forward to.



As we look forward to January we will be learning all about arctic animals, pets, art with food and so much more!
As always thank you for continued support!



WOMEN OF THE ELCA

MONTHLY MEETING

Join us on Monday, January 7 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.

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.



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.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:

The prayer shawl ministry group meets the third Sunday of the month from 2 to 4 p.m. You do not have to come to the monthly get-togethers, you can work on projects anywhere. We will be making shawls for Tower Health with the yarn they provide. Chemo and premie hats will also be made for patients at Tower Health.



Anyone who has any questions or suggestions please contact Darlene Savage at 610-926-2461 or anyone on the Social Ministry Committee.



LCHT NEWS



Congregational Meeting News



On Sunday December 9, 2018 following our 9 am worship a meeting of the congregation was held at which time individuals were elected to terms on the congregation council and 2 other boards and a budget was approved for 2019. Here is the list of those elected, their positions and terms:

Congregation Council

- Mike Lowery, 3rd 2-year term
- A. Scott Care, 1st 2-year term
- Diana Biehl, 2nd 2-year term
- Suzanne Reiber, 2nd 2-year term

Cemetery Board

- A. Scott Care, 3 year term

Memorial Fund Committee

- Daren DeAntonio, 3 year term

As noted above a budget for 2019 was presented, discussed and approved. It reflects a deficit of \$28,694. This is a slight increase over the deficit that was reflected in the 2018 budget. Please prayerfully consider increasing your support for our congregation and its ministries. Our fall stewardship campaign did not produce the needed increases in giving to fully support our ministries for 2019. The budget allows for a 2/3 time pastor.

As we look forward to calling our next regularly called pastor, we need to be sure that we are committed to providing the financial resources necessary to sustain that endeavor.

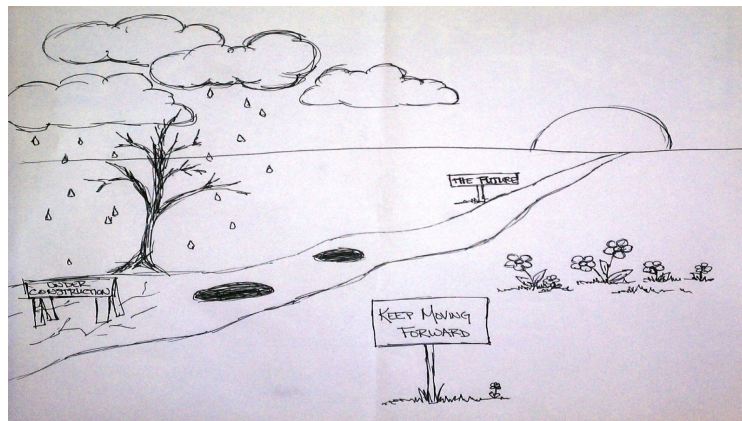
Renewal is taking place at LCHT come and be a part of the new things that God is doing in our midst!

Deadline for submissions for the February Newsletter will be Tuesday, January 15.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

New Resource in the Schuylkill Valley Area

Jess Cammauf, a school counselor with the Fleetwood and Wilson School Districts and master level, certified counselor and LPC intern (Licensed Professional Counselor) has begun to offer counseling services for residents of the Schuylkill Valley area through a space agreement with Belleman's Church. She can be reached at 610-406-7270 or jcammauf@gmail.com. Currently she charges \$40-\$50 a session. She is working toward being able to accept insurances in the future.



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.

LCHT Sundays' Schedule:

Worship at 9 a.m.

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