



The Herald



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SANCTUARY

What Does This Mean?

At the August church wide assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, of which our congregation is a part, a resolution was passed to designate our denomination as a “sanctuary church.” The response to this decision has invoked strong feelings both positive and negative.

Here are some thoughts that may help you process your own feelings about it:

First of all a resolution is not a mandate. It does not demand or require any individual congregation to do anything. This is pretty much true of all the things we think of as “Lutheran.” Each congregation is free to worship and serve as they are led to do within the theological guidelines established by Martin Luther and adjusted by church leaders over time.

Secondly, there is the assumption that this resolution is directed specifically towards people entering our country illegally and that the church is expected to offer them a safe place to help them avoid the law. You may have gotten this idea by listening to a news outlet, but it is not true. You can clarify this by checking the discussion at the ELCA website.

The resolution does not so much suggest action but attitude, encouraging us as Christians to consider what is a rightful response to any who are in need. For some churches this might mean offering aid to those who are crossing our southern border in hopes of avoiding the extreme poverty and violence of their own. Others may be assisting the “dreamers”, young people who were brought here as children and hope to find a path to citizenship.

Here at LCHT our attitudes seem to be in line with the concept of a “sanctuary church.” If someone comes to the church for food or asks for help with a utility bill, for instance, we do what we can to help. We do not ask for ID or proof of citizenship or deny them aid because they are a different color or speak a different language.

Finally, and my own personal concern, is that we have become so hardened to the needs of people throughout the world that what was once a beautiful, comforting concept has been made threatening. Within the church, “sanctuary” has always had a positive connotation. God will never ask us to provide a place of sanctuary if it goes against God’s will for us. God does not expect us to do what we cannot do.

For me it’s as simple as a little chorus I learned in Sunday School.

***“Jesus Loves the Little Children,
All the Children of the World.
Red and Yellow, Black and White,
They are Precious in His Sight.
Jesus Loves the Little Children of the World.”***

Because I am a Christian I try to love them too.
Yours in Christ,
Pastor Fox



WORSHIP AND MUSIC NOTES

Worship services for October:

October 6 - 17th Sunday after Pentecost – Communion service

October 13 -18th Sunday after Pentecost

October 20 -19th Sunday after Pentecost – Communion service,
Recognition of First Responders

October 27 - Reformation Sunday – Communion service

Confirmation Classes October 6 and 20 following worship services.

Pastoral Acts :

Funeral for Carl Faller - September 16, 2019

Worship Attendance



9/01	39
9/08	41
9/15	49
9/22	44

FREE COMMUNITY MEALS

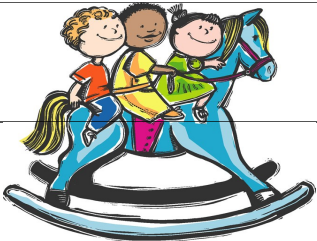
Dates and locations for free meals for the remainder of 2019.
ALL ARE WELCOME!

October 22 - Epler's UCC - 1151 West Leesport Road

November 19 - Salem Belleman's Church - 3540 Belleman's Church Road

December 20 - St. John's Gernant's Church - 13 Gernants Church Road

Meals are organized by the Schuylkill Valley Pastor's Association



ROCKING HORSE PRESCHOOL

Submitted by Mrs. Woods and Mrs. Lesher

Welcome fall! The last few weeks have been beautiful and were perfect to welcome fall here at RHP.

Our school year is in full swing and we are slowly settling into our routines and learning the rules of the classroom. We started our school year by learning about all of our new friends during All About Me week, we've learned about transportation and most recently apples. We have also started our letter, number, shape and color books.

The students have had the opportunities to meet with Pastor Fox on several occasions. They really enjoy the stories and songs she shares with them. Miss Kelly for the Schuylkill Valley library has come to read with us as well.

Our Little Caesars Pizza Kit fundraiser starts on Oct 3rd and all order and payment are due by Oct 24th. Delivery will take place in the beginning of November. Thank you in advance to all who participate in this fundraiser.



Later in October we will be having our annual Halloween parade and party. This is always a fun day!





Thank you to our families and friends who have generously donated classroom supplies from our wish list. This a great help to us.

WISH LIST

If you are able to donate items from our wish list, please leave them on the shelf outside the classroom. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

- Q-tips
- Glue Dots

OCTOBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 6:00 PM RHPS Board Meeting 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30PM NA Meeting	4 4:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 1266 meeting	5 1:00-6:00 Hall Rented
6 <i>17th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion 10:20 - noon Confirmation class 10:30 AM Worship & Music meeting following worship service 6:00 PM -Troop 160 Meeting	7 1:00 PM WELCA 7:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	8	9 7:00PM Council Meeting 7:00 PM Troop 160 Roundtable	10 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Meeting	11	12
13 <i>18th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship Service 6:00 PM Troop 160 plan & pack for camping trip.	14	15 Newsletter Deadline	16	17 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Meeting	18 2:00 PM Food Pantry Delivery	19 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution
20 <i>19th Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>Recognition of First Responders</i> 9:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion 10:20 - noon Confirmation class 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl	21 7:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Troop 160 Committee Meeting	22 Free Community Meal at Epler's	23	24 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Meeting	25	26
27 <i>Reformation Sunday</i> 9:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion 1:00-7:00PM -Hall rented for Eagle Scout COH	28 7:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	29	30	31 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Meeting 		

NOTES ABOUT OUR FOLKS

PRAYERS FOR:

- * All our servicemen and servicewomen at home & abroad.
- * All the leaders of our church, the nation and the world.
- * The family of Carl Faller



THANKS TO:

- * Our mowers, Scott Care, Ken Frankhouser and Dan DeAntonio.
- * Ron & Judy Corl and all our other volunteers who help with the SV Food Pantry.
- * Those who save Redner's tapes.
- * All the leaders of our congregation, the nation and the world.



Troop 160 is camping at Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation in October, assisting with Cub Adventure Days at camp. We are still very active and are hoping to recharter in March. We will also be handing out Scouting for Food door hangers to the residents of Leesport as well as assisting with the

Harvest Moon Festival on November 2nd. November 9th is when the bags of food are collected and taken to the food bank.



Thank you for supporting our Troop!

"It is never too early or too late to join the Troop and have a ton of fun! Every month the Scouts go on camping trips, perform community service, attend community events, earn merit badges, and work on leadership and outdoor skills. For more information, call Scoutmaster Karen Bausch at 610-334-9739 for Boy Scouts (6th-12th grade)."

UPDATE ON THE FINANCIAL HEALTH OF LCHT

Submitted by Sue Reiber

There has been a decrease in giving over the past several months due in part to historically lower attendance and giving during the summer months and the recent loss of several of our generous church members, resulting in a deficit in our operating budget. As the summer months come to an end and fall begins, we would like to update the congregation on some of the financial issues that contributed to the deficit and which were addressed and changes initiated by Council.

-Impact on budget: There was an operating fund deficit.

*Resolution: A total of \$18,000 was moved from the reserve account into the operating account during June and July and the proceeds from the bake sale in July were placed in the general fund.

-Impact on budget: We have not paid our share to the Synod for two months.

*Resolution: \$1,000 was moved from the gift card fund to be used for Synod payments.

-Impact on budget: Food Pantry money needed to be sent to Sam Reimert, but Pat Miller was not given his address.

*Resolution: Judy Corl will be contacted for this information and Pat will make the payment when she receives his address.

-Impact on budget: Question by Pat Miller re: a vehicle listed on our liability insurance bill. Council thought that this might be related to the Boy Scout trailer.

*Resolution: She will clarify this with the insurance company.

-Impact on budget: Preschool Renovations completed this summer.

*Resolution: Monies in the Preschool equipment fund will be used to fund the renovations.

-Impact on budget: Unexpected lawn mower repair: Our lawn mower needed to be overhauled this summer, resulting in an unexpected repair expense.

*Resolution: Lawn mower was repaired.

-Impact on budget: Large floral bill of \$525 due to the fact that we had not been billed monthly for several months.

*Resolution: The bill was paid.

-Impact on budget: Preschool teachers are paid their salary that is spread over a 12 month period with income arriving only during the school year.

*Resolution: The problem resolves itself as the preschool tuition (which completely covers the full teachers' salaries) is paid throughout the 9 month school year.

OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays:

01-Scott Biehl, Asher Cleary
02-Austin Witinski
03-Lori Johnston
05-Scott Gruber
06-Nathan Strause
08-Steven Yeager
09-Cole Angstadt, Daryl Savage
12-Carol Sharadin
13-Dwight Kutz
15-Aimee Mengle
18-Jason Reading, Abigayle Witinski
19-Jaryd Bittner, Ashley Savage,
21--Lori Walborn
22-Deidre Angstadt, Candace Leffler,
Cynthia Frankhouser

26-Damien DeAntonio
29-Daniel Savage



Anniversaries:

02-James & Lora Beissel
04-Steven & Debra Yeager
07-Matthew & Miranda Reeser
10-Larry & Sharon Mengle
11-Joe & Leanna Stoudt
12-Douglas & Chun Heister
13-Jason & Justine Reading
14-Eric & Carin Williams
18-Dennis & Susan Biehl
30-George & Amy Manwiller

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.

LCHT 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 9:00 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.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:

Meets the third Sunday of the month, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. You do not have to come to the monthly get-togethers, you can work on projects anywhere. Please contact **Darlene Savage** at 610-926-2461 or anyone on the Social Ministry Committee for more information.



WOMEN OF THE ELCA

MONTHLY MEETING

Submitted by Janet Kleffel, President

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

REDNER'S REGISTER TAPES

Submitted by Janet Kleffel

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.

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.



OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS

Altar Flowers

06- Sue Reiber
13- Sue Reiber
20- Chuck & Rosemary Mowery
27- Kevin & Renee Lenning

Greeter

Jan Weaver

Bulletins

06 - Sue Reiber
13 - Sue Reiber
20 - Chuck & Rosemary Mowery
27 - Michael & Lori Lowery

Ushers

06 - Dennis Biehl, Ron Corl, Scott Care
13 - Scott Care, Ron Corl, Diana Biehl
20 - Diana Biehl, Mike Lowery, Scott Care
27 - Mike Lowery, Ron Corl, Dennis Biehl

Nursery

There will be no attendant but the room will be open



“God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday a Success

“FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD WILL
BLESS YOU IN ALL YOUR
HARVEST AND IN ALL THE WORK
OF YOUR HANDS, AND YOUR
JOY WILL BE COMPLETE.”
♥ Deuteronomy 12:15b



On Sunday September 8th we participated in “God’s Work, Our Hands” Sunday. The morning began with worship service followed by brunch.

After brunch work began on several projects for our local communities.

*Individual bags of personal care items were assembled to be distributed at our food pantry to individuals over 60 years of age.



*A child’s tied fleece blanket featuring peas in a pod was made to be donated to a child in the Lehigh Valley Cancer Center.

*A large knotted quilt was worked on, and will be donated to the Lehigh Valley Cancer Center.

*A knotted baby quilt was made and will be donated to the Nurse Family Partnership in Reading.



Many lives will be touched because of the work and generosity of our congregation.

Plan to join us next year on the 2nd Sunday of September for another “God’s work. Our Hands.” Sunday of worship, fellowship, food and service.



2nd Annual

CHILI



Cook off

Sponsored by The Schuylkill Valley
Pastors' Association

saturday

November 2, 2019



PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE SCHUYLKILL
VALLEY FOOD PANTRY



Time: 11 am to 3 pm

Location: 102 Apple St, Leesport, Pa 19533

Cost: \$5.00/person

Participant agreement and information form available upon request and also on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

Registration Deadline is October 19, 2019



Reading Royals Faith & Family Night

March 8, 2020

Advanced group reservations requested for this fun filled hockey event.

Mark your calendars now and make plans to attend!

Sign -up sheet on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

See Dennis Biehl for any questions.

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 welcome at LCHT. If you would like more information or have any questions, please contact Pastor Fox.

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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