



The Herald

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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends in Christ,

What a relief it's been to go maskless at worship these past few Sundays. This has been the first time since I've been your pastor that we've been able to greet one another on Sundays without the mask covering much of our faces. Psychologically, a barrier's been lifted, and we can now get to know one another better, at least on the level of facial recognition. I must admit I've been encouraged by the smiles I see, people staying a little later to greet one another after church, a new zest and sense of freedom on display.

But lest I wax too poetically, I must emphasize this new challenge that the Delta variety of the COVID virus presents. Apparently from the news reports, this variant comes to us via the U.K. from India and is now comprising 10% of the new COVID cases in the U.S. It's said to be more easily transmitted and more virulent in its ability to do us harm. It's for this reason that I'm encouraging those who have yet to get vaccinated to take that step, to protect yourselves and those around you who may be vulnerable. Of course, I fervently hope and pray that, once liberated, we don't have to return to the mitigation protocols of the past year once again.

Finally, I want to commend to you the results of the "Church Visit Questionnaire" that a local real estate agent Allison McMillan filled out for us. I'm posting a copy of her report on our bulletin board in the vestibule for your perusal. The purpose of her visit grew out of the book our council had been reading and discussing, *From Surviving to Thriving: A Practical Guide to Revitalizing Your Church* by Lutheran pastor the Rev. Dr. John H. Krahn. He suggested getting a real estate agent's viewpoint, because these professionals have a good eye for a visitor's first impression of our welcome, service of worship and physical space. I hope Allison's insights will spur us on to be more intentional about evangelism here at LCHT.

Have an enjoyable summer and take the opportunity to recharge your physical, emotional and spiritual batteries after what's been a very challenging time these past sixteen months.

Your pastor and friend,

Carl W. Filer



WORSHIP AND MUSIC NOTES



Worship Services for July and August:

- July 4- 6th Sunday after Pentecost-communion service
- July 11- 7th Sunday after Pentecost
- July 18- 8th Sunday after Pentecost-communion service
- July 25- 9th Sunday after Pentecost
- August 1- 10th Sunday after Pentecost-communion service
- August 8- 11th Sunday after Pentecost
- August 15- 12th Sunday after Pentecost-communion service
- August 22- 13th Sunday after Pentecost-back-to-school blessing of teachers and students
- August 29 - 14th Sunday after Pentecost

5/30	26
6/06	26
6/13	34
6/20	33

Other Notes:

* Next meeting date will be in September.

Pastoral Acts:

* Affirmation of Faith : Braiden Michael Lash and Jesse Dylan Gruber on May 23rd, 2021

Remember LCHT this Summer

As you head out on vacation or family outings opportunities this summer don't forget LCHT. Just like our household expenses the expenses for our church continue to roll in. So please keep current in your giving, as best you can.

ROCKING HORSE PRESCHOOL

Submitted by Mrs. Woods and Ms. Wentzel

Happy Summer!

We hope everyone's summer is off to a great start! It's so nice to be able to enjoy some of the things we missed out on last summer.



Over the summer months we are still busy here at school and at home, cleaning out the classroom and preparing lessons for the upcoming school year. We are excited that this coming school year looks as though we will be back to "normal". Our classes are filling up quickly and we are grateful for that. We still have a few spaces left in each class.

A letter will be coming home the beginning of August with more information about the start of the 2021-2022 school year.

We hope everyone has a great rest of their summer!



ELCA WORLD HUNGER

I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me. Matthew 25:35

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.

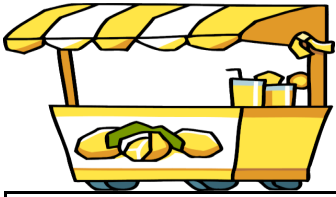




JULY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:30 PM NA Group Meeting	2	3 8:30 PM AA Meeting
4 6th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion Happy July 4th	5	6	7	8 7:30 PM NA Group Meeting	9	10 8:30 PM AA Meeting
11 7th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Worship Pastor Fox supplying	12	13	14	15 7:30 PM NA Group Meeting	16 2:00 PM Food Pantry Delivery	17 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution 8:30 PM AA Meeting
18 8th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Worship/Holy Com- munion Pastor Fox supplying	19	20	21	22 7:30 PM NA Group Meeting	23	24 8:30 PM AA Meeting
25 9th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Worship	26 6:30 PM Cemetery Board Meeting	27	28	29 7:30 PM NA Group Meeting	30	31 8:30 PM AA Meeting

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



AUGUST 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>10th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion	2	3	4	5 7:30 PM NA Meeting	6 4:30-7:00 PM Sandwich prep Karen Bausch	7 7:00-11:00AM Sandwich sale 8:30 PM AA Meeting
8 <i>11th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship	9	10	11 6:00 PM Council Meeting and picnic	12 9:30 AM Pastoral Care Team Meeting 7:30 PM NA Meeting	13	14 8:30 PM AA Meeting
15 <i>12th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion	16	17	18	19 7:30 PM NA Meeting	20 2:00 PM Food Pantry Delivery	21 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution 8:30 PM AA Meeting
22 <i>13th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship	23	24	25	26 7:30 PM NA Meeting	27	28 8:30 PM AA Meeting
29 <i>14th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship	30	31				

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JULY/AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

July Birthdays:

02 – Jayce Gruber
 06 – Judith Wert
 07 – Ashley DeAntonio
 14 – Richard Imgrund
 Michael Lowery
 20 – Carissa Trievel
 25 – Cynthia Leutze
 Mae Schwendeman
 26 – Lucas Zimmerman
 Jacob Zimmerman
 27 – Teri Potts
 28 – David Lombardo
 30 – Pauline Minnich



July Anniversaries:

02 – Boris & Pam Pikhtovnikoff
 David & Elaine Lombardo
 07 – Jason & Heather Griffin
 10 – Leon & Donna Degler
 24 – Joey & Deidre Angstadt
 31 – Jason & Mary Gruber

20 – Michelle Sanders
 22 – Greg Zimmerman
 24 – Diana Biehl
 Colin Stoudt
 27 – Dennis Savage
 28 – Anna Griffin
 29 – Audrey DeLong
 31 – Kent Riegel



August Birthdays:

01 – Daren DeAntonio
 09 – Pamela Pikhtovnikoff
 10 – Phyllis Heffner
 11 – George Manwiller
 12 – Gordon Kistler
 16 – Miranda Reeser

August Anniversaries:

05 – Irvin & Nettie Kauffman
 07 – Carl & Barbara Filer
 20 – Peter & Patricia Miller
 21 – Daniel & Daren DeAntonio
 22 – Ron & Judy Corl



LCHT MINISTRIES INFORMATION

NO WELCA MEETING UNTIL SEPTEMBER.

Enjoy the summer.



VOLUNTEERS

FOR JULY

Altar Flowers

04– Ron Davidheiser
 11– Sue Reiber
 18– Janice Care
 25– *available*



Ushers

04–Davidheiser, Stoudt, Kleffel
 11–Davidheiser, Lenning, Fetterman
 18–Lenning, Roshong, Dennis Biehl
 25–Davidheiser, Stoudt, Dennis Biehl

Bulletins

01– Donald Kauffman
 08– *available*
 15– *available*
 22– Janice Care
 29– Ron Davidheiser

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Altar Flowers

01– Irvin & Nettie Kauffman
 08– *available*
 15– *available*
 22– Janice Care
 29– Ron Davidheiser

Ushers

01–Kleffel, Davidheiser, Stoudt
 08–Lenning, Fetterman, Diana Biehl
 15–Davidheiser, Lenning, Roshong
 22–Stoudt, Fetterman, Dennis Biehl
 29–Lenning, Davidheiser,
 Diana Biehl

Nursery

no attendant but room will be open

NOTES ABOUT OUR FOLKS

PRAYERS:

- * Shirley Weist at Columbia Cottage.
- * Cynthia Leutze at Masonic Village in Elizabethtown.
- * Pauline Bond at Maidencreek Place.
- * Lollie Seaman at Rittenhouse Village.
- * Carole Imgrund in Elizabethtown.
- * Audrey Delong at her home in Leesport.
- * Richard Reiber in Memory Care at the Highlands.

THANKS TO:

- * Our mowers, Dan DeAntonio, Dennis Biehl and Kenny Frankhouser.
- * Ron & Judy Corl and all our other volunteers who help with the SV Food Pantry.
- * Everyone who sponsored Geraniums for Pentecost Sunday.
- * Everyone who has, and continues to, support the Gift Card program.

- * 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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- * Braiden Michael Lash and Jesse Dylan Gruber on their confirmation.



SYNOD NEWS

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD, ELCA

Christian Freedom vs. American Freedom

As we gather this month to celebrate July 4th and the Freedom ascribed to us as citizens of the United States of America, we often think of the individual freedoms that we 'hold dear.' Those "I" statements regardless of impact on another. We must understand these notions of what freedom means for us as Lutheran Christians and how we celebrate freedom from and for. We often see freedom as from something: oppression of speech, restriction of arms, etc. However, when God talks about freedom, God speaks of freedom for one another.



Jesus states the 'greatest commandment' is to love one another as he (Jesus) loves us (John 13:24-25). This biblical freedom, is one which Luther encouraged others to share. The promise that God engages us in freedom for one another. To build up community by strengthening relationships with one another and with God. The diversity by which we have been created is something that is meant to offer strength not divide. Luther spends a lot of time with Paul's letters, and the language of the Body of Christ. We are all members of Christ's body, together, united, with differing views, even on the understanding of Freedom. While we are different we are united. The same blood flows through us all." Luther quotes Romans 6:4 in the Small Catechism to support the above claim: "We were buried with Christ through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too, are to walk in new life." Let us celebrate this nation's day of independence both from oppression, and for the love of one another: that we may see the unity in the diverse makeup of our nation, which strengthens our resolve as community, to live into the Body of Christ more fully every day.

Pastor Zach Labagh, Lead Pastor at Allegheny Evangelical Lutheran Church, Knauers, PA

MINLAB 21

How has your church been able to: Heal the Hurting, Love the Land, and Engage the Stranger?

Learn new ideas to take home and try. And show and tell others about the "vital signs" you've seen "growing" in your midst through God's grace, love and care in your community.

On August 14th we will also go deeper into ways the "Growing Young" movement across our Synod is making a difference and changing the ways we are growing as a Jesus-centered community.

We hope every congregation will send at least two participants, to learn and share and grow.

Join us August 14, 2021.

Sign up online at Godslove.org

Meet Laurie Christman

Born and raised in Allentown, I now live with my husband of 31 years, two young adult sons, and one tortoiseshell cat in Lehigh Township, Northampton County. Hobbies flow with the seasons - gardening, reading, jigsaw puzzles and upcycling crafts. During office hours, you'll find me at the front desk in the Lutheran Center. I enjoy answering the phone and greeting folks when they visit. If I don't have the information you need, I'll track it down or connect you with the right person. When you do your yearly congregational report, I'm the person that makes sure we have a copy in the synod's record. I keep the roster of people and congregations updated as well. My most challenging task is scheduling supply pastors for congregations in transition, as there seems to never be enough pastors.

World Hunger Chili Cook-off Event Application

Taking place at the Leesport playground during the Leesport Community Days
Saturday, September 11, 2021 5pm to 8pm
\$50 Redners' Gift Card for people's Choice Winner



Participant Agreement and Information Form

Rules and information:

- *Chili recipe must be an original of the applicant.
- *Display area will be limited to one 4 foot section of an 8 foot table.
- *If a group or team has a business you may display flyers, business cards or company names.
- *Chili ingredients must be typed on an 8.5x11" paper and have 4 copies available for the judges.
- *Participants must prepare chili prior to the event and provide a minimum of 4 quarts for sampling and judging.
- *You may bring chili in a crock pot or other method (example sterno) to keep warm.
- *Set up: Saturday, September 11 at 4pm.
- *All chili is entered in the People's Choice event. Voting ends at 7:30pm.
- *Event holder will provide sampling cups, plastic ware, tables, chairs and assist with electrical supply.
- *Ribbon award to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place of each category. 1st place of each category also receives a \$25 Redners' Gift Card. People's choice award is a wooden spoon and \$50 Redners' Gift Card.

The purpose of the *Chili Cook-Off* is to raise money for World Hunger.

Participant will pay a \$15 nonrefundable deposit upon submission of this agreement.

Checks to be made payable to: "LCHT"; **send to** Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity, Attn: Chili Cook-Off Application, 102 Apple Street, Leesport, Pa. 19533.

Winner of wooden spoon agrees to return the following year to pass on the spoon to next year's winner. Previous year's winner is eligible, but not required, to compete the following year.

Questions please email or call Dennis Biehl at Dsbrace@gmail.com or 484-256-6678.

Entries and payment must be received by Saturday, August 28, 2021.

_____ **Return lower portion with payment** _____

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Business/Team Name: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Type of chili to be presented: (please circle one) **Meat** **Vegetarian** **Spicy**

Will you need electricity available for set up (crockpot)? Yes ___ No ___

Return to: Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity
Attn: Chili Cook Off Application
102 Apple Street
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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 always welcome at the Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity. If you would like more information or have any questions, please contact the church office.

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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Rocking Horse Preschool Information:

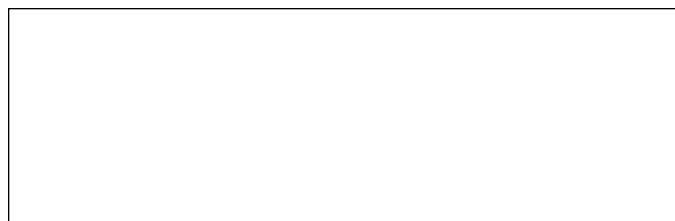
Teachers: Mrs. Aliesha Woods
Ms. Kimberly Wentzel
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Email: rhps@comcast.net

Mailing Address:

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