



The Herald



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102 Apple Street ▪ Leesport, PA 19533 ▪ 610-926-7176 ▪ www.lcht.org

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		<p>BAD WEATHER INFORMATION</p> <p>In the event of bad weather, please refer to the following for cancellation notification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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



12/30	31
1/6	33
1/13	35
1/20	CX

Worship services for February:

February 3 4th Sunday of Epiphany, Communion service, Souper Bowl offering
February 10 5th Sunday of Epiphany, Boy Scout Sunday
February 17 6th Sunday of Epiphany, Communion service – Bell choir will play
February 24 7th Sunday of Epiphany

Other Notes:

- . The audio system has been updated and the altar microphone is now working
- We hope to have our new transitional pastor in place by February 3
- Next meeting date is to be determined.

NOTES ABOUT OUR FOLKS

PRAYERS:

- * Mark Stump and his family.
- * John & Shirley Weist
- * Bob & Kathy Seltzer
- * Rudy Arceo and his children
- * Pastor Dennis Ritter
- * Audrey and Jim DeLong
- * Lollie and Ralph Seaman
- * Pauline Bond
- * Cynthia and Jerry Leutze



THANKS TO:

- * Ron & Judy Corl and all our other volunteers who help with the SV Food Pantry.
- * Everyone who helped de-decorate the church.
- * 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.

Thank You

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Saturday, March 16.

Farm Family Appreciation Celebration.

Doors open at 6:15 PM, but no earlier. Dinner buffet – 7:00 to 8:00 PM (Tables will be held for families that work late.)

Square Dance, Classic and Modern Country Music by "The Majestics," with line dance music between sets: 8:00 to 11:00 p.m.

Theme: Sports. Feel free to support your favorite team by wearing their colors!

Hamburg Field House, Hamburg, PA - Exit #30 off I-78.

For more information and to register, visit the [synod website](#).

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.



February 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 9:00-1:00 Troop 160 CPR Class
3 <i>4th Sunday of Epiphany</i> 9:00 AM Worship/ Holy Communion	4 8:30 AM NA Group Mtg. 1:00 PM WELCA meets 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	5	6	7 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Group Mtg.	8 4:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 1266 meeting	9 8:00-11:00 Troop 160 sand- wich prep
10 <i>5th Sunday of Epiphany</i> 9:00 AM Worship <i>Boy Scout Sunday</i> 6:00 PM Venom Institute Meeting	11 8:30 AM NA Group Mtg. 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	12	13 7:00 PM Troop 160 Roundtable Meeting 7:00 PM Council Meeting	14 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Group Mtg.	15 2:00 PM Food Pantry Delivery NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	16 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution
17 <i>6th Sunday of Epiphany</i> 9:00 AM Worship/ Holy Communion	18 8:30 AM NA Group Mtg. 7:00 PM Troop 160 Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	19	20	21 5:30 PM Soul Supper 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Group Mtg.	22 4:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 1266 meeting	23
24 <i>7th Sunday of Epiphany</i> 9:00 AM Worship 6:00 PM Venom Institute Meeting	25 8:30 AM NA Group Mtg. 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	26	27	28 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Group Mtg.		

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

FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS

Altar Flowers

3-Sue Reiber
10-*available*
17- Glenn & Sally Miller
24-*available*

Bulletins

3-Sue Reiber
10-Irvin & Nettie Kauffman
17-Dennis & Sue Biehl
24-*available*

Nursery

no attendant but room will be open

Acolytes

3-Evan Lash
10-Jayce Gruber
17-Evan Lash
24-Jayce Gruber

Greeter:

Leanne Lash

Ushers

3-P.Heffner,Dennis Biehl, Ron Corl
10-P. Heffner, Diana Biehl, Lowery
17-Scott Care, Corl, Dennis Biehl
24- Lowery, P. Heffner, Scott Care



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 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.

2019 MISSION TRIP:

The 2019 Mission Trip is tentatively scheduled to support Hurricane Florence relief in North Carolina. We plan to leave on Saturday April 6 and return home Saturday April 13. At this point we do not have any specific details on an exact location. If you are interested in participating this year please contact Dan DeAntonio so we can keep you updated with information. We hope to have more information for next month's news letter.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:

The prayer shawl ministry group meets the third Sunday of the month from 2 to 4 p.m. Some of the projects that we are currently knitting and crocheting are prayer shawls, and chemo and preemie hats for Tower Health. Tower Health supplies the yarn for the chemo and preemie hats. You do not have to come to the monthly get-togethers, you can work on projects anywhere. Anyone who has any questions or suggestions, please see Darlene Savage or anyone on the Social Ministry Committee for more information.

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?** Redner's, Giant 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. Giant cards also may be used at any Giant store and at its gas pumps. Giant cards will not be accepted at the pharmacy. Weis cards also may 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 and Giant you can buy other gift cards like Sears, Olive Garden & etc.
7. **WHAT IF I STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?** Please see Phyllis Heffner, Sally Miller or see back of card for details.



ROCKING HORSE PRESCHOOL

Submitted by Mrs. Woods and Mrs. Leshner

We wish everyone a wonderful February! Thank you again for all you kind donations, your support is greatly appreciated!!

WISH LIST

January has certainly been chilly but luckily we haven't had too many snow days. Let's hope February brings us some nice days as well.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Hoss's Fundraiser day on Sunday, January 20th.

February is a short month filled with lots of fun things. We will be having our annual Valentine's Day party where students and parents get to "mail" their Valentines to their classmates.

Registration for next school year has begun. If you or someone you know would be interested in registering their child please contact one of the teachers to see if there are spaces open.

As we continue to make our way through the school year, students are busy working on our letter and number books. It is hard to believe we have been in school for 5 months already! We are looking forward to what the rest of the school year has to hold for us!

Cotton Balls



White Beans (dry)

Popcorn (microwavable)



WOMEN OF THE ELCA

MONTHLY MEETING

Join us on Monday, February 5 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.





Troop 160 will be participating in Scout Sunday on Sunday, February 10, 2019. Please plan to stay after worship for goodies provided by the parents and adult leadership of the Troop.

Also on February 10th, we are having a fundraiser at Hoss's Restaurant in Leesport. The Scouts are going on a High Adventure trip in the Summer and are trying to raise money for the trip.

We are also camping at Pine Grove Camp the weekend of February 15-17, 2019.



MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS in 2018

THANK YOU to the people who gave

Submitted by Nettie A. Kauffman

In Memory of Wilbur "Bud" Minnich:

Timothy & Vicky Reiver
Walter & Stacey Kilgore
James & Audrey DeLong
Tammy Seasock
Raymond & Linda Reichard
John & RuthAnn Kerschner
Bertram Leiby
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Freeman
Irene Steigerwalt & Family
Donald & Virginia Heim
Eldon & Patricia Kibler
Sue Reiber
Leesport Historical Society
Phyllis Weaver
Glenn & Sally Miller
Irvin & Nettie Kauffman



In Memory of Geraldine "Gerri" Kauffman:

Donald Kauffman
Lee Kauffman
Marydel O'Flaherty
Patricia Johnson
Karen McElhinney
Glenn & Sally Miller
William & Judith Burns
Felix F. Wylezik
Eleanor M. Coleman
Richard & Mary Jean Kauffman
Kenneth & Debra Beissel
Daniel & Annamae Loose
Charles & Deborah Berger
Hamburg/Schuylkill Valley Assoc. of
School Retirees
Raymond & Linda Reichard
Ruth Adams
Richard & Shirley Davis
Kenneth & Jean Stoudt
Chester & Anna Burgert
James & Audrey DeLong
Marilyn E. Hrico & Family
Phyllis Weaver
Iva Weeast & Family
Irvin & Nettie Kauffman
Ontelaunee Grange
R. Fred & Carol Etchberger
Walter & Carolyn Heffner

In Memory of Loved Ones:

Phyllis Weaver

In Memory of Barry Weaver:

Phyllis Weaver

In Memory of Fern Baer:

Ronald & Deanna Painter
Raymond & Linda Reichard
Glenn & Sally Miller
Phyllis Weaver
Sue Reiber

In Memory of Deanna Miller:

Carolyn Studebaker
Pauline Minnich
Sue Reiber
David & Elaine Lambardo
David & Mary Lynne Rathman
Carolyn Studebaker
Pauline Minnich



LCHT NEWS

Thank You

Submitted by Phyllis Heffner

I wanted to personally thank everyone who gave up their Saturday to de-decorate the church.

For the year 2018 the church sold \$33,575.00 in Redners' and Weis' gift cards. That is \$1678.75 in profit that the church received from the program.

Thank you to all who support this program.



FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays:

- 02 - Virginia Lash
- 03 - Donald Kauffman
Anita Bond
Thad Kistler
- 09 - Lori Witinski
- 14 - Susan Hawkins
- 16 - Aimee Hoke
- 22 - Barrett Lash
- 24 - Dwayne Kuhns

- 25 - Georgia Manwiller
Richard Hawkins Jr.
- 28 - Boris Pikhtovnikoff



Anniversaries:

- 02 - Richard & Sue Reiber
- 18 - Ralph & Lollie Seaman
- 21 - Dennis & Helen Stoudt
- 25 - Mark & Mary Ann
Franklin
- 27 - Kenneth & Cynthia Frank-
houser

Reading Fightin' Phillies



Saturday June 29 at the club 67 picnic area includes food and beverage. Cost will be around \$30 per person. See Dennis Biehl for more information

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



Cancelled for February



Submitted by Sally Miller

Phyllis Heffner and I want to thank the congregation & Rocking Horse Preschool for their participation in the Hamburg Salvation Army Christmas Angel Tree program for 2018.

We had 35 names this year. Ten adults and 25 children. All the gifts arrived at the church on time and were picked up and delivered to The Hamburg Center. These gifts were to go to some one in our local area. It was through your generosity and kindness that Christmas was special for those in need.

Thank you for your continued support of the Angel Tree Program here at Trinity it is much appreciated.

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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Rocking Horse Preschool Information:

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