



The Herald

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From The Pastor's Desk:

The Harvest of Souls

“The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. He who listens to you listens to me; he who rejects you rejects me; but he who rejects me rejects him who sent me.” (Luke 10:2, 16)

In this Scripture, Jesus is not talking about oats or wheat. Jesus is talking about human beings—the living souls who must be gathered into God’s kingdom of grace before Christ returns to judge the living and the dead.

There are plenty of people still to be gathered. Yet because they are living in ignorance and sin, they are lost in this world...and have no hope for the next. These folks often are wrapped up in themselves; and they worship and serve created things... rather than the Creator.

The Apostle, Paul, described that type of idolatry in his day, and we experience that very much today as well. So often, we fail to trust in the goodness of God, but instead look to ourselves. When we are distressed, we try to count on ourselves to resolve our dilemma instead of trusting in the goodness of God.

Many times, we lose track of God’s gracious promises. We become anxious and troubled about lots of things. We are apprehensive of what lies ahead, yet we are unable to be content with things the way they are now. Then we look for help from other people rather than trusting in God, our Creator.

So we, too, are part of the harvest. Jesus was appointed by God as the chief worker to gather in his harvest. Jesus bore the heat and the burden of the day and became a servant to us all. Jesus was obedient unto death, enduring the cross and dying our death so we might live.

God sent Jesus to gather in his harvest, and Jesus also sent his disciples out to do the same...to gather in the sinners, including us.

And as we are saved, we also have to go out and gather in the harvest. Who are those around you who might need to hear about the salvation Jesus won for us, or to learn of the powerful love of God? Gathering in the harvest might be as simple as asking a friend or neighbor to join you for worship one Sunday morning.

The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Won’t you be a worker for Jesus?

Pastor Fran



WORSHIP AND MUSIC NOTES

September and October worship services 9:00 AM.
Communion Sundays are dependent upon pastor availability.
Updates will be printed in the weekly bulletins.

September 03 - 14th Sunday after Pentecost. Holy Communion service-
The Rev. David Rowe.

September 10 - 15th Sunday after Pentecost. Holy Communion service-
The Rev. Steven Shussett.

September 17 - 16th Sunday after Pentecost. Worship service-*April Mulvey.*

September 24 - 17th Sunday after Pentecost. Worship service-*April Mulvey.*

October 01 - 18th Sunday after Pentecost. TBD

October 08 - 19th Sunday after Pentecost. TBD

October 15 - 20th Sunday after Pentecost. TBD

October 22 - 21st Sunday after Pentecost. TBD

October 29 - Reformation Sunday. TBD



7/02	23
7/09	28
7/16	22
7/23	31
7/30	20
8/06	28
8/13	23
8/20	24

The last Worship and Music Meeting was held on August 6.

Issues reviewed and discussed were:

*Synod is making changes in the assignment process for Supply Pastors.

*Contacts for our congregation to the Synod for this process will be Virginia Lash and Renee Lenning.

*Synod has also made changes to the way Supply Pastors will be paid for their services.

*Question arose regarding the use of the glass vases for the Alter flowers at the present time. It was indicated that a change was made by the florist in the way they are designed for the summer. This will only occur during summer months.

*The playing of CDs prior to the service was discussed. We will continue this practice.

*Kathy Kauffman will be substituting for Virginia on several Sundays for the remainder of the summer and into the Fall.

Changes within the service will take place starting in October:

*Use of Setting 4 will begin on the first Sunday in October.

*The Hymn of Praise "This is the Feast" will be utilized starting October 1. There is also the possibility of using "Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God" with the services.

*Choir rehearsals will start after Labor Day.

The next meeting will be October 5 after choir rehearsal.

A Note from the Choir Director



Another summer is almost over which means kids go back to school and choirs go back to rehearsals! After a three month vacation it's time to come back to the rehearsal room and learn new anthems and bell choir pieces to add to the worship experience. The Lutheran Church is known for its rich musical history and liturgy and I hope that everyone in the congregation appreciates the contributions of the choirs to our weekly services. Both choirs rehearse weekly with the Bell Choir participating in church services approximately once a month and the choir singing all the other Sundays of the month. Both choirs participate in the Christmas Eve service and then alternate every year with the Palm Sunday and Easter services. It is always good to see new faces in the choirs so if you are interested in joining one or both choirs please talk to the organist after the church service.





SEPTEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 8:30 PM AA Meeting
3 <i>14th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion The Rev. David Rowe	4 	5	6	7 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Group Meeting	8 9AM Apple Dumpling Prep. Community days -Apple Dumpling sale. Pick up at LCHT between 4 and 6 PM	9 Leesport Community Days 8:30 PM AA Meeting
10 <i>15th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion The Rev. Steven Shussett God's Work Our Hands Sunday-	11 1:00 PM WELCA 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	12	13 6:30 PM Council meeting	14 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Group Meeting	15 2:00 PM Food Pantry Delivery	16 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution 8:30 PM AA Meeting
17 <i>16th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship April Mulvey	18 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	19	20	21 7:30 PM NA Group Meeting	22	23 8:30 PM AA Meeting
24 <i>17th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship April Mulvey	25	26	27	28 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Group Meeting	29	30 8:30 PM AA Meeting


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



OCTOBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 18th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Worship Communion dependent upon Pastor availability. Updates will be listed in the weekly Sunday bulletins.	2 1:00 PM WELCA 7:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	3	4	5 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal 8:00 PM Worship & Music meeting	6 3:30-6:00 PM Sandwich Prep Karen Bausch	7 7:00-10:30 AM Sandwich sale 8:30 PM AA Meeting
8 19th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Worship Communion dependent upon Pastor availability. Updates will be listed in the weekly Sunday bulletins.	9	10	11 6:30PM Council Meeting	12 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Meeting	13	14 8:30 PM AA Meeting
15 20th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Worship Communion dependent upon Pastor availability. Updates will be listed in the weekly Sunday bulletins.	16 7:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	17	18	19 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal 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 21st Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Worship Communion dependent upon Pastor availability. Updates will be listed in the weekly Sunday bulletins.	23 7:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	24	25	26 7:30 PM NA Meeting	27	28 8:30 PM AA Meeting
29 Reformation Sunday 9:00 AM Worship Bell Choir plays Communion dependent upon Pastor availability. Updates will be listed in the weekly Sunday bulletins.	30 7:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	31				

ROCKING HORSE PRESCHOOL

Submitted by Ms. Aliesha Woods



This summer had flown by! We have been so busy doing a much overdue clean out of the classroom as well as reorganizing our closets and rearranging the classroom. We are excited to announce that our play ground will be getting a makeover as well with some new playground turf!

We held meet and greet night on Thursday August 17th. It was nice to see our returning students and meet our new ones. Our first day of school for the PM group is Monday August 28th and Tuesday August 29th for the AM group. We have fun filled year planned where we will be exploring lots of exciting themes. Our PM group is currently full with 20 students and our AM group is at 14 students leaving 2 open spots.



COUNCIL UPDATE

Submitted by Diana Biehl

- To make property care easier on the limited members available to help, we will be replacing the bushes at the wall. In order to stay compliant with our insurance, it will be replaced with grass and a low maintenance fence.
 - The mulch in the playground area will be replaced with turf. This is being donated by a local company. It will be a low maintenance and much nicer look to last a long time.
 - We are looking to gather a call committee and have talks with other churches that are interested in doing a shared pastor.
- We are still looking for someone to take over for treasurer.



Council meets again September 13 at 6:30 PM.

LCHT MINISTRIES

FOOD PANTRY

Our church continues to be 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.

We continue to use a drive through service. Pre packaged boxes come from Helping Harvest . We also pack other donated items into boxes to supplement the Helping Harvest box.

We are steadily serving many local families every month.

Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Thank you!



SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS

September Altar Flowers

03 - WELCA
10 - Walter & Carolyn Heffner
17 - Dan & Daren DeAntonio
24 - Irvin & Nettie Kauffman

September Bulletins

03 - Sue Reiber
10 - Walter & Carolyn Heffner
17 - Available
24 - Available

See the bulletin board to sign up to sponsor the weekly bulletins, and the altar flowers.

September Ushers

03 - Dan DeAntonio
10 - Vicki Fetterman
17 - Darlene Savage
24 - Janet Kleffel

Nursery

no attendant but room will be open

October Altar Flowers

01 - WELCA
08 - Available
15 - Sue Reiber
22 - Available
29 - Available

October Bulletins

01 - Available
08 - Available
15 - Sue Reiber
22 - Available
29 - Available

October Ushers

01 - Dennis Savage
08 - Linda Roshong
15 - Janet Kleffel
22 - Dan DeAntonio
29 - Vicki Fetterman

GIFT CARD PROGRAM

Gift cards continue to be available for Redner's and Weis. Giant gift cards are available upon request. All cards are available in \$25, \$50 and \$100 denominations.

Cards can be purchased after church on Sunday mornings from Phyllis Heffner. If Phyllis is not in attendance she can be reached at 610-926-1004.



WOMEN OF THE ELCA

WELCA will be meeting on September 11 at 1:00 pm in the church social hall.

Also, WELCA is still collecting those REDNER REGISTER TAPERS. Remember to use your "save-a-tape" card. 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.

Redner's 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. Your help is so appreciated. If you have any questions, please see Janet Kleffel, or call her at 610-926-2083 if you need your tapes picked up. THANKING everyone who supports our worthwhile program in helping others through the Redner's Tape program.

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. Suggestions for items are as follows: Toothpaste (preferably Crest), toothbrushes, mouthwash, deodorant (preferably Old Spice), shampoo, sleep pants (L, XL, XXL), toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent, liquid body soap and dish soap.



Sandwich Sale

Where: LCHT

When: Saturday October 7, 2023. Sandwiches will be ready for pick up by 8:45AM.

Order form is on the bulletin board. Orders must be placed by October 2.

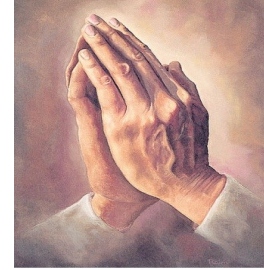
Sale proceeds benefit LCHT.



NOTES ABOUT OUR FOLKS

PRAYERS:

- * Pauline Bond at Maiden creek Place.
- * Shirley Weist at Columbia Cottage.
- * Carole Imgrund in Elizabethtown.
- * Audrey DeLong at her home in Leesport.
- * Richard Reiber at Berkshire Commons.
- * Gordon Kistler.
- * Dennis Stoudt at his home in Leesport.
- * Glenn Miller at the Highlands in Wyomissing.
- * Betty Strause at Berks Heim.
- * To all our servicemen, servicewomen and first responders at home & abroad.
- * To all the leaders of our church, the nation and the world.
- * To all the peacekeepers and journalists in places of conflict.



THANKS TO:

- * Our mowers Dennis Biehl, Kenny Frankhouser and Dan DeAntonio.
- * 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 Redner's tapes. *(Remember to use your save-a-tape card.)*
- * To all the leaders of our church, the nation and the world.



SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

September Birthdays:

- 03 - Donald Mengel
- 04 - Matthew Franklin
- 07 - Kent Riegel
Kevin Lenning
- 08 - Dan DeAntonio
Silas DeAntonio
- 10 - Leon Degler
- 15- Charlotte Schwendeman
Henry Schwendeman
Jean Stoudt
Maxx Franklin
- 18 - Raymond
Reichard
- 19 - Lorna Oswalt
Tara Stoudt
- 21 - Heather Griffin
- 25 - Dominic
Lombardo
- 28 - Neil Oswalt



September Anniversaries:

- 08 - Daniel & Ashley Savage
- 09 - Oliver & Yvonne Graeff
- 18 - Roy & Lorna Oswalt
Tom & Phyllis Heffner
- 28 - Damien & Ashley DeAntonio

October Birthdays:

- 01-Asher Cleary, Larry LaFaver
- 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,

22-Deidre Angstadt

Cynthia Frankhouser

26-Damien DeAntonio

29-Daniel Savage

October Anniversaries:

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



APPLE DUMPLING SALE

It's apple dumpling time!!

When: Friday, September 8, 2023

Pick up between 4:00 and 6:00 PM

Where: LCHT

See order form on the bulletin board

Price: \$4.50 each

Questions: Call Daren DeAntonio at 610-926-6402



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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