

The Herald



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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends in Christ,

Our recent dedication of the labyrinth was a joyous event as members and friends gathered after worship on a beautiful October morning. Jacob Hoffman, the Boy Scout who planned and built the labyrinth as his Eagle Scout project, offered details about its beginnings and construction. Harry Deitz, former member of LCHT and husband of the late Mary Ellen Deitz in whose memory the labyrinth was dedicated, offered a very moving tribute to her life of prayer and a window into his own spirituality. Reporter Mike Urban from *The Reading Eagle* provided great coverage of the event for our local community. Given the restrictions imposed by the coronavirus pandemic, the brief service was simple yet very meaningful.

Lest, however, we congratulate ourselves overmuch, we should reflect on where we go from here. Yes, I'm sure our property committee will follow through on building the receptacle to hold the brochures explaining the meaning and use of the labyrinth and make sure that the grass is cut and the weeds kept under control. But only you and I, under the leading of the Holy Spirit, can ensure that the labyrinth is used as the tool it is meant to be, as a living symbol of our spiritual journey, ever deepening within the contours of the individual destinies God lays out for each of us.

I realize full well the distinction between a labyrinth and a maze. A labyrinth, it is said, offers no choices for turning in multiple directions, no dead ends like the corn mazes we enjoy going through this time of year. And I understand the reasoning behind this distinction, because at certain critical times in our lives we do need peace and relief from the need to always be choosing between good and bad or between bad and worse. And yet, a labyrinth/maze hybrid with, perhaps, a bench at a false turn where we might consider our mistakes and ask for God's guidance in making amends, could also be in order.

You be the judge of what is most helpful for you. All I ask is that you give the labyrinth a try. And don't give up if you don't hear a heavenly chorus or explicit instructions from God Himself. Leave expectations behind except the simple desire to be open to whatever God has in store for you in whatever form He may wish to convey it.

His peace be with you,
Pastor Filer



WORSHIP AND MUSIC NOTES

Worship Attendance

Worship & Music meeting was held on Thursday October 8 at 7:00 PM.

Worship services for November:

- November 1 All Saints Sunday – Worship/ Holy Communion - Remembrance of members who have died during the past year
- November 8 23rd Sunday after Pentecost – Recognition of veterans-Worship
- November 15 24th Sunday after Pentecost – Worship
- November 22 Christ the King- Worship/Holy Communion-WELCA Thankoffering
- November 29 1st Sunday of Advent-Worship



9/27	40
10/4	44
10/11	??
10/18	41

Other Notes:

Sanctuary will be decorated for the Christmas season on December 4 at 9:00 AM.

The next Worship & Music meeting will be held November 19th at 8:00 PM

ROCKING HORSE PRESCHOOL



We are so excited to return to school this November! We currently have 15 students enrolled in our PM Group and 8 students enrolled in our AM Group. We have space in both classes so if you know anyone looking to enroll their child in pre-school feel free to send them our way.

Along, with finally coming back to school come so other changes. Ms. Leshner has resigned from her position as assistant teacher to peruse other avenues. While we are sad to see her go, we are happy to welcome Ms. Wentzel to the our classroom for the 2020-2021 school year. She is perusing her teaching degree and will be a great addition to Rocking Horse.

Rocking Horse will be very busy as we all get back into the swing of things! And this holiday season we are once again teaming up with the church to participate in the Angel Tree program. Stay tuned to our next newsletter to see what the students have been up to in the classroom.

Instead of posting a monthly wish list we will now be using the "Helping Hands" system. So if you'd like to help contribute to our classroom needs we would love for you to grab a helping hand from our wall outside the classroom door and then return your item to our shelf.






Thank you again for continued thoughts and prayers throughout this difficult time.

Submitted by Mrs. Woods



NOVEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>All Saints Sunday</i> 9:00AM Worship/Holy Communion 10:15AM-Confirmation Class	2 1:00PM WELCA 7:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	3 	4	5 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30PM NA Mtg.	6	7
8 <i>23rd Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00AM Worship-Recognition of Veteran 10:15AM-Confirmation Class	9 7:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	10	11 7:00 PM Council meeting 	12 9:30 AM Pastoral Care Team Meeting 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30PM NA Mtg.	13	14 8:00-2:00 Hall Rented
15 <i>24th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00AM Worship 10:15AM-Confirmation Class Angel Tree gift donations must be in by today.	16 7:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	17	18	19 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30PM NA Mtg. 8:00 PM Worship & Music Meeting	20 2:00PM Food Pantry Delivery	21 9:00AM Food Pantry Distribution
22 <i>Christ the King Sunday</i> 9:00AM Worship/Holy Communion WELCA Thankoffering 10:15AM-Confirmation Class	23 7:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	24	25	26 Happy Thanksgiving 	27	28
29 <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i> 9:00AM Worship 10:15AM-Confirmation Class	30 7:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal					



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Troop 160 is having another sandwich sale on Saturday, December 5, 2020.

A signup sheet will be on the bulletin board if you are interested.

Thank you for supporting our Troop!

For more information, call Scoutmaster Karen Bausch at 610-334-9739 for Boy Scouts (6th-12th grade).

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.

Please leave a message with your request and she will make arrangements to deliver your cards.

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Synod News

Thank You for Your Support!

Congregations of the Northeastern PA Synod have been faithful and generous in their mission support offerings throughout the months of COVID-19 restrictions. This strong support of synod-wide and church-wide ministries has sustained and invigorated mission endeavors in partnership with congregations across the ELCA.

Such a bold response in challenging times gives us confidence that the Triune God into whom we are baptized hears our relentless petition: Give us this day our daily bread.

Thanks be to God! And, thank you. Thank you for your regular mission support offerings. Thank you for your witness to new life in the Risen Jesus to neighbors near and far.

Bishop Samuel Zeiser

Submitted by Janet Kleffel, President

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

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

Our October meeting was held on October 4th at 1:00.

WE CONTINUE TO COLLECT REDNER'S REGISTER TAPES.

IF YOU CAN'T DROP YOUR TAPES OFF AT THE CHURCH OR JANET KLEFFEL'S HOME PLEASE CONTACT JANET AND SHE WILL PICK THEM UP AT YOUR HOME/PORCH.

REDNER'S REGISTER TAPES

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.

WELCA is also collecting personal care items for vets through

Veterans Making a Difference.

Requested items include white socks, toothpaste, shampoo, shaving cream, deodorant, razor, body wash. Items can be placed in the marked box in the narthex.



NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays:

06-Irvin Kauffman,
Amanda Schwendeman
07-Alue Billig
08-Betty Strause, Mary Billig,
Rosemary Mowery
10-Ronald Kessler
11-Joshua Buchalter, Everett Graeff
13-Brendan Lenning, Kaitlyn Kuhns
17-Ronald Davidheiser
18-Renee Lenning, Sarah Yeager,
Melissa Strause
19-Amy Manwiller
21-Debra Yeager
24-Helen Stoudt

25-Thomas Heffner
26-Mason Clery
29-Donna Kessler, Wyatt Reeser
30-Patricia Miller, Gail Putt

Happy Anniversary!

Anniversaries:

02-Barry & Anna Mae Beitler
03-Eldon & Patricia Kibler
20-Cory & Angela Hohenadel



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.

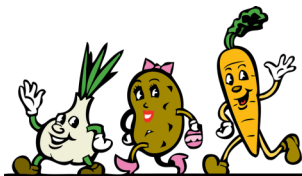
Also, there are brochures and information available on heating assistance, ways to conserve energy and general concerns of limited income families. Please contact the church for further information.

Due to Covid 19 distribution has been changed to 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.

There is currently very little fresh produce so we are supplementing with canned fruits and vegetable.

There continues to be a need for canned fruits and vegetables as we are steadily serving at least 110 families every month.

Donations are appreciated.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:

Face to face meetings are not currently taking place. Projects can be worked on individually from home. Please contact **Darlene Savage** at 610-926-2461 or anyone on the Social Ministry Committee for more information.



PASTORAL CARE TEAM:

The Pastoral Care Team met for the second time since the COVID 19 outbreak on Thursday October 8.



Currently all home and facility visitation and communion remains on hold.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 12 at 9:30 AM.

MISSION TRIP:

Mike, Dan and others from the congregation did some work locally this summer and plan on continuing to do more community work rather than travel out of the area on actual mission trips.



NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS

Altar Flowers

01 - Sue Reiber
08 - Linda Roshong
15 -
22 - Irvin & Nettie Kauffman
29 -

Bulletins

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



Greeter

Ushers

01 - Mike Lowery, Sue Reiber, Vicki Fetterman
08 - Mike Lowery, Diana Biehl, Linda Roshong
15 - Dennis Biehl, Sue Reiber, Mike Lowery
22 - Vicki Fetterman, Sue Reiber, Helen Stoudt
29 - Renee Lenning, Linda Roshong, Dennis Biehl

Nursery

There will be no attendant but the room will be open.



“LOOKING FOR ANGELS”

Submitted by Sally Miller

SALVATION ARMY 2020 **“ANGEL TREE PROGRAM”**

ARRIVING EARLY THIS YEAR.

WATCH FOR ANGEL TAGS TO **ARRIVE OCT. 25TH.**

DUE BACK BY NOV.15TH.



The year 2020 has been challenging in so many ways for people, businesses, and nonprofit organizations. The impact from the COVID-19 pandemic has been felt worldwide and could take a long time for things to get back to normal. Due to the health guideline recommendations, the safety of our dedicated team of volunteers, generous donors, and staff, and for various other reasons, the Salvation Army Hamburg Service Center staff and volunteers developed a **new plan** to implement the 2020 Angel Tree Program.

We have always been and will always continue to be dedicated to providing much needed Christmas assistance to local children and senior citizens in the most need. This year, the program will still continue and be available for those families who are struggling during this difficult time, but for the safety of all involved, it will be implemented in a different way.

The Hamburg Service Center is having a **gift card only collection** this year. Our hopes are to be able to provide a Walmart gift card for each child and senior adult enrolled in the 2020 Christmas Angel Tree Program.

To do that, the Salvation Army Hamburg Service Center has a goal to raise \$25,000 in monetary donations to purchase the needed Walmart gift cards to help make Christmas brighter for the families and senior citizens that we serve.

THANK YOU TRINITY CONGREGATION AND ROCKING HORSE PRESCHOOL FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OVER MANY YEARS.

GUIDELINES

- **THE ANGEL TAGS WILL HAVE NAMES AND AGES ONLY ON THEM.**
- **YOU SELECT A TAG & ENVELOPE. INFORMATION SLIP INSIDE ENVELOPE.**
- **SIGN YOUR NAME & PHONE NUMBER ON THE PAPER ON THE TABLE.**
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO : SALVATION ARMY HAMBURG ANGEL TREE. PLEASE NO CASH.
- **RETURN THE ENVELOPE WITH THE SIGNED CHECK & TAG INSIDE. PUT YOUR NAME ON THE ENVELOPE & SEAL IT. PUT IN THE BOX ON TABLE BY NOV. 15TH.**
- **IF WE RUN OUT OF TAGS YOU CAN STILL MAKE A MONETARY GIFT BY PUTTING YOUR DONATION IN AN ENVELOPE, & PUT YOUR NAME ON THE OUT SIDE OF THE ENVELOPE & SEAL IT. DROP THE ENVELOPE IN THE BOX ON THE TABLE.**



ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT PHYLLIS HEFFNER 610-926-1004 OR SALLY MILLER 484-577-4331

NOTES ABOUT OUR FOLKS

PRAYERS FOR:

- * Scott Biehl at Sacred Heart Villa.
- * Pauline Bond at Maiden creek Place.
- * Cynthia Leutze at her daughter's home in Mohrsville.
- * Delores Seaman at Rittenhouse Village.
- * Shirley Weist at Columbia Cottage.
- * Carole Imgrund in Elizabethtown.
- * Audrey Delong at her home in Leesport.
- * Mary Billig
- * All the frontline workers fighting COVID 19 and the scientists working for a cure.
- * All our servicemen and servicewomen at home & abroad.
- * All the leaders of our church, the nation and the world.



THANKS TO:

- * Our mowers, Dennis Biehl, 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.
- * Those who have and continue to support the Gift Card Program.
- * All the leaders of our congregation, the nation and the world.



Stewarding the Common Good

Jesus taught, *"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."* **-Matthew 22:38**

In Genesis 4, God asks Cain the whereabouts of Abel, his little brother whom Cain has just murdered in a jealous fit. Answering God's question, Cain snarkily retorts, "Am I my brother's keeper?" The correct answer for Cain is, "Yes, you are your brother's keeper." And the principle applies to us, too.

Woven through Scripture is God's clear priority that we love and care for one another. The imperative finds clearest expression in the life and words of Jesus, who repeatedly teaches us to love everyone – friend, family, neighbor – even enemy. *No exceptions.*

Love for neighbor is a stewardship issue because we are responsible to care for all that God has entrusted to us, including community, relationships, and the welfare of others. Stewarding the common good is an essential component.

As North Americans, we haven't done a very good job of stewarding the common good because our culture teaches us to "look out for number one," as opposed to looking out for everyone. Consider how much of our political division and brokenness in criminal justice, education, healthcare, economics and government results from our thinking "what's good for me," rather than "what's good for everybody."

Stewarding the common good often involves giving up some measure of what would be good just for us. We sacrifice out of love to provide what is good for our neighbor. Is anything more Christian?

This year, especially as politics and division has embroiled and divided our country, study how the theme of loving our neighbor and stewarding the common good is woven through Scripture. What does it mean for you and the church?

Think. Pray. Act.

--Rob Blezard

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.

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