

# The Herald

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Dear Friends,

As I write this brief letter a lot has been happening to move LCHT forward. Here is a brief sampling:

- \* The Congregation Council has completed its work on the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) Document. it will enable possible pastoral candidates to view and learn what LCHT has to offer them.
- \* A new ministry has been launched in which lay members of our congregation visit our homebound and institutionalized members and celebrate Holy Communion with them. This will enable our shut-in members to receive the Sacrament monthly. I will continue to visit these individuals as well.
- \* Plans are in the works for a special worship experience on Sunday, September 9 when we will host Teen Challenge's traveling choir, enjoy a tasty brunch with our guests following worship and participate with other congregations across the ELCA in "God's Work -- Our Hands" Day of Service.
- \* Pr. Mary Gade, Associate to the Bishop of our Synod, will be with us on Sunday, September 16. She will preach and lead us through some additional activities that will move LCHT forward in the call process. Your presence is vital!

I believe that God has a purpose for LCHT and is calling it to partner in accomplishing that purpose. Come and be a part of the new things that are happening and about to happen in our midst!

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Ritter

## **A Report on the 2018 Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly**

The theme of this years assembly was Sharing ministries/ Building relationships. In his opening message, Bishop Zeiser spoke about the decline in membership in congregations today and how they can change that trend. Serving in the community is one way to be visible and build relationships with individuals in the community.

We heard a Minister from the Argentina-Uruguay Synod speak about some of the difficulties he has experienced. Things they have had to address are: changes in society; financial difficulties; and identifying their strengths. They also have six schools and would like to open more.

Next we heard from representatives of the ministries supported by our Benevolence dollars. They included: Bear Creek camp, Lutheran Youth Fellowship, Lutheran Campus Ministries, and the Synodical Candidacy Committee,

One of the resolutions we voted on was the "Response to the resolution of assets of closing churches:. In the discussion that followed, it was suggested that next year a resolution should be presented to help congregations take steps to grow, One resource that was mentioned comes from the United Methodist Church and is called "Slip In".

Also a motion to amend the synod's constitution so that ordained pastors from other denominations who serve Lutheran congregations would have voice and vote in the meetings of the Synod assembly.

On a positive note, we welcomed the Hmung congregation from western Berks county as a new congregation.

Next year, 2019, the assembly will be one day in Hazelton, and the following year, 2020, it will be a two day event at the Kalahari Resort in the Poconos, where a new Bishop will be elected.

Dennis and Sue Biehl

# WORSHIP AND MUSIC NOTES

## Worship Attendance



5/27	46
6/03	64
6/10	41
6/17	46



## LCMT WORK DAY

We will be holding a work day on July 28 from 9 am - noon to do some additional cleaning up Around the church and to work on creating some better storage spaces. Won't you give some of your time and talents?

## ROCKING HORSE PRESCHOOL

Submitted by Mrs. Woods and Mrs. Leshner



We hope everyone is enjoying your summer! We are busy preparing for the our new school year! Meet and Greet will take place on Thursday August 23, AM Group 6:30 p.m. and PM Group 7:00 p.m. Our first day for PM will be on Monday August 27 and the first day for AM will be Tuesday, August 28. More information will be mailed to our students/parents in the beginning of August.

## ELCA WORLD HUNGER

Submitted by Renee Lenning, Social Ministry

*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*

Almost 1 billion of our neighbors – that's one in eight people – live in poverty. As members of the ELCA, we are called to respond.



During the months of July and August, we will conduct our annual World Hunger campaign. Take a look at the display in the narthex and please take a collection box home, fill it up with your loose change, and bring it back to church. There will also be a box available as well as envelopes for larger donations and checks.



**YOUR GIFTS MAKE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE!**



# JULY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <i>6th Sunday after Pentecost</i> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship: Holy Communion	<b>2</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> NA Grp	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>7:30 PM</b> NA Grp.	<b>6</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Youth Group	<b>7</b> <b>1 - 6 PM</b> Rented
<b>8</b> <i>7th Sunday after Pentecost</i> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship	<b>9</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> NA Grp	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>8:30 PM</b> NA Grp	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL</b> <b>6:00 – 8:00 P.M.</b>						
<b>15</b> <i>8th Sunday after Pentecost</i> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship: Holy Communion & VBS Children <b>10:30 AM</b> worship & Music Comm. Mtg. <b>2:00 PM</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry	<b>16</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> NA Grp.	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Pastoral Care Team mtg. <b>5:30 PM</b> Soul Supper <b>7:30 PM</b> NA Grp	<b>20</b> <b>2:00 PM</b> Food Pantry Delivery	<b>21</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Food Pantry Distribution
<b>22</b> <i>9th Sunday after Pentecost</i> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship	<b>23</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> NA Grp	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>7:30 PM</b> NA Grp	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Clean-up @ LCHT
<b>29</b> <i>10th Sunday after Pentecost</i> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship	<b>30</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> NA Grp	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>


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# AUGUST 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
				7:30 PM NA Grp.	7:00 PM Youth Grp.	1 - 6 PM Rented
5 <i>11th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship: Holy Communion 6:00 PM Troop planning meeting	6 8:30 AM NA Grp.	7	8	9 7:30 PM NA Grp.	10	11
12 <i>12th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship	13 8:30 AM NA Grp	14	15 6:00 PM Cong. Council & Families Picnic 7:00 PM Cong. Council Mtg.  NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	16 9:30 AM Pastoral Care Team mtg. 5:30 PM Soul Supper 7:30 PM NA Grp.	17 2:00 PM Food Pantry Delivery	18 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution
19 <i>13th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship: Holy Communion 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry	20 8:30 AM NA Grp	21	22	23 6:30 PM RHP AM Class Meet & Greet 7:00 PM RHP PM Class Meet & Greet 7:30 PM NA Grp.	24	25
26 <i>14th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship: Blessing of teachers & backpacks	27 8:30 AM NA Grp  PM Pre-school begins	28 Am Preschool begins	29	30 7:30 PM NA Grp.	31	1


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# JULY/AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

## July Birthdays:

01 – Jeff Goodhart  
02 – Jayce Gruber  
03 – Brandi Schaner  
06 – Judith Wert  
07 – Ashley DeAntonio  
08 – Carl Faller  
14 – Richard Imgrund  
Michael Lowery  
15 – Ella Williams  
16 – Shelby Goodhart  
17 – Lori Schaner  
Heather Deitz  
Skye Herring  
20 – Carissa Trievel  
Hanah Stoudt  
21 – Carolyn Heffner  
Riley Houck  
24 – Lora Beissel  
25 – Cynthia Leutze  
Wade Potts  
Sarah Strausser  
Mae Schwendeman  
26 – Carrie Greely  
Lucas Zimmerman  
Jacob Zimmerman  
27 – Debra Bittner  
Teri Potts  
28 – Brian Reiger  
David Lombardo  
29 – Andrea Sprout

29 --Patricia Baer  
30 – Pauline Minnich  
Mikala Persky  
31 – Melissa Frey

## July Anniversaries:

02 – Boris & Pam Pikhtovnikoff  
David & Elaine Lombardo  
07 – Jason & Heather Griffin  
10 – Leon & Donna Degler  
13 – Matthew & Danielle Herring  
21 – Nicholas & Mia Wink  
24 – Joey & Deidre Angstadt  
31 – Jason & Mary Gruber

## August Birthdays:

01 – Daren DeAntonio  
02 – Emma Cullen-Viera  
06 – Brian Graeff  
09 – Pamela Pikhtovnikoff  
10 – Jim DeLong  
Phyllis Heffner  
11 – George Manwiller  
12 – Rodney Geisinger  
Gordon Kistler  
Jon Storch  
13 – Walter Heffner  
15 -- Randy Walborn  
16 – Miranda Reeser  
19 – Lily Rodriguez  
20 – Michelle Sanders  
22 – Greg Zimmerman

24 – Diana Biehl  
Colin Stoudt  
27 – Dennis Savage  
Albert Schneider  
28 – Danielle Herring  
Mason Gabel  
Anna Griffin  
29 – Audrey DeLong  
Brandon Graeff  
30 – Angela Hohenadel  
31 – Kent Riegel  
Lisa Werner  
Ross McEwen

## August Anniversaries:

05 – Irvin & Nettie Kauffman  
20 – Peter & Patricia Miller  
21 – Daniel & Daren DeAntonio  
22 – Ron & Judy Corl  
28 – Greg & Angel Zimmerman  
Arthur & Janice Care

*On the Sunday of/prior to your birthday/anniversary, your name will be included in the bulletin and the prayers of intercession for the day. 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](mailto:lchtsecretary@comcast.net).*

## 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.

### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:

Meets the third Sunday of the month, from 2 to 4 p.m. You do not have to come to the monthly get-togethers, you can work on projects anywhere. Please see Carolyn Heffner or anyone on the Social Ministry Committee for more information.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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

## VOLUNTEERS

### FOR JULY

#### Altar Flowers

- 1 – Ron Davidheiser
- 8 – Sue Reiber
- 15 – Dennis & Sue Biehl
- 22 – Sue Reiber
- 29 – Dan & Daren DeAntonio

#### Bulletins

- 1 – Irvin & Nettie Kauffman
- 8 – Sue Reiber
- 15 – Dennis & Sue Biehl
- 22 – Sue Reiber
- 29 – available

#### Ushers

- 1 – Lenning, Corl, Diana Biehl
- 8 – Davidheiser, Lowery, Reiber
- 15 – Reiber, R. Heffner, Diana Biehl
- 22 – Lenning, Corl, D. Biehl, Lash
- 29 – Davidheiser, Lowery, Reiber

#### Greeter

Phyllis Weaver

#### Nursery

*no attendant but room will be open*

#### Acolytes

- 1 – Mason Clery
- 8 – Evan Lash
- 15 – TBD
- 22 – Mason Clery
- 29 – TBD

### FOR AUGUST

#### Altar Flowers

- 5 – Irvin & Nettie Kauffman
- 12 – Women of ELCA
- 19 – Dan & Daren DeAntonio
- 26 – Dennis & Sue Biehl

#### Bulletins

- 5 – Irvin & Nettie Kauffman
- 12 – available
- 19 – Irvin & Nettie Kauffman
- 26 – available

#### Ushers

- 5 – Reiber, R. Heffner, D. Biehl
- 12 – Lenning, Corl, Diana Biehl
- 19 – Davidheiser, Lenning, Reiber, Lash
- 26 – Corl, R. Heffner, Diana Biehl

#### Greeter

Dennis & Darlene Savage

#### Nursery

*no attendant but room will be open*

#### Acolytes

- 5 – Evan Lash
- 12 – Unassigned
- 19 – Mason Clery
- 26 – Unassigned

### Volunteers Are Needed!

Last summer Hurricanes Irma and Maria devastated the island of Puerto Rico and many families were forced to leave their island homes for temporary housing in the states. Some came to Reading. It has been a difficult year for the children that were impacted by those storms. To help them recover from the traumatic impact of those storms a Camp Noah will be held in Reading this summer.

Camp Noah is a disaster recovery ministry designed to help elementary aged children develop resiliency skills that enable them to live more hopefully. The camp will be held at St. Luke Lutheran Church, from August 13-17. Campers participate in small groups and in large group time (including music, skits, and puppet shows), crafts, and recreation.

To volunteer or make a donation contact Luci Bower at 484-201-7936 or [rbower@ptd.net](mailto:rbower@ptd.net). There is a special need for bi-lingual volunteers (Spanish and English).

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## GIFT CARD PROGRAM QUESTIONS

- 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.
- 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!
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- REMEMBER with the gift cards from Redner's and Giant you can buy other gift cards like Sears, Olive Garden & etc.
- WHAT IF I STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?** Please see Phyllis Heffner, Sally Miller or see back of card for details.

# NOTES ABOUT OUR FOLKS

## PRAYERS:

- \* Pauline Bond, recovering from a fall
- \* Jim & Audrey Delong, who are at home.
- \* Jerry Leutze, who is at Masonic Village in Elizabethtown.
- \* John & Shirley Weist, who are in transition
- \* Ralph Seaman, who is at home.
- \* Eleanor Catherman, who is at Kutztown Manor.
- \* For all our servicemen and servicewomen at home & abroad.
- \* For 1st Responders
- \* For all the leaders of our church, the nation and the world.

## THANKS TO:

- \* Our mowers, Dan DeAntonio, Scott Care 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 soup labels.
- \* 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:

- \* Weston Hawkins who graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (Computer & Software Engineering).
- \* Kadin Hohenadel who graduated from Schuylkill Valley High School and will be attending Kutztown University.
- \* Timothy Huey & Kristina Huey on the occasion of the baptism of their infant son, Vincent Jake Huey on June 3, 2018.

## VBS Is on the Way

Vacation Bible School will be held at LCHT from Sunday, July 8 through Thursday, July 12 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. All children from age 3 through Finishing grade 6 are welcome. Closing program will be held during worship on Sunday, July 15th.

Also we are looking for donations of snacks for the week. This year's theme is "Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus".

Bring a neighbor! Invite a friend!

Anyone interested in helping out with this year's VBS should contact Carolyn Heffner.



## 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.



**THURSDAY, AUGUST 15**

# About The Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity

## Our Mission:

*“The Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity is a worshipping, growing 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 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

## LCHT Sundays’ Schedule:

Worship at 9 a.m.

## LCHT Staff Information:

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**Treasurer:** Pat Miller  
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**Music Director:** Virginia Lash  
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## Rocking Horse Preschool Information:

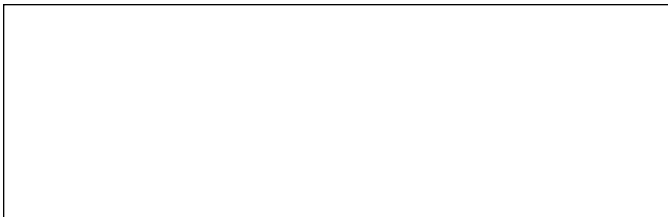
**Teachers:** Mrs. Aliasha Woods  
Mrs. Adrienne Leshner  
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## **Mailing Address:**

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