



The Herald

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A note from Pastor Fran :

Brenda Hendricks wrote a devotion about leadership:

“Throughout nature we find valuable power structures. Elephant herds have dominant females to guide them to water and food. Geese take turns navigating the flock over hundreds of miles to their winter destinations. Ants march to the cadence of a commander to defend their domain. And lemmings follow their pack leaders without hesitation over cliffs of death.

Nonetheless, not all creatures share the instinct to “elect” a leader. Sheep...for example...seem to wander aimlessly over a pasture, gnawing at the grass until the ground lies bare. None of the sheep take the initiative to climb the next hill to find a fresh meadow for grazing. Therefore, they need shepherds to guide them.

Although human beings understand the necessity of hierarchy, the Bible compares us to sheep. Unable to decipher the best way for ourselves, we often mindlessly follow questionable leadership. Therefore, wrong is strong, complacency rules, and justice is perverted.

Unlike sheep, however, we have a choice. We can turn from our “earthly shepherds” and follow Jesus, the good shepherd.”

We are in the process of seeking a leader for the congregation here at The Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity – following the guidance of Jesus, the good shepherd.

Your Council has finished preparing the Church Profile for submission to the Lutheran Synod, and is working now to establish a Call Committee.

It will be the responsibility of the Call Committee to determine the scope of ministry to be assigned to the new pastor, benefits to be offered to the applicant, and interviewing the applicants who are available.

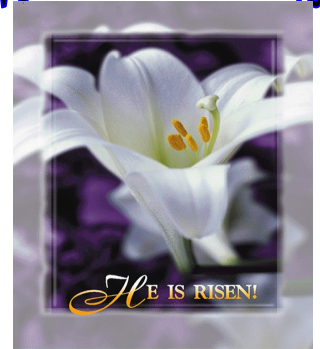
I ask that you prayerfully consider whether the Holy Spirit might be calling you to be a part of the team that will move us forward to finding a pastoral leader for the congregation here at LCHT.

Pastor Fran



WORSHIP AND MUSIC NOTES

Worship Attendance



Worship services for May and June :

- May 07 – 5th Sunday of Easter - 9:00 AM communion service,
the Rev. Robert Kramer
- May 14 – 6th Sunday of Easter - 9:00 AM worship service, *Mother's Day*
- May 21 – 7th Sunday of Easter – 9:00 AM communion service, Bell choir to play,
the Rev. Robert Kramer
- May 28 – Day of Pentecost - 9:00 AM worship service, *Memorial Day Observance*
- June 04 – Holy Trinity Sunday, Worship/**Holy Communion if pastor available.**
- June 11 – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost, Worship
- June 18 - 3rd Sunday after Pentecost, Worship/**Holy Communion if pastor available,** Father's Day
- June 25 – 4th Sunday after Pentecost, Worship

March 5	38
March 12	31
March 19	32
March 26	33
April 2-Palm Sunday	45
April 9-Easter	70
April 16	31
April 23	28
April 30	29

Other Notes:

- * The next Worship & Music meeting will be held on May 11 after choir rehearsal.
- * June communion services are dependent upon pastor availability.
Updates will be included in Sunday bulletins.

NOTES ABOUT OUR FOLKS

PRAYERS:

- * Shirley Weist at Columbia Cottage.
- * Pauline Bond at Maidencreek Place.
- * Carole Imgrund in Elizabethtown.
- * Audrey Delong at her home in Leesport.
- * Richard Reiber at Berkshire Commons.

CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF:

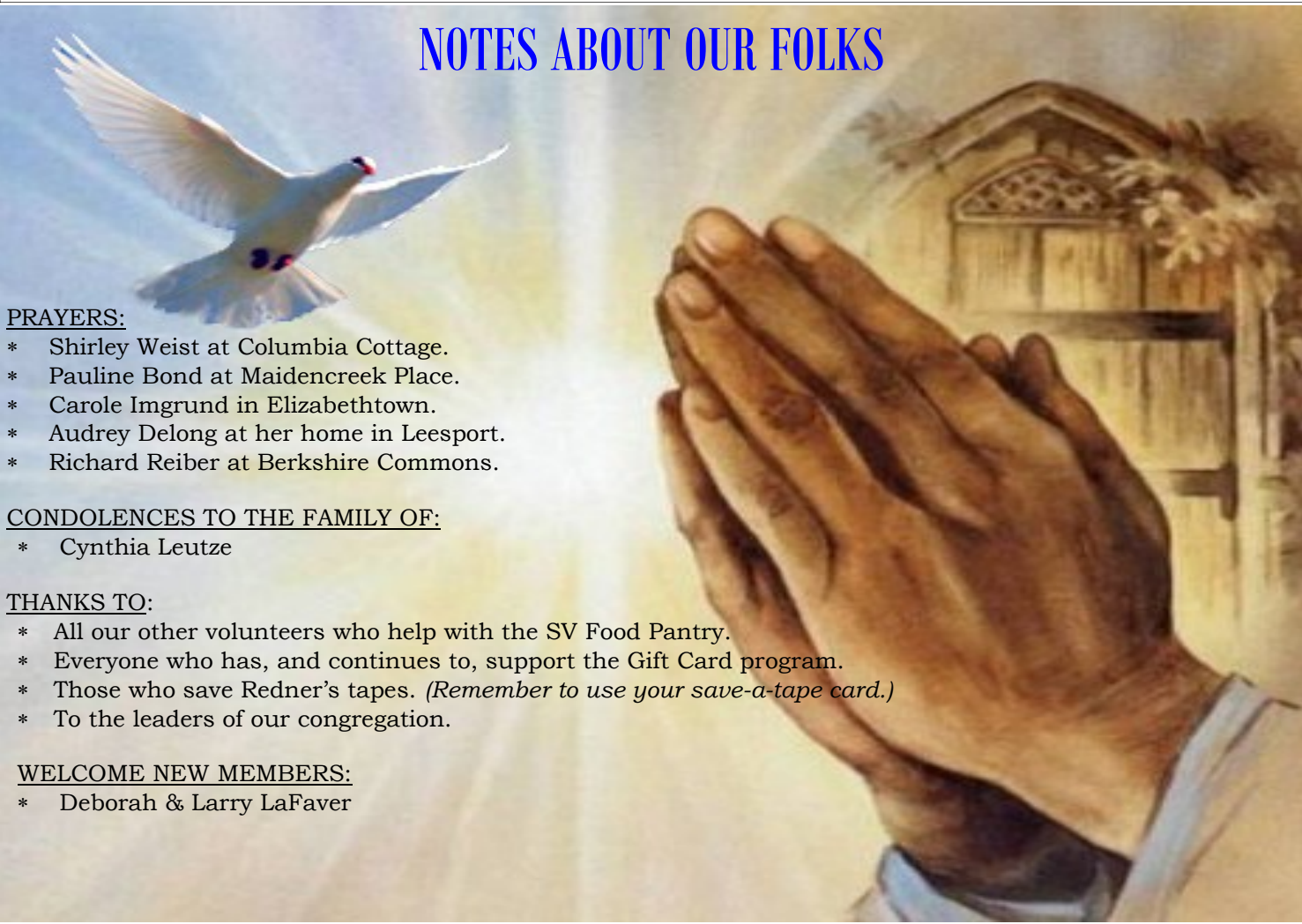
- * Cynthia Leutze

THANKS TO:

- * 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 the leaders of our congregation.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

- * Deborah & Larry LaFaver





MAY 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 1:00 PM WELCA Meeting 6:30 PM Cemetery Board Meeting 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	2	3	4 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Group Meeting	5	6 8:30 PM AA Meeting
7 <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i> 9:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion, <i>the Rev. Robert Kramer</i> Bell Choir to play	8	9	10 6:30 PM Council meeting	11 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 8:00 PM Worship & Music Meeting 7:30 PM NA Group Meeting	12	13 8:30 PM AA Meeting
14 <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i> 9:00 AM Worship Service Mother's Day <i>Randy Schlegel</i>	15	16	17	18 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Group Meeting	19 2:00 PM Food Pantry Delivery	20 9:00 AM Food Pantry 7:00 PM AA Meeting
21 <i>7th Sunday of Easter</i> 9:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion <i>The Rev. Robert Kramer</i>	22	23	24	25 6:30 PM RHPS Graduation 7:30 PM NA Group Meeting	26	27 8:30 PM AA Meeting
28 <i>Day of Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship Service Memorial Day Observance	29	30	31			

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

MAY / JUNE VOLUNTEERS

May Altar Flowers

07 - WELCA
14 - Janice Care
21 - available
28- available

May Bulletins

07 - available
14 - Janice Care
21 - Donald Kauffman
28 - available

May Ushers

07-Linda Roshong
14-Janet Kleffel
21-Linda Roshong
28-Phyllis Heffner

See bulletin board to sign up to sponsor flowers or bulletins. The cost to sponsor flowers is \$25. The cost to sponsor bulletins is \$15.

Nursery

no attendant but room will be open



June Alter Flowers

04-Sue Reiber
11-Virginia Lash
18-Virginia Lash
25-Vicki Fetterman

June Bulletins

04-Sue Reiber
11-Virginia Lash
18-available
25-Vicki Fetterman

June Ushers

04-Ron Davidheiser
11-Dennis Savage
18-Darlene Savage
25-Ron Davidheiser

ROCKING HORSE PRESCHOOL

Submitted by Mrs. Woods



It's hard to believe we are nearing the end of our school year! It has flown by.



We also have field day coming up. The students love being able to play outside and do fun activities outside.

We have had the chance to get outside during a few of our afternoon classes and burn off some of that spring fever all the students seem to be experiencing.

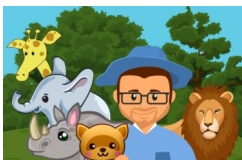
Graduation will take place on May 25th at 6:30pm. We are so proud of our graduating students and know they will do great next year in kindergarten.



During our last month of school we will be learning about pirates, family and sports.



To round out our school year we had a field trip to the Lehigh Valley Zoo. We love visiting the zoo and seeing all the fun animals.



For next year (2023-2024) our PM group is full. Our AM group still has some spaces available. This class is for our 3/4 year olds. If you know someone who may be interested please feel free to share our contact information with them. The easiest way to get in touch is by email rhps@comcast.net.

GIFT CARD PROGRAM

Gift cards continue to be available for Redner's and Weis. Giant gift cards are available upon request. Our church will receive a 5% rebate with each gift card you purchase. 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.



LCMT 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.

The food pantry continues to serve many families in our area.

All donations are greatly appreciated.

There is a box in the vestibule for donations.



WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Submitted by Janet Kleffel

Join us on Monday, May 1 at 1:00 p.m. for our monthly meeting.

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.

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.



MAY/JUNE CELEBRATIONS

May Birthdays:

05 - Makayla Lowery
13 - Harold Bond
17 - Jesse Gruber
18 - Susan Biehl
24 - Ron Corl
26 - Janice Weaver
27 - Linda Roshong
30 - Jake Biehl



May Anniversaries:

05 - Dennis & Darlene Savage
08 - Glenn & Sally Miller
14 - Scott & JoAnn Gruber

June Birthdays:

02 - Evan Lash
06 - Mary Ann Franklin
Shirley Weist, Judy Corl
Deborah LaFaver
07 - Stone Weber
Peter Miller
08 - Michael Miller
09 - Jenna Strause
16 - Oliver Graeff
20 - Braiden Lash
23 - Bryce Hawkins
Lori Lowery
24 - Jacob Lowery
25 - Chuck Mowery



June Anniversaries:

06 - Paul & Juliana Clery,
Deborah & Larry Lafaver
10 - Ken & Jean Stoult
15 - Raymond & Linda Reichard
17 - Bruce & Sandy
Buchalter
19 - Richard & Sue
Hawkins
30 - Jeffry & Linda Greely,
Michael & Lori Lowery

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.

LCHT NEWS

FIGHTIN' PHILS NIGHT

We will be attending a Fightin Phils game as a group this June!
We are planning on attending a game on Sunday, June 11 in the Club 67 picnic area along the 3rd base line.
Game time is 5:15. Gates open approximately 1 hour prior to game time.
The \$34 price per person includes the buffet. Children ages 5-18 who are members of LCHT will be paid for by the church. Children ages 0-4 are free but must be included in the count.
Sign- up sheet is on the bulletin board. Sign-up deadline is May14. Payment deadline is June 4.



Submissions deadline for the July/August Newsletter will be Thursday, June 15

Please let the office know if there is anything you would like to see in the newsletter.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

BREAKFAST AT ONTELAUNEE GRANGE:

Breakfast will be served at Ontelaunee Grange the first Sunday of the month from 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM beginning February and continuing through May 2023.
Breakfasts will resume again October through December.



SPRING'S LAST FLING COMMUNITY CHOIR CONCERT

June 4, 2023

2:00 pm

St. John's Lutheran Church
99 Church Street, Hamburg, PA

Please join us for an hour of delightful choir music presented by St. John's Chancel Choir and Blue Mountain Community Chorus. A free will offering will be collected, and refreshments will be served after the concert.



JUNE 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Communion Sundays are dependent upon pastor availability. Updates will be printed in Sunday bulletins.</p>				<p>1</p> <p>7:30 PM NA Group Meeting</p>	<p>2</p> <p>3:00-6:00 PM Sandwich prep Karen Bausch</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:00-10:00 AM Sandwich pick-up - ready by 8:45 AM</p> <p>8:30PM AA Group Meeting</p>
<p>4</p> <p><i>Holy Trinity Sunday</i> 9:00 AM Worship/ Holy Communion</p> <p>12 noon-5:00PM Hall rental-Renee Worrell</p>	<p>5</p> <p>1:00 PM WELCA</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7:30 PM NA Group Meeting</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8:30PM AA Group Meeting</p>
<p>11</p> <p><i>2nd Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship</p> <p>LCHT attends Reading Fightin Phillies game. Game time 5:15 PM</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:30 PM Council Meeting</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:00 PM Worship & Music meeting</p> <p>7:30 PM NA Group Meeting</p>	<p>16</p> <p>2:00 PM Food Pantry Delivery</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:00 AM Food Pantry</p> <p>8:30PM AA Group Meeting</p>
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<p>25</p> <p><i>4th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>7:30 PM NA Group Meeting</p>	<p>30</p>	

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 services are being held in the sanctuary every Sunday at 9:00 AM.

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