



The Herald



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Dear Friends in Christ,

I want to thank all of you for your gracious and generous farewell gesture on August 28. I never expected such a wonderful gift as the \$100 gift certificate to Barnes & Noble Bookstore. I've already selected the books I want to purchase. They'll be of great value as I begin my studies at the seminary in Philadelphia this month of September.

I also appreciated the chance to touch base with folks as they left worship and stopped to partake of the delicious refreshments put together by Darin and Dan DeAntonio. The home-grown peaches used to make the muffins were especially delicious, and I enjoyed taking a couple of them home with me.

Many thanks for all your efforts.

Saying good-bye for me is never easy. Even though my time with you was relatively short, I'll have many treasured experiences that will forever keep you close in my heart.

Stay focused and positive as you navigate the twists and turns of the call process. I have every confidence that the Holy Spirit will connect you with the right servant-leader to bring you into God's preferred future for you.

Faithfully yours,
The Rev. Dr. Carl W. Filer

Treasurer needed for LCHT

LCHT is looking for someone to fill the position of Treasurer.

Please contact either Pat Miller or a member of council if you are interested in more information.



WORSHIP AND MUSIC NOTES

Worship and Music Committee met September 8, 2022.

Worship services for October:

- October 2 -17th Sunday after Pentecost – Communion service
- October 9 -18th Sunday after Pentecost
- October 16 -19th Sunday after Pentecost – Communion service
- October 23 - 20th Sunday after Pentecost
- October 30 - Reformation Sunday

The next meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2022 at 8:00 PM.

Other Notes:

Due to the situation at LCHT not having a regular Pastor or regular Supply Pastor, the committee discussed various situations relative to worship services.

Rev. Frances Merkel will serve as our emergency Pastor. (Illnesses, deaths, etc.)

Concerns brought forth on the feedback from the microphones. We will continue to use the ‘waving of hand’ for the sharing of the Peace. Discussed the recognition of “All Saint’s Sunday” in November. Presented some thoughts on the Christmas Eve and New Year’s Day services. This to be discussed at future meeting.

Organist:

Ginny indicated we will use Setting10 through September and would start using Setting 4 on October 2.

Renee Lenning will be singing the Kyrie if a supply/substitute does not desire to do this portion of the service.

Worship Attendance



8/28	32
9/04	32
9/11	28
9/18	21



Rocking Horse Preschool

Submitted by Ms. Aliasha Woods



Our school year is off to a good start! Our AM class is full with 16 students and our PM class has one space open with 19 students.

We have been so busy learning the rules of school and getting started with our alphabet, number, color, and shape books.



We explored apples and even did a taste testing. That was a lot of fun!

We learned about squirrels and acorns and sang songs about squirrels with bushy tails. We played with dried corn and acorns in the sensory table too.



In October we will be learning about outer space, fire safety, pumpkins, transportation and of course Halloween! We will host our annual Halloween parade for our students towards the end of the month. They always look forward to wearing their costumes to school.



We also will be having vision screenings on October 13th. This a great free service that we are happy to be able to offer to our students.



- Baby Wipes
- Mini Sticky note pads
- Click Pens

OCTOBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 7:00-10:00 AM Sandwich sale 8:30 PM AA Meeting
2 <i>17th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion The Rev. Mary Gade	3 1:00 PM WELCA 7:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	4	5	6 7:30 PM NA Meeting	7	8 8:30 PM AA Meeting
9 <i>18th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship The Rev. Richard Bardo	10	11	12 7:00PM Council Meeting	13 9:30 AM Pastoral Care Team meeting 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Meeting	14 2:00 PM Food Pantry Delivery Newsletter Deadline	15 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution 8:30 PM AA Meeting
16 <i>19th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion The Rev. Brian R. Holben	17 7:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	18	19	20 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Meeting 8:00PM Worship & Music	21	22 8:30 PM AA Meeting
23 <i>20th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship Randy Schlegel	24 7:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	25	26	27 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Meeting	28	29 8:30 PM AA Meeting
30 <i>Reformation Sunday</i> 9:00 AM Worship	31 6:30 PM Cemetery Board Meeting 7:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal					

NOTES ABOUT OUR FOLKS

PRAYERS FOR:

- * Pauline Bond at Maiden Creek Place.
- * Cynthia Leutze at the Masonic Home in Elizabethtown.
- * Delores Seaman at Rittenhouse Village.
- * Shirley Weist at Columbia Cottage.
- * Carole Imgrund in Elizabethtown.
- * Audrey Delong at her home in Leesport.
- * Richard Reiber at Berkshire Commons.
- * 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.
- * All the 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.

Sandwich Sale

Where: LCHT

When: Saturday October 2, 2021. Pick up between 7:00 AM and 9:30 AM

Order form is on the bulletin board.

Orders must be placed by September 27.

Sale proceeds benefit LCHT.



WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Submitted by Janet Kleffel, President

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.

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.

Requests include personal care items, laundry detergent, large size winter coats, boxer shorts, white socks, large size flannel night pants, Crest toothpaste, Old Spice deodorant, toilet paper, paper towels, liquid body wash and dish soap.



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.



OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays:

01-Asher Cleary
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

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



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.

OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS

Altar Flowers

02-Dennis & Darlene Savage
09-*available*
16-Sue Reiber
23-*available*
30-*available*

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

Bulletins

02- *available*
09- *available*
16- Sue Reiber
23- *available*
30- *available*

Ushers

02 - Dennis Biehl
09 - Vicki Fetterman
16 - Janet Kleffel
23 - Dan DeAntonio
30 - Linda Roshong



Nursery

There will be no attendant but the room will be open

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 continues to be 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.

August distribution numbers:

93 households served

27 new households since July 2022

This includes:

67 children

109 adults

89 seniors

Total people served is 265.

As you can see by the numbers, the need is still great in our area.

Donations are appreciated.



Feeding the Community

Luther and Lutheranism

Martin Luther (1483-1546)

Martin Luther was eight years old when Christopher Columbus set sail from Europe and landed in the Western Hemisphere. Luther was a young monk and priest when Michaelangelo was painting the Sistine Chapel in Rome. A few years later, he was a junior faculty member at a new university in small-town Germany, intently studying the Scriptures, “captivated with an extraordinary ardor for understanding Paul in the Epistle to the Romans.”



In these days Luther was tormented by the demand for righteousness before God. “I did not love, yes, I hated the righteous God who punishes sinners, and secretly, if not blasphemously, certainly murmuring greatly, I was angry with God.” Then, in the midst of that struggle with God, the message of the Scriptures became clear, like a long-shut door opening wide. When he realized that a “merciful God justifies us by faith ... I felt that I was altogether born again and had entered paradise itself through open gates.”

What Luther discovered is the freedom of Christians trusting God’s mercy in Christ. As he later wrote, “Faith is God’s work in us. It changes us and makes us to be born anew of God. This faith is a living, busy, active, mighty thing. It is impossible for it not to be doing good works incessantly. Faith is a living, daring confidence in God’s grace, so sure and certain that believers would stake their lives on it a thousand times.”

This discovery set Luther’s life on a new course —both his own life and his public service as a preacher and teacher. When a church-endorsed sales team came to the Wittenberg area in October, 1517, Luther was concerned that the promotion and sale of indulgences undermined the promise of God’s unreserved mercy in Jesus and the faith that trusts that promise. His *95 Theses* or *Disputation on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences* became the first of a life-long stream of books, sermons, letters, essays, even hymns in which he expressed his confidence in this life-giving promise from God, the Gospel, and its liberating implications for all of life in church and society.



The Diet of Worms

Here I Stand As we find ourselves in October, with Reformation just a few weeks away, it is of note that it was 500 years ago that one of the most pivotal moments of the reformation occurred – The Diet (a formal deliberative assembly) at Worms. In April of 1521, Martin Luther found himself in Worms, Germany standing before Emperor Charles V, the Electors and a few other dignitaries. On a table was a pile of Luther’s books, which the examiner John Eck (not of the Leipzig debate fame) asked Luther to simply answer if they were his books, and if he recanted/disavowed them or not. In a barely audible voice, Luther replied, “The books are all mine, and I have written more.” When again asked whether Luther wished to recant or defend them all, or at least some of them, Luther asked for more time to consider his answer, as the books were not all the same type and he could not simply recant all of them. After some debate amongst the emperor and the diet, Eck brought back the answer and expressed amazement that a theological professor should not be ready at once to defend his position, particularly since he had come for that very purpose. Nevertheless, the emperor would grant him 24 hours. The next day, before a much larger crowd, when again asked by Eck if the books were his and if he recanted of them, Luther in a much bolder voice gave a long and detailed answer in both German and Latin of why he could not recant any of his books. Eck replied, “Martin, how can you assume that you are the only one to understand the sense of Scripture? Would you put your judgment above that of so many famous men and claim that you know more than they all? You have no right to call into question the most holy orthodox faith...I ask you, Martin, answer candidly and without horns, do you or do you not repudiate your books and the errors which they contain?” Luther replied, “Since then Your Majesty and your lordships desire a simple reply, I will answer without horns and without teeth. Unless I am convicted by Scripture and plain reason – I do not accept the authority of popes and councils, for they have contradicted each other – my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and I will not recant anything, for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. Here I stand, I cannot do otherwise. God help me. Amen.”

500 years later, we find ourselves in similar situations. We find ourselves under pressure from an unbelieving world to soften the Word of God -- to say it is only "a" word of God, one amongst many; to say it is open to interpretation; to say that Christianity is only one of many equally viable religions and truth; to say that there are other ways back to heaven, other paths of salvation than just Christ; that we soften the Law, tolerate sin and call evil good; to join the world in asking satan's question: "Did God really say...", and denying His Word "you will not die". And when we stand up for Truth in this relativistic age and proclaim the Word of God in its entirety and purity, it can be hard to face the question as did Luther – “Are you alone in all the world right?” The “sciences” (what is so often put forth as science today, which is really just another belief system based on erroneous interpretation of data) and philosophies and belief systems of the world speak against you. All those people, institutions, public opinion and beliefs, are you alone right? A difficult question to hear, but with God's word we can answer with all godly boldness, YES. There is only One Way, One Truth, One Life, and only One way back to heaven/salvation, One source of true Life in a condemned and dying world -- Grace alone, through Faith alone, in Christ Alone (proclaimed/revealed by Scripture Alone). And thus, we join in our Reformation heritage and proclaim this Truth with love – boldly, without wavering, yet with love rather than arrogance, desiring to point all to Christ Who has died for all.

Rev. Gregg Reiser



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 welcome at LCHT. If you would like more information or have any questions, please contact the 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.

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Worship at 9 a.m.

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