

The Herald

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As you begin to anticipate the arrival of a new pastor (and as I adapt to a whole new "flock" as the chaplain at The Highlands at Wyomissing) I was thinking about the days ...long ago... when one baby seemed to come on the heels of another; five daughters in all and each one was greatly anticipated and dearly loved. Our love for our older children did not dim that overwhelming love a parent feels for each child as they grow in the womb and enter the world.

So it should be when a new pastor becomes a part of a church family. I've so much appreciated the acceptance I've received here; the expressions of appreciation and, yes, love. I, in turn, have come to appreciate and love you as individuals and as a congregation. You are a dedicated, compassionate and faithful congregation. It is with mixed feelings that my tenure here nears its end. I see so many possibilities for your future, and I hate to let that go. My earnest prayer is that your new pastor will see what I see and be inspired and motivated to lead you into a bright future.

I truly believe this is what is best for David and I at this time of our lives and, more importantly, for you. My prayer is that you will look forward to the coming of a new pastor as parents look forward to the birth of each new child and that you will quickly bond, love one another, and work together to keep LCHT alive for generations to come.

Though it will be some weeks, perhaps months, before my final Sunday, may that time be one of increasing hopes, dreams and excitement for the one who is to come, a "new birth" in this family of faith.

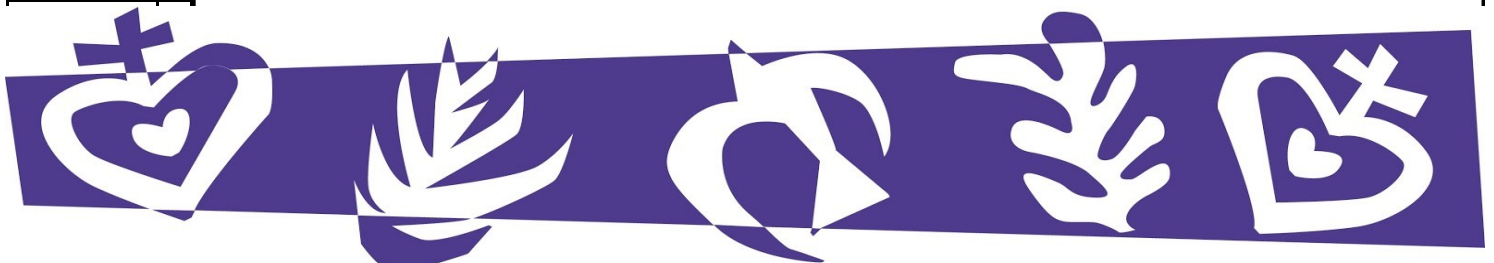
Your, in Christ,

Pastor Fox

BAD WEATHER INFORMATION

In the event of bad weather, please refer to the following for cancellation notification:

- On the internet: www.wfmz.com
- On television: channel 69 news
- By telephone: 610-926-7176 option 5 for special announcements



WORSHIP AND MUSIC NOTES

Worship services for the month of March are as follows:



- March 1- First Sunday in Lent – Holy Communion - Confirmation Class after worship service.
- March 4- Mid Week worship service and meal at **Bern Reformed UCC** - 6:00 p.m.
- March 8- Second Sunday in Lent followed by Congregation meeting and brunch.
- March 11- Mid Week worship service and meal at **Gernant's** - 6:00 p.m.
- March 15-3rd Sunday in Lent - Holy Communion.
- March 18- Mid Week worship service and meal at **Gernant's** - 6:00 p.m.

March 22- 4th Sunday in Lent

March 25- Mid Week worship service and meal at **LCHT** - 6:00 p.m.

March 29- 5th Sunday in Lent

Other Notes:

The next Worship and Music meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 29 following Worship service.

Worship Attendance



2/02	51
2/09	43
2/16	38
2/23	46

NOTES ABOUT OUR FOLKS

PRAYERS:

- * Shirley Weist, at Columbia Cottage
- * Delores Seaman, at Rittenhouse
- * Jerry Leutze, at the Masonic Home in Elizabethtown
- * Cynthia Leutze, at her daughter's Mohrsville home
- * Pauline Bond, at Maiden creek Place
- * Scott Biehl at Sacred Heart Villa



THANKS TO:

- * Ron & Judy Corl and 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.)

CONGREGATIONAL & COUNCIL OFFICERS FOR 2019:

- *Diana Biehl, President
- *Dennis Biehl, Vice-President
- *Sue Reiber, Secretary
- *Sue Hawkins, Financial Secretary
- *Pat Miller, Treasurer



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Submitted by Karen Bausch

Troop 160 is excited to announce that we are re-chartering for another year!

We will also be having another sandwich sale on April 4th if anyone is interested.





Thank you for supporting the Troop!



March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>1st Sunday in Lent</i> 9:00 AM Worship/ Holy Communion 10:20 AM Confirmation Class 5:30 PM Troop 160 PLC 6:00 PM Troop 160 meet- ing after PLC	2 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	3	4 6:00 PM Meal followed by mid week worship service at Bern Reformed UCC	5 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Group Mtg	6 Hall rented 5:00-10:00 PM	7 Hall Rented 1:00-6:00 PM
8 <i>2nd Sunday in Lent</i> 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Congregational meeting & Meal 6:00 PM Troop 160 meet- ing	9 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	10 7:00 PM Council Meeting	11 6:00 PM Meal followed by Mid- week worship service at St. John, Gernants 7:00 PM Troop 160 Roundtable meeting	12 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Group Mtg	13 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 4:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 1266 meeting	14 6:30 PM Movie Night "A Beautiful Day in the Neighbor- hood"
15 <i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i> 9:00 AM Worship/ Holy Communion 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry	16 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Troop 160 Committee Meeting	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> 7:00 PM Council Meeting	18 6:00 PM Meal followed by Mid- week worship service at St. John, Gernants	19 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Group Mtg	20 2:00 PM Food Pantry Delivery	21 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution
22 <i>4th Sunday in Lent</i> 9:00 AM Worship	23 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	24	25 6:00 PM Meal followed by Mid- week worship service at LCHT Choir Rehearsal following service	26 7:30 PM NA Group Mtg	27 Prep for Pot Pie Dinner	28 Pot Pie Dinner
29 <i>5th Sunday in Lent</i> 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Worship & Music meeting	30 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	31				


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

MARCH VOLUNTEERS

Altar Flowers

1- Ron Davidheiser
 8-Donald Kauffman
 15- Ron Davidheiser
 22-
 29-Dennis & Sue Biehl

Bulletins

1- Ron Davidheiser
 8-
 15-
 22-
 29-Dennis & Sue Biehl

Nursery

no attendant but room will be open

Greeter:

Dennis Savage

Ushers

01-Mike Lowery, Dennis Biehl, Phyllis Heffner
 08-Diana Biehl, Phyllis Heffner, Helen Stoudt
 15-Linda Roshong, Mike Lowery, Dennis Biehl
 22- Phyllis Heffner, Vicki Fetterman, Mike Lowery
 29-Linda Roshong, Helen Stoudt, Phyllis Heffner



MARCH CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays:

01 - Sally Miller
 02 - Judy Geisinger
 06 - Hunter Billig
 08 - JoAnn Gruber
 11 - Kerry Miller
 16 - Kenneth Frankhouser
 18 - Macy Zimmerman
 19 - Darlene Savage
 20 - Linda Reichard
 21- Judd Weber
 27- Sarah Strause
 31- Carole Imgrund



Anniversaries:

07 - David & Patricia Easterbrook
 24 -Dave & Tracy Stoudt



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: lechtsecretary@comcast.net. Thank you.

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

FOR 2020

Phyllis Heffner
 Renee Lenning
 Mike Lowery
 Suzanne Reiber
 Vicki Fetterman
 Helen Stoudt
 Linda Roshong





ROCKING HORSE PRESCHOOL

Submitted by Mrs. Woods and Mrs. Leshner

Winter has been kind to us this year! We had a great February here at school. We had great Valentines party with lots of treats.

We will be all smiles on Wednesday March 18th for our picture day.



We also finished our number books in our PM class. Looking ahead to March we will be wrapping up our candy sale, a huge thank you to everyone who participated in this fundraiser.



During March we will be learning about Dr. Seuss, birds, flowers and we will welcome Spring!!



Thank you to everyone who has donated items off of our wish list. We greatly appreciate it

- Wish List
- Glue Sticks
- Jello (powder)
- Skinny Dry Erase Markers



An article from Reading Berks Conference of Churches

She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future.

Proverbs 31:25

Warrior Hannah Kerr

"When Other Burdens Feel too Heavy to Bear"

I opened my CT Women email this morning to find this Header. Attention grabber? Maybe. Maybe not to others... but what we choose to do with our burdens, and others' we share, can bring us peace or anguish.

Here are some passages from the article written by Kate Shellnutt, Editor CT Women

Galatians 6:2, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

"It's easy to think of people's physical needs as small "burdens" we can help alleviate through love and generosity." (like meals and Go Fund Me Pages.) But there are many other kinds of burdens we end up bearing for those we love, and they're often harder to talk about and harder to help with."

The author states: *"In my own circle recently, I've had friends finalize a divorce, make their way through a NICU stay with their little girl, and grieve a suicide."*

These scenarios prove to be spiritual, emotional, and relational burdens—not to say that the people are a "burden" to us, but to acknowledge the pressure and deep, biblical desire we have to help amid suffering.

*"While there are plenty of passages that direct us to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and give generously to others, **Galatians 6 is not one of them. Instead, it is asking us to draw near to fellow believers in their crises of faith, suffering, and grief, so that we can help point them to God's truth.**"*

*".... the best advice for our stressed-out selves is the advice we can offer our suffering brothers and sisters as well: **We are ultimately dependent on God in every situation, and he is good and trustworthy. It is the Spirit who empowers us to love in the first place—to conquer selfishness or complacency with evil in order to seek goodness and joy.**"*

LCMT MINISTRIES INFORMATION

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:

Ideas for new projects are always welcome. Tower Health is providing us with yarn to make chemo and premie hats for patients. You do not have to come to the monthly get-togethers, you can work on projects anywhere. Anyone who has any questions or suggestions, see Darlene Savage.



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. Please contact the church for further information.

Canned fruits and vegetables continue to be in need due to the increased number of families we are serving



IN OUR COMMUNITY

Saturday, March 21.

Farm Family Appreciation Celebration.

Doors open at 6:15 PM, but no earlier. Dinner buffet – 7:00 to 8:00 PM (Tables will be held for families that work late.)

Square Dance, Classic and Modern Country Music by “The Outlaws” with line dance music between sets: 8:00 to 11:00 p.m.

Theme: Trucks. Feel free to support your favorite brand of truck!

Hamburg Field House, Hamburg, PA - Exit #30 off I-78.

For more information and to register, visit the [synod website](#). Registration forms due by March 6.



WOMEN OF THE ELCA

MONTHLY MEETING

Join us on Monday, March 2 at 1:00 p.m. for our monthly meeting.

REDNER'S REGISTER TAPES *Submitted by Janet Kleffel*

Did you know that 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 goes 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. How do you insure this? Well,

you must 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 and Old Spice deodorant.



LCHT NEWS

Reading Fightin' Phillies

Sunday, June 28th join us at
The Reading Fightin' Phils
Club 67 Area
for food and fun.

Cost will be \$31 per person and includes an all you can eat
buffet from 4:00-6:30 PM.

Children under 4 are free and LCHT youth members are
paid for by LCHT.

Game time is 5:15 PM



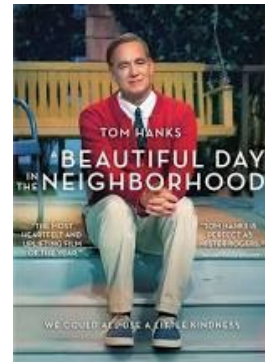
See Dennis Biehl for details and tickets.

Early reservation is required for a minimum of 20 people to
guarantee a place in the Club 67 area.

LCHT MOVIE NIGHT SATURDAY, MARCH 14 6:30 p.m.

The movie will be shown
downstairs in the
Fellowship Hall.

A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood



UPCOMING EVENTS

Homemade Family Style Chicken Pot Pie Dinner

**Saturday, March 28, 2020
4-7 PM**

Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity

Includes corn, pepper cabbage and dessert

Adults \$10.00
Children ages 4-12 \$5.00
Quarts \$8.00

For tickets call Dennis Biehl
484-256-6678

Eat in or Take out



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 at the beginning of each month, except August. Articles can be submitted to the church office or e-mailed to the Secretary (preferred).

Deadline for article submission is the 15th of each month.

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Worship at 9 a.m.

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