

The Herald

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Dear Friends,

September is going to be a busy month as Rocking Horse Pre-school is back in session, confirmation begins, and other ministries resume after their summer hiatus. This is true for our worship life as well.

Here is what will be happening on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM in September.

On September 9 we will be hosting the *Teen Challenge Choir* and celebrate “God’s Work, Our Hands” Sunday. As part of that celebration we are asking people to bring fresh produce, canned and/or boxed food items as part of our service projects for the day. The items will be displayed in front of the altar. Following worship everyone is invited to a brunch that will be served in our fellowship hall and we will engage in additional service projects until 1 PM at the latest. **Please call the church office (610-926-7176) or sign up on the sheet on the narthex bulletin board if you are planning to attend the brunch so that adequate preparations can be made.**

On September 16 the Rev. Mary Gade will be with us to preach and after worship to lead us through some items that need to be completed by members of the congregation for the transitional study booklet that will be shared with possible candidates interested in being called as LCHT’s next pastor. **Please make every effort to be present!**

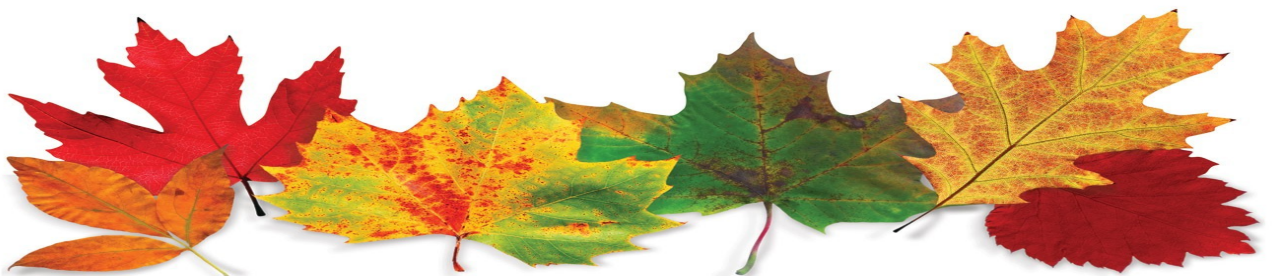
On September 30 there will be a blessing of the animals. The time of this rite will be announced in early September. Watch the bulletin, your email and/or the *Reading Eagle* for that information.

I look forward to seeing more of you at worship as we move into the fall and return to our “normal” schedules. Invite friends and neighbors to join you and remember, “God is good every day! Every day, God is good!”.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Ritter

Grief Group to Begin

Lutheran Congregational Services will begin to offer its 6 week grief support ministry, “**Journeys Through Grief**”, on Monday September 24th. LCHT is hosting this service. Each session will begin at 7:00PM. There is no charge for the series but anyone who desires to attend should contact our secretary at 610-926 7176 or at lchtsecretary@comcast.net to register by Wednesday, September 19th. This series is sponsored through the generosity of Leibensperger Funeral Homes. Please thank them when you see Donna or Derek.



WORSHIP AND MUSIC NOTES

Submitted by Renee Lenning

September 2 - 15th Sunday after Pentecost, Communion Service

September 9 - 16th Sunday after Pentecost, Members from Teen Challenge from Rehersburg will present music and testimonials during the sermon portion of the service. A second offering will be taken for Teen Challenge. Brunch to follow service as well as service project for "God's Work, Our Hands" observance.

September 16 - 17th Sunday after Pentecost, Communion Service, Pastor May Gade from Synod will be present to gather additional information to move forward in calling a pastor. ATTENDANCE AT THIS SERVICE IS VERY IMPORTANT!!

September 23 - 18th Sunday after Pentecost

September 30--19th Sunday after Pentecost. Blessing of animals service.

OTHER NOTES

* We will be holding First Responder Recognition at our October 14 worship service followed by a pancake breakfast.

* Next meeting is September 6, 2018 at 6:00 PM prior to choir rehearsal following worship.

ROCKING HORSE PRESCHOOL

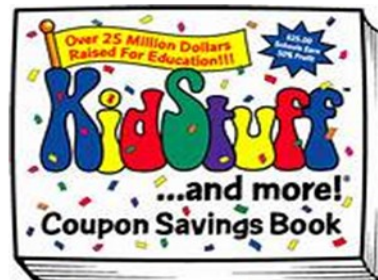
Submitted by Mrs. Woods and Mrs. Leshner

Welcome back to school!

We are excited to get this school year started! We hope everyone had a great summer! Our meet and greet took place on Thursday August 23rd. This is a great evening for parents and students alike to come and meet the teachers as well as one another.

We've been busy this summer planning what we know will be a fun and educational school year for our students. When we come back to school we will be exploring one of our favorite themes, dinosaurs! We will also be learning about apples, the letter Aa, circles, the color red and the number one within the first few weeks of school.

Our first fundraiser for the school year is the KidStuff Coupon Books. These books are available for purchase immediately and are \$25 a piece. We receive \$12.50 from each book sold! There are lots of great coupons in these books. Books can be purchased for a variety of different areas/states. If you'd like to purchase one please see the information hanging on the bulletin board in the preschool hallway or church vestibule. Thank you in advance for your support!



Lastly, we like to say thank you to everyone who has been donating items from our wish list. Your donations are greatly appreciated!!

Wish List: If you are able to donate items from our wish list, please leave them on the shelf outside the classroom. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

- Gallon Ziplock bags
- Paper Plates (the cheap ones, plain white, non-glossy)
- Quart Ziplock bags



September

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 15 th Sun. after Pentecost 9:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion	3 8:30 AM NA Meeting <i>Happy Labor Day!</i> 	4	5	6 9:30 AM Pastoral Care Team Mtg. 6:00 PM Music & Worship 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Mtg.	7 9:00 AM Apple Dumpling Prep 5:00-10:00 PM Leesport Community Days 4:00-6:00 Apple Dumpling Pickup	8 4:00-9:00PM Leesport Community Days
9 16 th Sun. after Pentecost 9:00 AM Worship Service 4:30 PM Troop 160 Planning Committee Mtg. 6:00 PM Troop 160 Mtg.	10 8:30 AM NA Meeting 1:00 PM WELCA 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	11	12 7:00 PM Council Meeting	13 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 NA Mtg.	14 2:00 PM Food Pantry Delivery <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	15 9 AM Food Pantry Distribution
16 17 th Sun. after Pentecost 9:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion 2:00 Prayer Shawl 6:00 PM Troop 160 Mtg.	17 8:30 AM NA Meeting 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Troop 160 Committee Meeting	18 7:00 PM Mission Trip Planning Meeting	19	20 5:30 PM Soul Supper 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 NA Mtg.	21	22 9:00 AM 5K Fun Run
23 18 th Sun. after Pentecost 9:00 AM Worship Service 6:00 PM Troop 160 Mtg.	24 8:30 AM NA Meeting 7:00 PM Grief Support Group 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	25	26	27 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Mtg.	28	29 12:00-4:00 PM Cubmobile Races
30 19 th Sun. after Pentecost 9:00 AM Worship Service						

APPLE DUMPLING FUNDRAISER ON SEPTEMBER 7

On Friday, September 7 there will be an Apple Dumpling Fundraiser. Price is \$3.50 each and will be available for pick up from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the lower level of the church.

Please preorder using the order form on the bulletin board or see Daren DeAntonio or Phyllis Heffner. Please request an order form from them if you want to take orders.

Also, if you are interested in helping to make apple dumplings on Friday, September 7 @ 9:00 a.m. there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board or you can contact Daren DeAntonio @ 610-926-6402 with any questions.

BAKED APPLE DUMPLINGS HOT PUDDINGS CARD 19



Photograph by courtesy of The Fruit Producers Council



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

It is never too early or late to join us and have a ton of fun! Day Camps/Camping,

Community Events, Earning Badges, Pinewood Derby, Cub mobile Races, Holiday Parties, Adventures/Trips and so much more! For more information, call Cubmaster Rudy Arceo at 484-256-4621 for Cub Scout (Kindergarten—5th grade; ages 5-11) or Scoutmaster Karen Bausch at 610-334-9739 for Boy Scouts (6th — 12th grade).

Troop 160 will be camping at the Leesport Lock House the weekend of September 28-30 to make homemade apple butter. The apple butter will be for sale after the September 30th worship service for \$5.00 a pint.

On Sunday August 12th an Eagle Court of Honor was held for Matthew Maggiaro and Dawson Mohl. Matthew's project was to landscape around the flagpole at Gernant's Church and Dawson refurbished the master bedroom at the Leesport Lock House.

NOTES ABOUT OUR FOLKS

PRAYERS FOR:

- * Pauline Bond, who is at Maiden creek Place.
- * Audrey & Jim DeLong, who are at home.
- * Jerry Leutze, who resides at the Masonic Home in Elizabethtown.
- * Ralph and Lollie Seaman, who are at Rittenhouse.
- * Shirley & John Weist, who are at Columbia Cottages.
- * Sally Miller, who is at home recovering from knee surgery.
- * Virginia Lash, who is recovering from bilateral cataract surgery.
- * All our servicemen and servicewomen at home & abroad.
- * All the leaders of our church, the nation and the world.

CONDOLENCES TO:

- * Eleanor Catherman's family
- * Keith Mertz's family

THANKS TO:

- * Our mowers, Scott Care, Ken Frankhouser and Dan DeAntonio.
- * Ron & Judy Corl and all our other volunteers who help with the SV Food Pantry.
- * Sue Biehl for taking care of the Church flower beds.
- * Those who save Redner's tapes.
- * All the leaders of our church, the nation and the world.

"God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday!

On Sunday, September 9 at 9:00AM we are hosting the Teen Challenge Choir. They will sing and give testimony to God's work in their lives. Worshippers are invited to bring fresh produce, canned and packaged food items that will be shared with our local food pantry. Following worship everyone is invited to stay for brunch in our fellowship hall. At the conclusion of the meal there will be an opportunity to participate in several service projects that will benefit local and international organizations. Come to worship, eat and serve!

Thrivent Financial Is a Champion for LCHT:

You Can Be One Also

Thrivent Financial's *Choice Dollars* program has provided millions of dollars to congregations just like the Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity. **If you are an eligible Thrivent member with choice dollars, you can direct them to LCHT at no cost to you.** Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 1-800-847-4836 and say, "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt. If you are not sure if you have any choice dollars to designate, you can call the toll-free number noted previously for assistance. You will need to select LCHT on a periodic basis so that it can continue to receive your choice dollars. Your support of our congregation in this regard is greatly appreciated.

SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays:

03 - Donald Mengel
04 - Matthew Franklin
05 - John Weist
 Nicholas Wink
07 - Kent Riegel
 Kevin Lenning
08 - Dan DeAntonio
 Silas DeAntonio
09 - Lana Deeter
10 - Leon Degler
11 - Joel Batdorf
12 - Charles Hoke, V
13 - Johnathan Riegel
14 - Joseph Lutcavage
15 - Michael Beissel

Jean Stoudt
Maxx Franklin
Charlotte Schwendeman
Henry Schwendeman
17 - Lollie Seaman
18 - Raymond Reichard
19 - Lorna Oswalt
 Tara Stoudt
21 - Heather Griffin
23 - Destiny Macrae
25 - Dominic Lombardo
 Lauren McEwen
26 - Mike Korpics
28 - Neil Oswalt

Anniversaries:

01 - Richard & Carole Imgrund
 Joel & Amanda Batdorf
07 - Jon & Vera Gardner
08 - Daniel & Ashley Savage
09 - Oliver & Yvonne Graeff
18 - Roy & Lorna Oswalt
 Tom & Phyllis Heffner
19 - Ross & Lori McEwen
28 - Damien & Ashley DeAntonio

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.

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 9:00 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.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:

Meets the third Sunday of the month, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. You do not have to come to the monthly get-togethers, you can work on projects anywhere. Please see ***Darlene Savage*** or anyone on the Social Ministry Committee for more information.

2019 MISSION TRIP PLANNING:

There will be a planning meeting at 7:00pm on September 18 to begin planning the 2019 trip. Please attend if you might join us on the trip as we will be selecting dates and possible locations. Bring your calendar and your ideas.



WOMEN OF THE ELCA

MONTHLY MEETING

Submitted by Janet Kleffel, President

Join us on Monday, September 10th at 1:00 p.m. as we resume our monthly meetings.

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.

How does Redner's calculate the one percent? Glad you asked. Well, we depend on church members to

drop off their Redner's receipts. However, its not quite that simple.

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.

SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS

Altar Flowers

2 - Ron Davidheiser
9- Sue Reiber
16 - WELCA
23 - Leon & Donna Degler
30 - Ron Davidheiser

Greeter

Jan Weaver

Bulletins

2 - Irvin & Nettie Kauffman
9 - Paul & Joan Houck's grandchildren Ryan & Sara
16 - Ron Davidheiser
23 - Irvin & Nettie Kauffman
30 - Leon & Donna Degler

Ushers

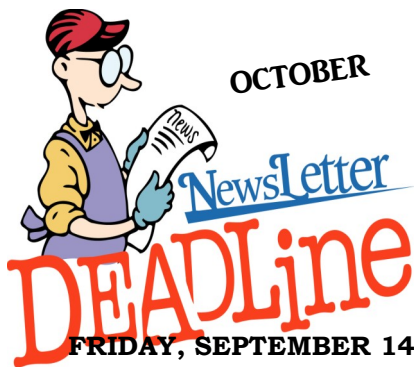
2 - Mike Lowery, Ron Corl, Ron Davidheiser
9- Ron Davidheiser, Mike Lowery, Diana Biehl
16 - Dennis Biehl, Ron Corl, Ron Davidheiser
23 - Mike Lowery, Ron Corl, Diana Biehl
30 - Ron Davidheiser, Mike Lowery, Dennis Biehl

Acolytes

2 - Evan Lash
9 - TBD
16 - Mason Cleary
23 - TBD
30 - TBD

Nursery

There will be no attendant but the room will be open



Secretarial Change

Contact information remains the same for the secretary:
email LCHTsecretary@comcast.net and telephone 610-926-7176.

Hello

My name is Debra Berg. As a registered nurse I have worked in many different fields of nursing. Some included administrative duties, many did not.

I am excited to begin this new chapter in my life as church secretary for The Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity.

I appreciate the wonderful opportunity you have given me and promise to give it my best.

I look forward to meeting everyone.

Thank you for having faith in me to fulfill your needs as your secretary.

Stewardship of Our Work Life

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. -- Colossians 3:17

The priesthood of all believers has been characterized as Martin Luther's most underappreciated theological insight. Simply put, Luther observed that God calls all Christians -- not just pastors -- to lives of holiness. Every one of us, not just priests, accomplishes God's holy work, regardless of what we do for work, whether employed or working at home.

It's a simple idea, and one that certainly elevates our "job" to a new status, but it can be hard to live out. Here are some tips:

Think disciple: You may know to be a disciple in church, but prayerfully imagine how you can be a follower of Jesus at work, too!

Think excellence: There's satisfaction in doing your best. Knowing that your work is holy can provide not only incentive but also a satisfaction boost.

Think relationship: They're not just your coworkers, they're also the neighbors whom Christ commands us to serve and to love as ourselves.

Think service: Every workplace holds challenges for your employer, coworkers and customers. How can your experience and gifts help?

Think priest: You are called to be a holy person 24/7. How does this awareness invite you to change your behavior and attitude toward your work?

We spend so much of our lives in our jobs, we can't park our faith at the door. Instead, we bring the light of Christ to the workplace as holy people of God's reign!

--Rob Blezard

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5K Run/Walk & Kids Fun Run

September 22nd, 2018
9:00 am Rain or Shine

For more information Please contact Diana Biehl at dianabiehl@gmail.com

Registration starts @ 8:00 a.m., 5K @ 9:00 a.m., bib and shirt pick up in lower level of the Church

Awards:

50.00 for the top male and female.
Medals for overall 3 male and female winners for each group: 10 & under, 11-18, 19-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60+.
12 and under run after 5K & receive small gift for participation.

T-shirt to all pre-registrants and while supplies last.

Refreshments provided after the race.
Entry fee \$20.00 if registered by August 31st.
\$25.00 after August 31st.
Kids 12 and under run free
Make check payable to "LCHT"

Neighborhood Memory Café

Free event to talk, learn and share

If you have memory concerns or if you're a caregiver. Talk with others in similar situations. Learn what others are doing to keep their minds sharp. As a caregiver, learn new ways to help your loved on from peers and professionals. 4th Wednesday of every month from 1-2PM.

First meeting August 22, 2018

Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church

354 Zions Church Road, Shoemakersville, Pa 19555

For more information or to RSVP call Carol at 484-633-0773

A Reading Civic Theatre Production!

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat will be presented by the Reading Civic Theatre in the Ballroom @ the Abe (the former Abe Lincoln Hotel), 100 N. 5th St., Reading on the 21st and 22nd of September at 8:00 PM and on the 23rd of September at 2:00 PM. You can order tickets by calling 610-372-5325 or by going on-line at www.readingcivic.org.

Confirmation Ministry Begins Sunday, September 16

On Sunday, September 16, following worship, Pastor Ritter is planning to meet with parents and students who desire to be involved in the confirmation ministry of the congregation this year. A letter has been sent to families with children in 7th and 8th grades. If you would like to talk with Pastor Ritter about this ministry, please contact him at 484-529-7801 or dsritter@ptd.net.

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 Pastor Ritter at his office number or cell phone.

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 at 9 a.m.
Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.

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