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## From the Pastor

As I write this we are right in the middle of Lent. Some have taken on a discipline and some have given something up to mark these 40 days until Easter. Others, like myself, have come to see Lent as a time of reflection rather than action. I reflect on those things, be they thoughts, feelings, or behavior that interfere with God's desire to be in relationship. The following thoughts from Pope Francis have helped guide my reflections:

### DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

- \* Fast from hurting words and speak with kindness.
- \* Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- \* Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- \* Fast from worries and have trust in God.

- \* Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- \* Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- \* Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- \* Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- \* Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- \* Fast from words so you can hear others.

*Finally brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.*

*Philippians 4:8*

Yours, in Christ, Pastor Fox



# WORSHIP AND MUSIC NOTES

Submitted by Renee Lenning, Chairperson



Worship services for April:

April 3 – Midweek Lenten service at LCHT – soup & sandwich dinner followed by worship at 7:00 p.m.

April 7 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent – communion service

April 14 – Passion/Palm Sunday – bell choir to play

April 18 – Maundy Thursday service at BERN LUTHERAN CHURCH at 7:00 p.m.

April 19 – Good Friday service at GERNANT'S at 7:00 p.m.

April 21- Easter Sunday- Communion service

April 28 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Other Notes:

The committee has discussed the possibility of moving toward having Communion every Sunday. This was also discussed with the members of the congregation in attendance at the congregational meeting.

We will experiment with streamlining the liturgy during communion services during the coming weeks and ask for feedback after that time.

Next meeting date: Thursday, April 4, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

## Worship Attendance



2/24	39
3/3	46
3/6 <i>(Ash Wednesday)</i>	49
3/10	39
3/17	50
3/24	73

## NOTES ABOUT OUR FOLKS

### PRAYERS:

- \* Audrey Delong.
- \* John & Shirley Weist, who are at home.
- \* Carole Imgrund in Manor Care Laureldale Rehab.
- \* Delores Seaman at Rittenhouse.
- \* Pauline Bond at Maiden creek Place.
- \* Cynthia Leutze at home.
- \* Jerry Leutze at the Masonic Home in Elizabethtown.
- \* Scott Biehl at home.



### CONDOLANCES TO:

- \* The family of Ralph Seaman.
- \* The family of Larry Miller.
- \* The family of Jim Delong.



### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- \* Brooks Henry DeAntonio on his baptism 3/24/19.

### 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 contribute Choice Dollars to the church.
- \* 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.

# APRIL 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> WELCA meets <b>7:00 PM</b> Bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> soup & sandwich followed by <b>7:00PM</b> worship at LCHT <b>8:00 PM</b> Choir rehearsal after worship	<b>4</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Worship & Music Meeting <b>7:30 PM</b> NA Group Meeting	<b>5</b> <b>4:30 PM</b> Girl Scout Troop 1266 meeting	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> <i>5th Sunday in Lent</i> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship/Holy Communion <b>6:00 PM</b> Troop 160 meeting	<b>8</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> soup & sandwich followed by <b>7:00PM</b> worship at Bern UCC <b>7:00 PM</b> Troop 160 Roundtable Meeting	<b>11</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal <b>7:30 PM</b> NA Group Meeting	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> LCHT Movie Night "Green Book"
<b>14</b> <i>Passion/Palm Sunday</i> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship/Holy Communion	<b>15</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Bell Choir Rehearsal <b>7:00 PM</b> Troop 160 Committee Meeting <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Council Meeting	<b>18</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Soul Supper <b>7:00 PM</b> <b>Maundy Thursday</b> worship at Bern Lutheran <b>7:30 PM</b> NA Group Meeting	<b>19</b> <b>4:30 PM</b> Girl Scout Troop 1266 meeting <b>7:00 PM Good Friday</b> worship at St. John's Gernant's	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> <i>Easter</i> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship/ Holy Communion	<b>22</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal <b>7:00 PM</b> Food Pantry Committee Meeting <b>7:30 PM</b> NA Group Meeting	<b>26</b> <b>2:00 PM</b> Food Pantry Delivery	<b>27</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Food Pantry Distribution
<b>28</b> <i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship Preschool Sunday	<b>29</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>30</b>				

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

# APRIL VOLUNTEERS

## Altar Flowers

07-Dennis & Sue Biehl  
 14-Ron & Donna Kessler  
 21-Ron Davidheiser  
 28-Irvin & Nettie Kauffman

## Bulletins

07- Dennis & Sue Biehl  
 14-  
 21- Ron Davidheiser  
 28-

## Nursery

*no attendant but room will be open*

## Acolytes

7- Jayce Gruber  
 14- Evan Lash  
 21- Jayce Gruber  
 28- Evan Lash

## Greeter:

Donald Kauffman

## Ushers

3- Lowery, S. Care, Dennis Biehl  
 7- P. Heffner, Corl, Diana Biehl  
 14- S. Care, Lowery, Corl  
 21- P. Heffner, S. Care, Diana Biehl  
 28- Lowery, Corl, Dennis Biehl

# LCMT EVENTS

## Reading Fightin' Phillies

Saturday, June 29th @ 6:35 PM.  
 Join us at The Reading Fightin' Phils in the Club 67 Picnic Area for food and fun. Cost will be around \$30 per person.



## LCMT MOVIE NIGHT SATURDAY, APRIL 13 6:30 p.m.

The movie "Green Book" will be shown



### Order form for Easter Flowers

#### Plants Available:



Lilly Plants - \$6.50  
 Hyacinths (3 bulb) - \$5.00  
 Blue, Pink, White  
 Tulips (6 bulb) - \$5.00  
 Red, Yellow, Pink,  
 Daffodils (8" pot) - \$6.50  
 Yellow Only  
 Miniature Daffodils (4 1/2" pot) - \$2.50  
 Yellow Only

#### **Deadline is April 14th**

Please return form to: Phyllis Heffner

COMPLETE BOTH SIDES

Name:

	<u>Number of Plants</u>		<u>Total Cost</u>
Lilies	_____	X \$6.50 =	_____
Hyacinths	_____	X \$5.00 =	_____
	Circle Color(s):	Blue   Pink   White	
Tulips	_____	X \$5.00 =	_____
	Circle Color(s):	Red   Yellow   Pink	
Daffodils	_____	X \$6.50 =	_____
Miniature Daffodils	_____	X \$2.50 =	_____

Fill out **exactly** as you want it listed in the bulletin insert. Please print all information. Use additional form if needed.  
 Plants Given to the Glory of God

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Plants Given in Memory

Of: \_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Of: \_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Of: \_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Plants Given in Honor

Of: \_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Of: \_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Of: \_

By: \_\_\_\_\_





# ROCKING HORSE PRESCHOOL

Submitted by Mrs. Woods and Mrs. Leshar

It's hard to believe that we are entering into our last few months of school already!

This year is flying by.

As a reminder our Little Ceaser's Fundraiser will be delivered on April 9<sup>th</sup>.



Picture day was successful, with lots of smiles. Preschool Sunday will take place on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> More info to come.

Spring is such a fun and busy time here at school. We will be finishing up our letter books this month as well as learning about Easter, caterpillars and ladybugs, and we will also be experimenting with bubble and kites.

We also look forward to our annual Easter party and Easter egg hunt!



At this time both our AM and PM group are full for next year.

Thank you to everyone who has donated from our wish list! It is greatly appreciated.



Large Popsicle sticks (tongue depressor size)  
Skinny Washable Markers  
Glue Dots (small – can be found at AC Moore, Michael's and Walmart craft areas)

## IN OUR COMMUNITY

**Gift Basket and Meat Tray Bingo:** Sunday, April 14. Doors open at 12:30pm.

**ST. JOHN'S GERNANT'S CHURCH Memorial Hall**

13 Gernant's Church Road, Leesport, PA

Advance tickets cost \$20. Tickets at the door are \$25. Price includes hot dog and drink.

Call Sam Reimert at 484-269-4205.



### The Pretzel City Chorus

Presents

#### Back to the Future

Songs of the Twenties



Saturday, May 4, 2019 at 2:00PM  
Wilson West Middle School  
450 Faust Road Sinking Spring, Pa

Seating is reserved. To order tickets or for more information call Joe Purdin @ 610-678-4901 or see Ron Davidheiser.  
\$15.00 Adults and \$7.00 Students



# BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Submitted by Karen Bausch



Troop 160 will be assisting the Leesport Historical Society with their annual **Easter Flower Sale**.

The Sale will be held  
Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>,  
Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>,  
Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> and  
Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Please come out to support the community! Thank you!

## WOMEN OF THE ELCA

### MONTHLY MEETING

Join us on Monday, April 1 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.

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.

### 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.



## APRIL CELEBRATIONS

### Birthdays:

- 01 - Kenneth Stoudt
- 02 - Jillian Storch  
Bruce Buchalter
- 06 - Linda Snyder
- 07 - Vicki Fetterman  
Juliana Clery
- 08 - Douglas Heister
- 09 - Hailey Leffler
- 11 - Krissy Wink  
Owen Manwiller

- 16 - Eldon Kibler  
Patricia Easterbrook
- 19 - Dennis Biehl
- 20 - Leanna Stoudt  
Dominic Batdorf
- 21 - Krystle Bittner  
Weston Hawkins
- 22 - Angel Zimmerman
- 24 - Mary Gruber
- 27 - David Biehl
- 28 - Glenn Miller

### Anniversaries:

- 01 - Harry & Lisa Werner
- 11 - Ronald & Donna Kessler
- 12 - Harold & Anita Bond
- 17 - Ken & Linda Snyder
- 19 - Jerry & Cynthia Leutze



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). Thank you.

## GIFT CARD PROGRAM QUESTIONS

1. **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.
2. **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!
3. **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.
4. **WHAT STORES CAN I GET GIFT CARDS TO?** Gift cards can be purchased for Redner's 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. Weis cards may also be used at the following stores: Cressler's, King's, Mr. Z's or Scot's Lo Cost.
5. **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.
6. **REMEMBER** with the gift cards from Redner's you can buy other gift cards like Sears, Olive Garden & etc.
7. **WHAT IF I STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?** Please see Phyllis or Tom Heffner, or see back of card for details.

## 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.

Please contact the church for further information.

**Due to the increase in the number of families requiring assistance, the food pantry is currently in need of canned fruits and vegetables.**



### **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:**

The prayer shawl ministry group meets the third Sunday of the month from 2 to 4 p.m.

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.



## **2019 Mission Trip Update**

The mission trip could not be scheduled to North Carolina as we had planned.

We will now be working in Schuylkill County to work on rebuilding homes that had been flooded.

We will still be working from Monday April 8 to Friday April 12.

Actual travel details will be worked out shortly.

We have a place to stay in Tower City which is about 15 minutes from the work site. Because we are only about an hour away we do not have to stay every night.

It will also be easy for anyone to work part of the week if you want to help but cannot commit for the week.

Please contact Dan DeAntonio if you are interested in all or part of the week.

# 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 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

## LCHT Sundays' Schedule:

Worship at 9 a.m.

## LCHT Staff Information:

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## Rocking Horse Preschool Information:

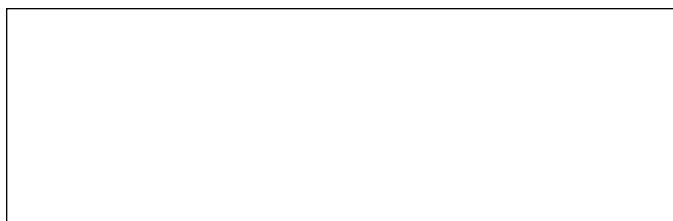
**Teachers:** Mrs. Aliesha Woods  
Mrs. Adrienne Leshner  
Office: 610-926-7176 ext. 3  
Email: rhps@comcast.net

## **Mailing Address:**

Rocking Horse Preschool  
The Lutheran Church  
of the Holy Trinity  
Leesport, PA 19533

**Website:** www.lcht.org

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