



The Herald



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From The Pastor's Desk:

As we begin our New Year, we observe the Baptism of The Lord, and we hear again the words spoken as Jesus came up from the water: "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

I would like to share with you a meditation written by Henri J. M. Nouwen, a Dutch-born Catholic priest, professor and pastor:

When Jesus was baptized in the Jordan, he heard a voice from heaven saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17).

These words revealed the true identity of Jesus as the beloved. Jesus truly heard that voice, and all of his thoughts, words and actions came forth from his deep knowledge that he was infinitely loved by God. Jesus lived his life from that inner place of love. Although human rejections, jealousies, resentments and hatred did hurt him deeply, he remained anchored in the love of the Father.

At the end of his life, he said to his disciples, "Listen: the time will come—indeed has come already—when you are going to be scattered, each going his own way and leaving me alone. And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me" (John 16:32).

I know now that the words spoken to Jesus when he was baptized are words spoken also to me and to all who are brothers and sisters of Jesus. My tendencies toward self-rejection and self-deprecation make it hard to hear these words truly and let them descend into the center of my heart. But once I have received these words fully, I am set free from my compulsion to prove myself to the world and can live in it without belonging to it.

Once I have accepted the truth that I am God's beloved child, unconditionally loved, I can be sent into the world to speak and to act as Jesus did.

Well spoken, Henri Nouwen. May we all take these words to heart.

Pastor Fran

BIMONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Beginning with this newsletter, the Herald will be published bimonthly. This edition will be your January/February edition. The next newsletter will be out the beginning of March for March & April.

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 January:

- January 01- Lessons & Carols Service
- January 08- Baptism of Our Lord-Holy Communion service- *The Rev. Scott Davis*
- January 15- 2nd Sunday after Epiphany-No pastor
- January 22- 3rd Sunday after Epiphany-Holy Communion service-
The Rev. Norman Dresher
- January 29- 4th Sunday after Epiphany - *The Rev. Robert Kramer*
- February 5- 5th Sunday after Epiphany- Bell Choir to play

Worship Attendance



12/04	31
12/11	28
12/18	28
12/24	68

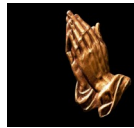
Other Notes:

- *Decorations will be taken down in the sanctuary on Saturday, January 7 at 9:00 a.m.
- *We will continue with "Masks are optional" for worship services.
- *Sunday, February 5th the Bell Choir will play.
- *Sunday, February 12 is "Souper Bowl Sunday." All monetary donations collected this day will be given to special outreach projects. Place your donation in the bucket who you feel will win the Super Bowl!
- *Ash Wednesday is February 22. Updates on Lenten services will be in your weekly bulletins.

NOTES ABOUT OUR FOLKS

PRAYERS:

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



CONDOLENCES TO:

- * The family of Barry Beitler.

THANKS TO:

- * Everyone who decorated the Church for Christmas
- * Everyone who sponsored Poinsettias for Christmas.
- * All our volunteers who help with the SV Food Pantry.
- * All the leaders of our church, the nation and the world.
- * All the frontline workers who continue to fight the pandemic.
- * Everyone who participated in the Angel Tree Program

Thank You

JANUARY and FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

January Birthdays:

- 01 - Lisa Kuhns
- 02 - Joseph Lowery
- 09 - Linda Greely
- 10 - Pauline Bond
Johnathan Greely
- 11 - Elaine Lombardo
Bradley Buchalter
- 13 - Paul Clery
- 14 - Janet Kleffel
- 20 - Alyssa Potts
- 25 - Victoria Wagner
- 27 - Derrick Potts

- 29 - Donna Degler
Sallyann Hoke

Anniversaries:

- 04 - Michael & Amy
Korpics

February Birthdays:

- Birthdays:
- 02 - Virginia Lash
- 03 - Donald Kauffman
Thad Kistler
- 09 - Lori Witinski
- 14 - Susan Hawkins
- 22 - Barrett Lash
- 24 - Dwayne Kuhns
- 25 - Georgia Manwiller
Richard Hawkins Jr.
- 28 - Boris Pikhtovnikoff

Anniversaries:

- 02 - Richard & Sue Reiber
- 21 - Dennis & Helen
Stoudt
- 25 - Mark & Mary Ann
Franklin
- 27 - Kenneth & Cynthia
Frankhouser







January 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>1st Sunday of Christmas</i> 9:00 AM Lessons & Carols Service Pot Pie orders Due 	2 1:00 PM WELCA 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	3	4	5 Pot Pie Prep 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Mtg.	6	7 9:00 AM Removal of Christmas Decorations 3:00-5:00 Pot Pie pick up 8:30 PM AA Meeting
8 <i>Baptism of Our Lord</i> 9:00 AM Worship /Holy Communion <i>The Rev. Scott Davis</i>	9 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	10	11 6:00 PM Council meets	12 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Mtg.	13	14 Pot Pie sale inclement weather date 8:30 PM AA Meeting
15 <i>2nd Sunday after Epiphany</i> 9:00 AM Worship NO PASTOR YET	16 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	17	18	19 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Mtg.	20 2:00 PM Food Pantry Delivery	21 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution 8:30 PM AA Meeting
22 <i>3rd Sunday after Epiphany</i> 9:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion <i>The Rev. Norman Dresher</i>	23 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	24	25	26 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Mtg.	27	28 8:30 PM AA Meeting
29 <i>4th Sunday after Epiphany</i> 9:00 AM Worship <i>The Rev. Robert Kramer</i>	30 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	31				


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

JANUARY & FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS

January

Alter Flowers
01--available
08--available
15--available
22--available
29--available

Bulletins

01--available
08--available
15--available
22--available
29--available

Ushers

01--available
08--available
15--available
22--available
29--available

Nursery will be open but
no attendant is available.

Thank
You

February

Alter Flowers
05--available
12--available
19--available
26--available

Bulletins

05--available
12--available
19--available
26--available

Ushers

05--available
12--available
19--available
26--available

**See bulletin board to
sign up to sponsor flow-
ers and/or bulletins. The
cost to sponsor flowers
is \$25. The cost to spon-
sor bulletins is \$15.**

ROCKING HORSE PRESCHOOL

Submitted by Ms. Woods



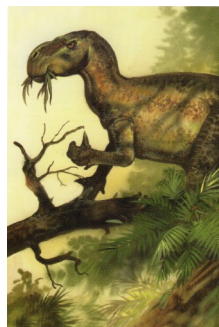
December was a busy fun filled month. We had a great time at our cookies and cocoa party.

We hope everyone had a great Christmas break and wonderful New Year!



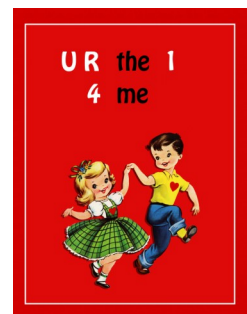
During the months of January and February we will be learning about the letters N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, and U and the numbers 13-20.

We will be exploring the following themes as well: winter weather, snowman, mittens, polar animals, dinosaurs, feelings & emotions, hearts, kings & queens and community helpers.



Miss Kelly from the SVCL will be visiting us on January 3rd and February 7th.

We will exchange Valentines during our Valentine's party on Tuesday February 14th. We are hoping that the weather cooperates and that we don't have too many snow days.



At the end of January, we will have open enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year so if you know someone who is looking for a preschool program, please feel free to pass along our contact information. rhaps@comcast.net or call at 610-926-7176 and listen to the prompts.

LCHT NEWS

Annual congregational meeting

December 11, 2022

The annual congregational meeting was held on Sunday, December 11 following morning worship. The budget for 2023 was reviewed and approved.

Council members remain unchanged for 2023. Ron Davidheiser is President and Linda Roshong Vice President.

Council Members for 2023:

Diana Biehl	Linda Roshong
Ron Davidheiser	Darlene Savage
Daniel DeAntonio	Dennis Savage
Vicki Fetterman	
Phyllis Heffner	
Janet Kleffel	

ANNUAL REPORTS:

All leaders of organizations and committees please be sure to submit a report to the office highlighting the work/activities of your organization or committee by Monday, February 6.

The office email address is lichtsecretary@comcast.net.



Thank you to all Angel Tree Participants

The angel tree program has ended for this year. We would like to let you know how much we appreciated everyone in the congregation and the Rocking Horse Pre-school for their participation. We had twenty-five names from the Hamburg Salvation Army and all names were taken. On Dec. 5th all gifts were picked up and delivered to the Hamburg Salvation Army. You are a very dedicated, compassionate and faithful group of people. Your generosity, and kindness will bring smiles to a lot of people this year in the Hamburg area.

Thank you very much.



POT PIE SALE:

Saturday January 7, 2023. Pick up between 3:00 and 5:00 PM.

Inclement weather date is Saturday January 14, 2023.

Pot pie will be sold by the quart for \$10.00.

Pepper cabbage will be sold by the pint for \$5.00.

Assorted baked goods will also be available for purchase.



SANDWICH SALE:

The next sandwich sale will be held Saturday February 4, 2023.

Sandwiches will be ready for pick up around 8:45 AM.

Watch bulletin board for sign up sheet to be posted.

Sale will benefit LCHT.

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.



WOMEN OF THE ELCA

MONTHLY MEETING

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

REDNER'S REGISTER TAPES

Submitted by Janet Kleffel

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.

Thank you to everyone who donated during Advent and throughout the year.

There is a box in the narthex for collecting needed items for the veterans. Items will be delivered as they accumulate.

Suggested items for donation are:

- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Mouthwash
- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- White socks
- Sleep pants (size L,XL & XXL)
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Laundry detergent
- Liquid body soap
- Dish soap



LCMT MINISTRIES INFORMATION

FOOD PANTRY:

Our church continues to be 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. We continue to serve around 80 local families every month.

DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS GREATLY APPRECIATED.



IN OUR COMMUNITY

BREAKFAST AT ONTELAUNEE GRANGE:

The first Sunday of February,
March,
April
and May.

Breakfast will be served from
8:00 AM until 1:00 PM.





February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
COMMUNION SUNDAYS VARY DEPENDING ON THE AVAILABILITY OF A SUPPLY PASTOR			1	2 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Group Mtg. 8:00 PM Worship & Music meeting	3 3:00-7:00PM Sandwich prep	4 7:00-11:00AM Sandwich sale- 8:45 AM pick up 8:30 PM AA Meeting
5 <i>5th Sunday after Epiphany -</i> 9:00 AM Worship/ Holy Communion If Supply Pastor is available Bell Choir will play	6 1:00 WELCA 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal ANNUAL REPORTS DUE	7	8 6:00 PM Council Meeting	9 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Group Mtg.	10	11 8:30 PM AA Meeting
12 <i>6th Sunday after Epiphany</i> 9:00 AM Worship <i>"Souper Bowl Sunday"</i> NO PASTOR YET	13 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	14	15	16 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Group Mtg.	17 2:00 PM Food Pantry Delivery	18 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution 8:30 PM AA Meeting
19 <i>Transfiguration of Our Lord</i> 9:00 AM Worship/ Holy Communion If Supply Pastor is available	20 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	21	22 <i>ASH Wednesday</i>	23 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Group Mtg.	24	25 1:00-4:00PM Hall rented 8:30 PM AA Meeting
26 <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i> 9:00 AM Worship NO PASTOR YET	27 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	28				

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 at 9 a.m.

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Rocking Horse Preschool

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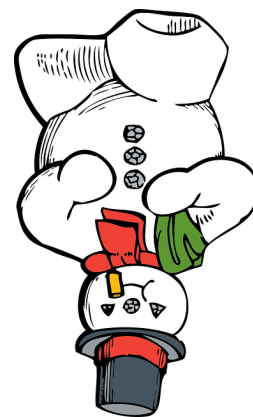
Teachers: Ms. Aliesha Woods
Ms. Elisha Zimmerman
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Email: rhps@comcast.net

Mailing Address:

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