



# The Herald

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# WORSHIP AND MUSIC NOTES

Submitted by Renee Lenning

Worship services for October:

- October 7 - 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Communion service, begin using Setting 1 of the liturgy, Bell Choir will play
- October 14 - 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Recognition of First Responders during worship, pancake breakfast to follow
- October 21 - 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Communion service
- October 28 - Reformation Sunday – Communion service
- November 4 - All Saints Sunday – Remembrance for members who have died during the past year

## Other Notes:

It was decided that we will hold one service on Christmas Eve beginning at 8:00 p.m. possibly a spoken service in the afternoon (4:00) for those who do not drive at night.

The altar microphone system is being evaluated because it has not been working properly.

Next meeting is November 1, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. prior to choir rehearsal following worship.

## First Communion Instruction Schedule

All youth in 4th grade or older who have not been confirmed or have not begun to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion are invited to participate in 1st Communion instruction classes which are scheduled to occur on the following dates:

Wednesday, October 3; 6:30 PM-8:30PM

Wednesday, October 17; 6:30 PM-8:30PM

Wednesday, October 24; 6:30 PM-8:30PM

These sessions provide an important opportunity for the spiritual growth of our congregation's youth.

Contact the church office at 610-926-7176 or Pastor Ritter at dsritter@ptd.net or 484-529-7801 to register.

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## ROCKING HORSE PRESCHOOL

Submitted by Mrs. Woods and Mrs. Leshner



Let's hope with the coming of fall we get some sun and a little less rain!

Our school year is in full swing and we are slowly settling into our routines and learning the rules of the classroom. We started our year off by doing lots of fun dinosaur activities and crafts. We also learned about apples, the season of fall and pumpkins in preparation for our field trip to Pioneer Evergreen Farm on Oct 4<sup>th</sup>. A big thank you to everyone who participated in the KidsStuff Coupon Book sale, this will be our last time participating in the sale.

Looking forward we will be learning the letters C,D and E, the colors yellow, green and blue and numbers 3, 4, and 5, as well as the shapes square, rectangle and triangle.

In October we will be having our annual Halloween parade and party. This is always a fun day!



Thank you to our families and friends who have generously donated classroom supplies from our wish list. This a great help to us.

**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



# OCTOBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 8:30 AM NA Meeting 1:00 PM WELCA 7:00 PM Grief Support Mtg. 7:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	2	3	4 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30PM NA Meeting	5	6 Hall Rented 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM 7:00PM Youth Group
7 <i>20th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion 6:00PM Troop 160 Meeting 6:00PM Venom Institute Meeting	8 8:30 AM NA Meeting 7:00 PM Grief Support Mtg. 7:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	9	10 7:00PM Council Meeting 7:00PM Troop 160 Roundtable	11 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Meeting	12 Troop 160 Gettysburg Camping	13 Hall Rented 2:00-6:00 PM 6:30 Movie Night Troop 160 Gettysburg Camping
14 <i>21st Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship Service/ <i>1st Responders</i> Pancake Breakfast following service Troop 160 Gettysburg Camping	15 8:30 AM NA Meeting 7:00PM Troop 160 Com.Mtg. 7:00 PM Grief Support Mtg. <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	16 9:30AM Pastoral Care Team Mtg.	17	18 5:30PM Soul Supper 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Meeting	19 2:00 Food Pantry Delivery	20 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution
21 <i>22nd Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion (Consecration Sunday) Brunch following service 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl 6:00PM Troop 160 Meeting 6:00PM Venom Institute Meeting	22 8:30 AM NA Meeting 7:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	23	24	25 7:00PM Food Pantry Com. Mtg. 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Meeting	26	27
28 <i>Reformation Sunday</i> 9:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion 4:00PM-5:30PM <b>Trunk or Treat</b> 6:00PM Troop 160 Meeting	29 8:30 AM NA Meeting 7:00PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Grief Support Mtg.	30	31 			

## IN OUR COMMUNITY

### Harvest Fest at St. Mary Church

94 Walnut Road, Hamburg

Friday, October 5 from 4:00PM to 9:00PM

Saturday, October 6 from 12 noon to 9:00PM

Rain or Shine.

Free admission.

Live music, great food, hayrides, bingo, rock wall & bungee jump, bounce house and more activities.

### AGING PARENT FAIR

Berks County Area Agency on Aging, Berks County Veterans Affairs, Berks Encore and more will be providing information on valuable resources for seniors.

To be held in the Fellowship Hall of Friedens Church, Shartlesville (downstairs in old building) 28 Wolf Creek Road, Bernville, Pa 19506

Saturday, October 20 from 9:00AM to 12 Noon

Soup, Bake Sale & Flea Market next door.



## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Troop 160 is still active and our October camping trip is to the Gettysburg National Military Park. The Scouts are working toward earning a 5-part Gettysburg Heritage Trails Program patch. There is a lot involved in attaining the patch. We went to Gettysburg in April 2018 to start the process and will hopefully complete it during this weekend. We might also go on a fun ghost tour!

We are not making apple butter in September. The Troop is down to 5 Scouts now and making apple butter is very labor intensive so the Scouts decided not to do it. We are still camping at the Lock House that weekend, but we are doing community service projects instead.

**“It is never too early or too late to join the Troop and have a ton of fun!** Every month the Scouts go on camping trips, perform community service, attend community events, earn merit badges, and work on leadership and outdoor skills. For more information, call Scoutmaster Karen Bausch at 610-334-9739 for Boy Scouts (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade).”

## NOTES ABOUT OUR FOLKS

### PRAYERS FOR:

- \* Audrey & Jim DeLong, who are at home.
- \* Sharon Mengle, who is recovering following surgery
- \* Lori Walborn, who is dealing with the effects of whiplash.
- \* Ana Calancea, who is dealing with the effects of whiplash.
- \* All our servicemen and servicewomen at home & abroad.
- \* All the leaders of our church, the nation and the world.
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### 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.
- \* Kleffel Moving & Storage for delivering school supplies and picking up and delivering food pantry items in September.
- \* Those who save Redner's tapes.
- \* All the leaders of our congregation, the nation and the world.

## 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](http://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.



## OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

### **Birthdays:**

01-Scott Biehl, Asher Cleary  
02-Austin Witinski  
03-Lori Johnston  
05-Scott Gruber, Ralph Seaman  
06-Dorothy Michaels, Nathan Strause  
08-Steven Yeager  
09-Cole Angstadt, Daryl Savage  
12-Carol Sharadin  
13-Dwight Kutz  
15-Aimee Mengle  
16-Angelo Rodriguez  
18-Jason Reading, Abigayle Witinski  
19-Jaryd Bittner, Ashley Savage,  
Stephen Moyer Jr.  
21--Lori Walborn

22-Deidre Angstadt, Candace Leffler,  
Cederick Evans, Cynthia Frankhouser  
25-Jasmin Miller  
26-Damien DeAntonio  
28-Bryana Crawford, Ariel Crawford,  
Hailey Wink  
29-Daniel Savage, Ashley Moyer

11-Joe & Leanna Stoudt  
12-Douglas & Chun Heister  
13-Jason & Justin Reading  
14-Eric & Carin Williams  
18-Dennis & Susan Biehl  
20-Wade & Teri Potts  
30-George & Amy Manwiller  
31-John & Kelly Storch

### **Anniversaries:**

01-Jonathan & Shelby Gabel  
02-James & Lora Beissel,  
David & Patricia Baer  
04-Steven & Debra Yeager  
07-Matthew & Miranda Reeser  
10-Larry & Sharon Mengle



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.

## 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.

The next Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 25, at 7:00 PM

### **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 contact **Darlene Savage** at 610-926-2461 or anyone on the Social Ministry Committee for more information.



## WOMEN OF THE ELCA

### **MONTHLY MEETING**

*Submitted by Janet Kleffel, President*

Monthly meetings are held the first Monday of the month at 1:00PM.

### **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.

## OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS

### Altar Flowers

07- Ron Davidheiser  
 14- Sue Reiber  
 21- WELCA  
 28- Scott & Janice Care

### Greeter

Jan Weaver

### Bulletins

07 - Dennis & Sue Biehl  
 14 - Sue Reiber  
 21 - Mike & Lori Lowery  
 28 - Scott & Janice Care

### Ushers

07 - Dennis Biehl, Ron Corl, Ron Davidheiser  
 14 - Ron Davidheiser, Ron Corl, Dennis Biehl  
 21 - Diana Biehl, Mike Lowery, Ron Davidheiser  
 28 - Mike Lowery, Ron Corl, Dennis Biehl

### Acolytes

07 - Jayce Gruber  
 14 - Evan Lash  
 21 - Mason Cleary  
 28 - Evan Lash

### Nursery

*There will be no attendant but the room will be open*

## Charitable Annuities Another Opportunity to Make a Difference

If you would like to increase your current income and also make a gift to LCHT or another significant charity in your life, then a charitable annuity might be what you are looking for. If you are 65 or older, the return from a charitable annuity can substantially improve your current income and provide a charitable deduction for your taxes. The chart is representative of current rates.

The rates are fixed when the annuity is created and continue for your life and/or your spouse's life, if a joint annuity. After your death, if single life annuity or after your death and your spouse's death, if a joint and survivor annuity, the remainder of the annuity goes to the charity to which it was designated at its creation.

For more information contact a financial advisor or Pastor Ritter.

Current Age	Single Life	Current Age (younger)	Current Age (older)	Two Lives – Joint & Survivor
65	4.7%	65	66-68	4.3%
70	5.1%	70	72-74	4.7%
75	5.8%	75	76-77	5.1%
80	6.8%	80	83-84	6.0%

## “God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday a Success

Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, may have been a rainy and dreary day outside, but the light of God’s presence shown in our worship and later in our fellowship and service work.

The morning began with worship and the singing and testimony of members of the Adult and Teen Challenge Choir of Rehrersburg. In addition members brought food items that were displayed in front of the altar in celebration of the harvest. The items were shared with the SVPA Food Pantry and with the Keystone Military Families in Shoemakersville.

Following worship a delicious brunch was served by the fellowship committee and members of the congregation had an opportunity to talk further with members of the choir and its director. Then individuals helped to put together school kits that will be sent to Lutheran World Relief and provided to impoverished children in various countries and worked on some quilts that will go to people in local nursing homes and hospitals. They will be signs of God’s love and care to those who receive them.

Plan to join us next year on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of September for another “God’s work. Our Hands.” Sunday of worship, fellowship, food and service.

# Trunk or Treat



**Mark your calendar for our Seventh Annual Trunk-or-Treat on Sunday, October 28 from 4 - 5:30 p.m.**

This Halloween event is held in our church parking lot, where people gather and park their cars. They open their decorated trunks, or the backs of their vehicles and pass out candy. The event provides a safe family environment for trick-or-treaters. We encourage folks to dress up themselves and go all out! Last year we had over 85 youth come through and we are looking for more this year.

When it comes to decorating your vehicle there are the obvious choices of using pumpkins, spider webbing, spiders, brooms, bats, cauldrons, scary stuff...but please NOTE: being a church-sponsored trunk-or-treating event, and so many of our trick-or-treaters being preschoolers and toddlers, we ask that participants **not use scary items** like blood, bats, witches, spiders, monsters or gore.

The best way to decorate your trunk is to **pick a theme**. Think of it like dressing yourself in a costume. Some unique ideas are an SUV with a '70's theme, with a shag rug, a disco ball and an extension cord to a light ball. You could wear 'fro wigs and tie dye. Try being pirates with your eye patches and make a mast from a ship. Anything goes!

We will need volunteers to help in many ways. If you cannot bring your vehicle, then consider volunteering to help with games, cook the hotdogs or donate some drinks or candy!

We look forward to seeing you! Questions – please contact Lori Lowery at [mllowery@comcast.net](mailto:mllowery@comcast.net)

## **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.

**Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**354 Zions Church Road, Shoemakersville, Pa 19555**

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

## **!!!Thank You for Your Generosity!!!**

Throughout the summer our congregation had the ELCA World Hunger Ministry as a focus of special giving, as of this newsletter LCHT received **\$ 295.00 which will be forwarded to the national church to address hunger issues in the US and around the world.**

Due to flooding in the Hamburg area the congregation received a special offering. Through the generosity of our members we were able to remit **\$323 to the Hamburg Salvation Army Service Unit.**

Finally, as part of our participation in the ELCA's *God's Work. Our Hands.* Sunday on 9/9 another **\$483 was given to the Pennsylvania Adult and Teen Challenge** ministry located in Rehrersburg, PA.

**Thank you to everyone who made these gifts possible through your extra mile giving, together we are making a difference!**

*Thank  
you*

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

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Worship at 9 a.m.

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