

# The Herald

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## FROM THE PASTOR

Just recently, some high school friends from Savannah, Georgia joined me for a Saturday morning of fun at the Amazing Maize Maze outside of Lancaster. On a crisp, clear day, we accepted the challenge of the oldest, largest and, in my opinion, best of all the corn mazes that have sprouted across the country. Laid out over five acres of ten-foot high corn with 2.5 miles of trails, “the world’s greatest free-standing brain teaser,” as the Cherry Crest Adventure Farm puts it, is chock full of twists and turns leading to dead ends, cries of “Eureka!” at finding puzzle pieces that help determine the way to Victory (the way out) and groans of disappointment when there seems to be nowhere else to go.

To be sure, there is a Tower Guide sitting high above the corn maze who is there to offer advice should one request it. But we supposedly intelligent and self-assured adults avoided that alternative, wanting to conquer the maze purely through our own efforts. Finally, however, needing to return home for my wife, Barbara’s, planned luncheon, we had to admit defeat after two hours of running around from pillar to post in this most frustrating of games that bears a marked resemblance to the game of life.

Yes, I said it: the game of life. If you can imagine the Tower Guide as a god-like figure gazing omnipotently upon us gerbil-like humans scurrying around, asking others where to find puzzle pieces or the elusive entrance to the pathway leading to Victory, then you can sense the role that religion plays in an often senseless, meaningless and confusing passage through life. Wasn’t it Jesus, after all, Who said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father (to ultimate victory) but by me” (Jn. 14:6)?

Now I don’t want to suggest for a moment that negotiating a corn maze is anywhere near the joyful complexity—and, paradoxically, simplicity—of our relationship to God. But just as we ended up being forced to exit the maze through the easy, children’s exit, just so it was Jesus, again, Who said emphatically, “Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it” (Mk. 10:15).

Your pastor and friend,  
Carl W. Filer



# WORSHIP AND MUSIC NOTES

Worship & Music meeting was held on Thursday October 21 at 8:00 PM.

Worship services for November:

November 7 - All Saints Sunday – Worship/ Holy Communion -  
*Remembrance of members who have died during the past year.*

November 14 - 25th Sunday after Pentecost – Worship -*Recognition of Veterans*

November 21 - Christ the King Sunday – Worship/Holy Communion  
*WELCA Thankoffering*

November 28 - 1st Sunday of Advent - Worship

Other Notes:

*Sanctuary will be decorated for the Christmas season on Saturday, December 4 at 9:00 AM.*

*The next Worship & Music meeting will be held Thursday, November 18th at 8:00 PM.*



## Worship Attendance



|       |    |
|-------|----|
| 9/26  | 25 |
| 10/3  | 33 |
| 10/10 | 21 |
| 10/17 | 26 |
| 10/24 | 33 |



## ROCKING HORSE PRESCHOOL

*Submitted by Mrs. Woods*

We will be exploring the themes of insects, jungle animals, Kids in the kitchen which is always a fun week of cooking yummy recipes all by ourselves, of course Thanksgiving and leaves.



October flew by and we've been busy learning about emotions, farm animals, the galaxy and Halloween. We had vision screenings with the Berks County Association for the Blind on Tuesday October 26<sup>th</sup>. Our Halloween parade and party took place on Thursday October 28<sup>th</sup>. It was a fun time seeing everyone dressed up in their costumes.



Our Thanksgiving Feasts will take place on Tuesday November 23<sup>rd</sup> for our PM class and Wednesday November 24<sup>th</sup> for our AM class. This is always a family fun day!



Thank you to everyone who has donated items from our helping hands and wish list. Your generosity never goes unnoticed!!

**Current Wish list:**




- Gallons of Spring Water
- Small (uncoated) Paper Plates
- Large (uncoated) Paper Plates
- Glue Dots
- Mini Sticky Note Pads
- Lysol Spray



As we look ahead to November we will be learning about the letters, I, J, K and L.



# NOVEMBER 2021

| Sun  | Mon  | Tue   | Wed  | Thu   | Fri                                      | Sat   |
|--|--|---|--|---|--|---|
|  | <b>1</b><br>1:00PM WELCA<br><br>7:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal              | <b>2</b><br><br> | <b>3</b><br><br>4:00 PM RHPS Board Meeting | <b>4</b><br>7:00PM Choir Rehearsal<br><br>7:30PM NA Mtg.  | <b>5</b>                                 | <b>6</b><br>Hall rented 7AM-2PM Soap Making class<br><br><br>8:30 PM AA Meeting |
| <b>7</b><br><i>All Saints Sunday</i><br>9:00AM<br>Worship/Holy Communion   | <b>8</b><br>7:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal<br><br>Angel Tree tags delivered | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b><br>7:00 PM Council meeting       | <b>11</b><br>9:30 AM Pastoral Care Team Meeting<br>7:00PM Choir Rehearsal<br>7:30PM NA Mtg.<br><br> | <b>12</b>                                | <b>13</b><br>Hall Rented 12-6PM<br>Baby Shower<br><br>8:30 PM AA Meeting        |
| <b>14</b><br><i>25th Sunday after Pentecost</i><br>9:00AM Worship<br><i>Recognition of Veterans</i>  | <b>15</b><br>7:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal                                 | <b>16</b>   | <b>17</b>                                  | <b>18</b><br>7:00PM Choir Rehearsal<br><br>7:30PM NA Mtg.<br><br>8:00 PM Worship & Music Meeting  | <b>19</b><br>2:00PM Food Pantry Delivery | <b>20</b><br>9:00AM Food Pantry Distribution<br><br>8:30 PM AA Meeting          |
| <b>21</b><br><i>Christ the King Sunday</i><br>9:00AM Worship/Holy Communion<br><i>WELCA Thankoffering</i><br><br>1:00-5:00PM Hall rented for AA annual meeting | <b>22</b><br>7:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal                                 | <b>23</b>   | <b>24</b>                                  | <b>25</b><br>Happy Thanksgiving<br><br><br>7:30PM NA Mtg.   | <b>26</b>                                | <b>27</b><br>Hall Rented 12-6PM<br>Family dinner<br><br>8:30 PM AA Meeting      |
| <b>28</b><br><i>1st Sunday of Advent</i><br>9:00AM Worship   | <b>29</b><br>7:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal                                 | <b>30</b>   |  |   |  |   |

## 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

*Submitted by Janet Kleffel, President*

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

Our October meeting was held on October 4th.

WE CONTINUE TO COLLECT REDNER'S REGISTER TAPES.

IF YOU CAN'T DROP YOUR TAPES OFF AT THE CHURCH OR JANET KLEFFEL'S HOME PLEASE CONTACT JANET AND SHE WILL PICK THEM UP AT YOUR HOME/PORCH.

### REDNER'S REGISTER TAPES

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.

**WELCA** is also collecting personal care items for vets through **Veterans Making a Difference.**

Requested items include :

- \*White socks
- \*Shaving cream
- \*Razors
- \*Toothpaste
- \*Toothbrushes
- \*Mouthwash
- \*Deodorant (preferably Old Spice)
- \*Laundry detergent
- \*Shampoo
- \*Sleep pants (L, XL, XXL)
- \*Toilet paper
- \*Paper towels
- \*Liquid body wash
- \*Dish soap



**Items can be placed in the marked box in the narthex.**

## LIGHT MINISTRIES

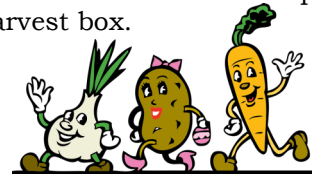
### FOOD PANTRY:

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.

Due to Covid 19 distribution continues as a drive through service. Pre packaged boxes come from Helping Harvest . We also pack other donated items into boxes to supplement the Helping Harvest box.

**We are steadily serving at least 80 families every month.  
Donations are appreciated.**



## NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

### **Birthdays:**

06-Irvin Kauffman,  
Amanda Schwendeman  
08-Betty Strause  
Rosemary Mowery  
10-Ronald Kessler  
11-Joshua Buchalter, Everett Graeff  
13-Brendan Lenning, Kaitlyn Kuhns  
17-Ronald Davidheiser  
18-Renee Lenning, Sarah Yeager,  
Melissa Strause  
19-Amy Manwiller  
21-Debra Yeager  
24-Helen Stoudt

25-Thomas Heffner  
26-Mason Clery  
29-Donna Kessler, Wyatt Reeser  
30-Patricia Miller, Gail Putt



*Happy Anniversary!*

### **Anniversaries:**

02-Barry & Anna Mae Beitler  
03-Eldon & Patricia Kibler

*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.*

## NOTES ABOUT OUR FOLKS

### PRAYERS FOR:

- \* Pauline Bond at Maiden creek Place.
- \* Cynthia Leutze at the Masonic Home in Elizabethtown.
- \* Delores Seaman at Rittenhouse Village.
- \* Shirley Weist at Columbia Cottage.
- \* Carole Imgrund in Elizabethtown.
- \* Audrey Delong at her home in Leesport.
- \* Richard Reiber in memory care at the Highlands.
- \* Gordon Kistler who is recovering from surgery.
- \* All the frontline workers fighting COVID 19 and the scientists working for a cure.
- \* All our servicemen and servicewomen at home & abroad.
- \* All the leaders of our church, the nation and the world.



### THANKS TO:

- \* Our mowers, Dennis Biehl, Ken Frankhouser and Dan DeAntonio.
- \* Ron & Judy Corl and all our other volunteers who help with the SV Food Pantry.
- \* Those who save Redner's tapes.
- \* Those who have and continue to support the Gift Card Program.
- \* All the leaders of our congregation, the nation and the world.



## HONORING OUR VETERANS

**On Sunday, November 14th we will be honoring those members who so graciously served our country. If you served in the Military please provide your name and the branch of service in which you served to the office by Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup>.**



# NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS

## Altar Flowers

07 - Linda Roshong  
14 - Janice Care,  
21 - Vicki Fetterman  
28 - available

## Bulletins

07 - available  
14 - Janice Care  
21 - Vicki Fetterman  
28 - available

*See the bulletin board  
to sign up to sponsor the  
weekly bulletins, and the  
altar flowers.*

## Ushers

07 - Janet Kleffel, Helen Stoudt, Vicki Fetterman  
14 - Janet Kleffel, Diana Biehl, Linda Roshong  
21 - Dennis Biehl, Linda Roshong, Janet Kleffel  
28 - Vicki Fetterman, Dennis Biehl, Helen Stoudt

## Nursery

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



## “LOOKING FOR ANGELS”

**Submitted by Sally Miller**

The Salvation Army Angel tree Program will again be arriving here at LCHT around Nov. 8th.

We will have 15 tags & Rocking Horse Preschool will have 10 name tags to buy Christmas gifts for those in need in our local community.



After selecting your name tag please locate the numbers and letters on your tag. Find those numbers on the sign up sheet & sign your name to the right of the number along with your phone numbers. This helps us to keep track of who has which names.

If for some reason you pick a name & are unable to bring a gift in, please contact Sally Miller 484-577-4331 or Phyllis Heffner 610-926-1004

BELOW ARE THE ANGEL TREE GIFT GIVING GUIDELINES. THAN YOU VERY MUCH.

### ANGEL TREE GIFT GIVING GUIDELINES

- The Salvation Army has selected the Angel from the neediest in our communities.
- The items your Angel needs are listed on the tag. You may buy anything listed or you may choose to substitute other age-appropriate gifts. You may purchase more than 1 gift.
- Gifts must be new – NO used clothing or toys.
- **Please do not wrap your gifts.** The Salvation Army will un-wrap all wrapped gifts to make sure that gifts are suitable. No toy guns please.
- All gifts are given anonymously.

If using a gift bag for gifts, please secure/attach the Angel Tag to the inside of the bag either with tape or a staple.

Please secure/attach Angel Tree card to the gift if not using a gift bag.

**Please return your gifts to the church no later than Sunday, December 5, 2021**

Angel Tree gifts will be picked up at your location on Monday, December 6, 2021

Thank you for your continued support of The Salvation Army Hamburg Service Center Angel Tree Program.

It is through your generosity and kindness that Christmas will be special for those in need in Northern Berks County Communities.

Blessings,  
Cathy Correll & Amy Shanaman, Angel Tree Coordinators



## 2021 Pennsylvania State Granger of the Year

Congratulations to Nettie Kauffman, who was named the 2021 Pennsylvania State Granger of the Year !



*Nettie and Irvin Kauffman*

Here are some questions I asked Nettie. From her answers it's plain to see that she is a very busy lady!

Were you surprised? **Yes! The best surprise was when my family, and Grange family friends, stood up in the back of the room.**

When was the award presented and where? **The award was presented on Sunday, October 17 at the banquet held at the annual PA State Grange Conference held at the Valley Forge Casino Resort in King of Prussia, PA.**

What functions do you perform for the Ontelaunee Grange? **I am Secretary for our Subordinate Grange. I also serve as Family Activities Director, coordinating the monthly breakfasts (usually Oct - May). I currently serve as the President of our county Grange.**

Are you involved with any other organizations? **I am involved with the Berks County Fair helping wherever I can. Along with my husband, Irvin, we co-chair the Vegetable Department area.**

What other activities/hobbies do you have? **My hobbies, when I find time, are sewing, needlework and reading. I also like to bake, especially at Christmas time with making many different types of cookies.**

What groups are you involved with at church? **I sing in the choir, am Treasurer for the WELCA group, and am a member of the Worship and Music committee.**

**CONGRATULATIONS NETTIE KAUFFMAN!**

# 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.

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