



The Herald

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From The Pastor's Desk:

As the summer comes to an end, so will many of our gardens that we cared for so well through the warmer months.

When I began my ministry at Christ Church in Bath, a raised garden had been built in the parsonage yard thanks to Mr. Herb Silfies, a member of the congregation. I had great plans for this raised garden. I was going to plant tomatoes, cucumbers, parsley zucchini, red beets, sunflowers, and a myriad of flowers as well.

Well, in order to complete the raised garden, there needed to be some soil brought in to fill it to the rim of the side boards, and a local potato farmer from our congregation was so generous to allow Herb to take some of the soil from his farm fields. The raised garden looked so new, and it was full of many possibilities when it was completed.

Much to my surprise, as the days became warmer, there started to appear small plants throughout the new garden. I quickly was able to identify them as potato plants...lots of potato plants...and I hadn't planted a single one!

Knowing that the soil was brought in from Hunsicker Farm potato fields, I surmised that my garden was going to be pretty much a potato garden that year...although I did clear enough space in it to plant a few tomato plants and some red and white geraniums. I had such fun showing my garden to anyone who was interested and sharing the story about how my potato garden started. My garden had taken on a life of its own, and I was content to allow it to do so.

This garden was an example for me that "life is what happens to us when we're making other plans." I had great expectations for my new garden, but other circumstances took those expectations down a different path. I could have dug exhaustively through the soil to try to recover each potato spud that was still there from the previous year so it would not regenerate in my garden. But instead, I decided to trust that God would make of my new garden something that I had not even imagined. And what a blessing that had been for me! I was actually getting real enjoyment by letting go of the frustration I might have felt when my garden did not turn out as I had anticipated, and realizing how blessed I was going to be when I could share my potato crop with others.

This is a great lesson we can all share. When the events of our lives cause us to feel frustrated and angry, it is time to step back and "let go, and let God." Sometimes God may just have something better planned for us that we prevent from taking place by wanting to be in control ourselves. How often have we missed out on some of God's blessings for us by "doing it my way?"

"Letting go" is something I have tried to do more often. I hope you will too!

Happy harvesting!

Pastor Fran

Special Congregational Meeting

There will be a special congregational meeting September 8, 2024 immediately following worship service. The topic is funding for roof replacement.



WORSHIP AND MUSIC NOTES

September and October worship services 9:00 AM.

September 01 - 15th Sunday after Pentecost. Holy Communion service-
The Rev. Sue Fox

September 08 - 16th Sunday after Pentecost. Worship service-
April Mulvey

September 15 - 17th Sunday after Pentecost. Holy Communion service -
The Rev. Sue Fox

September 22 - 18th Sunday after Pentecost. Worship service-
The Rev. David Kistler

September 29 - 19th Sunday after Pentecost. Worship service-
The Rev. Sue Fox

Communion Service dates for October are dependent upon Pastor availability. Updates will be printed in the weekly bulletins.

October 06 - 20th Sunday after Pentecost. TBD

October 13 - 21st Sunday after Pentecost. TBD

October 20 - 22nd Sunday after Pentecost. Worship/Holy Communion
The Rev. Susan Fox

October 27 - Reformation Sunday after Pentecost. *The Rev. William Fryer.*

The next Worship and Music Meeting is scheduled for September 5 at 8:00 PM.

Choir will resume rehearsals September 5 at 7:00 and Bell Choir will resume rehearsals September 16 at 7:00.

Worship Attendance



ATTENDANCE

7/07	28
7/14	25
7/21	25
7/28	25
8/04	27
8/11	21
8/18	25



A Note from the Choir Director

“Help! I need somebody!” That is the title of one of the popular Beatles group of the 60’s and 70’s and that is what I am asking of our congregation. Both choirs are in need of some “new blood” before they fade away! Another summer is almost over which means kids go back to school and choirs go back to rehearsals!

After a three month vacation it’s time to come back to the rehearsal room and learn new anthems and bell choir pieces to add to the worship experience. The Lutheran Church is known for its rich musical history and liturgy and I hope that everyone in the congregation appreciates the contributions of the choirs to our weekly services. Both choirs rehearse weekly with the Bell Choir participating in church services approximately once a month and the choir singing all the other Sundays of the month. Both choirs participate in the Christmas Eve service and then alternate every year with the Palm Sunday and Easter services. If you are interested in joining one or both choirs please talk to the organist after the church service.

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.



SEPTEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>15th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion <i>The Rev. Susan Fox</i>	2 	3	4 Secretary out of office	5 Secretary out of office 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 8:00PM Worship & Music meeting 7:30 PM NA Group Mtg.	6	7 Leesport Community Days 8:00 PM AA Meeting
8 <i>16th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship <i>April Mulvey</i> Special congregational meeting immediately following worship service	9 Restoring Hope Lunch	10	11 6:30 PM Council meeting	12 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Group Mtg.	13	14 8:00 PM AA Meeting
15 <i>17th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion <i>The Rev. Susan Fox</i> 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl meeting	16 1:00 PM WELCA 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	17	18	19 7:30 PM NA Group Mtg.	20 2:00 PM Food Pantry Delivery	21 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution
22 <i>18th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship <i>The Rev. David Kistler</i> 6:00 PM SVYS meeting	23	24 National Night Out 5:30-8:00PM Berks County Fairgrounds	25	26 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Group Mtg.	27 Apple Dumpling sale Pick up between 5:00 & 6:00 PM	28 8:00 PM AA Meeting
29 <i>19th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00AM Worship <i>The Rev. Susan Fox</i>	30 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal					


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



OCTOBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Holy Communion Sundays dependent upon pastor availability. Updates will be printed in the weekly bulletins.		1	2	3 7:00PM Choir 7:30 PM NA Meeting	4	5 8:00 PM AA Meeting
6 <i>20th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship TBD	7 7:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	8	9 6:30PM Council Meeting	10 7:30 PM NA Meeting	11	12 8:00 PM AA Meeting
13 <i>21st Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship TBD	14	15	16	17 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00PM Food Pantry committee mtg. 7:30 PM NA Meeting	18 2:00 PM Food Pantry Delivery	19 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution 8:00 PM AA Meeting
20 <i>22nd Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion <i>The Rev. Susan Fox</i> 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl meeting	21 7:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	22	23	24 7:00PM Choir 7:30 PM NA Meeting	25	26 8:00 PM AA Meeting
27 <i>Reformation Sunday</i> 9:00 AM Worship <i>The Rev. William Fryer</i> 6:00 PM SVYS meeting	28 7:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	29	30	31 7:30 PM NA Meeting		

ROCKING HORSE PRESCHOOL

Submitted by Ms. Aliesha Woods



Can you believe that we are kicking off a new school year already! Summer was fun but we are ready to welcome all our returning and new students to this school year. We are looking forward to a fun filled year.

We held our annual meet and greet night on Thursday, Aug 15th. This night gives all of our families a chance to check out their child's classroom and learn more about what our daily schedules look like.

The first day of class for our PM students is on Monday Aug 26th and the first day for our AM students is Tuesday August 27th.

At this time, we have 16 students enrolled in AM class which makes this class full for the year. Our PM class has 17 students enrolled which leaves us with 3 vacant spots.

We have many fun activities planned for the year and look forward to what the new school year has to bring!



LCHT NEWS

Apple Dumpling Sale

WHEN: Friday, September 27, 2024

Pick up between 5:00 and 6:00 PM

COST: \$5.00

ORDERS and BAKERS: Look for sign up sheet and order forms on the bulletin board. Orders can also be placed by contacting Daren DeAntonio at 610-926-6402. Order deadline is September 22, 2024.



Sandwich Sale

WHERE: LCHT

WHEN: Saturday October 12, 2024. Sandwiches will be ready for pick up by 8:45AM.

Order form is on the bulletin board. Orders must be placed by October 7. Sale proceeds benefit The Relay for Life.



Restoring Hope Lunch

LCHT will once again provide lunch for the volunteers on this years Restoring Hope Project on Monday September 9, 2024. Please contact Dan or Daren DeAntonio if you can help prepare food or help us serve lunch on the 9th.



National Night Out

National Night Out originally planned for August 6, 2024 has been rescheduled due to weather. The new date is September 24th. The event is to be held at the Berks County Fairgrounds from 5:30 to 8:00 PM.

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS

<p><u>September Altar Flowers</u> 01 - WELCA 08 - Available 15 - Patricia Miller 22 - Available 29 - WELCA</p>	<p><u>September Ushers</u> 01 - Daren DeAntonio 08 - Janice Care 15 - Dennis Savage 22 - Vicki Fetterman 29 - Daren DeAntonio</p>	<p>27 - Available <u>October Bulletins</u> 06 - Available 13 - Available 20 - Available 27 - Available</p>
<p><u>September Bulletins</u> 01 - Renee Lenning 08 - Available 15 - Patricia Miller 22 - Available 29 - Leon & Donna Degler</p>	<p><u>Nursery</u> <i>no attendant but room will be open</i></p> <p><u>October Altar Flowers</u> 06 - Available 13 - WELCA 20 - Available</p>	<p><u>October Ushers</u> 06 - Lori Lowery 13 - Dennis Savage 20 - Linda Roshong 27 - Janice Care</p>

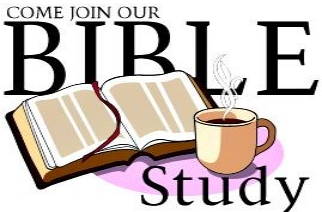
See the bulletin board to sign up to sponsor the weekly bulletins, and the altar



WOMEN OF THE ELCA

WELCA will be meeting on **September 16** at 1:00 pm in the church social hall. The October meeting will return to the regular schedule of the first Monday of the month.

A Bible Study will be held by Pastor Fran.



Redner's Markets gives 1% of purchases back to the Women of the ELCA. This one percent can really add up. Your help is so appreciated. If you have any questions, please see Janet Kleffel, or call her at 610-926-2083 if you need your tapes picked up. THANKING everyone who supports our worthwhile program in helping others through the Redner's Tape program.

ALL are welcome.

WELCA continues to collect REDNER REGISTER TAPES. Remember to use your "save-a-tape" card. 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!

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. Suggestions for items are as follows: Toothpaste (preferably Crest), toothbrushes, mouthwash, deodorant (preferably Old Spice), shampoo, sleep pants (L, XL, XXL), toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent, liquid body soap and dish soap.

LCHT MINISTRIES

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 9:00 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.

We continue to use 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 many local families every month.
 Your donations are greatly appreciated.
 Thank you!



NOTES ABOUT OUR FOLKS

PRAYERS:

- * Pauline Bond at Maiden creek Place.
- * Shirley Weist at Columbia Cottage.
- * Audrey Delong at her home in Leesport.
- * Richard Reiber at Berkshire Commons.
- * Gordon Kistler.
- * Dennis Stoudt at his home in Leesport.
- * Glenn Miller at the Highlands in Wyomissing.
- * Betty Strause at Berks Heim.
- * Judy Wert.
- * To all our servicemen, servicewomen and first responders at home & abroad.
- * To all the leaders of our church, the nation and the world.
- * To all the peacekeepers and journalists in places of conflict.



THANKS TO:

- * Our mowers Dennis Biehl, Kenny Frankhouser and Dan DeAntonio.
- * All our other volunteers who help with the SV Food Pantry.
- * Everyone who has, and continues to, support the Gift Card program.
- * 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.



SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

September Birthdays:

- 03 - Donald Mengel
- 04 - Matthew Franklin
- 07 - Kent Riegel
Kevin Lenning
- 08 - Dan DeAntonio
Silas DeAntonio
- 10 - Leon Degler
- 15- Charlotte Schwendeman
Henry Schwendeman
Jean Stoudt
Maxx Franklin
- 19 - Lorna Oswalt
Tara Stoudt
- 21 - Heather Griffin
- 25 - Dominic Lombardo
- 28 - Neil Oswalt

October Birthdays:

- 01-Asher Cleary, Larry LaFaver
- 02-Austin Witinski
- 03-Lori Johnston
- 05-Scott Gruber
- 06-Nathan Strause
- 08-Steven Yeager
- 09-Cole Angstadt, Daryl Savage
- 12-Carol Sharadin
- 13-Dwight Kutz
- 15-Aimee Mengle
- 18-Jason Reading,
Abigayle Witinski
- 19-Jaryd Bittner, Ashley Savage,
- 22-Deidre Angstadt
Cynthia Frankhouser
- 26-Damien DeAntonio
- 29-Daniel Savage

October Anniversaries:

- 04-Steven & Debra Yeager
- 07-Matthew & Miranda Reeser
- 10-Larry & Sharon Mengle
- 11-Joe & Leanna Stoudt
- 13-Jason & Justine Reading
- 18-Dennis & Susan Biehl
- 30-George & Amy Manwiller

September Anniversaries:

- 08 - Daniel & Ashley Savage
- 09 - Oliver & Yvonne Graeff
- 18 - Roy & Lorna Oswalt
Tom & Phyllis Heffner
- 28 - Damien & Ashley DeAntonio



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 always welcome at the Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity. If you would like more information or have any questions, please contact the church office.

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.

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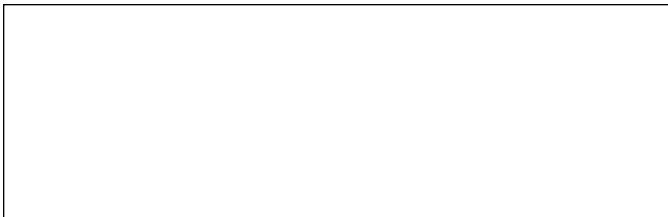
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