



# The Herald



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## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends in Christ,

Just recently following the Christmas vacation, I resumed my weekly visits with our pre-school children. I consider it both a privilege and a joy to spend even a brief time with them. They're so energetic, so eager and receptive.

For the first of our get-togethers during this season of Epiphany, I shared the story of the Three Wise Men and their visit to bring gifts to the Baby Jesus—and how special He is. Then I taught them a simple song with movements about how each of them was special, each of them was a gift just as Jesus was a gift to us.

Finally, I opened it up for questions and discussion. All the hands shot up in an instant: "Me, me, I have a question!" they shouted. Such enthusiasm! One little boy asked, "What makes Jesus so special?" He'd cut right to the heart of things as only a child can. "Because He's God's Son," I replied, quoting directly from our pre-school Bible.

"Why did God make the world?" this time asked by a shy little girl. Before I could answer, another girl looked up at me with a demure smile: "Because He was lonely," she said.

For just a moment, I thought about what my seminary professors had taught me—that God as Trinity enjoyed the fellowship of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit there in heaven; He had no lack of anything. Of course, that's not what I told this bright young lady. "Yes," I responded, "God was lonely, so He created a world where He could love all the people, animals, plants and all the other beautiful and good things He had made."

Closing with a brief prayer, I emphasized how much God loves each one of them along with their teachers, parents, and brothers and sisters. Considering the fact that many of these youngsters come from unchurched families, I think you can understand why I make my time with them such a priority; because, if the Holy Spirit is alive and active in their young lives so naturally and unaffectedly, then it is true, as Jesus has said, that it is to such as these that the Kingdom of heaven belongs (Lk. 18:14-17).

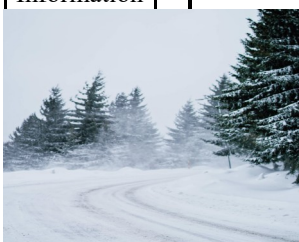
Your pastor and friend,  
Carl W. Filer

**Annual reports due by February 7:** 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 7. The office email address is [lchtsecretary@comcast.net](mailto:lchtsecretary@comcast.net).

### BAD WEATHER INFORMATION

In the event of bad weather, please refer to the following for cancellation notification:

- \* On the radio: WEEU 850AM
- \* On the internet: [www.wfmz.com](http://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 February:

- February 06 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany, Communion service
- February 13 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany, Bell Choir to play
- February 20 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany, Communion service
- February 27 Transfiguration of Our Lord

**Other Notes:**

Sunday, February 6 is "Souper Bowl" Sunday. All monetary donations collected will be given to special outreach projects. Place your donation in the bucket for the team you feel will win the Super Bowl.

**LENTEN SCHEDULE:**

There will be a five session **Bible Study** for Lent to be held in the lower level classroom. See the complete schedule on page 5 of this newsletter.

We will hold a worship service on :

- Ash Wednesday (3/2 @ 7PM) - Holy Communion/Imposition of Ashes
- Passion/Palm Sunday (4/10 @ 9:00 AM) - Distribution of Palms
- Holy Thursday (4/14 @ 7PM) - Holy Communion
- Good Friday (4/15 @7PM) - Tenebrae Service
- Easter Sunday (4/17 @ 9:00 AM) - Holy Communion

## Worship Attendance



12/24	76
12/26	21
1/2	26
1/9	CX
1/16	32
1/23	27

## NOTES ABOUT OUR FOLKS

**PRAYERS:**

- \* Shirley Weist at Columbia Cottage, Wyomissing.
- \* Lollie Seaman at Rittenhouse Village.
- \* Pauline Bond at Maiden creek Place.
- \* Cynthia Leutze at the Masonic Home in Elizabethtown.
- \* Carole Imgrund at the Masonic Home in Elizabethtown.
- \* Audrey Delong at her home in Leesport.
- \* Richard W. Reiber at The Highlands in Wyomissing.
- \* Dennis Stoudt at his home in Leesport.

**CONDOLENCES TO:**

- \* The family of Anna Mae Beitler.



**THANKS TO:**

- \* All our other volunteers who help with the SV Food Pantry.
- \* Everyone who helped de-decorate the church.
- \* 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.
- \* To all our service people and healthcare workers continuing the fight against COVID 19.

## A SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM

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## IMAN FAMILY

*A Thank You letter from Wayne and Tami Iman was received for the church.*

*Dear Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity,*

*Thank you for being mighty, faithful prayer warriors & for all the ways you love and care for us!  
We are so blessed and so grateful to have you walk our journey with us!*

*We appreciate and enjoy the beautiful cards you send so very much!*

*We send to each of you Christmas blessings as we celebrate the birth of our Lord & Savior!*

*May God fill the New Year with many of  
God's Blessings!*

*With our heartfelt love, thanks & many hugs,*

*Wayne & Tami Iman*

*Thank  
You*



# February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal  <b>7:30 PM</b> NA Group Mtg.	4	5 <b>8:30 PM</b> AA Meeting
6 <i>5th Sunday of Epiphany - "Souper Bowl Sunday"</i> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship/ Holy Communion	7 <b>1:00 WELCA</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Bell Choir Rehearsal <b>ANNUAL REPORTS DUE</b>	8	9 <b>9AM-4PM</b> AARP tax preparers in fellowship hall <b>7:00 PM</b> Council Meeting	10 <b>9:30AM</b> Pastoral Care Team Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal <b>7:30 PM</b> NA Group Mtg.	11	12 <b>9AM-3PM</b> AARP tax preparers in preschool and choir rooms <b>8:30 PM</b> AA Meeting
13 <i>6th Sunday of Epiphany</i> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship <i>Bell Choir will play</i>	14 <b>7:00 PM</b> Bell Choir Rehearsal  	15	16 <b>9AM-4PM</b> AARP tax preparers in fellowship hall	17 <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal  <b>7:30 PM</b> NA Group Mtg.	18 <b>2:00 PM</b> Food Pantry Delivery	19 <b>9AM-3PM</b> AARP tax preparers in preschool and choir rooms <b>9:00 AM</b> Food Pantry Distribution <b>8:30 PM</b> AA Meeting
20 <i>7th Sunday of Epiphany</i> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship/ Holy Communion	21 <b>7:00 PM</b> Bell Choir Rehearsal	22	23 <b>9AM-4PM</b> AARP tax preparers in fellowship hall	24 <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal  <b>7:30 PM</b> NA Group Mtg.	25	26 <b>9AM-3PM</b> AARP tax preparers in preschool and choir rooms <b>8:30 PM</b> AA Meeting
27 <i>Transfiguration of Our Lord</i> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship	28 <b>7:00 PM</b> Bell Choir Rehearsal					

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

# FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS

## Altar Flowers

06-Sue Reiber  
13-available  
20-Helen Stoudt  
27-available

*See bulletin board  
to sign up to  
sponsor flowers  
for \$25 or  
bulletins for \$15.  
Thank you*

## Nursery

no attendant but room will be open

## Ushers

06-Dennis Savage  
13-Darlene Savage  
20-Janet Kleffel  
27-Diana Biehl, Vicki Fetterman



## Bulletins

06-Sue Reiber  
13-available  
20-Helen Stoudt  
27-available

## 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 over 100 families each month.

**ALL DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED.**

## WOMEN OF THE ELCA

*Submitted by Janet Kleffel*

Join us on Monday, February 7 at 1:00 p.m. for our monthly meeting.

### **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 check-out. 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.

A huge thank you to all who donate to this worthy cause. Donations collected over the holiday were delivered and very much appreciated.

We will continue to donate through out the year and deliver items as they accumulate. Requested items include:

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



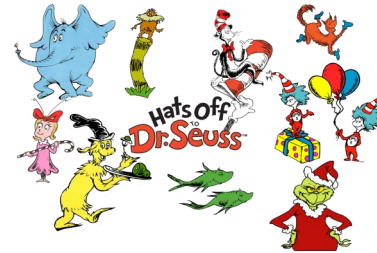


# ROCKING HORSE PRESCHOOL

Submitted by Ms. Woods and Ms. Wentzel

Usually January is the slowest and longest month for us here at school. But not this time! January has flown by and we are headed

We will also be learning about transportation, unicorns, water and Dr. Seuss.



into February with our fingers crossed that these snowfalls will stay away! During January we got lots done. We had a blast making shape robots, adorable penguin and polar bears and even made magic wands during our queens and kings week.

Coming up in February, we of course have Valentines day.



Our students will take time during class to exchange Valentines with their classmates.

Our sandwich fundraiser will end on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and sandwiches will be delivered on Thursday February 17<sup>th</sup>.



Once again, *thank you* to everyone who has donated items off of our wishlist!

## DAILY DISCIPLESHIP GOD'S LOVE IS SHOWN

### A Series of Special Services for Lent

The Lenten season at LCHT will begin on Wednesday, March 2, Ash Wednesday. The next five Wednesdays will feature small group Bible studies held in the lower level classroom at 7:00 PM. Holy Week will commence with Palm/Passion Sunday worship and the distribution of palms. Then, Maundy Thursday begins the final three days of services with Holy Communion, the Tenebrae on Good Friday, and the celebration of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

<b>March 2</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday Service</b> Holy Communion/Imposition of Ashes	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>March 9</b>	<b>Redemptive Love</b> Small Group Bible Study	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>March 16</b>	<b>Compassionate Love</b> Small Group Bible Study	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>March 23</b>	<b>Steadfast Love</b> Small Group Bible Study	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>March 30</b>	<b>Enriching Love</b> Small Group Bible Study	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>April 6</b>	<b>Living Love</b> Small Group Bible Study	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>April 10</b>	<b>Palm/Passion Sunday</b> Distribution of Palms	<b>9:00 AM</b>
<b>April 14</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> Holy Communion	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>April 15</b>	<b>Good Friday</b> Tenebrae	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>April 17</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b> Holy Communion	<b>9:00 AM</b>



## LCMT NEWS

### SANDWICH SALE

The sandwich sale for January 8 was rescheduled to Saturday March 5.  
The order form is on the bulletin board.  
Orders are due by Monday, February 28.



### Memorial Contributions given in 2021

Thank you for your donations.

*Submitted by Donna Kessler*

#### In memory of Scott Biehl

Boscov's Dept Store  
Terry Van Nortwick  
Veterans Making a Difference  
Lynn & Kelly Thomas

#### In Memory of Andrew Reichard

Sally & Glenn Miller

#### In Memory of Barry Weaver

Phyllis Weaver

#### In memory of Christine Fennessey

Phyllis Weaver  
Susan & Jim Lindner  
Margaret & Richard Meyer



### 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.



### CELEBRATIONS

#### Birthdays:

02 - Virginia Lash  
03 - Donald Kauffman  
Thad Kistler  
09 - Lori Witinski  
10- Pastor Carl Filer  
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 Frank-  
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# SYNOD NEWS

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD, ELCA

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## Faith in Action

### Arndt's Lutheran Church in Easton



Hunger is a real problem in our country and our area of Pennsylvania is no different. Last year we started a reverse Advent food drive where congregants collected food items each day during Advent, culminating with delivery to our local food bank. It was such a success that we decided to expand it to the community. Volunteers will collect, sort, and deliver food items to the pantry right after Christmas when the need is the greatest. This year's food drive was very successful as we collected 983 lbs. of food valued at \$1671 for the ProjeCt Easton Food Pantry in Easton, PA. Approximately 43 families from Arndt's and people outside the community participated in the project. A local moving company donated a truck and manpower for the delivery. We hope to make this project an annual event of providing for those in need.

## FAITH FORMATION SATURDAYS

FAITH FORMATION SATURDAYS OCCUR THE SECOND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH, STARTING IN FEBRUARY, RUNNING FROM 10:00AM - 12:00PM

## STEWARDSHIP EXTRAVAGANZA

**JUNE 18, 2022**  
**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, LANSDALE**  
 AN EVENT ORGANIZED BY THE SEPA AND NEPA SYNODS (REGISTRATION FORTHCOMING)

## PRAYING TOGETHER



Marty Everhart  
 Doug LaFauci  
 Roy Koehler  
 Phyllis Pelletier  
 Emma Weaver

## MISSION SUPPORT 2022



Send in your mission support commitments for 2022. You can find the form on the synod website, under the resources tab.

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 god beyond measure

JULY 24-28, 2022  
 MINNEAPOLIS, MN  
 REGISTER NOW AT ELCA.ORG

Save the date **SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2022**  
 June 10-11  
 Reading

# 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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