

# The Herald

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This month I want to share with you a stewardship story that I came across many years ago. It has served to remind me that to remain a healthy child of God it is not only good but necessary for me to live a generous life. It was written by Gayle D. Erwin and entitled, "The Two Seas".

*There are two seas in Palestine. One is fresh, and fish are in it. Splashes of green adorn its banks. Trees spread their branches over it and stretch out their thirsty roots to sip of its healing waters. Along its shores the children play, as children played when Jesus was there. He loved it. He could look across its silver surface when he spoke his parables. And on a rolling plain not far away he fed five thousand people.*

*The river Jordan makes this sea with sparkling water from the hills. So it laughs in the sunshine. And men build their houses near to it and birds their nests; and every kind of life is happier because it is there. The river Jordan flows on south into another sea. Here is no splash of fish, no fluttering of leaf, no song of birds, no children's laughter. Travelers choose another route, unless on urgent business. The air hangs heavy above its water, and neither man nor beast nor fowl will drink.*

*What makes this mighty difference in these neighboring seas? Not the river Jordan. It empties the same good water into both. Not the soil in which they lie nor the country about.*

*This is the difference. The Sea of Galilee receives but does not keep the waters of the Jordan. For every drop that flows into it another drop flows out. The giving and receiving go on in equal measure.*

*The other sea is shrewder, hoarding its incoming waters jealously. It will not be tempted into any generous impulse. Every drop it gets, it seeks to keep.*

*The Sea of Galilee gives and lives. This other sea gives nothing. It is named the Dead Sea.*

*There are two kinds of people in the world.*

As we continue to move through the season of the resurrection. It is important for each of us to remember that we are called through our baptism to worship, love and serve a God who suffered and died that you and I might have the forgiveness of our sins and newness of life. For such a God and for such a gift, what level of giving is enough?

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Ritter

## GRADUATES

If you or a member of your family is graduating from high school, trade school or a college or university this Spring, please contact the church office @ 610-926-7176 or lchtsecretary@comcast.net by May 15th.



# WORSHIP AND MUSIC NOTES

Submitted by Renee Lenning, Chairperson

## Worship services for May:

- May 6 - 6th Sunday of Easter, Communion service, Bell Choir will play
- May 13 - 7th Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day, various choir members to be honored
- May 20 - Pentecost, Communion service, confirmation
- May 27 - Holy Trinity Sunday, Memorial Day observation

## Worship Attendance

3/29 (Maundy Thursday)	40
3/30 (Good Friday)	57
4/1 (Easter)	93
4/8	47
4/15	48
4/22 (Preschool)	95

## Other Notes:

- \* Red geraniums will be purchased for Pentecost Sunday
- \* After Pentecost, there will be two youth serving as acolytes and each will be doing one Sunday per month. Congregation members will fill in the remaining Sundays as needed.

**Next meeting is Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.**

## NOTES ABOUT OUR FOLKS

### PRAYERS:

- \* Jim & Audrey DeLong, who are at home.
- \* The Hoke family who is in transition.
- \* Evacuees from Puerto Rico living in Berks.
- \* Lorna Oswalt, who continues to receive therapy.
- \* Shirley Weist, who is at home.
- \* John Weist, who is a resident at Berks Heim.
- \* Anna Mae Beitler, who is recovering from knee surgery.
- \* Dennis Savage, who is recovering from recent surgery.
- \* Randy Walborn and Lori Buehrer on their marriage.
- \* Scott Biehl, who is in the hospital.

### THANKS TO:

- \* Special flower sponsors for Easter Sunday.
- \* Ron & Judy Corl and 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 soup labels.
- \* Those who save Redner's tapes. (*Remember to use your save-a-tape card.*)
- \* To the leaders of our congregation.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- \* Randy Walborn and Lori Buehrer who were recently married


## NEW MEMBERS



### New Members to be received in June

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a part of our fellowship, worship and service life at LCHT, contact Pastor Ritter, as soon as possible, at 484-529-7801 or [dsritter@ptd.net](mailto:dsritter@ptd.net). We will be receiving new members in June.



# May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 6:00 PM Worship & Music 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	4 7:00 PM Youth Group	5 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Work Day
6 <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i> 9:00 AM Worship/Holy Com- munion 10:30 AM Sunday School 6:00 PM Den Meeting	7 1:00 PM WELCA	8	9 7:00 PM Council Meeting	10 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM P.J.'s Dine & Donate 6:30 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	11	12 12:00 PM- 5:00 PM Reserved 6:30 PM Movie Night
13 <b>Mother's Day</b> <i>7th Sunday of Easter</i> 9:00 AM Worship/Mother's Day 10:30 AM Sunday School	14	15 6:00 PM C&K Travel Meeting	16	17 9:30 AM Pastoral Care Team Meeting 5:30 PM Soul Supper 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	18 2:00 PM Food Pantry Delivery	19 9:00 AM Food Pantry 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM Reserved
20 <i>Day of Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship/Holy Com- munion/Confirmation 10:30 AM Sunday School 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl	21	22	23	24 6:00 PM Pre- school Gradua- tion 6:30 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	25	26
27 <i>The Holy Trinity</i> 9:00 AM Worship/ Memorial Day Observance 10:30 AM Sunday School 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM Eagle Scout Court of Honor	28 <b>Memorial Day</b> 	29	30	31 7:00 PM 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
 

# MAY VOLUNTEERS

## Altar Flowers

6 - Ron Davidheiser  
13 - Kara & Kathy  
20 - *available*  
27 - Jan Weaver

## Bulletins

6 - *available*  
13 - Irvine & Nettie Kauffman  
20 - *available*  
27 - *available*

## Nursery

*no attendant but room will be open*

## Acolytes

6 -Makayla Lowery  
13 -*available*  
20 -Evan Lash  
27 -Mason Clery

## Greeter:

Dwight Kutz

## Ushers

6 -Davidheiser, Lowery,  
Diana Biehl  
13 -P. Heffner, Corl, Dennis Biehl  
20 -Lowery, Corl, Diana Biehl  
27 -Lowery, P. Heffner, Davidheiser

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

## 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 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.

### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:

The prayer shawl ministry group meets the third Sunday of the month from 2 to 4 p.m. Some of the projects that we are currently knitting and crocheting are prayer shawls to give out for various reasons, baby blankets for Baptisms at our church and for babies at Mary's Shelter, and scarves and wash clothes for Opportunity House, The Children's Home of Reading, and Mary's Shelter. Ideas for new projects are always welcome. You do not have to come to the monthly get-togethers, you can work on projects anywhere. Anyone who has any questions or suggestions, call Carolyn Heffner at 610-926-9662 or 484-332-0783.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

Join us July 9<sup>th</sup> thru the 12<sup>th</sup> for VBS. The curriculum is: Groups Shipwrecked.

## GIFT CARD PROGRAM QUESTIONS

- 1. WHY BUY A GIFT CARD FROM THE CHURCH?** Our church will receive a 5% rebate with each gift card you purchase. The proceeds from the sales of these gift cards goes towards the capital improvement fund.
- 2. DOES THE GIFT CARDS COST ME ADDITIONAL MONEY?** No! If you buy a \$50 gift card, it is worth \$50. The proceeds the church gets is from the Store, not from you!
- 3. MY STORE OFFERS FUEL PERKS. WILL I STILL GET THEM IF I USE A GIFT CARD FOR MY PURCHASE?** Absolutely! The gift card is just a way for you to pay for your purchase, you will still get all your store's perks.
- 4. WHAT STORES CAN I GET GIFT CARDS TO?** Redner's, Giant or Weis. The Redner's gift cards may be used at any Redner's (including the pharmacy) or Redner's Quick Shoppes. Cards may be used to purchase gas; you would have to pre-pay with the card. Giant cards also may be used at any Giant store and at its gas pumps. Giant cards will not be accepted at the pharmacy. Weis cards also may be used at the following stores: Cressler's, King's, Mr. Z's or Scot's Lo Cost.
- 5. WHAT AMOUNTS CAN I BUY THE GIFT CARDS FOR?** Cards in amounts of \$25, \$50, \$100 are available and can be paid for with cash or checks made payable to The Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity.
- 6. REMEMBER** with the gift cards from Redner's and Giant you can buy other gift cards like Sears, Olive Garden & etc.
- 7. WHAT IF I STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?** Please see Phyllis Heffner, Sally Miller or see back of card for details.



# ROCKING HORSE PRESCHOOL

*Submitted by Mrs. Woods and Mrs. Leshner*

Here's to hoping Spring makes an appearance and is here to stay! It's hard to believe that May is right around the corner and that we are headed into our last month of school.

April was a fun month filled with Easter parties, exploring farms, ponds, camping, spring and much more! Preschool Sunday took place on Sunday April 22nd. Thank you to all who came and supported our students.

With that being said we are very busy here in the classroom. We have been finishing up our letter book this past week and are ready to send them home. The kids are so proud that we made it through the whole alphabet. Spring is a fun time of the year and we love when we can get outside for some fun in the sun!

Looking ahead we are so very proud to announce that we will be having our annual graduation ceremony for our PM Group students on Thursday May 24th. This year we will have 20 students graduating and moving on to kindergarten. We are so proud of them and all that they have accomplished this year. We know they will do great when they get to kindergarten.

Just a reminder if you or someone you know is interested in having their child attend Rocking Horse next year, our PM Group is currently full and our AM Group has 3 spaces open.

A big THANK YOU to everyone who purchased/sold the Little Caesar Pizza Kits! We had a great response to this fundraiser and are very appreciative of everyone's participation, we rose over \$700!! As always thank you for your support and generosity!

## Current Wish list:

- Shredded Coconut
  - Glue Sticks
  - Egg Cartons
- Clothes Pins (regular and mini)
- Google Eyes (all sizes)

## **CALLING ALL YOUTH GRADES 1 TO 8**

Come on out for our next Youth Group meeting on Friday, May 4. If you have questions, email Mike or Lori Lowery at [mllowery@comcast.net](mailto:mllowery@comcast.net). Thanks! Hope to see you there!



## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

*Submitted by Adrienne Leshner*

It is never too early or late to join us and have a ton of fun! Day Camps/Camping, Community Events, Earning Badges, Pinewood Derby, Cub mobile Races, Holiday Parties, Adventures/Trips and so much more! For more information, call Cubmaster Jason Witters at 484-671-2471 for Cub Scouts (Kindergarten—5th grade; ages 5-11) or Scoutmaster Karen Bausch for Boy Scouts (6th —12th grade).

# WOMEN OF THE ELCA

## MONTHLY MEETING

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

## 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.

## LABELS TO SAVE

The Women of the ELCA continue to save **THE BARCODES** from Campbell Soups, Pepperidge Farms, Franco-American and Swanson products. The bar codes are sent to Solheim Lutheran Home in Los Angeles in support of the Navajo Lutheran Mission and School in Rock Point, AZ, where they are used to purchase vans and school supplies at the mission.

We are just one of 525 congregations participating in this worthwhile project. Keep on saving the bar codes and place them at the usher's station or give them to Darlene Savage.

# CHILI COOK OFF

## RESULTS

A big "Thank You" to everyone that helped make the 1st Annual Chili Cook-Off a success!!

There was a total of 8 contestants, and 42 tasters.

The judges awarded Sue Biehl with 1st place for her meat chili.

The People's Choice also went to Sue.

A little over \$600.00 was earned for the food pantry.

The committee is talking about moving the event to March instead of April for next year.



# MAY CELEBRATIONS



### Birthdays:

- 05 - Makayla Lowery
- 07 - Vera Gardner
- 08 - Abigail Leffler
- 13 - Harold Bond
- 17 - Jesse Gruber
- 18 - Susan Biehl
- 24 - Ron Corl
- 26 - Janice Weaver
- 27 - Linda Roshong
- 30 - Jake Biehl

### Anniversaries:

- 05 - Dennis & Darlene Savage
- 07 - Jim & Audrey Delong  
Guy & Tara Lombardo
- 08 - Glenn & Sally Miller
- 14 - Scott & JoAnn Gruber

*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 NEWS

## P.J. WHELIHAN'S 5K FUNDRAISER

Enjoy dinner while supporting our annual 5K run. On May 10<sup>th</sup> from 5-10 pm, 15% of your food bill will be sent back to LCHT for our run!



## LCHT WORK DAY

We will be holding a work day on May 5<sup>th</sup> from 9 am - noon to clean up and get ready for summer!

**Submissions deadline for the  
June Newsletter will be  
Tuesday, May 15**

## FIGHTIN' PHILIES NIGHT

Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup> @ 6:35 PM in the Club 67 Area for food and fun. Contact Dennis Biehl for details and tickets.



## Movie Night

Join us on Saturday, May 12 at 6:30 pm for a viewing of:



## BIBLE MUSEUM BUS TRIP:

Bern Church is excited to announce the bus trip (June 5<sup>th</sup>) you have all been waiting for! The trip organized by Boscov's Travel will provide round trip transportation via private motor coach to Washington DC. The first stop will provide free time at the National Mall Museums followed by a reserved time at the Museum of the Bible. Cost is \$81 for Adults, \$75 for Youth (5-11), and \$67 for Children (under 5). Call our very own Boscov's travel specialist, Lacey Boyer today to reserve you seats. 610-374-0141.



# About The Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity

## Our Mission:

*"The Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity is a worshipping, growing 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.

Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.

## LCHT Staff Information:

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## Rocking Horse Preschool Information:

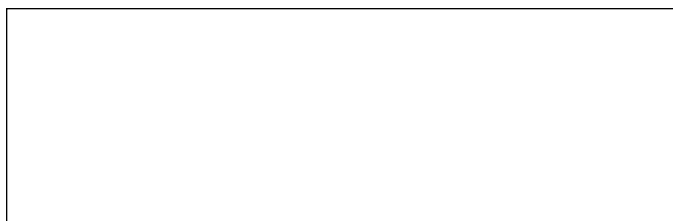
**Teachers:** Mrs. Aliesha Woods  
Mrs. Adrienne Leshner  
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