



The Herald

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<i>The Sacred Harp</i> Article	2	The month of November is one of my favorite times of the year. In part it is due to the brisker temperatures that accompany the month, but it is also due to the fact that Thanksgiving Day which occurs on the 4 th Thursday of the month holds wonderful memories of family, football, favorite foods and faith for me.
Calendar	3	As a young boy I remember beginning the celebration of the holiday with worship on Wednesday night. Thanksgiving Day began by attending my high school's final football game of the season against its arch rival. Then we would go to my paternal grandparents' farm for a turkey dinner replete with all the trimmings followed by an afternoon playing with my cousins. When I take the time to remember, I can still hear the laughter and the lively conversations that filled my grandparent's house. I can still smell the fragrant aromas that filled the kitchen and see the bountiful feast that was set before us. Most importantly, I can feel the sense of belonging and being a part of a community that loved me and each other unconditionally. It was a special time – one for which I am truly thankful.
In Our Community	4	As I grew older and got married and had my own family, the place and participants changed, but many of the themes continued – family, football, favorite foods, faith and the continuing awareness that God's unconditional love was being lived out through the lives of the people gathered around me.
Boy Scout Information	4	Life continues to bring changes. Some of them frustrate me because they mean that I can't do what I once was able to do. But amidst all of the changes there continues to be the awareness that I am loved, unconditionally by my wife, my children, grandchildren and others who have been or are like little Christ's to me.
LCHT Pot Pie Dinner	4	I look forward again this year to creating new memories as I prepare to celebrate yet another Thanksgiving Day. This year it will include our four-year old granddaughter (her birthday is that day), our one-year old grandson and some of our extended family. It will be a special time.
Celebrations	5	May this Thanksgiving Day be such a time for you and those whom you hold dear, both near and far!
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WORSHIP AND MUSIC NOTES



Submitted by Renee Lenning

Worship services for November:

November 4	All Saints Sunday – Remembrance of members who have died during the past year, and first communion for two of our youth.
November 11	25 th Sunday after Pentecost – Recognition of veterans
November 18	26 th Sunday after Pentecost – Communion service, WELCA Thankoffering
November 25	Christ the King

Other Notes:

It was decided that we will hold one service on Christmas Eve beginning at 8:00 p.m. possibly a spoken service during the day for those who do not wish to drive at night. Watch for further information regarding this possibility.

One of our recent choir anthems had the following instructions printed on the back cover, regarding singing in the church. It comes from an 1844 publication called The Sacred Harp. We enjoyed reading it and thought that it would be fun to share with you. Times have certainly changed! The LCHT choir.

General Observations on Singing

Persons may be well acquainted with all the various characters in music; they may also be able to sing their part in true time, and yet their performance be far from pleasing; if it is devoid of necessary embellishments, their manner and bad expression may conspire to render it disagreeable. A few plain hints, and a few general and friendly observations, we hope, will tend to correct their errors in practicing vocal music.

Care should be taken that all the parts (when singing together) begin upon the proper pitch. If the parts are not united by their corresponding degrees, the whole piece may be run into confusion and jargon before it ends.

It is by no means necessary, to constitute good singers, that they should sing very loud, and if the singers of any one are so loud that they cannot hear the other parts, because of their own noise, the parts are surely not rightly proportioned, and ought to be altered.

In applying the words, great care should be taken that they be properly pronounced, and not torn to pieces between the teeth, nor forced through the nose.

The superiority of vocal to instrumental music is that while one only pleases the ear, the other informs the understanding.

Too long singing at a time injures the lungs. A cold or cough, all kind of spirituous liquors, violent exercise, too much bile in the stomach, long fasting, the veins overcharged with impure blood, & etc & etc., are destructive to the voice of one who is much in the habit of singing. An excessive use of ardent spirits will speedily ruin the best voice.

There should not be any noise indulged in while singing (except the music), as it destroys the beauty of harmony, and renders the performance very difficult, and if it is designedly promoted, it is nothing less than a proof of disrespect in the singers to the exercise, to themselves who occasion it, and to the author of our existence.

How hard is it to make some believe soft singing is the most melodious; when, at the same time, loud singing is more like the hootings of the midnight bird than refined music.

All affection should be banished, for it is disgusting in the performance of sacred music, and contrary to that solemnity which should accompany an exercise so near akin to that which will, through an eternity, engage the attention of those who walk in climes of bliss.

If singers, when performing a piece of music, could be as much captivated with the words and sounds as the author of the music is when composing it, the foregoing directions would be almost useless.

We should therefore endeavor to improve the talent given us, and try to sing with the spirit and with the understanding, making melody in our hearts to the Lord.



NOVEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 5:30PM 1st Com- munion Instruction 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30PM NA Mtg. 8:00PM Worship & Music Meeting	2 4:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 1266 Meeting	3
4 <i>All Saints Sunday</i> 9:00AM Worship/ Holy Communion 4:30PM Troop 160 PLC 6:00PM Troop 160 Meeting 6:00PM Venom Institute Mtg.	5 8:30AM NA Mtg. 1:00PM WELCA 7:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00PM Grief Sup- port Group	6	7	8 9:30 AM Pastoral Care Team 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30PM NA Mtg.	9 Chicken Pot Pie Dinner Prep	10 9:00AM Chicken Pot Pie Dinner Prep 4-7PM Pot Pie Dinner
11 <i>25th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00AM Worship	12 8:30AM NA Mtg. 9-3 RHP in Fellowship Hall 7:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	13 9-3 RHP in Fellowship Hall	14 9-3 RHP in Fellowship Hall 7:00PM Congrega- tional Council Mtg 7:00PM Troop 160 Roundtable Mtg.	15 9-3 RHP in Fellowship Hall 5:30PM Soul Supper 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30PM NA Mtg. Newsletter Deadline	16 2:00PM Food Pan- try Delivery	17 9:00AM Food Pan- try Distribution 6:30 PM Movie Night
18 <i>26th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00AM Worship/ Holy Communion 6:00PM Troop 160 Meeting 6:00PM Venom Institute Mtg.	19 8:30AM NA Mtg. 7:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00PM Troop 160 Committee Mtg.	20 9-3 RHP in Fellowship Hall	21	22 	23	24
25 <i>Christ the King Sunday</i> 9:00AM Worship	26 8:30AM NA Mtg. 7:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	27	28	29 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30PM NA Mtg.	30 4:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 1266 Meeting	

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Holiday Bazaar and Potato Filling Sale

St. John's Gernant's Church
Memorial Hall
13 Gernant's Church Road, Leesport
Saturday, November 10th - 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Crafts, Baked Goods, eat in or take out food. Call 610-926-2384 or 484-269-4205 to preorder potato filling.
\$14 a pan or \$7 for a quart.

Salvation Army Bell Ringers Needed

The Salvation Army is in need of volunteer Red Kettle Bell Ringers for this Christmas season.
The dates requested are December 1, 8, 15 and 22 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Sam's Club in Reading. Please contact the Red Kettle coordinator, Steve Clark at 610-562-8440 or 610-780-5354.



Remembrance Service at the Bridge Church

Sunday, November 18 at 7:00 PM
3561 Old 22, Hamburg
In memory of lives lost to addiction.
If you would like your loved one to be honored publicly during the service please contact the Bridge Church at 610-562-2972 for more details.

Neighborhood Memory Café

Free event to talk, learn and share
If you have memory concerns or if you're a caregiver.
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

St. Michael's Church Holiday Bazaar

Friday, November 9 from 4-8PM and
Saturday, November 10 from 8-1.
529 St. Michael's Church Road, Hamburg
Basket Raffle, Flea Market and Food Sale

We Will Rock You

St. John's Lutheran Church located at 99 Church Street, Hamburg, presents it's 3rd Annual Choir Show Friday, November 9 at 7:00 PM.

Reminisce about your childhood memories with an evening of classic rock and roll music.

Free will offering and gift basket auction will benefit future choir show productions.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

The Troop is busy in November.

We are handing out door hangers for Scouting for Food and assisting with the Harvest Moon Festival on November 3rd, picking up the food for Scouting for Food on November 10th, going backpacking and we are helping at the Food Pantry.

We had a great time in Gettysburg October 12-14. The Scouts are working toward a 5 part patch from the New Birth of Freedom Council. Back in April we completed the 10 mile hike through the battlefield. This past weekend we did a 4 mile hike through more of the battlefield, a 3-4 mile hike through downtown Gettysburg, viewed a film, went through the museum and watched the Cyclorama in the Visitor's Center and went to the Eisenhower National Historic Site.



Chicken Pot Pie Dinner

Homemade Family Style

Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity

Saturday, November 10th

4:00 to 7:00 PM

Eat in or Take out

\$10.00 Adults

\$5.00 Children 4-12

Quarts available for \$7.00

Chicken Pot Pie, corn, roll, pepper Cabbage and

Dessert

Tickets can be purchased at the door or by calling
Dennis Biehl at 484-256-6678



November Movie Night at LCHT



Saturday, November 17 at 6:30 PM. We will be showing

"The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society".

Please join us!

NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays:

06-Irvin Kauffman, Amanda Schwen deman
07-Alue Billig, Rev. Edgar Reed
08-Betty Strause, Mary Billig, Rose mary 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, John Michaels, Gail Putt

Happy Anniversary!

Anniversaries:

02-Barry & Anna Mae Beitler
03-Eldon & Patricia Kibler
20-Cory & Angela Hohenadel
23-Jeffrey & Vicki Fetterman



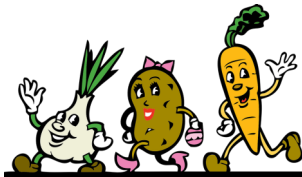
If you do not see your birthday or anniversary listed, it means the office is missing this information. Please write your information down, drop it by the office, or email it to: lchtsecretary@comcast.net. Thank you.

LCMT 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.



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. We will be making shawls for Tower Health with the yarn they provide. Chemo and premie hats will also be made for patients at Tower Health. Please contact **Darlene Savage** at 610-926-2461 or anyone on the Social Ministry Committee for more information.

LCMT 2019 Mission Trip: Our 2019 mission trip is being planned for April 6 to April 13, 2018. If you are interested in joining us please keep those dates open. Watch the newsletter and bulletins for the next planning meeting which will be sometime after the first of the year. We are hoping to travel to North Carolina to support victims of Hurricane Florence.



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.

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.

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.

WELCA is also collecting personal care items for vets through **Veterans Making a Difference**. Requested items include white socks, toothpaste, shampoo, shaving cream, deodorant, razor, body wash. Items can be placed in the marked box in the narthex.



NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS

Altar Flowers

04- Sue Reiber
11- Linda R.
18- Irvin & Nettie Kauffman
25- Vicki M. Fetterman

Greeter

Ron & Judy Corl

Bulletins

04 - Vicki M. Fetterman
11 - Sue Reiber
18 - Irvin & Nettie Kauffman
25 - Vicki M. Fetterman

Ushers

04 - Dennis Biehl, Ron Corl, Diana Biehl
11 - Ron Davidheiser, Mike Lowery, Phyllis Heffner
18 - Diana Biehl, Dennis Biehl, Ron Davidheiser
25 - Mike Lowery, Ron Corl, Dennis Biehl

Acolytes

04 - Mason Cleary
11 - Evan Lash
18 - Jayce Gruber
25 - Evan Lash

Nursery

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

NOTES ABOUT OUR FOLKS

PRAYERS FOR:

- * Audrey & Jim DeLong, who are at home.
- * John Weist, who is undergoing physical therapy at the Highlands.
- * Shirley Weist, who is at Columbia Cottage
- * Lollie & Ralph Seaman, at Rittenhouse.
- * Pauline Bond, at Maidencreek Place.
- * Cynthia Leutze, at home & Jerry Leutze, at the Masonic Home in Elizabethtown, PA.
- * Scott Biehl, at home.
- * Lori Walborn, who continues to recover from neck surgery.
- * 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.



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.
- * Dennis Biehl for relining our driveway and parking lots.
- * Ron Corl for his work to maintain LCHT's property.
- * Those who trimmed the bushes on 10/22

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Jayce and Jesse Gruber on the occasion of receiving their first communion.
- Linda Roshong, who recently received special recognition from the Schuylkill Valley School District.



ROCKING HORSE PRESCHOOL

Submitted by Mrs. Woods and Mrs. Leshar



Wow! Can you believe that we are entering the month of November!! This year is off to a great start and we have been having lots of fun here at school, between field trips, pj and movie day and our Halloween parties we have been having a blast!

A big thank you to everyone who purchased a Kids Stuff coupon book! We raised over \$400 towards classroom supplies!

Every year we like to pick an organization that we can "give back" to. This year we will again be participating in the Angel Tree program by the Salvation Army. We will have a wreath hanging outside the classroom where you can sign up to purchase gifts for a child in need. Stay tuned for more info.

Thank you for all your continued support and prayers! We appreciate all the donations we have received as well!

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 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.

A New Ministry Begins This Month

Our congregation's Pastoral Care Team is beginning a new ministry during worship on the 18th of November. As people come forward to receive the sacrament of bread and wine, individuals who would like to engage in prayer for themselves or for another/others will be able to go to a station near the entrance to the sanctuary for a time of quiet prayer with a member of the Pastoral Care Team.

Please know that whatever is shared with your prayer partner will be kept in the strictest confidence. In other words, it will not be shared with anyone unless you wish it to be shared.

The Team hopes that this will be an additional opportunity to experience the presence of God in our midst and the power of prayer for the guiding and healing of our lives.

This ministry will continue to be offered in future months always on the 3rd Sunday of that month unless otherwise noted.

5K Run Results



Top male runner is Adam Poper with a time of 19mins 40secs

Top female runner is Jennifer Esposito with a time of 22mins 22secs

Male 10 and under: Cole Christman first place

No female 10 and under

Male 11 to 18: Brice Dornblaser first place

Female: Emma Christman first place

No male 19 to 29

Female: Faith Hartman first place

Ryann McDevitt second place

No male 30 to 39

Female: Jennifer Dorta first place

Lisa Zwierzna second place

Jessica Davis third place

Male 40 to 49: Jim Gannon first place

George Sowers second place

Female: Brandy Fredericks first place

Mindee Zimmerman second place

Nancy Rodriguez third place

Male 50 to 59: Bryan Kenville first place

Russell Motsko second place

Ed Dornblaser third place

Female: Joan Seidel first place

Cheryl Eshelman second place

Tracy Stettler third place

Male 60+: James Manzick first place

Richard Butler second place

Female: Sue Carter first place

Virginia Lash second place

Donna Shuman third place

"LOOKING FOR ANGELS"

Submitted by the Social Ministry Committee

The angel tree names from the Salvation Army should be arriving around the beginning of November. Please select a tag from the arbor in the foyer. We have tags for 20 children and 10 adults for you to select from. We thank the Rocking Horse Pre-school again this year for helping us with this project.

After selecting your name tag, please locate the numbers and letters on your tag. Then find those numbers on the sheet of paper with all the numbers and sign your phone number to the right of the numbers on the paper. We then are able to keep track of who has which names and it is a BIG HELP for us.

After purchasing your gift, place all **UNWRAPPED** gifts by the arbor. Please attach the name tag to the gift. Gifts may be put in gift bags or just plastic bags. If using a gift bag, please attach the Angle Tag to the inside of the bag with tape or staple.

All gifts **MUST** be returned to the church by Sunday, **December 2nd.**

If for some reason you pick a name & are unable to bring in a gift, please return the name to Sally Miller or Phyllis Heffner so your name will not go without a gift. These gifts will go to someone in our local area as the names are coming from the Salvation Army Hamburg Chapter.

* **THANK YOU VERY MUCH** for your continued support of The Salvation Army Christmas Angel Tree Ministry. It is through your generosity and kindness that Christmas will be special for those in need in our local community.

Play Santa...
...buy a gift for a child in need right now!



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 15th of each month.

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Worship at 9 a.m.

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Rocking Horse Preschool

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