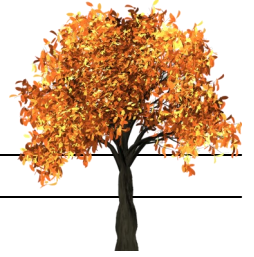




The Herald



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LCHT Contact Information

With this letter, I prepare to say good-bye to the wonderful people of the Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity. As I announced it at worship several weeks ago, so I announce it now to those who may have yet to get the news that I'll be relinquishing my special call to transitional ministry with you the end of August. I'll be taking up a new role at the United Lutheran Seminary in Philadelphia as a pastor in residence. Living full time in a studio apartment in the school dormitory, I'll be studying and doing research on a topic that interests me greatly; namely, how Jesus could empty Himself of His divinity to the extent that He might identify with us human beings in our sinfulness (Phil. 2:5-11) and, then, being raised from the dead as the Word made flesh (Jn. 1:1-18), that He might draw all people unto Himself. This dynamic movement both downward and upward is rife with possibilities for doing evangelism in our congregations, which I will attempt to explore.

But enough about me and my plans. What about the future prospects for our beloved LCHT? While I don't have a crystal ball (nor would I use one if I did), I can sense a new energy and openness for welcoming the stranger and practicing hospitality for those who are different from us. Coming from a Pennsylvania German culture that has often been described as resistant to change and hidebound in its values, LCHT has demonstrated in spades its ability to love a person of color from way outside our area who was unemployed and living in her car. Angelina Rivers came to us the first Sunday in July as her namesake, God's "little angel", to both bless us and be blessed by us in a mutuality that epitomized the best of what relationships in Christ can be. Truly the Holy Spirit was alive and working in our congregation in ways that we could hardly imagine. Angelina's gentle and humble demeanor, her engagement with us in all aspects of Sunday worship, and her steadfast refusal to be a burden were a witness to her strong faith and walk with the Lord. Sadly, she bore her cross "even unto death" in her car in our parking lot the evening of July 22.

In the aftermath of that tragic event, we have seen a resurrection in our spirits as we held a memorial for Angelina in our Sunday worship on July 31 at which three inspiring eulogies lifted up the tremendous impact Angelina had on these members' lives. A special offering of \$1,362 was received to help defray the costs of her funeral in Detroit, and I was invited by her family to take part in the funeral service via a Zoom connection. In turn, I invited them to stop by our church when they come east to retrieve her car and personal effects.

Can you begin to see how this circle of intertwined events can bring new life out of death, victory out of defeat, as we let go of our own desire to be in control and let God take charge of our lives and destinies? As St. Paul wrote in Rom. 6:28, "We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose." That's why I can be optimistic about your future as the people of God in this place. You've seen concrete evidence of God's working among you for His glory and the enrichment of your faith and life together.

Your pastor and friend,
Carl W. Filer



WORSHIP AND MUSIC NOTES

September worship services 9:00 AM:

September 04 - 13th Sunday after Pentecost, Communion service.
September 11 - 14th Sunday after Pentecost.
September 18 - 15th Sunday after Pentecost, Communion service.
September 25 - 16th Sunday after Pentecost.

The last Worship and Music Meeting was held on August 18 at 7:00 PM.

Highlights from the meeting-

- *Various pastors will be supplying for our future needs.
- *Pastor Tom Lang, Dean of East Berks District will be working with our congregation.
- *Possibly move Communion Sundays depending on assigned pastor.
September communion Sundays are the 4th and 25th.
- *There will be an assigned pastor to help with special issues such as funerals.
- *Collection plate will remain at the back of the church.
- * "Sharing of Peace" will remain with the waving of hands.

The next Worship and Music Meeting is scheduled for

September 8 at 8:00PM.

Choir and Bell Choir will resume rehearsals.

September 8 at 7:00 for Choir and September 12 at 7:00 for Bell Choir.

Worship Attendance



7/03	29
7/10	31
7/17	27
7/24	31
7/31	26
8/07	21
8/14	28
8/21	30

A NOTE FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR

Submitted by Virginia Lash



Rehearsals will begin after Labor Day for the musical groups of LCHT. We successfully held rehearsals through the 2021- 2022 (Sept. - May) year with no one becoming ill. Unfortunately, we will begin this year with one less member in each choir.

Anyone who enjoys music is invited to join either the Bell Choir or Senior Choir (or both!). The Bell Choir rehearses Monday evenings from 7-8 P.M. and plays approximately once a month for church services plus Christmas Eve. It is not necessary to be able to read music just the ability to READ. In addition to ringing the bells, we occasionally use other percussive techniques, such as marts and mart lifts, swinging bells, plucking along with the use of mallets to create a staccato effect as well as dowel sticks to create a sound called "singing bell". On occasion hand chimes are also used in addition to, or instead of, handbells. All Current members, in addition to the director, gladly and willingly assist new members in learning the "ins and outs" of bell choir playing.



The Senior Choir rehearses Thursday evenings from 7-8 P.M. and is open to anyone from high school age to Senior Citizens. A variety of music is sung ranging from unfamiliar hymns in The Evangelical Lutheran Worship (since there are over 800 hymns to choose from) to newly purchased contemporary anthems. Anthems are chosen that are appropriate to the church calendar year. The Senior Choir sings approximately 3 Sundays a month from September to May plus Christmas Eve and any Lenten services that is held at LCHT.

I look forward to hearing from anyone who is interested in these choirs. Also, if you know of anyone whose home church is still not worshipping "in person" and misses being a part of a group, please let me know.





SEPTEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:30 PM NA Group Meeting	2	3 8:30 PM AA Meeting
4 <i>13th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship/Holy Com- munion The Rev. David Rowe	5 	6	7	8 9:30 AM Pastoral Care Team 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Group Meeting 8:00 PM Wor- ship & Music	9	10 8:30 PM AA Meeting
11 <i>14th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship	12 1:00 PM WELCA 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	13	14 7:00 PM Council meeting	15 Newsletter Deadline 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Group Meeting	16 2:00 PM Food Pantry Delivery	17 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution 8:30 PM AA Meeting
18 <i>15th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship/	19 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	20	21	22  7:00 PM NO Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Group Meeting	23	24 8:30 PM AA Meeting
25 <i>16th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion The Rev. David Rowe	26 7:00 PM NO Bell Choir Rehearsal	27	28	29 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Group Meeting	30 3:30 PM- 5:00 PM Sandwich Prep	

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

SYNOD NEWS

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD, ELCA



STRONGER
Together

So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives. And every animal, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out of the ark by families.... God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth."

(Genesis 8:18-19; 9:12-13)

Following the flood – a disaster horrific in scope and cause – God brought forth a time and a place, where healing and renewal could begin. Camp Noah is a ministry, carrying on in God's covenantal promises of care and life, especially for families and especially for children whose loved ones may no longer be there to protect and nurture them. The "ark" that gets built, comes in the form of congregations and volunteers, along with professionals in counseling and in faith, who create a safe and supportive environment – where, for a day or a week, children can gather to run and play, draw and paint, sing and listen, pray and build new connections of love and care, new trust that God loves them and that the future can be better, brighter and bolder than the past. Christ is the rainbow and the rock, that provides new colors to paint and safe waters to drink and to splash in, without fear of drowning in grief and despair. As the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, we are honored and grateful to take part in this life-giving ministry, offering our resources, our time and our spaces, to make a bright new day for these kids, these families, and "for all future generations."

+ Bishop Christopher deForest

ROCKING HORSE PRESCHOOL

Submitted by Ms. Aliesha Woods



We hope everyone had a great summer!!



We are excited to kick off the new school year!

Our classes are currently at 16 students for the AM group with one student on the waiting list and 19 for our PM group with one spot open.

We have many fun activities and themes planned for this year and hope that our students and families enjoy their experience here at Rocking Horse.



Here's to a great 2022-2023 school year!

We are excited to welcome Mrs. Elisha Zimmerman as our new assistant teacher.

Epler's Church Seeking Help

Seeking Church Administrator/Digital Communication Coordinator.

Job Description: The Church Administrator and Digital Communication Director will maintain the church office and will work with the Pastor and church leadership to keep church members as well as visitors informed via social media and online platforms. The person is responsible for the image and communications of our church in the digital world. The position is approximately 10-12 hours per week with some in-office hours and some telecommuting work.

A complete job description can be found here: <https://www.eplerschurch.org/now-hiring>.

To apply, please send a resume to Pastor Gary at pastorarrick@gmail.com.

SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS

Altar Flowers

04 - Dan & Daren DeAntonio
 11 - Helen Stoudt
 18 - WELCA
 25 - Irvin & Nettie Kauffman

Bulletins
 04 - Irvin & Nettie Kauffman
 11 - Available
 18 - WELCA
 25 - Available

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

Ushers

04 - Dan DeAntonio
 11 - Vicki Fetterman
 18 - Darlene Savage
 25 - Janet Kleffel

Nursery

no attendant but room will be open

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

WELCA will be meeting on September 12 at 1:00 pm in the church social hall. A program presentation by Judy Yeager on "teas" related to religious practices will be presented. Come out and "sip" with the WELCA group.

Also, WELCA is still collecting those REDNER REGISTER TAPERS. 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!

Also, please be sure to turn your tapes in in a timely manner, as Redner's will not accept any over three years old.

Redner's 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. 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.

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.



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

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!



THANK YOU

It's been 1 year.

Thank you for your prayers, cards, and well wishes during this trying year.

Through appointments, tests, hospitalizations, and therapy- your prayers have been a comfort.

Progress is ongoing and we are expecting more.

God bless each and everyone of you for your caring ways.

Helen & Dennis Stoudt



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.

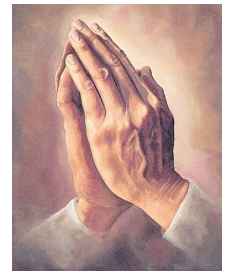
Please leave a message with your request and she will make arrangements to deliver your cards.



NOTES ABOUT OUR FOLKS

PRAYERS:

- * Pauline Bond at Maidencreek 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 at Berkshire Commons.
- * To all the frontline workers continuing the fight against Covid19.
- * 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.
- * Health care workers and scientists who continue the fight against COVID 19 and its variants.



SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays:

03 - Donald Mengel
04 - Matthew Franklin
07 - Kent Riegel
 Kevin Lenning
08 - Dan DeAntonio
 Silas DeAntonio
10 - Leon Degler
15- Jean Stoudt
 Maxx Franklin
 Charlotte Schwendeman
 Henry Schwendeman

17 - Lollie Seaman
18 - Raymond Reichard
19 - Lorna Oswalt
 Tara Stoudt
21 - Heather Griffin
25 - Dominic Lombardo
28 - Neil Oswalt



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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Worship at 9 a.m.

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