



# The Herald

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## Pastoral and Call Process Update

At the January council meeting the immediate future of LCHT was discussed at length. The Associate to the Bishop, Marlane Druckenmiller was in attendance and spent some time updating the "Ministry Sight Profile," an informational packet available for pastors interested in a called position. The "Ministry Sight Profile" gives a detailed overview of this congregation: its size, location, demographics, priorities for ministry and hoped for qualities in a pastor.

Another purpose of Marlane's attendance was to discuss and suggest an extension of my contract. The council had previously decided that my staying on during the pastoral search process is in the best interest of the congregation. I have agreed to do so through July of 2020 if a pastor has not been identified to serve before that time.

Meanwhile I have accepted a part-time position as chaplain at The Highlands of Wyomissing. In order to manage both positions my regular days at LCHT will be Sunday and Thursday. As much as possible we will schedule committee meetings, visits and other responsibilities on these two days. Of course I will continue to respond to needs as they arise, and I welcome phone calls at my home: [610-374-3554](tel:610-374-3554), especially in cases of emergency.

The decision to transition to a new position is based primarily on practical considerations. The Highlands is close to home and it will be possible for David and I to anticipate a more routine schedule. I also welcome the challenge of a new form of ministry.

I do not welcome a departure from LCHT. But that departure was inevitable sooner or later and it does not get easier with time. I hope and pray for a pastor with vision and energy to lead this congregation into the future, no matter how that future unfolds. I recognize a great degree of discouragement as older, faithful members pass on and the question looms, "Where will new members come from?"

Here's the thing....I don't see what you see. I don't see the way things used to be. I see the present; a church that still worships a respectable number of faithful, healthy people who do amazing things to be God's Kingdom on Earth. I see many viable, well functioning ministries. I see little children who enter our doors on a daily basis who need and deserve to hear of the love of God. I see a beautifully designed and maintained building. I see hope.

None of us can see into the future but isn't that why faith is so crucial? Faith is what sees us through the valleys. Our belief in the resurrection promises new life. Ultimately the future is God's and I can't accept the possibility that God is finished with us quite yet. I hope you won't either. Let's all be praying for that one who is to come!

Yours in Christ,

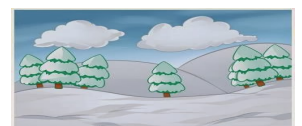
*Pastor Sue Fox*

**Annual reports due by February 13:** 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 Thursday, February 13. 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 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 2 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany, Communion service, Souper Bowl offering
- February 9 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany, Boy Scout Sunday
- February 16 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany, Communion service – New members received
- February 23 Transfiguration of Our Lord
- February 26 Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 PM at Epler’s UCC (no meal)

**Worship Attendance**



Other Notes:

The next Worship & Music Meeting will be held on February 9 following worship.

LENTEN SCHEDULE:

- March 4, Bern Reformed UCC - 6:00 Meal, 7:00 worship service
- March 11, Gernant’s - 6:00 Meal, 7:00 worship service
- March 18, Gernant’s - 6:00 Meal, 7:00 worship service
- March 25, LCHT - 6:00 Meal, 7:00 worship service
- April 1, Epler’s UCC - 6:00 Meal, 7:00 worship service
- April 9, Maundy Thursday, 7:00 worship service (no meal)
- April 10, Good Friday, Bern Lutheran - 7:00 worship service (no meal)

1/5	35
1/12	44
1/19	CX
1/26	47

## NOTES ABOUT OUR FOLKS

PRAYERS:

- \* Shirley Weist at Columbia Cottage, Wyomissing
- \* Lollie Seaman at Rittenhouse Village
- \* Pauline Bond at Maiden creek Place
- \* Cynthia at her daughter’s home in Mohrsville
- \* Jerry Leutze at the Masonic Home in Elizabethtown
- \* Scott Biehl at Sacred Heart Villa

THANKS TO:

- \* All our other volunteers who help with the SV Food Pantry.
- \* Everyone who helped de-decorate the church.
- \* Everyone who helped with the Pot Pie/Sandwich sale.
- \* 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.

A THANK YOU NOTE REGARDING THE SUPPORT OF SCOTT AND JANICE CARE:

Dear Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity,  
 Thank you for taking good care of Scott and Janice, our most wonderful and precious, loving, thoughtful neighbors. Your prayers and hymns really meant a lot to them.

God Bless,  
 Greg and Ronda Seymour



## IN OUR COMMUNITY

### Farm Family Appreciation Celebration



**Hamburg Field House , Across from  
 St. John Lutheran Church, 99 Church St.**

**March 21, 2020 7:00pm - 11:00pm**

**Doors open at 6:15 p.m. (no earlier)**

**Dinner buffet: 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

**Hoedown and Country music by “The Outlaws,”  
 with line dance music between sets:**

**8:00 to 11:00 p.m.**

**Theme: Trucks. Feel free to support your favorite brand of truck!**

**Registration forms due by March 6 can be found on the bulletin board.**



# February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> 7-10 AM Troop 160 sandwich sale
<b>2</b> <i>4th Sunday of Epiphany</i> 9:00 AM Worship/ Holy Communion 10:20 AM Confirmation	<b>3</b> 1:00 PM WELCA meets 6:00PM Hall Rented 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 6:00PM RHP Board Meeting 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Group Mtg.	<b>7</b> 4:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 1266 meeting	<b>8</b> 6:00 PM Soup & Salad followed by movie
<b>9</b> <i>5th Sunday of Epiphany</i> 9:00 AM Worship/Boy Scout Sunday  10:30 AM Worship & Music Committee Meeting	<b>10</b> 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 7:00 PM Council Meeting	<b>13</b> 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Group Mtg.  <b>ANNUAL REPORTS DUE</b>	<b>14</b> 2:00 PM Food Pantry Delivery  <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	<b>15</b> 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution
<b>16</b> <i>6th Sunday of Epiphany</i> 9:00 AM Worship/ Holy Communion New Members received 10:20 AM Confirmation	<b>17</b> 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Troop 160 Committee Meeting	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Group Mtg.	<b>21</b> 4:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 1266 meeting	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> <i>Transfiguration of Our Lord</i> 9:00 AM Worship	<b>24</b> 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 7:00 PM Mid week Lenten service Worship/ Holy Communion at Epler's UCC	<b>27</b> 7:30 PM NA Group Mtg.	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>

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

2-available  
9-available  
16- Glenn & Sally Miller  
23-available

## Nursery

no attendant but room will be open

Greeter: Phyllis Weaver

## Ushers

2-Phyllis Heffner, Dennis Biehl,  
Helen Stoudt  
9-Phyllis Heffner, Diana Biehl,  
Mike Lowery  
16-Mike Lowery, Linda Roshong,  
Dennis Biehl  
23- Helen Stoudt, Phyllis Heffner,  
Vicki Fetterman  
26-Mike Lowery, Dennis Biehl,  
Linda Roshong

## Bulletins

2-Donald Kauffman  
9-Kessler  
16-Biehl  
23-available



## 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, and chemo and preemie hats for Tower Health. Tower Health supplies the yarn for the chemo and preemie hats. You do not have to come to the monthly get-togethers, you can work on projects anywhere. Anyone who has any questions or suggestions, please see Darlene Savage or anyone on the Social Ministry Committee for more information.

## WOMEN OF THE ELCA

### MONTHLY MEETING

Join us on Monday, February 3 at 1:00 p.m. for our monthly meeting.

### REDNER'S REGISTER TAPES

*Submitted by Janet Kleffel*

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 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.

**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. Requests include personal care items, laundry detergent, large size winter coats, boxer shorts, white socks, large size flannel night pants, Crest toothpaste and Old Spice deodorant.





# ROCKING HORSE PRESCHOOL

Submitted by Mrs. Woods and Mrs. Leshner



The New Year is off to a good start. We have been busy here at school.

Coming up in February we will explore the theme's of: Space, Valentine's, and Fairy Tales. Along with working on the letters: S, T and U.

This month we will be doing an **Easter candy fundraiser** through **Gertrude Hawk.**

The sale will begin Feb 10<sup>th</sup> and will end March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

They have some yummy chocolates and candies perfect for Easter.



Open enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year has begun. Please contact the preschool if you or someone you know may be interested in registering a child.



On February 13<sup>th</sup> both the AM and PM group will take part in a Valentines exchange/party here at school. This is always a fun time for the students.

Thank you to everyone who has donated items from our wish list!

WISH LIST

Sharpies (thick tip)

Egg Dye Kits

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Homemade Family Style Chicken Pot Pie Dinner

**Saturday, March 28, 2020  
4-7 PM**

Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity  
Includes corn, pepper cabbage and dessert

Adults \$10.00  
Children ages 4-12 \$5.00  
Quarts \$8.00

For tickets call Dennis Biehl  
484-256-6678



Eat in or  
take out

## Phillies Baseball Game

**Sunday, June 28, 2020**

Game time is 5:15 PM

Cost is \$31 per person which includes an all you can eat buffet from 4:00 to 6:30 PM  
Children under 4 are free.

LCHT youth members are paid for by LCHT

20 people are needed to reserve a space in Club 67 so make your plans early.

Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.  
See Dennis Biehl for more information.





# BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

*Submitted by Karen Bausch*

Troop 160 is having another sandwich sale on February 1<sup>st</sup>.  
 The order form is hanging on the bulletin board if anyone is interested.  
 Ham & cheese, turkey & cheese and Italian sandwiches made fresh that day.  
 \$6.00 each. Scout Sunday is Sunday, February 9, 2020. We are looking forward to participating in the worship service.  
 As always, thank you for your support of Troop 160!



## MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS *in 2019*

*THANK YOU to the people who gave*  
 Submitted by Nettie A. Kauffman

In Memory of James DeLong:  
 Phyllis Weaver  
 Ray & MaryAnn Millard  
 Louise A. Bell  
 Leesport Area Historical Society  
 Glenn & Sally Miller  
 Rev. Susan Fox & David Fox  
 Raymond & Linda Reichard  
 Irvin & Nettie Kauffman

In Memory of Ralph Seaman:  
 John & Shirley Weist  
 Ruth C. Ohlinger & Family  
 Ralph & Marilyn Kerschner  
 Donald Kauffman  
 Irvin & Nettie Kauffman  
 Central Berks Lions Club  
 Phyllis I. Weaver  
 Glenn & Sally Miller  
 Rev. Susan Fox & David Fox  
 Dennis G. Clemens

In Memory of Carl Faller:  
 David Hembree  
 Jay H. Field  
 Leon & Donald Degler  
 Rev. Susan Fox  
 Institute of Nuclear Power Oper.  
 Phyllis I. Weaver  
 Glenn & Sally Miller  
 Irvin & Nettie Kauffman  
 Zeller & Bizarre Families  
 Suzanne S. Reiber

In Memory of A. Scott Care:  
 Marcel & Deborah Vandersleen  
 Glenn & Sally Miller  
 Donald L. Kauffman  
 Malcolm & Sharon Dreibelbis  
 Irvin & Nettie Kauffman  
 Margaret N. Bobb  
 Ada I. Rios  
 Scott & Deborah Schantz  
 Phyllis I. Weaver  
 Lisa C. Olson – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grad Teachers  
 Oley Valley School District  
 Linda & John Kiak  
 Rev. Susan Fox & David Fox  
 Raymond & Linda Reichard  
 R. William & Louise Eaken  
 Gerald & Denise Weinsteiger  
 Suzanne S. Reiber  
 Dennis & Helen Stoudt  
 Jim, Marilyn & Scott MacDonall  
 David & Elaine Lombardo  
 D. Bruce & Pamela Surgeoner  
 Janice D. Care  
 Ronald & Judy Corl  
 Gregory & Ronda Seymour



In Memory of Loved Ones:  
 Phyllis Weaver

In Loving Memory of Barry Weaver:  
 Phyllis Weaver

In Memory of John Weist:  
 Phyllis I. Weaver  
 Donald Kauffman  
 Dennis G. Clemens  
 Marian E. Dietrich  
 Irvin & Nettie Kauffman  
 Ontelaunee High School –  
 Class of 1953  
 William H. Davis, Jr. & Anna Lied  
 Raymond & Linda Reichard  
 Brian & Cheryl Folk  
 Dennis Dougherty  
 Central Berks Lions Club  
 Rev. Susan Fox & David Fox  
 Glenn & Sally Miller  
 Sharon K. Wentzel  
 Ontelaunee Grange  
 Mr. & Mrs. Frank Lech



# LCHT NEWS



## 2020 Budget and Council Members

A budget for 2020 previously approved by council was approved by the congregation at the congregational meeting held on December 8, 2019.

Copies of the budget are available in the narthex.

### LCHT Council for 2020

- Council President - Diana Biehl
- Council Vice President - Dennis Biehl
- Council Secretary - Sue Reiber
- Council Treasurer - Pat Miller
- Council Financial Treasurer - Sue Hawkins

Council Members -

- Mike Lowery
- Phyllis Heffner
- Renee Lenning
- Vicki Fetterman
- Linda Roshong
- Helen Stoudt



Thank you to council members Ron Corl and Ron Davidheiser for their years of service on council.

And thank you to our current council members and officers for their services.



### FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays:

- 02 - Virginia Lash
- 03 - Donald Kauffman  
Thad Kistler
- 09 - Lori Witinski
- 14 - Susan Hawkins
- 16 - Aimee Hoke
- 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 Frankhouser

### MOVIE NIGHT

Please join us Saturday, February 8 at 6:00 PM for a soup and salad meal followed by the movie

“Won’t You Be My Neighbor”

Or if that is unavailable we will enjoy

“Where’d You Go Bernadette?”



### Angel Tree Program

*Submitted by Sally Miller*

*Phyllis Heffner and I want to thank the congregation & Rocking Horse Preschool for their participation in the Hamburg Salvation Army Christmas Angel Tree program for 2019.*

*We had 35 names this year. Ten adults and 25 children. All the gifts arrived at the church on time and were picked up and delivered to The Hamburg Center. These gifts were to go to some one in our local area. It was through your generosity and kindness that Christmas was special for those in need.*

*Thank you for your continued support of the Angel Tree Program here at Trinity it is much appreciated.*

# 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:

### **Pastor:**

Office: 610-926-7176 ext. 2

### **Secretary:** Debra Berg

Office : 610-926-7176 ext. 1

E-mail: lchtsecretary@comcast.net

Office hrs: Monday & Thursday 8-2

### **Sexton:** Ana Calencea

### **Treasurer:** Pat Miller

E-mail: lchttreasurer@comcast.net

### **Music Director:** Virginia Lash

Home: 610-916-1316

E-mail: vlash224@comcast.net

### **Mailing Address:**

102 Apple Street  
Leesport, PA 19533

### **Website:** www.lcht.org

### **Church Fax Number:**

610-926-7273

## Rocking Horse Preschool Information:

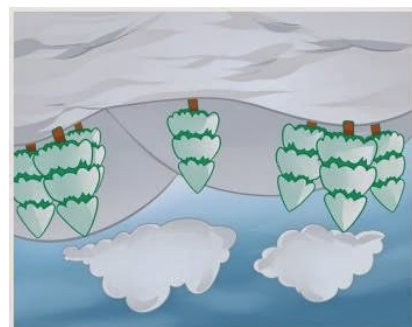
**Teachers:** Mrs. Aliesha Woods  
Mrs. Adrienne Leshner  
Office: 610-926-7176 ext. 3  
Email: rhps@comcast.net

### **Mailing Address:**

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The Lutheran Church  
of the Holy Trinity  
102 Apple Street  
Leesport, PA 19533

### **Website:** www.lcht.org

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