



The Herald

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The beginning of a new year is the perfect time to reflect on how truly blessed we are. Surely the events of 2019 were not all good for any one individual or any one community or country, but even in the darkest places the light of Christ breaks through, especially if that light is burning in your heart.

We can only be truly grateful for the fullness of our being when we recognize that it is in moments of sadness as well as joy; failure as well as success; and isolation as well as companionship that the light and love of Jesus shines. So as we reflect on the year just past and look with uncertainty to the year ahead let us remember that it is God in all circumstances who is with us always. Our God has power to bring light from darkness and make all things new.

Below is a hymn of thanksgiving which captures this sentiment. Perhaps you can keep it handy...in a pocket, near your TV, or on the seat of your car...to read through the coming year. It will guide your reflection on how truly blessed we are.

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
 For these gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
 For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
 Silent growth while we are sleeping
 Future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.
 In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.
 In our worldwide task of caring
 For the hunger and despairing,
 In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the spirit, thanks be to God.
 For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
 For the wonders that astound us,
 For the truths that still confound us,
 Most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Sue Fox

BAD WEATHER INFORMATION

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

- On the internet: 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 January:

- January 5 2nd Sunday of Christmas , Communion service
- January 12 Baptism of Our Lord
- January 19 2nd Sunday of Epiphany, Communion service
- January 26 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Other Notes:

Decorations will be taken down in the sanctuary on January 11 at 9:00 a.m.
 There is no January worship & music meeting.
 The next meeting date is in February following worship service.

Worship Attendance



12/1	cancelled
12/8	59
12/15	46
12/22	39
12/24	100
12/29	32



NOTES ABOUT OUR FOLKS

PRAYERS:

- * Scott Biehl at Sacred Heart Villa
- * Shirley Weist, Columbia Cottage, Wyomissing
- * Jerry Leutze, who is at Masonic Home in Elizabethtown.
- * Pauline Bond at Maiden creek Place.
- * Cynthia Leutze at her daughter's home in Mohsville.
- * Lollie Seaman at Rittenhouse Village.



THANKS TO:

- * Everyone who decorated the Church for Christmas
- * Everyone who sponsored Poinsettias for Christmas.
- * All our volunteers who help with the SV Food Pantry.
- * All the leaders of our church, the nation and the world.



JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays:

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| 01 - Lisa Kuhns | 12 - Mason Wink |
| 02 - Joseph Lowery | 13 - Paul Clery |
| 09 - Shelby Gabel | 14 - Janet Kleffel |
| Linda Greely | 20 - Alyssa Potts |
| 10 - Pauline Bond | 25 - Victoria Wagner |
| Johnathan Greely | 27 - Derrick Potts |
| Laura Reiger | 28 - Barry Beitler |
| 11 - Elaine Lombardo | 29 - Donna Degler |
| Ronda Wolfe | Sallyann Hoke |
| Bradley Buchalter | |
| Anna Mae Beitler | |

Anniversaries:

- 04 - Michael & Amy Korpics





January 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 NEW YEARS DAY	2 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Mtg.	3	4 12-5 Hall rented
5 <i>2nd Sunday after Christmas</i> 9:00 AM Worship : Holy Communion 5:30PM Troop 160 PLC 6:00 PM Troop 160 Mtg.	6 1:00 PM WELCA 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	7	8 7:00 PM Council meets	9 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Mtg.	10 4:30 PM Girl Scouts Meet	11 9:00 AM Removal of Christmas decorations 6:00 PM Soup & Sandwich meal and Movie Night. "The Peanut Butter Falcon"
12 <i>Baptism of Our Lord</i> 9:00 AM Worship 6:00 PM Troop 160 meeting	13 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	14	15 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	16 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Mtg.	17 2:00 PM Food Pantry Delivery	18 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution
19 <i>2nd Sunday of Epiphany</i> 9:00 AM Worship: Holy Communion 10:20 AM Confirmation Class following worship 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry	20 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	21	22	23 9:30AM Pas- toral Care Team Mtg. 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Food Pantry Committee Meeting 7:30 PM NA Mtg.	24 4:30 PM Girl Scouts Meet	25
26 <i>3rd Sunday of Epiphany</i> 9:00 AM Worship	27 6:00 PM Cemetary Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	28	29	30 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	31	

JANUARY VOLUNTEERS

Bulletins

06-*available*
13-Pastor Fox
20-Pastor Fox
27-*available*
Altar Flowers
06-*available*
13-Pastor Fox
20-Pastor Fox
27-*available*

Nursery

no attendant but room will be open

Greeter:

Donna Kessler

Ushers

05-Mike Lowery, Vicki Fetterman
Diana Biehl
12-Phyllis Heffner, Dennis Biehl,
Helen Stoudt
19-Mike Lowery, Phyllis Heffner,
Linda Roshong
26- Dennis Biehl, Vicki Fetterman,
Mike Lowery

MOVIE NIGHT IN THE HALL

Join us for soup and sandwiches
on Saturday January 11 at 6:00.

"The Peanut Butter Falcon"

Will be shown at 6:30PM



Reading Royals Faith & Family Night

March 8, 2020

**Advanced group reservations requested for this fun filled
hockey event.**

Mark your calendars now and make plans to attend!

**Sign -up sheet on the bulletin board in
the vestibule.**

See Dennis Biehl for any questions.



Submitted by Karen Bausch

Happy New Year from Troop 160!
We will be winter camping at Pine Grove Camp in
January.



Our next Sandwich Sale will be February 1, 2020 if anyone is inter-
ested. An order sheet will be hung up closer to that time.

Thank you for supporting our Troop.



It is never too early or late to join us and have a ton of fun! Day Camps/Camping, Commu-
nity Events, Earning Badges, Holiday Parties, Adventures/Trips and so much more! For
more information, call Karen Bausch at 610-334-9739 for Boy Scouts (6th —12th grade).

ROCKING HORSE PRESCHOOL

Submitted by Mrs. Woods and Mrs. Leshner



And another thank you everyone who participated in the Angel Tree program. We were able to fulfill many children's wish lists due to your generosity and kindness.



Welcome to 2020! Can you believe it's the New Year already?!

We had such a busy month in December that we welcome January and a slower pace! Now let's hope the weather cooperates.

During December, the students enjoyed shopping for gifts for their loved ones and everyone enjoyed the Cookies and Cocoa day! It is always so much fun decorating cookies, "Christmas trees", playing games, and doing crafts together. A big thank you to Pastor, for sharing a Christmas story and a craft with the students, this is always something the children look forward to.

As we look forward to January we will be learning all about arctic animals, the winter season and so much more!

As always thank you for continued support!



A SPECIAL THANK YOU LETTER

Dear Friends at the LCHT,

Thank you so much for your kindness and support to both Scott and me during these past months. Your beautiful cards and prayers have meant so much to both of us. Your expressions of sympathy, caring thoughts, and friendship are appreciated more than you can imagine during this most difficult time. Thank you to all the wonderful bakers for your delicious treats that you made for Scott's funeral luncheon. I must also thank everyone who helped during the luncheon. Thank you. Both of us are so fortunate to be part of the caring family of the Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity.

Fondly,
Janice



WOMEN OF THE ELCA

MONTHLY MEETING

Join us on Monday, January 6 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 re-

ceipt 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.

LCHT MINISTRIES INFORMATION

FOOD PANTRY:

COMMITTEE MEETING IS THURSDAY 1/23/2020 AT 7:00PM AT LCHT.

Our church is the distribution site for the Schuylkill Valley Food Pantry. I

t 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. 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 preemie hats will also be made for patients at Tower Health.

Anyone who has any questions or suggestions please contact Darlene Savage at 610-926-2461 or anyone on the Social Ministry Committee.

A BIG THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE GIFT CARD PROGRAM:



I would like to thank all of you who participate in this program. I know sometimes it is hard to track me down to purchase cards however I do make an honest effort to attend church and reach out to those who regularly purchase cards. Just to let you know, the church has received \$1751.25 in profit for the cards purchased. That is easy money seeing that everyone needs to eat. Keep in mind I have cards for Weis, Giant and Redner's in \$25, \$50, and \$100 denominations.

Now for the figure everyone is waiting for ...the Grand total of cards sold in 2019 was \$35,025.00. As I always say we may be a small congregation however we are a MIGHTY one. Thanks for your support Phyllis, Sally and Tom.

SYNOD NEWS

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

Open Arms Senior Connection - Arndt's, Easton



For over 17 years, grants totaling more than a half million dollars have been made possible through mission support giving. Grant applications are received by the Witness and Service Ministry Team and are awarded based on the outreach the grant will accomplish.

The story that follows is written by the founders and the current program director of Open Arms Senior Connection. It tells of an inspiring ministry that got its beginning because of a vision, the need to help others, and the available grant funds that allowed it to thrive.

Over ten years ago a small Welcome and Outreach committee at Arndt's Lutheran Church in Forks Township was looking for another ministry that could use their resources. The congregation came together to modify their existing spaces using funds predominantly from a Transforming Congregations grant and a Witness and Service grant, both of which are mission support grant programs available through the Synod.



Today "Open Arms Senior Connection" continues as a two-day a week program for older adults in the greater Easton community. Realizing that the time some of the participants spend at Open Arms might be the only times during the week that they enjoy a meal with someone, or have any human contact at all, inspires the congregation to make the program as effective and impactful as possible.

The success of this program is due in great part to two paid co-directors and all the volunteers. The program runs on a budget of about \$1000 per month, which goes toward daily beverages and snacks, basic supplies, and salaries.

Donations, fundraisers, and Witness and Service grants from the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the ELCA has allowed this program to reach and provide long term benefits to hundreds of older adults in the region.

To learn more about the activities and outreach of this ministry, please read the full story on the synod website (nepasynod.org/open-arms-senior/) or look for it on the facebook page "Mission Interpreters of NEPA Synod." Remember to "Like" and Share." You can also print a bulletin insert.



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 15th of each month.

LCHT Sundays' Schedule:

Worship at 9 a.m.

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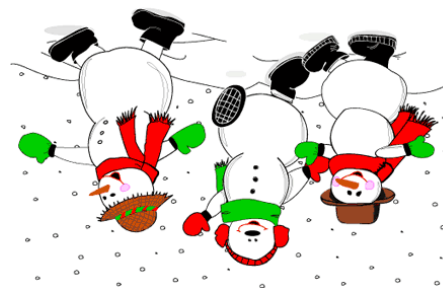
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