



The Herald



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From the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

It's been three months now that I've been serving as your transitional pastor, and I must tell you that, despite the restrictions of the pandemic, I've felt a warmth and acceptance from you that's been very heartening and energizing. You've made me feel welcome; and even though I haven't yet had the chance to meet personally with many of you, I have made in-roads in getting to know our leadership and some of our shut-ins. Recently I've met with our Pastoral Care Team and Women of the ELCA and shared ways to reinvigorate them through resources at the national and synodical levels. I've also gotten to know more people through helping out with the choir and food pantry.

So, going forward, I'm excited about the prospect of electing a new bishop this month at the virtual synod assembly. Thanks go out to Ron Davidheiser and Sue Reiber for agreeing to be our delegates to this important gathering. In addition, we'll be dedicating our new labyrinth in memory of Mary Ellen Dietz following the Sunday service on October 18. Her husband Harry has agreed to attend along with other family members. We also look forward to receiving new members on Reformation Sunday, October 25, and then planning some special events for the holidays.

Of course, I don't need to remind you of the critical importance of exercising your right to vote in the national election on November 3. Given the overlay of momentous events (natural disasters, a public health crisis, social upheaval) that have occurred this year, I can't remember a time with a more pressing need to get the most appropriate leadership into office.

I hear a lot these days about people who're fed up with the restrictions upon their individual freedom to act the way they want. Public policy has always been a balance between the rights of the individual weighed against the needs of society as a whole. During these extraordinary times we must kick it into another gear and exercise the discipline, patience and fortitude necessary to follow the scientific guidelines of our public health professionals. Only then can we control this pandemic and get our socio-economic house in order once again.

I'm glad God has called me to be your pastor and friend during this challenging period in our nation's history. I ask for His guidance and discernment as together we move into His preferred future for us.

In His service,
The Rev. Carl W. Filer



WORSHIP AND MUSIC NOTES

Worship and Music Committee met on September 10, 2020.

Worship services for October:

October 4 - 18th Sunday after Pentecost – Communion service

October 11 -19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 18 -20th Sunday after Pentecost – Communion service,
Recognition of First Responders, Labyrinth dedication

October 25 - Reformation Sunday – Communion service, reception of new members.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 8 at 7:00 PM.

Worship Attendance



8/30	40
9/06	40
9/13	54
9/20	43

APPLE DUMPLING & POT PIE FUNDRAISER Saturday, October 10

On Saturday, October 10 there will be an apple dumpling and pot pie fundraiser. Price for apple dumplings is \$4.50 each and pot pie is \$8.00 a quart. Items will be available for pick up from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the lower level of the church.

Order form is on the bulletin board.

If you are interested in helping to make apple dumplings Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. and/or pot pie on Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m., please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board.



Please contact Daren DeAntonio at 610-926-6402 with any questions.



ROCKING HORSE PRESCHOOL

Submitted by Mrs. Woods



Happy Fall!

With that being said, packets will still be provided and updates will be given as soon as we are able to.


Thank you to everyone who has continued to support Rocking Horse through these difficult times.

I know everyone is anxious to see when we will return to school.

Unfortunately we do not have any answers as of yet. Along with waiting to see what Schuylkill Valley decides we are now faced with finding an assistant teacher if we are allowed to return to in person classes.



OCTOBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30PM NA Meeting	2	3
4 <i>18th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion	5 7:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	6	7	8 9:30 AM Pastoral Care Team meeting 7:00PM Worship & Music meeting 7:30 PM NA Meeting	9 9:00 AM Apple Dumpling Baking	10 9:00 AM Apple Dumpling and Pot Pie Fundraiser
11 <i>19th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship Service	12	13	14 7:00PM Council Meeting	15 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Meeting Newsletter Deadline	16 2:00 PM Food Pantry Delivery	17 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution
18 <i>20th Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>Recognition of First Responders, Labyrinth Dedication (rain date 11/8)</i> 9:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion	19 7:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	20	21	22 7:30 PM NA Meeting	23	24
25 <i>Reformation Sunday</i> <i>Reception of new members.</i> 9:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion	26 6:00 PM Cemetary Board meeting 7:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	27	28	29 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Meeting	30	31

NOTES ABOUT OUR FOLKS

PRAYERS FOR:

- * Scott Biehl at Sacred Heart Villa.
- * Pauline Bond at Maiden creek Place.
- * Cynthia Leutze at her daughter's home in Mohrsville.
- * Delores Seaman at Rittenhouse Village.
- * Shirley Weist at Columbia Cottage.
- * Carole Imgrund in Elizabethtown.
- * Audrey Delong at her home in Leesport.
- * All the frontline workers fighting COVID 19 and the scientists working for a cure.
- * All our servicemen and servicewomen at home & abroad.
- * All the leaders of our church, the nation and the world.

THANKS TO:

- * Our mowers, Dennis Biehl, Ken Frankhouser and Dan DeAntonio.
- * Ron & Judy Corl and all our other volunteers who help with the SV Food Pantry.
- * Those who save Redner's tapes.
- * Those who have and continue to support the Gift Card Program.
- * All the leaders of our congregation, the nation and the world.

Vicki Fetterman would like to thank all for their monetary donations and time spent completing the needed repairs to her home.



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.



"It is never too early or too late to join the Troop and have a ton of fun! For more information, call Scoutmaster Karen Bausch at 610-334-9739 for Boy Scouts (6th-12th grade)."

Church Council Meeting Update

- "God's Work Our Hands" event in September was cancelled due to COVID19.
- The sprinkler system is in need of repair. All agreed that this must be done ASAP.
- RHPS is currently being held virtually. Packets of activities for students are distributed every 2 weeks.
- The book "From Surviving to Thriving: A Practical Guide to Revitalizing the Church" has been provided to each member of council. Council has been reviewing the contents of the book at the beginning of each meeting as a guide to help all become more involved in stewardship and evangelism in our community.

OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays:

01-Scott Biehl, Asher Cleary
 02-Austin Witinski
 03-Lori Johnston
 05-Scott Gruber
 06-Nathan Strause
 08-Steven Yeager
 09-Cole Angstadt, Daryl Savage
 12-Carol Sharadin
 13-Dwight Kutz
 15-Aimee Mengle
 18-Jason Reading, Abigayle Witinski
 19-Jaryd Bittner, Ashley Savage,
 21--Lori Walborn
 22-Deidre Angstadt, Candace Leffler,
 Cynthia Frankhouser

26-Damien DeAntonio
 29-Daniel Savage



Anniversaries:

02-James & Lora Beissel
 04-Steven & Debra Yeager
 07-Matthew & Miranda Reeser
 10-Larry & Sharon Mengle
 11-Joe & Leanna Stoudt
 12-Douglas & Chun Heister
 13-Jason & Justine Reading
 14-Eric & Carin Williams
 18-Dennis & Susan Biehl
 30-George & Amy Manwiller

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.

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 9:00 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.

Due to Covid 19 distribution has been changed to 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.

There is currently very little fresh produce so we are supplementing with canned fruits and vegetable.

There continues to be a need for canned fruits and vegetables as we are steadily serving at least 110 families every month.

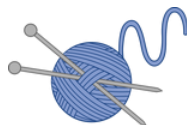
Donations are appreciated.



Feeding the Community

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:

Face to face meetings are not currently taking place.



Projects can be worked on individually from home.

Please contact **Darlene Savage** at 610-926-2461 or anyone on the Social Ministry Committee for more information.

PASTORAL CARE TEAM:

The Pastoral Care Team held it's first meeting on Thursday, September 10.



Currently all home and facility visitation and communion remains on hold.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 8.

MISSION TRIP:

Mike, Dan and others from the congregation did some work locally this summer and plan on continuing to do more community work rather than travel out of the area on actual mission trips.



OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS

Altar Flowers

04-
11- Sue Reiber
18- Sue Reiber
25- Dennis & Darlene Savage

Greeter

Bulletins

04 -
11 - Sue Reiber
18 - Sue Reiber
25 -



Ushers

04 - Dennis Biehl, Mike Lowery, Renee Lenning
11 - Sue Reiber, Linda Roshong, Vicki Fetterman
18 - Diana Biehl, Mike Lowery, Helen Stoudt
25 - Sue Reiber, Vicki Fetterman, Dennis Biehl

Nursery

There will be no attendant but the room will be open

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Submitted by Janet Kleffel, President

WE HELD OUR FIRST MONTHLY MEETING SINCE THE SHUT DOWN
ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 14.

WE CONTINUE TO COLLECT REDNER'S REGISTER TAPES
IF YOU CAN'T DROP YOUR TAPES OFF AT THE CHURCH OR JANET KLEFFEL'S HOME PLEASE
CONTACT JANET AND SHE WILL PICK THEM UP AT YOUR HOME/PORCH.

REDNER'S REGISTER TAPES

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.

A Note From the Choir Director

Rehearsals have started for the musical groups of the church. Unfortunately, there has been a decrease in the number of members in each group, not necessarily due to the Corona virus. The Senior Choir has seven members and the Bell Choir has ten members. Both of these numbers make it slightly more difficult for music selection and performance, but it is doable. For the Bell Choir to be fully "manned" for 3 octaves there should be 11 ringers and for the choir to be able to sing more than just unison and some 2 part anthems we should really have at least 4 sopranos, 4 altos and 4 men.

So if there is anyone in the congregation (or if you know of someone who is not a member of LCHT but had rung handbells or sang in a choir) that is interested, please let me know so I may contact them. It is a misconception that a person has to be able to read music to be a member of either of these groups; the only thing required other than being able to simply READ is to have a desire to join! We are social distancing, wearing face masks/face shields in the choir and likewise in Bell Choir plus our white rehearsal gloves which will be laundered after each practice, bell table covers will be sprayed with Lysol after each rehearsal and music folders, pencils and erasers wiped with sanitizing cloths.

I hope to hear from some of you soon!

Virginia



History of The Berks History Center

LCHT recently donated 11 boxes of history to the Berks History Center. Items donated included photos, bulletins, newsletters and meeting notes dating back as early as 1973. These items remain accessible to LCHT upon request.

Here is a brief history of The Berks History Center.

Overview

Founded in 1869 as the Historical Society of Berks County, the Berks History Center (BHC) is a museum and research library (the Henry Janssen Library) located at 940 Centre Avenue and 160 Spring Street (respectively) in Reading, Pennsylvania. The BHC showcases the unique local history, a vast collection of artifacts and documents, and the diverse cultural heritage of Berks County.

History

In July 1869, a call was made for interested citizens to gather “for the purpose of collecting and perpetuating the historical reminiscences of Berks County.”

The Berks History Center first started collecting objects in June, 1898. The organization’s first building, purchased in June 1904 from the Reading Gas Company, was located at 519 Court Street. At that time, membership was 150. Less than ten years later, the burgeoning Historical Society needed a larger building, and J. Bennett Nolan led the search for a new location. In the summer of 1928 the cornerstone was laid for The Historical Society of Berks County, and construction was completed the following year. Made of concrete and brick, the new building was designed to be a fireproof structure to house the county’s precious collections and archives. The facility was dedicated on October 1, 1929 and is still home to the Berks History Center today. Needing more office, display, and storage space, the Historical Society embarked on a fundraising campaign in the 1980s. The addition was opened in 1988, providing the library with its own dedicated archival storage and research space. In 2005, again faced with the need for more storage, the Historical Society purchased the former M&T Bank building, located directly behind the Berks History Center at 160 Spring Street. In 2008, after undergoing major renovations, the Henry Janssen Library opened to the public serving as the BHC’s premier research facility.



Share Your Harvest if You are Able

John the Baptist went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins....And the crowd asked him, “What then should we do?” In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” **-Luke 3:4, 10-11**

God’s people have traditionally given thanks and celebrated God’s abundance at harvest time, when farmers close out their growing season.

In 2020, North Americans once again rejoice that our land has produced plenty of food. And many Americans, blessed with stable jobs and rebounding investments, can give thanks for a harvest of financial and personal blessings as well.

But millions of us and our neighbors are struggling. Covid-19 has caused massive joblessness, pushing countless families into poverty. Hunger and homelessness are skyrocketing. Federal, state and local safety-net programs are breaking, and food banks, shelters and other charities are overwhelmed.

The rising need presents an opportunity for God’s people who are blessed with more than enough to help siblings in need. This year, consider celebrating your harvest of blessings not only by giving thanks but also by donating generously - of your time, talent, money or goods - to a local food bank, homeless shelter, soup kitchen or charity. Our congregations could lead this effort with a campaign, “Harvest of Giving.”

Our hurting, struggling neighbors need to know not only that Covid-related misfortune is not their fault, but also that God and God’s people are standing with them, supporting them with love and help. The best way is for those who are blessed with an abundant harvest to share it with those whose harvests are lean.

Rob Blezard



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 Filer.

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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