



The Herald

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May Calendar	3	<i>How often are we like Thomas? We want to believe, but coming to life again after death...how is that possible?</i>
June Calendar	4	<i>The Christian church has many symbols that we use to symbolize the Resurrection – lilies and butterflies for example.</i>
May /June Volunteers	5	<i>Talitha Arnold spoke about the April 1970 mission of Apollo 13 that took off for the moon. This should have been a routine trip, however, a day after take-off a huge explosion blew off half the spaceship. The astronauts' only hope was to crawl into the tiny lunar module and try to steer it back to earth.</i>
RHPS	5	<i>But...both they and Houston had a problem. It was oxygen. The blast had damaged the cabin's air filter. Without it, the men would quickly die from their own carbon monoxide.</i>
LCHT News	5	<i>Down on earth, the NASA scientists were equally panicked. Then...one scientist gathered up everything they knew was in the spaceship. He dumped it onto a table and said to his colleagues, "Here you go, boys. Make your filter."</i>
LCHT Ministries	6	<i>So the scientists took a hose from a space suit, bits of plastic and wire...and a sock...and fashioned a make-shift air filter, all held together with duct tape. It saved the astronauts' lives.</i>
WELCA	6	<i>A sock, a hose, wire and duct tape. What a great image of the God who, in an Easter prayer "Gathers up the fragments of our lives and creates new possibilities."</i>
May /June Celebrations	6	<i>Today's story of Thomas has no lilies or butterflies. Just fears, doubts and wounds. But like the NASA scientists with their socks, hoses, and duct tape, the Risen Christ gathered all those fragments of Thomas' life and created new life. And Thomas answered, "My Lord and my God!"</i>
Gift Card Program	7	<i>And God continues to gather the fragments of our lives to create new life for us as we continue to put our faith in Him.</i>
In Our Community	7	<i>Pastor Fran</i>



WORSHIP AND MUSIC NOTES

Worship Attendance



Worship services for May and June :

- May 04 - 3rd Sunday of Easter - 9:00AM Worship/Holy Communion,
The Rev. David Rowe
- May 11 - 4th Sunday of Easter - 9:00 AM Worship -*Mother's Day*, Confirmation
The Rev. Fran Merkel
- May 18 - 5th Sunday of Easter - 9:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion,
The Rev. David Rowe
- May 25 - Holy Trinity Sunday-9:00 AM Worship - *Memorial Day Observance.*
April Mulvey
- June 1- 2nd Sunday after Pentecost-9:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion
The Rev.
- June 8- 3rd Sunday after Pentecost-9:00 AM Worship
The Rev.
- June 15-4th Sunday after Pentecost-9:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion
Father's Day, The Rev.
- June 22- 5th Sunday after Pentecost-9:00 AM Worship
The Rev. Susan Fox
- June 29- 6th Sunday after Pentecost-9:00 AM Worship
April Mulvey

Other Notes:

- * The next Worship & Music meeting will be held on May 1
- * Holy Communion services are dependent upon pastor availability. Updates will be in the weekly bulletins.

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Attendees</u>
March 2	31
March 9	25
March 16	34
March 23	27
March 30	28
April 6	27
April 13	30
April 20 - Easter	46
April 27 - Joint service at Zion	

NOTES ABOUT OUR FOLKS

PRAYERS:

- * Audrey Delong at her home in Leesport.
- * Glenn Miller at the Highlands in Wyomissing.
- * Betty Strause at Berks Heim.
- * Shirley Weist at Columbia Cottage.

CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF:

- * Nancy Davidheiser
- * Terry Lowery
- * Richard Reiber


THANKS TO:



- * 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 the leaders of our congregation.



May 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
COMMUNION SUNDAYS are dependent upon the availability of a supply pastor. Please check weekly Sunday bulletins for updates.				1 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Meeting 8:00 PM Worship & Music meeting	2	3 8:00PM AA Meeting
4 9:00 AM Worship / Holy Communion <i>The Rev. David Rowe</i>	5 1:00 PM WELCA 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	6	7	8 NO CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:30 PM NA Meeting	9	10 Hall Rented 11 AM - 6 PM 8:00 PM AA Meeting
11 Mother's Day 9:00 AM Worship/ Communion/Confirmation <i>The Rev. Fran Merkel</i> Bell Choir Plays	12	13	14 6:30 PM Council Meeting	15 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Meeting	16 2:00 PM Food Pantry Delivery	17 9:00 AM Food Pantry 8:00PM AA Meeting
18 9:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion <i>The Rev. David Rowe</i> 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting	19	20	21	22 6:30 PM Rocking Horse Preschool Graduation 7:30 PM NA Meeting	23	24 8:00 PM AA Meeting
25 9:00 AM Worship <i>April Mulvey</i>	26  Memorial Day	27	28	29 7:30 PM NA Meeting	30	31 8:00 PM AA Meeting




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




June 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
COMMUNION SUNDAYS are dependent upon the availability of a supply pastor. Please check weekly Sunday bulletins for updates.						
1 9:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion <i>The Rev.</i> LCHT attends Reading Fightin Phillies game. Game time 5:15 PM	2 1:00 PM WELCA Mtg.	3	4	5 7:30 PM NA Meeting	6	7 Hall Rented 10 AM - 6 PM 8:00PM AA Meeting
8 <i>Day of Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship <i>The Rev. TBD</i>	9	10	11 6:30 PM Council Meeting	12 7:30 PM NA Meeting	13	14 8:00PM AA Meeting
15 <i>1st Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion <i>The Rev. TBD</i> <i>Father's Day</i> 2:00 Prayer Shawl meeting	16	17	18	19 7:30 PM NA Meeting	20 2:00 PM Food Pantry Delivery	21 <i>1st Day of Summer!</i> 9:00 AM Food Pantry 7:00PM AA Meeting <i>Special Event</i>
22 <i>2nd Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship <i>The Rev. Susan Fox</i>	23	24	25	26 7:30 PM NA Meeting	27	28 8:00PM AA Meeting
29 <i>6th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship <i>April Mulvey</i>	30					


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MAY/JUNE VOLUNTEERS

May Altar Flowers

04 - Irvin & Nettie Kauffman
11 - Pastor Fran
18 - available
25 - available



May Bulletins

04 - Irvin & Nettie Kauffman
11 - available
18 - available
25 - available

May Ushers

04 - Vicki Fetterman
11 - Linda Roshong
18 - Janice Care
25 - Daren DeAntonio

See bulletin board to sign up to sponsor flowers or bulletins.

The cost to sponsor flowers is \$25. The cost to sponsor bulletins is \$15.

Nursery

no attendant but room will be open

June Alter Flowers

01 - Virginia Lash
08 - available
15 - available
22 - Janice Care
29 - available

June Bulletins

01 - available
08 - available
15 - available
22 - Janice Care
30 - available

June Ushers

01 - Linda Roshong
08 - Darlene Savage
15 - Ron Davidheiser
22 - Darlene Savage
29 - Dennis Savage



ROCKING HORSE PRESCHOOL


SUBMITTED BY MS. WOODS



This school year had flown by! Unfortunately, we haven't had too many warm days to enjoy outside yet but we are crossing our fingers that the weather turns nicer for our annual field day that takes place on Thursday May 15th.

On Thursday, April 3, we enjoyed a field trip to the Auburn & Allentown railroad for a train ride where we got to even see the Easter Bunny on our ride. We also had a fun Easter party on Thursday April 10th.



 We had a successful picture day at the end of March. Everyone brought their smiles.

We have been taking enrollments for next year. We currently have 16 enrolled for PM which

leaves us with 4 open spots and we currently have 13 enrolled for AM which leaves us with 3 open spots. If you or someone you know is looking for a preschool program for the upcoming school year, please email us at rhps@comcast.net or visit the church website at lcht.org for more information. Click on the Rocking Horse Preschool tab.

Our last day of school will be on May 22nd. We look forward to holding our graduation ceremony that evening where we will be watching 17 students graduate and move on from Rocking Horse and enter kindergarten the following school year.



We hope everyone has an awesome summer break!

LCMT NEWS

READING PHILLIES GAME:

We will be attending a Fightin Phils game as a group this June! We are planning on attending a game on **Sunday, June 1** in the Penn State St. Joseph Club 67 picnic area. Game time is 5:15. Gates open approximately 1 hour prior to game time. The \$41 price per person includes the buffet from 4:15-6:45.

Children ages 5-18 who are members of LCMT will be paid for by the church. Children ages 0-4 are free but must be included in the count.

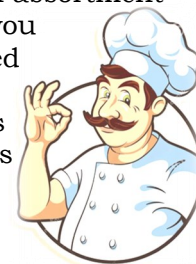
Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Sign-up deadline is May 4.



POT PIE SALE:

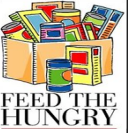
The fellowship committee would like to thank everyone who helped make the Chicken Pot Pie sale a success. The volunteers made 241 quarts of pot pie, 60 pints of pepper cabbage and an assortment of delicious desserts. A special thank you to Phyllis and Tom Heffner who donated ALL of the pot pie and pepper cabbage ingredients. Because of their generous donation we raised \$2,778.00! Fun was had by all who helped.



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 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. The food pantry continues to serve many families in our area. All donations are greatly appreciated. There is a box in the vestibule for donations.



WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Submitted by Nettie Kauffman

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, Safe Berks, just to name a few.

Collection of Redner's tapes are still welcomed. Remember, in order for Redner's to count the receipt / register tape, it has to be the ENTIRE receipt, and it has to have a "Save-a-Tape" number on it. Use your Save-a-Tape card or pump perks card. We must have the complete information on the slip for redemption. The funds generated from this project are used to help others in the community.

Donna Kessler has graciously volunteered to continue this program for WELCA. If you have any questions on this project, please contact Donna @ 610-750-3871.

We hope all of you will help us continue our collection of Redner's tapes and the projects that are supported by the WELCA group in The Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity.

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.

A W.E.L.C.A. INVITATION TO JOIN BIBLE STUDY

W.E.L.C.A. group meets to discuss concerns of members within our church as well as to provide assistance to various needs within our community. It was decided to continue with meetings on the regular monthly basis from October thru June.

Our next meeting will be on May 5 at 1:00 pm. The June 2 meeting is being held at 1:00 p, and will also have our annual treat of strawberries and ice cream.

Bible Study will be held immediately following the business meeting at 1:15. All are welcome, especially for the Bible Study.

Our group will take a summer break and resume after the Labor Day weekend -- September 8 at 1:00 pm.

We hope to see some new faces at our meetings and at Bible Study.

MAY / JUNE CELEBRATIONS

May Birthdays:

05 - Makayla Lowery
13 - Harold Bond
17 - Jesse Gruber
18 - Susan Biehl
19 - Justine Reading
24 - Ron Corl
27 - Linda Roshong
30 - Jake Biehl



May Anniversaries:

05 - Dennis & Darlene Savage
08 - Glenn & Sally Miller
14 - Scott & JoAnn Gruber

June Birthdays:

02 - Evan Lash
06 - Mary Ann Franklin
Shirley Weist, Judy Corl
Deborah LaFaver
07 - Stone Weber
Peter Miller
08 - Michael Miller
09 - Jenna Strause
16 - Oliver Graeff
20 - Braiden Lash
23 - Bryce Hawkins
Lori Lowery



24 - Jacob Lowery
25 - Chuck Mowery

June Anniversaries:

01 - Matt & Michelle Sanders
02 - Scott & Laurie Trievel
06 - Paul & Juliana Clery,
Deborah & Larry Lafaver
10 - Ken & Jean Stoudt
17 - Bruce & Sandy Buchalter
19 - Richard & Sue Hawkins
30 - Jeffry & Linda Greely,
Michael & Lori Lowery

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: lichtsecretary@comcast.net.

GIFT CARD PROGRAM

Gift cards continue to be available for Redner's and Weis.
 Giant gift cards are available upon request.
 Our church will receive a 5% rebate with each gift card you purchase.
 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.



IN OUR COMMUNITY



**ST. JOHN'S
GERNANT'S CHURCH**

**MEAT TRAYS/
FOOD BASKETS BINGO**

At
MEMORIAL HALL
13 GERNANT'S CHURCH ROAD,
LEESPORT, PA



SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025

DOORS OPEN AT 12:30pm

*Early Bird Specials begin at
1:15pm*

Program Bingo begins at 1:30pm


COST: Advance tickets - \$20.00/ at the door \$25.00
 (Ticket price includes a hot dog & drink)

****ABSOLUTELY NO OUTSIDE FOODS OR BEVERAGES WILL BE
PERMITTED****

*For more information or to order tickets, please call:
Church Office at 610-926-2584 or Barb Pavznik at
610-562-5086*

**Donate a box of cereal for the food pantry, receive one free special game
card.* (One offer only!!!)*







**ROCKING HORSE PRESCHOOL
FUNDRAISER**

WHAT: Fundraising for classroom supplies, parties/graduation, and field trip expenses. Subs and sandwiches range from \$7 - \$8 each. Checks should be made payable to: Rocking Horse Preschool.

WHEN: Monday April 7th – Thursday April 24th

PLEASE NOTE:
 Orders can still be made up to Sunday, April 27th.
 Please email rhsp@comcast.net with your selection
 by Sunday evening.

WHERE: Orders will arrive to the preschool on Thursday, May 8th.
 Pickup Start & End Time will 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Preschool.

<p>\$8</p> <p>12" Italian Sub Roll (w/onions – w/o onions)</p> <p>Selections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Italian (Reg.) • Spicy Italian (w/onions & peppers) • Ham • Turkey • Roast Beef • American  <p>12" Whole Grain Roll</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turkey w/onions • All Cheese w/onions 	<p>\$7</p> <p>Pretzel Sandwiches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chicken Breast (w/Pepper Jack Cheese) • Italian (Reg.) • Ham & Cheese • Ham & Swiss • Turkey & Cheese • Sweet Lebanon Bologna & Cheese • All Cheese • Chicken Salad • Egg Salad • Tuna Salad 
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

BREAKFAST AT ONTELAUNEE GRANGE:

Breakfast will be served at Ontelaunee Grange the first Sunday of the month from 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM beginning February and continuing through May 2025. No breakfast in June, July, August or September. Breakfasts will resume again October through December.

**Submissions deadline for the
July/August Newsletter will be
Wednesday, June 11**

Please let the office know if there is anything
you would like to see in the newsletter.

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 services are being held in the sanctuary every Sunday at 9:00 AM.

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