



The Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity

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The Herald

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From The Pastor's Desk:

It is sad to me that in the modern times we live in, we are witnesses to the building of fences. We see fences around homes, schools, churches and businesses.

There are occasions when fences are necessary to keep children or pets from roaming outside the particular boundary; but more often our fences are built to keep others out.

Richard Wing, pastor and gifted speaker, relates an incident from World War I. During the war, some Americans were passing through an area of France. One of their friends had been killed and they were looking for a place to bury him. They passed a local church with a cemetery around it and inquired if their friend could be buried there. The priest asked if the man was Catholic, and they responded that he was not.

Apologizing to them, the priest stated that it was a Catholic cemetery; but also having compassion, he invited them to make the burial just outside the fence. They agreed and buried their friend outside the fence.

As they traveled through the area again several weeks later, they came to the graveyard to visit the grave of their friend. For some reason, they could not find his grave. They went to the door of the rectory and asked the priest what might have happened that they couldn't find the grave. The priest admitted that after they had buried their friend outside the fence, he was unable to sleep. So, he got out of bed and moved the fence to include the grave of their friend.

Fences are barriers built to prevent escape or intrusion.

What barriers exist in your life of faith? Do you run into barriers or put them up? Do you invite God into your life or keep yourself so busy there is no time for God; and your busyness acts like the fence to keep God out?

God wants us to move the fences, just like the priest, so that all people are included and invited to know God's love.

Tearing down your fences begins when you ask for God's help. A small prayer can be a big hammer to begin tearing down your barriers, and you might be surprised at what freedom you'll find when your fences are removed.

Pastor Fran



WORSHIP AND MUSIC NOTES

September and October worship services 9:00 AM.

September 07 - 15th Sunday after Pentecost. Holy Communion service-
The Rev. Kenneth Gould

September 14 - 16th Sunday after Pentecost. Worship service-
April Mulvey

September 21 - 17th Sunday after Pentecost. Holy Communion service -
Pastor David Rowe

September 28 - 19th Sunday after Pentecost. Worship service-
April Mulvey

Communion Service dates for October are dependent upon Pastor availability. Updates will be printed in the weekly bulletins.

October 05 - 20th Sunday after Pentecost. Worship/Holy Communion -
The Rev. Kenneth Gould

October 12 - 21st Sunday after Pentecost. Worship - *April Mulvey*

October 19 - 22nd Sunday after Pentecost. Worship - *The Rev. Burlington Latshaw*

*October 26 - Reformation Sunday after Pentecost. Worship/Holy Communion - *The Rev. Susan Fox*

****Please note that Communion service in October will be
October 5th & October 26th for Reformation Sunday***

The next Worship and Music Meeting is scheduled for October 23 at 8:00 PM.

Choir will resume rehearsals September 4 at 7:00

Bell Choir will resume rehearsals September 8 at 7:00.



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8/24	20
8/31	27



Thank You from the Music Director

I would like to thank the Church Council for approving funds from the Pot Pie sale to purchase material from the Allen Organ Company for new covering on the organ speakers.

I would also like to say a special thank you to Phyllis Heffner and Dan DeAntonio for taking down the old dusty, dirty covers and replacing them with the new material. The cream color blends nicely with the surrounding paint and the material is acoustically correct for the speakers. The old material was installed approximately 20 years ago when the church interior was painted. It replaced the original covers installed by the Allen Organ Company when the church was built in 2000.



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.



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





SEPTEMBER 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Holy Communion <i>Sundays dependent upon pastor availability.</i> <i>Updates will be printed in the weekly bulletins.</i>	1	2	3	4 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Mtg.	5	6 Leesport Community Days 8:00 PM AA Meeting
7 13 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion <i>The Rev. Kenneth Gould</i> <i>God's Work, Our Hands</i> <i>Assembling the buckets in the lower level of the church @ 1:00 PM</i>	8 1:00 PM WELCA 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	9	10 6:30 PM Council meeting	11 No Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Mtg.	12	13 Hall Rented 12 Noon - 5 PM 8:00 PM AA Meeting
14 14 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Worship <i>April Mulvey</i> <i>Organist - Kathy Kauffman</i> 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl meeting	15 No Bell Choir Rehearsal	16	17	18 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Mtg.	19 2:00 PM Food Pantry Delivery	20 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution 8:00 PM AA Meeting
21 15 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Worship <i>The Rev. David Rowe</i>	22 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	23	24	25 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Mtg.	26	27 8:00 PM AA Meeting
28 16 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00AM Worship <i>April Mulvey</i> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <i>Last day to order sandwiches for pick up Saturday, October 4, 2025</i> </div> 6:00 PM SVYS meeting	29 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	30				<i>Sandwich Sale</i> <i>Pick Up Saturday, October 4, 2025</i>

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OCTOBER 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Holy Communion Sundays dependent upon pastor availability. Updates will be printed in the weekly bulletins.			1	2 Apple Dumpling Sale Pick up between 5:00 & 6:00 PM No Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Meeting	3 Sandwich prep 3 - 6 PM	4 Sandwich Sale 8 AM - 12 PM pick up starting 8:45AM 8:00 PM AA Meeting
5 <i>17th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion <i>The Rev. Kenneth Gould</i>	6 7:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	7	8 6:30PM Council Meeting	9 No Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Meeting	10	11 8:00 PM AA Meeting
12 <i>18th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship <i>April Mulvey</i> <i>Organist - Kathy Kauffman</i>	13 No Bell Choir Rehearsal	14	15	16 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00PM Food Pantry Committee Mtg. 7:30 PM NA Meeting	17 2:00 PM Food Pantry Delivery	18 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution 8:00 PM AA Meeting
19 <i>19th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Worship <i>The Rev. Burlington Latshaw</i> 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl meeting	20 7:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	21	22	23 7:00PM Choir 8:00 PM Worship & Music meeting 7:30 PM NA Meeting	24	25 8:00 PM AA Meeting
26 Reformation Sunday 9:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion <i>The Rev. Susan Fox</i> 6:00 PM SVYS meeting	27 7:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	28	29	30 7:30 PM NA Meeting	31	


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ROCKING HORSE PRESCHOOL



Welcome to
Preschool

We're thrilled to kick off a new school year at our preschool! This year, we welcome two wonderful teachers: Ms. Sue Staus (Head Teacher) and Mrs. Stacey Myers (Assistant). Our classes are full, with 16 students in the morning and 20 in the afternoon—plus waiting lists for both!



We enjoyed connecting with families at our annual Meet & Greet on August 14th, where everyone explored the classroom and learned about our daily routines. The first day for PM students was Monday, August 25th, and for AM students, Tuesday, August 26th.

We have lots of fun activities planned, starting with welcome crafts and a special project where children create paper versions of themselves for our hallway display. We're looking forward to a year full of learning, creativity, and joyful discoveries!

Rocking Horse Preschool Wish List

- * Washable paint, especially red, yellow, and green
- * Googly Eyes, varying sizes
- * Popsicle sticks
- * Magnet tiles
- * Dress up clothes for boys and girls:
(Example: construction worker vest, policeman and / or fireman jacket,
easy to wear princess dress)



LCHT NEWS

Apple Dumpling Sale

WHEN: Thursday, October 2, 2025

Pick up between 5:00 and 6:00 PM

COST: \$5.00

ORDERS and BAKERS: Look for sign up sheet and order forms on the bulletin board. Orders can also be placed by contacting Daren DeAntonio at 610-926-6402.

Order deadline is September 22, 2025.



Sandwich Sale

WHERE: LCHT

WHEN: Saturday **October 4, 2025**. Sandwiches will be ready for pick up by 8:45AM.

Order form is on the bulletin board. Orders must be placed by **September 28**. Sale proceeds benefit **The Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity**.

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS

September Altar Flowers
07 - Leon & Donna Degler
14 - Donald Kaufman
21 - Helen Stoudt
28 - Available

September Bulletins
07 - Donald Kaufman
14 - Available
21 - Available
28 - Available

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

September Ushers
07 - Daren DeAntonio
14 - Dan DeAntonio
21 - Vicki Fetterman
28 - Lori Lowery

October Altar Flowers
05 - Dennis & Darlene Savage
12 - Available
19 - Available
26 - Available

October Bulletins
05 - Available
12 - Available
19 - Available
26 - Available

October Ushers
05 - Janice Care
12 - Dennis Savage
19 - Linda Roshong
26 - Lori Lowery



WOMEN OF THE ELCA

WELCA will return to regular meetings on Monday, **September 8** at 1:00 pm in the church social hall.

A Bible Study will be held by Pastor Fran.

ALL are welcome.

WELCA continues to collect REDNER REGISTER TAPES. 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!



Redner's Markets gives 1% of purchases back to the Women of the ELCA. This one percent can really add up. Your help is so appreciated. If you have any questions, please see Donna Kessler 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.

LCHT MINISTRIES

FOOD PANTRY

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!



NOTES ABOUT OUR FOLKS

PRAYERS:

- * Audrey Delong at her home in Leesport
- * Gordon Kistler
- * Glenn Miller at the Highlands in Wyomissing.
- * Shirley Weist at Columbia Cottage
- * 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.



SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

September Birthdays:

- 03 - Donald Mengel
- 04 - Matthew Franklin
- 07 - Kent Riegel
Kevin Lenning
- 08 - Dan DeAntonio
- 10 - Leon Degler
- 15- Jean Stoudt
- 19 - Lorna Oswalt
- 21 - Heather Griffin
- 28 - Neil Oswalt



October Birthdays:

- 01-Asher Cleary,
Larry LaFaver
- 02-Austin Witinski
- 03-Lori Johnston
- 05-Scott Gruber
- 06-Nathan Strause
- 08-Sтивен Yeager
- 12-Carol Sharadin
- 13-Dwight Kutz
- 22-Deidre Angstadt
Cynthia Frankhouser

September Anniversaries:

- 09 - Oliver & Yvonne Graeff
- 18 - Tom & Phyllis Heffner
Roy & Lorna Oswalt



October Anniversaries:

- 04-Steven & Debra Yeager
- 07-Matthew & Miranda Reeser
- 10-Larry & Sharon Mengle
- 11-Joe & Leanna Stoudt
- 13-Jason & Justine Reading
- 18-Dennis & Susan Biehl
- 30-George & Amy Manwiller

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.

LCHT Sundays' Schedule:

Worship at 9 a.m.

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Rocking Horse Preschool

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