



The Herald

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From The Pastor's Desk:

As I sit on my patio on summer evenings, I enjoy many of God's treats. Summer nights whisper the wonders of creation—cool breezes, starlit skies, fireflies, the sound of crickets, and the mesmerizing flight of bats. While often overlooked, these remarkable creatures serve as a testament to God's intricate handiwork, embodying both purpose and precision in their role within nature.

In the grand design of creation, every living being holds significance. Bats, in their silent service, remind us of the wisdom behind God's order. Acting as natural pest controllers, they consume thousands of insects each night, maintaining balance in ecosystems. Their ability to pollinate plants and disperse seeds ensures the continued growth of life, reinforcing the idea that every creature, no matter how small, plays a role in God's plan.

The Scriptures tell us that God provides for all His creations (Matthew 6:26), and bats are no exception. Their unique wings—crafted with extraordinary flexibility—allow them to soar gracefully, maneuvering through darkness with unwavering confidence. Through echolocation, they navigate the unseen, much like how faith enables believers to walk boldly without sight (2 Corinthians 5:7).

Bats offer spiritual lessons for those willing to observe. They thrive in darkness, yet bring balance, order and renewal, much like how faith calls us to be a light in difficult times. Their misunderstood nature mirrors how society often judges without understanding—reminding us of Christ's teachings on compassion, wisdom, and seeing beyond mere appearances (John 7:24).

As stewards of the earth, believers are called to protect and cherish the world God has entrusted to us (Genesis 2:15). Bats, though often feared, are vital to nature's well-being. Simple efforts—such as installing bat houses, reducing pesticide use, and supporting conservation efforts—can uphold the harmony God has set in motion.

So the next time you find yourself under the summer sky, I encourage you to take a moment to reflect. Watch the bats in flight, embracing their silent yet powerful presence. In their rhythm, you may see glimpses of divine order—unfolding one flutter at a time.

Pastor Fran





WORSHIP AND MUSIC NOTES

Worship Attendance

ATTENDANCE

- Worship Services for July and August:**
- July 6** – 4th Sunday after Pentecost-communion service
The Rev. Kenneth Gould
 - July 13** – 5th Sunday after Pentecost, regular service,
April Mulvey
 - July 20** – 6th Sunday after Pentecost-communion service
The Rev. David Rowe
 - July 27** – 7th Sunday after Pentecost, regular service,
The Rev. William Fryer

5/4	28
5/11	34
5/18	22
5/25	31
6/1	24
6/8	32
6/15	20
6/22	22
6/29	23

COMMUNION SERVICE DATES for AUGUST are DEPENDENT UPON PASTOR AVAILABILITY. Dates will be posted in the weekly Sunday bulletins.

- August 3** - 8th Sunday after Pentecost, communion service, *The Rev. David Rowe*
- August 10** - 9th Sunday after Pentecost, *April Mulvey*
- August 17** - 10th Sunday after Pentecost, communion service, *The Rev. William Fryer*
- August 24** - 11th Sunday after Pentecost, *The Rev. Susan Fox*
- August 31** - 12th Sunday after Pentecost, *The Rev. Kenneth Gould*

Other Notes:
* The next Worship & Music meeting will be Thursday, August 7, 6:30 PM.

REMEMBER LCHT THIS SUMMER

As you head out on vacation or family outings opportunities this summer don't forget LCHT. Just like our household Expenses, the expenses for our church continue to roll in. So please keep current in your giving, as best you can.



ROCKING HORSE PRESCHOOL

May was a fun filled month. On Thursday May 15th we had our field day. Even though we had to have our day inside our kiddos had a blast playing with the parachute, balls, hula hoops and playdough. We were able to sneak outside for a few minutes between the rain drops to have some fun with bubbles and sidewalk chalk.

Our school year rounded out on Thursday May 22nd. That evening we watched 16 of our PM students participated in graduation. They did a wonderful job performing all the songs we practiced. We are going to miss them, but now they are ready for kindergarten.



At this time our PM group currently has 17 students enrolled for the 2025/2026 school year. That leaves us 3 available spaces. Our AM class currently has 15 students enrolled for 2025/2026 school and leaves us with 1 open space. If anyone knows a child that will be 3 by Sept 1st for the AM group or 4 by Sept. 1st for the PM group, please pass along our contact information. rhps@comast.net is the best way to get a hold of us during the summer months.

During the summer break we have been very busy reorganizing the classroom and making a list of items we will be needing for the upcoming school year. We're also busy developing a fun filled lesson plan for our upcoming school year.

We will be having a Meet and Greet night on **Thursday August 14th at 6:30/7:00PM**. Letters will be mailed to all enrolled students.



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JULY 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 7:30 PM NA Mtg.	4  8:30 PM AA Meeting	5
6 4th Sunday of Pentecost 9:00 AM Worship / Holy Communion The Rev. Kenneth Gould Organist: Kathy Kauffman	7	8 Vesper Services: St. John's Gernant's Church will lead outdoor Vesper Services at Epler's Church Labyrinth @ 7:00 PM	9 NO COUNCIL MEETING	10 7:30 PM NA Mtg.	11	12 8:30 PM AA Meeting
13 5th Sunday of Pentecost 9:00 AM Worship April Mulvey Hall Rental 11:30 AM - 6:00 PM	14	15	16	17 7:30 PM NA Mtg.	18 2:00 PM Food Pantry Delivery	19 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution 8:30 PM AA Meeting
20 6th Sunday of Pentecost 9:00 AM Worship / Holy Communion The Rev. David Rowe 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting	21	22	23	24 7:30 PM NA Mtg.	25	26 Hall Rental 11:30 AM - 6:00 PM 8:30 PM AA Meeting
27 7th Sunday of Pentecost 9:00 AM Worship The Rev. William Fryer Organist: Kathy Kauffman	28	29	30	31 7:30 PM NA Mtg.		



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AUGUST 2025



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Holy Communion <i>Sundays dependent upon pastor availability.</i> <i>Updates will be printed in the weekly bulletins.</i>					1	2 Hall Rental 11:30 AM - 6:00 PM 8:30 PM AA Meeting
3 8th Sunday of Pentecost 9:00 AM Worship /Holy Communion <i>The Rev. David Rowe</i>	4	5 National Night Out <i>(Rain or Shine)</i>	6	7 6:00 PM Worship & Music meeting 7:30 PM NA Mtg.	8	9 8:30 PM AA Meeting
10 9th Sunday of Pentecost 9:00 AM Worship <i>April Mulvey</i>	11	12 Vesper Services: St. John's Gernant's Church will lead outdoor Vesper Services at Epler's Church Labyrinth @ 7:00 PM	13 6:00 PM Council Meeting	14 6:30 - 7:00 PM RHPS Meet & Greet 7:30 PM NA Mtg.	15 2:00 PM Food Pantry Delivery	16 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution 8:30 PM AA Meeting
17 10th Sunday of Pentecost 9:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion <i>The Rev. William Fryer</i> 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting	18	19	20	21 7:30 PM NA Mtg.	22	23 8:30 PM AA Meeting
24 11th Sunday of Pentecost 9:00 AM Worship <i>The Rev. Susan Fox</i>	25 RHPS 1st day of preschool.	26	27	28 7:30 PM NA Mtg.	29	30
31 12th Sunday of Pentecost 9:00 AM Worship <i>The Rev. Kenneth Gould</i>						


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JULY/AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

July Birthdays:

06 – Judith Wert
14 – Richard Imgrund
Michael Lowery
21 – Carolyn Heffner
27 – Teri Potts
28 – David Lombardo
30 – Pauline Minnich



24 – Joey & Deidre Angstadt

August Birthdays:

01 – Daren DeAntonio
09 – Pam Pikhtovnikoff
10 – Phyllis Heffner
11 – George Manwiller
12 – Gordon Kistler
13 – Walter Heffner
16 – Miranda Reeser
20 – Michelle Sanders
22 – Greg Zimmerman
24 – Diana Biehl
Colin Stoudt
27 – Dennis Savage

28 – Danielle Herring
29 – Audrey DeLong
31 – Kent Riegel

August Anniversaries:

05 – Irvin & Nettie Kauffman
20 – Peter & Patricia Miller
21 – Daniel & Daren DeAntonio
22 – Ron & Judy Corl



July Anniversaries:

02 – David & Elaine Lombardo
Boris & Pam Pikhtovnikoff
07 – Jason & Heather Griffin
10 – Leon & Donna Degler
13 – Matt & Danielle Herring

VOLUNTEERS

FOR JULY

Altar Flowers

06 – Ron Davidheiser
13 – Leon & Donna Degler
20 – Available
27 – Ron Davidheiser

Bulletins

06 – Ron Davidheiser
13 – Available
20 – Available
27 – Ron Davidheiser

Ushers

06 – Ron Davidheiser
13 – Janice Care
20 – Darlene Savage
27 – Ron Davidheiser

FOR AUGUST

Altar Flowers

03 – Irvin & Nettie Kauffman
10 – Available
17 – Dan & Daren DeAntonio
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Ushers

03 – Daren DeAntonio
10 – Darlene Savage
17 – Ron Davidheiser
24 – Lori Lowery
31 – Darlene Savage

NOTES ABOUT OUR FOLKS

PRAYERS:

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



THANKS TO:

- * Our mowers, Dan DeAntonio, Dennis Biehl and Kenny Frankhouser.
- * All our other volunteers who help with the SV Food Pantry.
- * Everyone who sponsored Geraniums for Pentecost Sunday.
- * 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.



LCHT MINISTRIES INFORMATION

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Submitted by Netti Kauffman

NO WELCA MEETING UNTIL SEPTEMBER.

W.E.L.C.A. will not meet in July and August. Meetings will resume in the Fall on Monday, September 8, 2025 at 1:00. Bible Study will commence again after our regular meeting. All members of the church are welcome for Bible Study, which begins around 1:15 pm. We hope to see you there! Enjoy your summer.

REDNER'S REGISTER TAPES

Keep saving those Redner's Tapes so our group can use the funds we received to help others in our community and elsewhere. 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 Donna Kessler.

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.



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.



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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.

FOOD PANTRY SUMMER REQUEST

Greeting all, Can you believe that it is the end of another school year? With Summer upon us we are reminded that our recipients' children will not be receiving the school meals. These families will have to include this added expense to their grocery bills to have additional food available for their children during the summer months.

The Schuylkill Valley Food Pantry Inc. wishes to help by providing additional food and snack items for the children. We hope we can count on your support. Please ask your congregation to donate items to help feed the children during the summer months.

Here is a list of some items that are fun to eat as well as nutritious:

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| * Cheese sticks | * snack packs of pudding and gelatins |
| * Fruit cups | * jerky |
| * Nuts | * snack size assortments of cookies, |
| * Dried fruits | crackers, pretzels, etc. |

Items can be dropped off at the Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity on the 3rd Friday of June, July, and Aug. so they can be added to the distribution to our recipients on the 3rd Saturday of those months.

If you have questions, and or require additional information please feel free to call Sam Reimert @ 484-269-4205.

As always, thank you for your continued support we are all very appreciative.

Continue to be safe.



Confirmation



**Congratulations to
Jacob Lowery**
who was confirmed on
Mother's Day, May 11, 2025

***"Wishing Jacob all the best as
he continues his journey in
faith. May it serve as a
beautiful reminder of his
dedication and love for God."***



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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.

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Worship at 9 a.m.

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