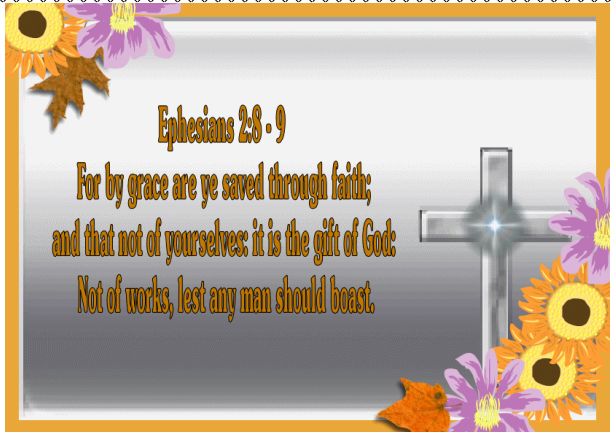
	<p><i>Holy Trinity Lutheran Church</i></p> <h1>Tidings</h1>	<p>September- October 2016</p>
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Service schedule
9:30 AM
Communion every
Sunday
Bible Study@10:45



Ephesians 2:8-9
For by grace are ye saved through faith;
and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:
Not of works, lest any man should boast.



From the Pastor:

Jesus told the following parable (Matthew 21: 28-31)

“A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?”

Most of us can recognize both sons in this parable. In fact, most of us have **been** both sons. Sometimes, with good intentions, we promise to do something and then fail to deliver; and, sometimes, we grumble and gripe and then reluctantly do the right thing after all. And all of us can probably think of people we know who are like the second son most of the time – you know the type, folks who talk a good game but rarely deliver.

Jesus used this parable to point out that the Pharisees, the most outwardly religious people of the day, often said the right things and then failed to follow their words with actions, while social outcasts like tax collectors and prostitutes rarely used the language of religion, rebelled against the accepted ways of doing things, but, in the end, repented of their sins and asked forgiveness.

And then he told his listeners "The tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you."

I like our electronic sign. It gives us the opportunity to display an infinite number of messages. Anna Carter Florence, a professor at Columbia Theological Seminary in Georgia, suggests that the following message should be prominently posted in every church:

We'll have no Pharisees in this church.

It's tax collectors and prostitutes, all the way.

My guess is we won't post that message on our sign anytime soon. But nonetheless, we should remember that God regularly uses people who rebel and gripe and grumble. God uses them more, Jesus tells us, than those who say all the right things and otherwise seem religious. We rebels know that we are sinners and, when the opportunity arises, we often repent and do the right thing. Or, to paraphrase Jesus' words, we often "change our mind and go into the vineyard."

So, my friends, as summer once more turns into fall and we see the many opportunities ahead of us to serve God by using our talents and time and treasure to work in God's vineyard, may we remember Jesus' words and follow the tax collectors and prostitutes into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Jeff Van Orden



On Saturday September 3rd, we will be having the Annual Yardsale on the Front lot of the church between the hours of 8:30-noon.....Monies raised will go to help with costs surrounding the repair of Steeple and roof....PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT>>!!



“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday, September 25, is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as a part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Mark your calendars today!

As we strive to share God’s love with our neighbors, we are planning three special events:

- Flu Shots will be available following worship that Sunday
- Also on that Sunday, during coffee hour will be packing “thank-you bags,” with simple gifts for our local police officers
- On October 16th we will host a blood drive in partnership with Central Jersey Blood Services
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Service activities like these offer us an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace.

So we try to work every day to make our community a better place. Plan to join us as we continue doing this work together in 2016! For more information, contact the Church Office.

STEWARDSHIP AT HOLY TRINITY

The times they are a changing...remember that line from a 60’s Bob Dylan song? Well that sums up things here at Holy Trinity. We are changing in many ways, we are looking at new ways of using our gifts and talents. That is what stewardship is all about—using what God has given us. One of my favorite quotes is from Erma Bombeck; “When I stand before God at the end of my life I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left and could say; ‘I used everything you gave me.’ “

We will begin our yearly stewardship emphasis in October. Three of our council members, Lynn Hutcheson, Joan Gilman and Jack Dessel, will take about five minutes during our worship services to talk to us about their commitment and love for our congregation.

On Oct. 23 The Rev. Scott Schantzenbach, Assistant to the Bishop, will be our guest preacher. During the service we will hand out and then gather our Estimates of Giving Cards. After the service we will

celebrate our love and commitment to the work and ministry of Holy Trinity with a delicious meal and a presentation by Pastor Schantzenbach.

We hope you will prayerfully consider using your gifts and talents in the coming year as we move forward with the mission and ministry of Holy Trinity. There is much to be accomplished and with joyful hearts and hands we will move forward in the year 2017.

Linda Wood. Stewardship Chairperson

WELCA –On Monday September 12 at 6:30pm, WELCA will hold its annual “Welcome Back” potluck supper. Husbands and friends welcome. Bring your delicious dishes. Drinks provided. Call Lynn Hutcheson 494-0826.

Men’s Club – Friday, September 16, noon. Call Jack Dessel to sign up. (609) 812-0095

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Prayer Ministry

Our prayer ministry is growing in leaps and bounds. We have a loyal group who pray daily for those on the prayer list. If you are interested in this ministry, you can help in one or two different ways.

1. Join the prayer chain by contacting me by phone 732 642-9408 or email: kataocn@gmail.com and provide me with your email address or phone number (if you don't have email) if you would like to be a prayer partner.
2. Let me know if you would like someone to be added to our prayer list.

Prayer cards can also be found in the pews if you would like to fill one out during the service and place it in the offering plate.

The list is updated weekly and published in the bulletin. Names will be removed after one month unless you let me know otherwise.

Prayerfully consider being a part of this important ministry.

Kathy Leifest

MUSIC AND WORSHIP-

"Sing" praises to the Lord...



As we set up our schedules for the upcoming school year, I would ask that you would please consider "making a joyful noise unto the Lord."

We need hand bell ringers so that we can continue to increase the number of times we are able to add this gift of bells to our Sunday worship. We are proud of all we accomplished last year and want to share our joy in greater abundance in the year ahead.

Also, the (vocal) choir is always happy to have new members! Please join us if you can. There are no auditions or tests to pass. Just bring a willingness to share your talents!

The Bell Choir meets at 4:30 PM on Friday afternoons and the Adult Choir meets at 8:30 AM prior to our worship service.

Think about it...we would love to have you join us!

Remember:

Sundays at Holy Trinity are back to our "normal," year-round schedule: Worship is at 9:30 AM, with coffee hour following the service



DONATE BLOOD!

BLOOD DRIVE: Sunday, October 16 10am-1:30pm in All Saints Hall. Reach out to your friends and family to join in and support the community. Call Kathy Leifeste to schedule an appointment. (732) 642-9408.

Many hands make light work.....If you can help fill a slot in the everyday workings of the Church Life; ushers, readers, coffee hour, office help, etc...., see the sign-up sheets in the back of the church on the BELLS table.Together we can grow in Faith and Hope....



Birthdays and Anniversaries Section will resume again once we have been able to update our records as we go through this transition process.

Please Share your news:

If you have an event, something wondrous to share, milestone, etc. and wish to share it with the congregation at large, please let Dawne or Randy know. Leave a note in the office or email one of us so we can SHARE YOUR WONDERFUL NEWS.....We would love to hear your news. If there is someone you would like kept in prayer, let us know...Just a reminder, of all the various sign-up sheets located in the narthex and on the Bells table. Pitch in and share your time and talents wherever and whenever you can. We are continuing to grow stronger and continue to see more and more faces. We wish to welcome all to worship with us, old and new faces alike.....email us at rpthumhart@yahoo.com or send a message to the church office at office@holytrinitylbi.com



MATTHEW 19:14

The Pre-K to 1st grade Sunday School classes will meet upstairs in the old nursery room class, with Dawne Thumhart teaching that class. That class will start September 18th and meet every other week.

The older children's class will start soon. See Kris Grala. Let family friends and neighbors know...Yes we do have Sunday School.



The repairs to the church steeple and roof will be visible very shortly as the repair crew moves forward with this job.



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