



*Holy Trinity Lutheran  
Church*

July to  
August 2017

# Tidings

Worship with Communion:  
9:30 AM....and immediately  
following our service; we  
welcome you at our  
Fellowship/Coffee hour, with one  
service during the summer at our  
regular service time...



## CORE VALUES:

As members of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church we strive to follow Jesus, as the Spirit and the Word transforms us and touches every facet of our life. Therefore, we are:

**Intentional-** Everything we do is purposely dedicated to sharing the good news of the Gospel.

**Committed to Growing in Christ-** Faith, for us, is a lifelong learning process. We endeavor to deepen our relationship to Christ as we work to be his disciples in this time and place.

**Participatory-** The work of the church is everyone's task and everyone is called to be involved in our ministry.

**Joyful-** Our worship draws on the liturgical and musical traditions of the Lutheran Church and expresses the joy of our faith.

**Personal-** We support and pray for one another and respond to individual needs as they arise.

**Committed to Serving Older Adults-** We particularly value and support people in the latter stages of life and strive to give older adults an opportunity to use their time and talents to serve those less fortunate.

## Message from your Pastor:

### Independence Day Wonderings!

It has been 241 years since the American Declaration of Independence was signed and ratified by the Continental Congress of 1776. Our nation became free from the tyranny of English rule and our beginnings were forged upon the foundation of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness as inalienable rights given us by our Creator. The values of faith and freedom for all of our citizens have become the cornerstone upon which our nation has been built. God's work in the creation of Adam and Eve and all who would follow after them stands upon God's desire for his creation to allow us to make a free choice to love and to obey His Commandments. This freedom to choose for ourselves who we will follow and how we will live continues to be ever relevant for us today as we prepare as a Christian People to celebrate 500 Years of Reformation Life and History.

We at Holy Trinity share this heritage of faith and freedom, as well as we move forward with the next piece of sacred history that God through the Holy Spirit is working out in our midst. I reflect upon God's loving hand being upon us through all the ups and downs, the transitions and disappointments that have been a part of these past months. Time and time again we have been asked to have faith in God and in one another and to believe that the Lord is still guiding and directing our way. I am inspired by the dedication of our Church Council leaders who continue to serve us so well. They help us to take up those weekly tasks that have kept us going forward. I see the vision of a new beginning once again rising for the good people of Holy Trinity. God is faithful to us and we have responded to God's workings among us with faith as well. Let us keep moving forward in faith. Let us continue to be faithful to our deepest calling from God to live free as His Children.

God bless us all as the summer months are upon us. Lord, keep us close to you. Protect us from all danger, and keep us safe in our travel and our times of work and play. Help us to cling to the values of faith and freedom, true rocks upon which we can stand safely upon in any storm. Thank you for all who serve our community. Lord, keep us a welcoming church that keeps the doors of our church and our hearts open to all who come our way!

God's blessings on us all! Pastor Bill McGowan

A Message from your Council President---

As we enter our summer season, I wish to thank all those that helped with our Christian Education programs throughout this past year. Also I would like to thank all those that helped with our Yard Sale and church picnic. A good time was had by all.

I would also like to thank ALL of those that have been working tirelessly to paint and clean the Parsonage over the last 6 weeks. Also, thanks to those that maintain the church grounds and gardens.

During the summer, we will continue with our services at 9:30 AM in order to continue to build our congregation and strengthen our bonds with each other in this Family of Christ. Reach out to the neighbors surrounding you in the pew and introduce yourself to someone around you who may be looking to make HTLC their new home, or to the many visitors we enjoy seeing throughout the year.

**Please keep open the date, Sunday, JULY 30<sup>th</sup>. On that date, we will be hosting a possible candidate to serve as our Pastor here at HTLC. Please make every point of attending and listening to him preach. After the service, come down to All Saint's Hall, during the Fellowship Hour and meet him.....Hope to see you there...!**

In Christ service, humbly, Randolph Thumhart



### **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, Kathy Leifeste, by phone 732 642-9408 or email: [kataocn@gmail.com](mailto: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 Leifeste

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### **Adult Bible Study**

We will be taking the summer off and resuming on September 10<sup>th</sup>. The group has discussed what direction we would like to take and this is the plan.

Fall – Luther and the Reformation

Advent – a four week study “I Wonder as I Wander”

January – The Parables

Please consider joining us in September!

## **2017 Synod Doings-**

At this printing, the Bishop, some of our Synod Youth and members of a variety of congregations are currently in Bosnia-Herzegovina conducting summer camps in a variety of towns in the region. This synod mission trip is from June 23-July 3. Sarah Ponsini, niece of Dawne and Randy Thumhart, is one of the young adults serving on the team. This is a photo of some of the children from the first day of camp. Watch for our next newsletter for more pictures and updates. You can follow the team on Facebook @ BosniaIST for full updates and PLENTY of photos.



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### **Music and Worship**

Our focus has been to make our worship experience more user friendly, for our own congregation and for our visitors. To that end, we have begun using the TV monitors in the church for the service. We began using the system during Lent projecting the words to the service. We are now projecting the words to the Hymns and other

key parts of the service. Feedback has been positive from the majority of our members. There have been a few glitches, but those are being ironed out. Be patient with us.

We have purchased a program from Augsburg Fortress that allows me to download the words to Hymns and the service to be copied and pasted onto the slides. Thank you, Council for approving this. It has made the process of creating the slides for the service so much easier.

We have noticed that with the projected words to the hymns, folks are singing with their heads up and as a result, singing louder! Praise be to God!

Kath Leifeste

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## **Fellowship Doings--**

On **Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**, we hosted one of the **Reformation 500** Celebrations. We had a successful “Dinner and a Movie” with over 60 folks from HTLC and Zion Lutheran. A great time was had by all. A Big THANKS to Jack Dessell for organizing the delicious dinner.

**The annual YARD SALE** was held Saturday, May 27 from 8am – noon. Over \$900 was raised! A big Thanks to all who donated and worked to make it a success!

Our **Church Picnic**, held on **June 11<sup>th</sup>** was lots of fun with plenty of good eats. Thanks to Chef Randy and to the Bennett’s for use of their grill.

**On August 13<sup>th</sup> at 4pm**, HTLC will host a Moravian “Love Feast”. Pastor Jeff Van Orden will preside. All are welcome to the Service which will include Moravian treats and beverages. Come and find out all about it!

In **September**, Zion Lutheran Church of Barnegat Light will host their annual **Sunset Cruise** at **6pm on September 10<sup>th</sup>**. Close out the Summer on the beautiful Barnegat Bay.

The following Sunday has been designated as “**God’s Work, Our Hands**” Sunday, **September 17**. We will have activities after the Service for all to do and possibly a Flu Shot Clinic.

And don’t forget the PUMPKINS and Merchant Mart on **Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**. Join in to spread the Good News about HTLC, our gem in Brant Beach.

But the **BIGGEST** Celebration will be the *Four Church Reformation Celebration* on **Sunday, October 15th at 4 pm**. *Reformation 500* will be celebrated with a Service of combined choirs followed by a



dinner. Save this date!

### **WELCA News-**

After a successful Spring, the Ladies of WELCA will resume its meetings in September with an evening potluck dinner with husbands and friends invited at 5 pm in All Saints Hall. The date is **Monday, September 11th**. Pastor Wood will lead us in devotions in honor of those who died on that fateful day.

WELCA has been collecting items for Family Promise of Barnegat and will continue to do so in the upcoming months. Our Christmas gathering might be needs of Lutheran Social Ministries this year. This would be a way to help the needy in New Jersey.

**All women** of Holy Trinity are members of WELCA. Our meetings are held the second Monday of each month (except in October, when we meet on the 3rd Monday). Most meetings are held at 11 am. Bring your lunch. Dessert and drinks provided. Good fellowship and hands on projects are some of the features. Come out and see!

\*\*\*\*This is a wish list of items needed in the Family Promise Day Center located in Barnegat. If you wish to continue to donate to the Family Promise ministry throughout the year, reach out to Kathy Liefeste for the contact/drop off information. HTLC ladies are still exploring possible long range partnering with other churches for help with the Family Promise ministry.

- Liquid laundry detergent, bleach, disinfectant wipes
- Large storage bins with lids
- Cleaning supplies, paper supplies (paper towels, toilet paper, tissues)
- Drink supplies (i.e., water bottles, juice, coffee), snacks (i.e., fruit snacks, granola bars)
- Shampoo/conditioner, ladies deodorant
- WAWA gift cards for gas for families
- Shop-rite or Acme gift cards for food
- Printer paper, printer cartridges: Toner TN-630-TN-660
- Roadside packages for our families: first aid kit, AAA membership gift card

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 in the back of the sign-up sheets church](#) on the BELLS table. ....Together we can grow in Faith and Hope. We need to keep those empty slots on the help list filled to make our ministry work.





The Sunday School classes are on hiatus for the summer, but will resume on September 10<sup>th</sup>, the first Sunday after Labor Day.

If you would like your child to attend any of the Sunday school classes, please *reach* out to Kris Grala, Dawne Thumhart or call the church office. If you would like to help out with teaching also reach out and let us know.

**Milestones and Updated information:**

Congratulations to Allison Rausmussen on becoming our most recently confirmed member of Holy Trinity.

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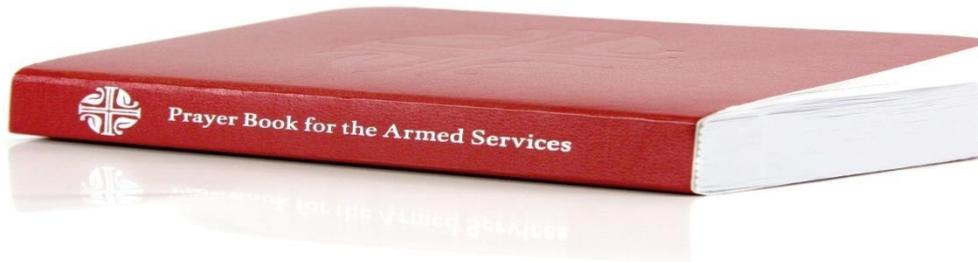
Megan Lewis, daughter of Dawne and Randy Thumhart, as you remember, moved to Arizona. This month her infant, John Jr., will be undergoing at least one surgery. Please keep Megan and her son in your prayers. Please make changes to your address books. Their new address is 1166 East Mary Lane, Gilbert, Arizona 85295.

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Michelle Hueberger Papper delivered her first child on 5/16/2017. His name is Ayden Michael Papper. His proud grandparents are Mike and Judy Hueberger. Welcome baby Papper!!

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Kristen Power Kaszas delivered her first child on 6/4/2017. His name is Sebastian James Kaszas. The proud grandparents are Dr. Bill and Carol Power. Welcome baby Kaszas!!.



A project is being spearheaded by Pastor Jeffrey Elliot of Cape May Lutheran Church. Their church is raising monies to cover the cost of Armed Forces Prayer Book. The cost of each book is \$8.00. The goal of the project is to put in the hands of know soldiers, of families/congregation, who are currently serving, as well as into the hands of every seaman recruit of the US Coast Guard Base in Cape May. Pastor Elliott is the Chaplin for the Coast Guard base. If you would like to donate, please see Dawne Thumhart or put your donation in a pew envelope and mark it Prayer Book Donations. We will continue to run this project until the end of July at which time all monies and checks will be forwarded to Cape May Lutheran Church as they are underwriting the project. If you wish to donate directly, you may mail your donation to Cape May Lutheran Church, 509 Pittsburg Avenue, Cape May, NJ.



Colin Lewis, 16 year old grandson of Dawne and Randy Thumhart, departed for Catalina Island to work as a Waterfront instructor/counselor at Emerald Bay Camp run by Boy Scouts of America. He will return home the middle of August.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR GRADUATES, YOUNG AND OLD ALIKE.



**Birthdays and anniversaries**

**July-**

**4- Carl Despreaux**

**10- Jeffrey Lewis**

**8- Heidi Bowers**

**20- Mike Shuler**

**28-Henry Doerr**

**29- Barbara Ayres**

**August-**

**2- Tom Hogan**

**3-Leon Auger**

**4-Olivia Haldskom**

**6-Ken and Deb Hirsekkorn**

**8- RJ Grala**

**12-Marty Chaffee**

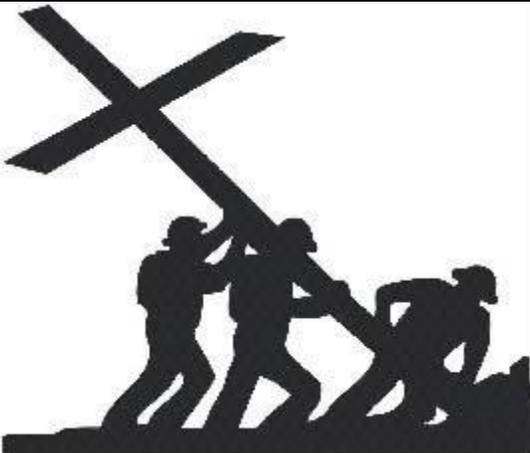
**16-Emil Tum Suden**

**17-Mea (Lewis) Caruso**





**Food Pantry: On the third Sunday of each month we invite everyone to bring in canned goods and/or non-perishable foods for the benefit of the local Food Pantry. Thank you so much for your continued support.....**



We wish to start remembering our service men and women in our tidings again. We used to have a very strong support system in place, post 9/11, and would like to at the very least remember and support those from our HTLC family and community that are serving in harm's way. If you wish to have a family member included, please get us the information so that we may share it.

Just quickly off the top of my head, I know of three members in service. John Thumhart, nephew of Randy and Dawne Thumhart (who Graduates from boot camp on May 6<sup>th</sup>), Matt Little, son of Gerry and Lee Little, and Gaby Hartney, daughter of Pastor Pete and Judy Hartney. Let's support them and keep them in prayer.

## Update from Dennis Brink-

Dear all,

My year of service has come to an end, as such this will be my final shared newsletter. But my blog will have some major updates when I go back to the states. with re-uploaded and brand new entries. So keep on the look out for it. I want to thank all of you for the support which you have continued to give throughout the year. Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Dennis Brink

\*\*\*\*attached to your email tidings you will find a PDF newsletter/blog with updates and pictures from Dennis.

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If you have an event, something wondrous to share, a 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.

We would like to welcome our church secretary, Toby McCarthy, to Holy Trinity. She is in the office on Thursday during the hours of 9 to 12. If you need something during that those hours, reach out to her at the church's phone number. Otherwise, you can email Randy Thumhart at [rpthumhart@yahoo.com](mailto:rpthumhart@yahoo.com), or Dawne Thumhart, at [dmthumhart@gmail.com](mailto:dmthumhart@gmail.com). Their cell phone numbers are 609-290-0485 and 609-290-0632.

If you know of a member that is in need of home visits by our Pastor, Please get that information to Dawne or Randy in order to have that information supplied to our Vice Pastor, Pastor McGowan, or one of our other covering Pastors.



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