



*Holy Trinity Lutheran
Church*

Tidings

September
to
October '17

Worship with Communion:
9:30 AM every Sunday....and
immediately following our
service; we welcome you at our
Fellowship/Coffee hour....



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:

In Lieu of a message from our outgoing Vice Pastor who leaves us October 14th, and the arrival of our new Pastor on October 15th, I chose to share a little bit of information on our new Pastor, Rev. John Anderson.....



Pastor John is married to Rev. Judith Anderson, who is currently in a call with St. Thomas Lutheran church in Brick, NJ where they co-pastor. They have two children, Patrick who is a HS senior and Kristen who is a HS freshman. His interests are reading, history, the Beach, softball and wrestling. Pastor John will primarily serve our congregation while Judith serves at St Thomas. He has been in the ministry since 1991. Prior to entering the ministry, he was a teacher and wrestling coach.

On Sunday October 15th, at our morning service, we will welcome him. Please all make a point of attending that service as we step forward in the growth of our ministry here at Holy Trinity. WELCOME PASTOR JOHN AND FAMILY....!!

A Message from your Council President---

As we quickly approach the time of our annual congregational meeting, I wish to ask for any person(s) who wish to serve on the upcoming terms for Council. My four year term is expiring this year, and as per constitution, I must step down from Council for a period of one year. That does not mean I am stepping away from the forward progress and growth here at Holy Trinity. We have other terms that are expiring that need to be filled as well. Prayerfully consider serving a two year term of the Council here at HTLC as there are four persons stepping off Council this year. So we need four to six persons to serve.

I am looking forward to our ministry with our new Pastor, Rev. John Anderson. I feel nothing but positivity can come from this newly forged relationship.

In Christ service, humbly Randolph Thumhart

A note from the editor:

This past Sunday, as I was attempting to round up kids to head home, I found the 5 year old in the Columbarium on the kneeler saying a prayer. She was asking, ..."Jesus can you keep the waves small for daddy and not let him get hurt like the people in the bad water (Texas) got hurt..."I usually try to keep the young ones over the years, out of the columbarium, so I gathered her and her sister up and brought her into the already darkened Sanctuary to the front rail to pray. Her prayer again was the same.....a small but very direct prayer for her father's protection out on the Atlantic Ocean. In hindsight, I should have left her where she initially was. We always tell our children, we can reach out to God at ANY TIME AND ANY PLACE, NO PRAYER IS TOO BIG OR TOO SMALL.....so the next time you see someone in prayer, don't redirect them, JOIN THEM, right there , wherever they are....where one or two are gathered in my name....

BTW- this same little girl, as she watched the events from Texas unfold, knowing and hearing stories of Sandy and her immediate and extended families displacement as she has grown up, decided that for her great-grandfathers 80th birthday on September 2nd, the family should bring presents for him, but things to help people in the affected area hit by Hurricane Harvey. Changes were quickly made, and a trunk full of items

gathered that day, were recently shipped down with a local charity site sending 4 tractor trailer loads down.

Who says the little ones don't pay attention in church or Sunday School....Guess again...!!



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 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

We are looking to fine tune and update our key list.....please, if you have a key, let us know so we may update our list. At one point we had over 2 dozen keys for the church doors, but with deaths, moves, Sandy fallout, etc., we now only have about a half dozen. Please reach out to Dawne or Randy so that we



may update this list. And YES, we have a key to give Pastor John.....

Adult Bible Study

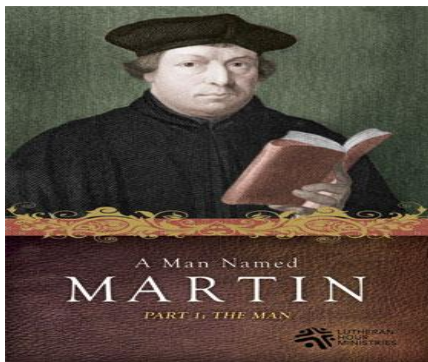
Bible Study is resuming on September 17th. The group has discussed what direction we would like to take and this is the plan.

Fall – Luther and the Reformation, as we study our Lutheran Heritage

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

January – The Parables

Please consider joining us in September and every Sunday.....



Join us for Bible Study after service each Sunday, beginning 9/17 as we study our Lutheran heritage!

Overview

Encounter a 15th-century religious reformer from Germany who broke ranks with the Catholic Church. This Bible study is the first of a three-part series devoted to Martin Luther—a monk whose Spirit-inspired grasp of God's justification of sinners through faith in the Savior was the cornerstone of the Protestant Reformation.

In this five-session Bible study, Luther's life and times are examined through the lens of history, religion, and theology. Expanding on commentary from Rev. Gregory Seltz, Speaker for *The Lutheran Hour*, numerous scholars add their expertise and perspective to render an illuminating portrait of the life of this extraordinary human being.

As a forlorn sinner feeling lost and desperate before a stern and exacting Judge, Luther despaired of all hope for eternity. But as one who came to cling to the Spirit-delivered truths of justification by faith and the liberty believers experience by God's grace, he rebounded to become a triumphant ambassador for the Gospel.

The details of Luther's life—his childhood with his parents Hans and Margaret, his university pursuits, his decision to become a monk, his protestation of Catholic practices, his voluminous and erudite scholastic output, his life in hiding, and his roles as husband and father—are all considered in this study. *A Man Named Martin* offers a fresh look at an individual who, down through the centuries, has increased in importance and vitality to the Christian church.

Each DVD also includes a digital discussion guide that can be printed and shared with participants. Total run time for all five sessions is approximately 80 minutes

2017 Synod Doings-

On Saturday, October 14th, Holy Trinity will be the host for the NJ Synod Council meeting from 10-2, providing breakfast and lunch to Our Synod Council and church representatives.

If you are looking to donate to those that suffered in these natural disasters, you may do so through the national ELCA sites or through Thrivent, if you haven't already donated through a local outreach event in your area.

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Music and Worship

URGENT—

With the recent decent departures of a few of our members to retirement moves, our Bell Choir is in DIRE NEED of anyone who wishes to participate in the bell choir. ANY AGE is welcome. If you can read music or wish to participate in this ministry please see Lisa, our organist before or after church. We sure would hate to see this wonderful ministry go by the wayside as we need a certain number of individuals to participate to handle the bells. We would hate not to have any bells for our services and/or holidays.

We are in need of a few persons to help on a rotating basis as Communion Assistants. Teens up through aged. Please see Joan Bower or Kathy Leifeste if interested.

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FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH---

--We need folks to wash pumpkins and label them during the week of Sept 25th in preparation for *Merchant Mart on Sept 30th*.

If you can give an hour or two at the Merchant Mart (Chowdafest) on Saturday morning, Sept. 30th, it will be greatly appreciated. It would entail handing out pumpkins and bookmarkers to those that come to our stand. Please see Lynn Hutcheson if you can help with either of those items pertaining to Merchant Mart/pumpkins.

--On October 1st HTLC will host a Flu Shot Clinic. The time will be 10:45-noon. Most insurances are accepted. Please see Kris Grala to sign up or for information/questions.

--But the **BIGGEST** Celebration will be the ***Four Church Reformation Celebration*** on Sunday, October 15th at 4:30 pm. ***Reformation 500*** will be celebrated with a Service of combined choirs followed by a dinner. We have 35 tickets allotted for our church at a cost of 15.00 per adult and 10.00 per child. Get yours ASAP, as they will go fast.

In preparation for the ***500th Anniversary*** of the Reformation, we need desserts for the Oktoberfest dinner, held on October 15th. The dinner will follow the 4:30pm Service here at HTLC. Desserts can be made with apples or pumpkin. Sign up with Lynn Hutcheson.

Menu for the Oktoberfest dinner on the 15th:

Stuffed Pork Chops	Sauerbraten
Wiener Schnitzel	Red Cabbage
Assorted desserts	Assorted drinks



--Is there any interest in participating in Ship Bottom's Annual Christmas Parade? ***YES..?!?!?*** See Randy or Dawne Thumhart if you are interested in this project. This takes place on ***December 2nd***. We have a truck that must be decorated and need people who will march/ride in the parade. The 2017 parade theme is "Deck the Hulls".

Also on ***December 2nd at 4pm***, HTLC will host "Hanging of the Greens." New this year, are the Three Wise Men and the Stable, thanks to Rich Grala. Come out and help beautify the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas and join in some hot chocolate and cookies afterwards.

Participate in the parade then come down, then come to the church to warm up, have some hot cocoa and fresh baked cookies and help out at the getting the church and Sanctuary for the Advent season. Isn't it ironical that the Parade theme is Deck the Hulls and we are going to Deck the HALLS that same day.....come out and participate in one or both!

From our neighbors to the North-

On **September 10**, Zion Lutheran Church of Barnegat Light hosted their annual ***Sunset Cruise***. It was a beautiful evening on Barnegat Bay.

Zion Lutheran Church in Barnegat Light will hold its Annual Christmas Bazaar. Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 7th from 8 am to 1 pm. Lots of Christmas Crafts and food...

WELCA News-

The WELCA meeting for October will be held on **October 16th** at 11 am. Bring a bagged lunch.

After a successful Spring, the Ladies of WELCA resumed its meeting in September with an evening potluck dinner with husbands and friends. The date was Monday, September 11th. Pastor Linda Wood led 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. **Keep your eyes and ears open for a possible event for this ministry.**

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.



Christian Education-----

But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not forbid them to come to me; for the kingdom of Heaven belongs to ones like these"....New Heart English Bible translation....

Sunday school has started again! Pre-school children through 1st grade meet every other week with Ms. Dawne in the upstairs classroom. The children are dismissed to their respective classes after our first hymn and return to their parents for communion/blessings. Any children, 2nd grade and up, are welcome to meet with Ms. Kris every week during church. Also, Bible study will be beginning with Kathy Leifeste see her for details. We are excited to begin another year of learning about our Lord so come join us.

Any and all children are welcome, guest and visitors alike.....

Milestones and Updated information:

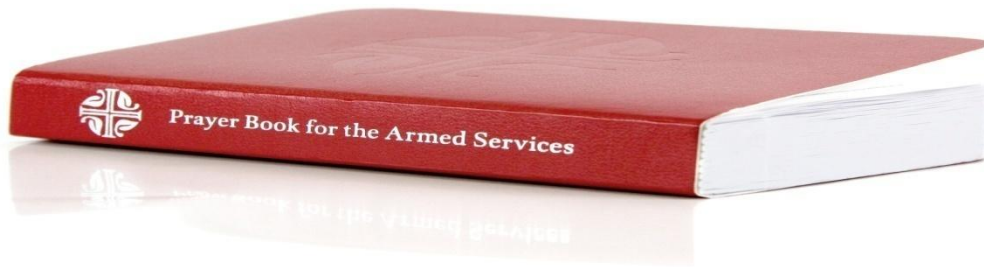
Megan Lewis's infant son, John Jr., will be undergoing a facial surgery on September 22. Megan is the daughter of Dawne and Randy Thumhart. John Jr's first abdominal surgery went well and his final abdominal surgery will occur around Christmas. Please keep Megan and her son in your prayers. Please make changes to your address books. Their new address is 1166 East Mary Lane, Gilbert, Arizona 85295.

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Congratulations to Rachel and Shean McDill as they welcomed baby Emilie Deborah McDill on 8/30/17. Emilie is the first grandchild for Joan and John Bowers.

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Congrats to Bill and Meredith Power on their recent nuptials, August 19th. Bill is the son of Dr. William and Carol Power.

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The parsonage is no longer empty. The painting, cleaning and touch-ups were completed and the new tenant moved in just prior to September 1st.

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Sometime in the early Fall we will be saying farewell to a few of our members as they move on in their retirement years. We will share their updated addresses with you when we receive them. Bon Voyage to Marianne Smith, Joan Gigstad, and Sandy Despreaux.
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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.

***** Thank you so much for the donations, as our church alone raised over 700.00 and the monies were forwarded to Pastor Elliott for the ELCA Centurion Project. Great Job....



Birthdays and anniversaries

September

2-Jackie Nisula

4- Peggy Hogan

5- Kathy Leifeste, Tom and Melissa Lewis

9-Leah Lewis

10-Judy and Micheal Heuberger

14-Landon Davis

21-Alfred Lund

26-Marianne Smith

29-Blanche and Leon Auger

October-

2-Joan and John Bowers

10-Cathy Dessel

16- Cathy and Jack Dessel

16-Claudia Murden

16- Mike and Nora Schuler

17-Dick Christensen

19-Bill Bennett

21-Lillian Bennett

21-Lynn Hutcheson

21-Melissa Lewis

25-Sandy Despreaux

29-Carol Dunn





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 6th), 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.

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, or Dawne Thumhart, at dmthumhart@gmail.com. Their cell phone numbers are 609-290-0485 and 609-290-0632.



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