



*Holy Trinity Lutheran  
Church*

# Tidings

March to

April '18

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



## 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.

**Lenten Services and Activities—**

- Thursday evenings at 6pm we have our Soup Suppers and Devotionals following the community meal. We will meet March 1, 8, 15, and the 22 for this times of fellowship.
- We will have service on Palm Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30.
- We will have services on March 29<sup>th</sup>, Maundy Thursday, at 11am and 7 pm.
- We will have services on March 30<sup>th</sup>, Good Friday, at 11am and 7 pm.
- We will be having our Egg Hunt, rain or shine, Saturday March 31<sup>st</sup>, at noon.
- We will be having our Easter Sunday service at 9:30 am, on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

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\*\*REMEMBER CLOCKS SPRING FORWARD ON SUNDAY MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>.



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**The Church Council Members for the church year 2018:**

Dawne Thumhart, Council President, Christian Education & Communications Liason

Bill Bennett, Council Vice President, Property Committee Liason

Joan Gilman, Council Secretary

Bob Liefeste, Appointed Council Treasurer

Joan Bower, Social Ministires liason

Kathy Liefeste, Music and Worship Liason

Kathy MInto, Stewardship committee liason

Lynn Hutcheson, Fellowship committee liason

Dennis Brink, Outreach & Youth committees liason

Our council members were installed at services in February. We, as a council, look forward to a wonderful and eventful year ahead.

We had a wonderful Planning meeting and afternoon retreat on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. Much excitement for the future abounded from that meeting. Keep an eye out for information for “BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY”, although every Sunday should be/could be that.....We are committed do doing more than just maintaining the status quo here at Holy Trinity. We are going to focus on our strengths, new and old alike; reaching out in Hospitality and Faith to those who gather within our walls and to those we help minister to and evangelize to outside our walls in the community. Think about what brings you to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, and then share that with friends and neighbors. Who knows; maybe they too will come to worship with us here in the Family of Faith we call Holy Trinity.

We also have made corrections to the Facebook site, website, and Tidings address with our EMAIL. The church email is [office@holytrinitylbi.com](mailto:office@holytrinitylbi.com). Our website is [www.holytrinitylbi.com](http://www.holytrinitylbi.com). Our Facebook site is under user name Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, LBI.

Submitted by Dawne Thumhart, Council President



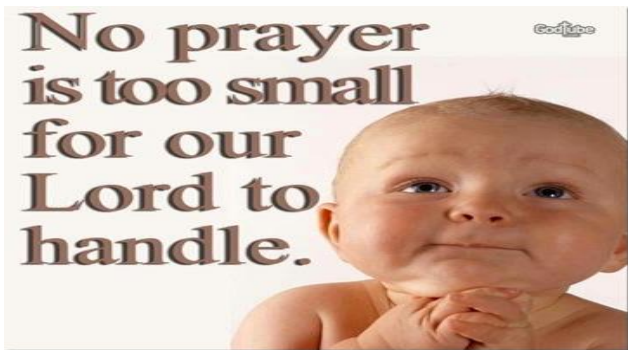
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The Mens Club meeting is every third Friday of the month at different restaurants. We discuss everything, but politics. There is good comaradarie and there are a few laughs along the way. We will be doing more of this in the future. Come join us.....



Submitted by Jack Dessel

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### **Prayer Ministry**

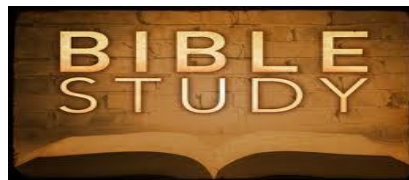
Our prayer ministry is growing in leaps and bounds. We have a loyal group who pray daily for those on the prayer list. If you are interested in this ministry, you can help in one or two different ways.

1. Join the prayer chain by contacting me, 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

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### **Adult Bible Study**

Please consider joining us in the library after service each Sunday. We are currently studying the Parables.

## 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 the aged are welcome. Please see Joan Bower or Kathy Leifeste if interested. The sign-up sheets for ushering and readers are in the back of the church. Please help out where you can.

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**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...If you have any questions, please see Jack Dessel...**

### Family Promise—

We have talked quite a bit about partnering with a church in the area for many years. Well, we finally are going to partner with a church to help feed the families currently being served by Family Promise. The families will be housed by St Francis at Maris Stella, usually once a month. They do not host during the summer months. There are currently 14 churches involved with hosting the families here in Southern Ocean County . It usually breaks down to 4 times a year with the church housing. WE HAVE COMMITTED TO HELP WITH FEEDING THE FAMILIES WHILE BEING HOUSED AT ST FRANCIS OFFSITE. If you would like to be on the list for helping with meals, please email, call, or see Dawne Thumhart or Carol Dunn as soon as possible. It's time we stopped talking about possibly helping with this in county outreach (as we have been talking about it for over 10 years) and step out and do it. If Jesus Christ could feed the 5000, we can help feed 2 families for the week a few times a year. By the way, as a reminder, the extra food we had left-over after our 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner, went to feed the families of Family Promise housed at Ocean Reformed Church in Manahawkin.

Below is the website for Family Promise here in Southern Ocean County. Read what they are about and watch some of their videos.....

<http://fpsocstaff.wixsite.com/familypromisesoc>

\*\*\*\*This is a wish list of items needed in the Family Promise Day Center located in Barnegat f you wish to continue to donate to the Family Promise ministry throughout the year. This list comes directly off their website.

- 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

**Fellowship Doings**

We continue to enjoy fellowship and food on Thursday evenings in Lent. Come out at 6pm for soup and participate in Lenten Devotions afterwards.

Be on the "Lookout" for a potluck in April--- and of course the **Church Picnic** on **June 10<sup>th</sup>**.

The **YARD SALE** will be held on Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup> from 8am until noon. Collection begins May 20<sup>th</sup>.

New this year, we are going to go to see **Jesus Christ Superstar** in July at the Surflicht Theatre. Details soon.

As always, congregation members are needed to sign up for coffee hour. See Lynn if you can help!

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## WELCA

Cards were sent to congregation members who are shut in or we haven't seen in a while. They were written out at the February meeting. We included a Bible verse about "Love" on the cards.

During Lent, WELCA, along with the congregation, will gather items for Family Promise. Leave your items on one of the tables in All Saints Hall marked "**Family Promise.**"

**The March 12<sup>th</sup>** gathering will be a "Dutch Treat" lunch at 11:30 am at a local restaurant. See Gloria for details.

**On April 9<sup>th</sup>**, Pastor Anderson will join us. It's a nice, informal way to meet our Pastor.

**On May 14<sup>th</sup> at 5pm** we will host the Ladies Guild from Zion Lutheran Church. We call it "Girls Nite-In". We had a great time last year! Come out and join us!

Our meetings are held the second Monday of each month. 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. All women of Holy Trinity are welcome. See you there!

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-----

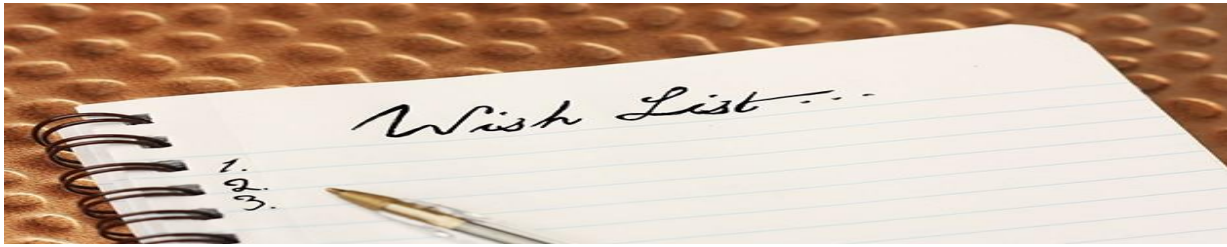
But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not forbid them to come to me; for the kingdom of Heaven belongs to ones like these"...New Heart English Bible translation...

Pre-school children through 1<sup>st</sup> 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 school year. The current church school year ends on Sunday June 10<sup>th</sup>; the same day as the church picnic.

Any and all children are welcome, guest and visitors alike.....Reach out to Dawne Thumhart or Pastor John if you wish to have your child or grandchild in Sunday School classes or confirmation classes.....







As you have heard us talk about this for the last few months, here is a list of items on our church wish List. On this list are items that we need, but have not been put in the budget. Items that are needed for overall maintenance of the building and property or replacement for the needs of the service. Please prayerfully consider donating for any of these items.

- AC unit 8000 btus for pastor study/office
- AC 5000 btus for downstairs nursery for kids during church service.
- Refacing cement work on 58th Street step platform.
- Replacement Storm windows, approximately 50 plus windows, about 200.00 each.
- Work to be done on parking lot on 59th Street. There are many potholes and resurfacing issues that become a liability issue if someone falls or gets hurt, approximately 1,500.
- Frame and cement pad to hang old steeple bell outside
  
- Chalice and Paten, and Ciborium approx. cost \$600 (anonymous donation given for this item)
  
- Fair Linens
  
- C corporal (2) in the event of spillage. It is an 18-21 inch square of fine linen to place under the communion utensils.
  
- Purificator- (3) they are 11" -13" square used as a napkin when serving the wine.
  
- Pall is a 7-9 inch square that goes on top of the chalice. (2)
  
- new window treatments for All Saints Hall.

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.



**Birthdays and anniversaries**

March		
12	Birthday	Megan Lewis
13	Birthday	Jackie Nisula
15	Birthday	Jack Dessel
20	Birthday	Caitlin Lewis
30	Birthday	Chuck Wilson
		<b>April</b>
05	Birthday	Bob Leifeste
05	Birthday	Connie Lund
14	Birthday	Mary Ellen McCann
18	Anniversary	Tom & Peg Hoagan
27	Anniversary	Glorie & Todd Rasmusson



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