



*Holy Trinity Lutheran
Church*

Tidings

May to

June 2018

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 library...



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.

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

The church email is office@holytrinitylbi.com. Our website is www.holytrinitylbi.com. Our Facebook site is under user name Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, LBI.

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From the Pastors' Pen...

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

My message is based on an article from last month's issue of *Living Lutheran* called "The 'e' word." This article has to do with the word "evangelical" – a word present in the name of our denomination: The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. This article articulates ideas that I feel are worthy sharing.

In our society, the word "evangelical" has become associated with a particular kind of Christian. In the 1980s, this group gained notable presence in the political arena. That group of Christians is identified largely by their position on such moral issues as abortion, gun control, etc. Since they have become such a prominent force in our culture, "evangelical" Christians have largely determined what it means to be a Christian in our country.

For Lutheran Christians our understanding of what it means to be "evangelical" is radically different. Our understanding comes from the original Greek word, "euangelion" which means "gospel" or "good news." In addition, our understanding comes from our Reformation history. Martin Luther's key insight is that the "good news" of Jesus is that we are loved by God and saved by God's grace through faith, not by the good things we do. Because of the good news, we are free to live in joy and peace knowing that God loves us despite our sinfulness. Lutherans do good works not to earn salvation, but because doing good works is a faithful and thankful response to what God has already done for us. 1 John 4:19 summarizes well with the words that we love others because Jesus has first loved us.

Due to baggage that comes with the term "evangelical", many Lutherans shy away from its use. This is unfortunate because we have let "a small group of Christians who actually are more legalistic than evangelistic" steal the word from us. (Wengert, p. 18)

We, who are part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, need to not only take the word back, but we need also to reclaim an evangelical spirit. What do we mean by an evangelical spirit? We understand "evangelical spirit" to mean a sense of urgency in sharing the good news of Jesus with those we meet. It means letting people know that, in Jesus, God's kingdom has come near, and that God offers hope, love, salvation and freedom to all.

How we do that? ELCA pastor and church renewal consultant, Dave Daubert says: *"Most everybody knows what to do to make a church healthier. Be more excited about your faith; help people love Jesus more; be more active in the community; share your faith with others; love God; love people; and make sure people know why you're doing the whole thing."* (p. 19)

Very simply, this means LIVE THE GOSPEL!

God's Peace,

Pastor John

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From your Council President-

One of our wise Church members said in our Annual Congregation meeting, you can't just meet here as a congregation and expect the building not to suffer. We are at a time where we must maintain our building to ensure we can forward with our church mission and services.

As you have heard us talk about this for the last few months, we have now gathered and clarified items to be on our church Wish List. On this list are items that we need, but have not been put in the budget. These items are needed for overall maintenance of the building and property or replacement for the needs of the service. Some of these items are urgent, as issues of overall safety of our members and visitors who utilize our building are now present. Please prayerfully consider donating monies, time, and talents for any of these items. There is a poster board and list on the wall in the Narthex showing items/monies needed. The Lighthouse, on the posterboard, has the three steps already colored in as we have received some monies/items....Let's get the entire Lighthouse, a beacon of hope and strength, completely color in.

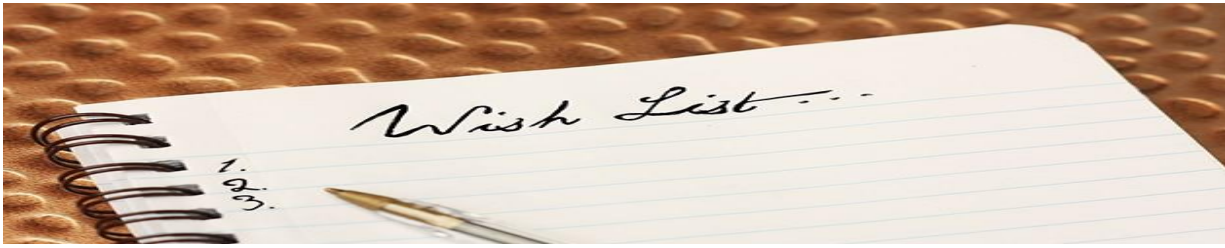
Please keep in mind, that with the window replacements that we are looking for, most of the windows do not properly close, thus we are incurring higher heating and cooling costs, as well as open ourselves up to certain liabilities and/or break-ins as technically the building is never fully closed. In addition to the windows being a liability, many of the stair treads leading up to second floor are broken or loose, and need to be replaced so as not to have tripping/falling hazards. Also the carpets in the upstairs hallways and classrooms are full of ripples and stains, so the carpets must be stretched and cleaned in order to not have those same hazards. The parking lot on the south side of the building must be repaired, as there are many potholes, creating hazardous conditions for all who utilize the lot. The pigeons under the solar panels create fire hazards, not just the musical accompaniment to our Sunday worship voices, so they must be removed and areas damaged by their occupation, repaired.

WITH THE MOUNTING AMOUNT OF REPAIRS AND WISH LIST ITEMS NEEDED, IN ADDITION TO LOOKING FOR FUNDING/DONATIONS FOR THOSE ITEMS, WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR A PERSON TO BE OUR PROPERTY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TO OVERSEAS/COORDINATE ALL ITEMS NEEDED TO BE COMPLETED/PURCHASED.....PLEASE REACH OUT TO DAWNE THUMHART OR BOB LIEFESTE IF YOU WISH TO HELP OUT AND FILL THAT POSITION.

Please help out in any way shape or form you can to help us through this process. Yes, unfortunately many of these came to a head at one time, which happens frequently in old buildings. Things become urgent, quickly....If we made it through the reconstruction of Superstorm Sandy, I have no doubt we can go through this with ease.

Thank you,

Dawne M Thumhart, HTLC President



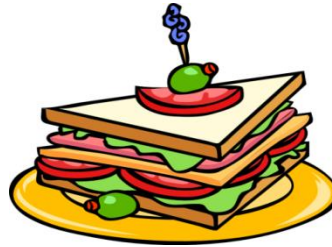
- AC unit 8000 btus for pastor study/office (**WAS RECEIVED and installed**)
- -AC 5000 btus for downstairs nursery for kids during church service(**WAS RECEIVED and installed**)
- Windows for Pastor's office (2)
- Windows for secretary's office (2)
- Window for workroom (1)
- Windows for Library (4)
- Windows for All Saint's Hall (12)
- Windows for Music office (2)
- Windows for Upper stairwell landing (3)
- Windows for upper left Classroom (2)
- Windows for upper double classroom (6)
- Windows for nursery classroom (4)
- Windows for Youth Lounge (6)
- Windows for back middle classroom (4)
- Window for Upstairs bathroom
- Windows for small back classroom/mini office (4)
- Refacing cement work on 58th Street step platform.
- 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 welding for church bell mounting
- cement pad to hang old steeple bell outside
- Chalice and Paten, and Ciborium approx. cost \$600 (**WAS RECEIVED and dedicated**)
- Fair Linens
- 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.
- new window treatments for All Saints Hall.
- Replacements for stair tread mounts on stairs leading upstairs on both flights of inside stairs (North and South sides) as many as loose or broken.

Items needed to be completed:

- Sand and Paint poles by kitchen door, gas meter, and part of door outside to Furnace room.
- Sand and Paint covers of heating registers in both downstairs bathrooms.
- Screws put in communion assistants/ pastors pews on alter to mount them firmly to floor.
- People needed for weed control in Victory Garden beds and parking lot. We already have one volunteer who does most of grass cutting and gardening, but need more people to help with sheer volume of work.
- Label working/nonworking thermostats upstairs.
- Upstairs smoke detectors replaced. Ceiling tile in upstairs hallways and classrooms replace.
- Light and ceiling tiles in mini-hallway between classrooms 204/206 to be repaired/replaced.
- Carpets in upstairs classrooms and hallway, cleaned and stretched, removing tripping hazards.
- Pigeon remediation processes completed.
- Old stair treads removed and new replacements installed.
- Installation of windows (and wooden sills) completed.

The mens Club recently meet at Lefty's Restaurant. A presentation and update for the Property Committee and Wish List was presented. 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.....For questions, reach out to Jack Dessel..Submitted by



Jack Dessel

On May 10-12, 2018 Synod Assembly in New Brunswick will be attended this year by Pastor John Anderson, as our Pastor. Randy Thumhart, as a Synod Council member, Dawne Thumhart as a guest, Linda Wood as a retired rostered leader, and 2 voting members from HTLC, Kathy Liefeste and Dennis Brink.

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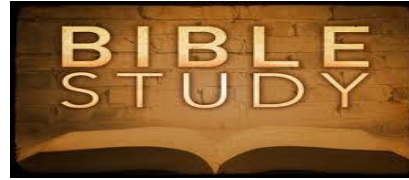
Prayer Ministry

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 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



Adult Bible Study

Please consider joining us in the library after service each Sunday. We are currently studying the Parables. We will stop for the summer months, and continue in the Fall.

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.

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...

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

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Fellowship Doings-

The Bring a Friend Sunday went off wonderfully. We Plan on doing that every other month, but just for fun and giggles, let's try it every week.

Church Yard Sale Saturday, May 26, 8am-noon. Pricing and set up Wed-Fri of that week. Items can be brought in on Sunday, May 20 or after. No clothing or shoes. Help is needed to set up and sell. See Lynn Hutcheson or Bob Leifeste if you can help

Church Picnic, Sunday, June 10th after the Service. That also will be the close of our Christian Education program for the summer months. Watch for sign-up sheet so we know how many burgers and hotdogs to order. Bring a favorite picnic dish to share with all.

Jesus Christ Superstar

We reserved 20 tickets for **Thursday, July 12 at 8 pm.** They will cost \$30 each. A sign-up sheet will be ready in May. Checks can be made out to HTLC with "Theatre" in the subject line. To pay cash, put money in an envelope with your name and mark the outside "Theatre". June 24th is the deadline for payment. See Lynn Hutcheson for details.

Pumpkins

For the past several years, HTLC has been participating in the Chowdafest Merchant Mart. This is held on Saturday of Chowdafest weekend. HTLC gave away small pumpkins which had labels

with a Bible verse and HTLC information. Janet Nelson was chairperson of this event until 2016. Lynn Hutcheson, along with help from many of you, organized it in 2017. This year a NEW committee is needed, as Lynn is unable to participate. Please reach out to Dawne Thumhart if you are willing to help. Lynn can fill you in on the details of this easy way to spread the Word to our community.

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WELCA-

We would like to thank the Congregation for helping with the Lenten Challenge for Family Promise. The staff was very appreciative of the donations HTLC gave. See the letter in the hallway to All Saints Hall.

On Monday, May 14th, we will host the Ladies of Zion Lutheran Church at 5pm for a light supper and fellowship. We call it "Ladies Nite In". Help is needed to set up on Monday afternoon starting around 2:30pm. 14 ladies from Zion have signed up to come. Some members of our group have already signed up. All women of Holy Trinity are invited. A sign-up sheet will be on the tables at the rear of the church. We need a count by May 8th. See or call Lynn Hutcheson at (609) 494-0826. Also, last year some members of the Men's Club helped with the clean-up. That was greatly appreciated. Contact Lynn if you can help.

There will be no June WELCA meeting. Our Fall start-up date is September 10th. We will have a pot luck starting at 5pm. Husbands and friends invited. More info later.....

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.

Contemplating Membership here at Holy Trinity?...You are invited to speak to Pastor John Anderson or one of our Council members for information and process or you may fill out the blue new members sheet on back table and leave it in the office or place it in the offering plate and Pastor John will reach out to you.

If you have an event, something wondrous to share, a milestone, etc., and wish to share it with the congregation 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...



Birthdays and anniversaries

| May | | |
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| 5 | Birthday | Carolyn Brown |
| 8 | Anniversary | Chuck and Karen Wilson |
| 9 | Birthday | Kerri Close |
| 10 | Birthday | Cecelia Birkelund |
| 14 | Birthday | Ken Hirksekorn |
| 19 | Birthday | Karen Wilson |
| 21 | Birthday | Claudia Murden |
| 22 | Birthday | Carol Brink |
| 26 | Anniversary | Lynn and Jim Hutcheson |
| 29 | Anniversary | Emil and Joan TumSuden |
| 31 | Birthday | Roseanne Joyce Tim Close |
| June | | |
| 3 | Birthday | Linda Wood |
| 5 | Birthday | Jeff Joback |
| 7 | Birthday | Kathy Minto |
| 9 | Anniversary | Tatiana and Craig Birkelund |
| 10 | Birthday | Grace Close |
| 12 | Birthday | Colin Lewis |
| 18 | Birthday | Logan Lecompt |
| 19 | Anniversary | Ron and Marty Chaffee |
| 21 | Birthday | Jean Bell |
| 22 | anniversary | Kathy and Bob Liefeste |
| 25 | Birthday | Camryn Lewis Molly Close |



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