



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Tidings

January '19
to
February '19



Worship with Communion:
9:30 AM every Sunday. Bible Study
every Sunday at 10:45. Sunday School
at 9:30 on first and third Sunday. Join
us for coffee hour in All Saints Hall
immediately following our service.



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.

Council Meetings are usually the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to come. Non-council members have voice, but no vote.

AA meetings are every Saturday at 10:30 am in All Saint's Hall

NA meeting are on Mondays at 6:30 pm in All Saint's Hall

A Message from your Pastor~

As a pastor, I am glad to answer or find answers to questions related to theology, our faith, worship practices, etc. In recent weeks, a number of people have asked questions about our Lutheran worship service. Inspired by some of those, here are answers to three common questions about our worship.

How are our readings chosen for each service?

Along with the majority of Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) congregations, we follow the Revised Common Lectionary cycle of readings. This is a three year cycle of readings. In Year A, the gospel readings are usually from Matthew; in Year B, usually from Mark; and in Year C, usually from Luke. Readings from the Gospel according to John are included in all 3 years of the cycle. We have just started Year C in the cycle with the beginning of Advent. The start of Advent moves us each late Fall into a new church year.

What do the words *Kyrie Eleison* mean?

The phrase is Greek for the words, *Lord, have mercy*. In certain seasons of the church year, we sing these words just after the greeting. When singing this ancient part of Christian liturgy, we can think of the ten lepers who approach Jesus with the plea, *Jesus, Lord, have mercy on us*. (Luke 17) The lepers in need of healing called out to Jesus and similarly we call out to Jesus, our Lord, for mercy, help and healing.

Why as Lutherans do we speak of the *holy catholic church* in the Nicene Creed?

Many have been puzzled and asked about the use of *catholic* in the creed. If they were upper case C it would refer to a specific church, The Roman Catholic Church. However, the word being written with a lower case c means universal. So, when we speak the words, *We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church*, we are professing belief in a universal body of believers in Jesus which transcends denominational distinctions.

As questions come along, you are invited to share them with me. I will do my best to provide an answer for you.

God's Peace in the New Year,

Pastor John

OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY JANUARY 27TH, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING OUR SERVICE. WE WILL MEET IN ALL SAINT'S HALL. WATCH FOR YOUR ANNUAL REPORTS TO BE SENT TO YOU IN THE COMING WEEK.

A Message from your President~

It has been a great pleasure and joy to serve as your Council President these last 12 months. I can not thank enough everyone who has helped make this year a little bit easier and helped out in many different ways at the church. No deed, whether large or small, goes unnoticed. I do look forward to handing over the reins to your new Council President at the Annual Meeting. I will continue to do the Tidings, Sunday School Class, and Family Promise, as well as wherever else I can help out, my health permitting. Some days my disease allows me to float through a given day like a normal person, and other days it locks me in its grip of pain, impaired speech, and utter cognitive fog. I have a plaque that hangs over my fireplace that I bought on a trip during one of my times I was bound to a wheelchair. It reads, "Life isn't about waiting for the storms to pass, it's about learning to dance in the rain." That is so true in the life of the church as well in our own individual lives. Nothing stays the same, as change is inevitable. We must continue to be open to the flexibility is needed in our church lives and our own daily lives. If you woke up today this side of a dirt nap, then God gave a blessing called another day to live, another day to do his work, just another day.!!!.

Thank you for your continued prayers for our church life here at Holy Trinity (as well as for my continued healing). Now go grab your raincoats and umbrellas and go DANCE.....

Blessing to you all—Dawne Thumhart

Children's Sunday School



This Sunday School year we are doing Sunday School with all ages combined. We will meet the First and Third Sundays of the month in the Upstairs Classroom, immediately after the first hymn. All children are Welcome. Reach out to Dawne Thumhart if you have any questions or wish to enroll your child.

The children during our Christmas Eve service brought Baby Jesus to the manger via candlelight during the singing of Silent Night. They brought him to a special place of honor in All Saints Hall during the # Kings procession to meet the Christ Child with the Kings bringing their Gifts while the Congregation sang We 3 Kings.

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.



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.

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. 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

*******BIBLE STUDY--**

Join us beginning January 13th in the library following worship as we begin a new Bible study series! **1, 2**

Corinthians: Books of Faith

by Ritva H. Williams (Author)



This study examines the correspondence from the apostle Paul to the early church in Corinth. Paul's letters to this church provided guidance - for persons new to faith as well as those growing in faith - about what it means to be a disciple of Christ. This study examines some of the "big questions" the church faced, and that we still face today.

This 8-session course explores selected passages from 1 and 2 Corinthians.

1. Whose Am I? (1 Corinthians 1:1-30)
2. What Then Am I? (1 Corinthians 3:1 – 4:5)
3. It's Not All About Me? (1 Corinthians 6:12-20; 10:23-33)
4. What Am I Good For? (1 Corinthians 12:1-31)
5. What Will I Be Ultimately? (1 Corinthians 12:12-28; 35-58)
6. How Do I Achieve This Glory? (2 Corinthians 3:1 – 4:15)
7. What Can I Do Here and Now? (2 Corinthians 4:16 – 5:21)
8. What is My Response to God's Grace? (2 Corinthians 8:1-15; 9:1-15)

Email me at kataocn@gmail.com or call me at (732) 642-9408 to let me know if you would like to join us.

Music and Worship-

If 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. Please see Lisa, our music director...!!

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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PANTRY SUNDAY: 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. There is a dire need for food items for families in our county. We need to FILL UP the shopping cart in the narthex every month. Thank you so much for your continued support...If you have any questions, please see Jack Dessel...

Fellowship, WELCA, and Outreach Doings-

Fellowship-

On January 6th at 10:45 we joined the Kings for 3 Kings Potluck Brunch. This was a great way to welcome in the New Year! We also brought gifts of baby diapers along with our food. The diapers will be donated to *The Open Door Pregnancy* as part of the Diaper Derby Challenge throughout the month of January.

Coffee hour sign-ups are always needed. Sign the sheet at the back of the sanctuary. Ideas and suggestions welcomed.

Looking ahead to March, Lenten Soup/Suppers begin March 14th at 6pm.

WELCA

Save the Date! Monday, January 14th, Kathy Leifeste will present a slide show on the trip to Italy that Bob and Kathy took in the fall. It all starts at 11 am. Bring your lunch and a package of baby diapers.

On February 11th, we will address Valentines and send them to our HTLC Shut-ins. Meeting starts at 11am. Pizza will be served.



Family Promise-

HTLC provided the meals and hospitality portion of FP during December while Harvey Cedars Bible Center hosted the site for the week, as well as a overnight person.. Currently there are 2 young mothers and 2 toddlers in the program. Dawne Thumhart and her grandchildren hosted the meals and the girls helped the toddlers with arts n crafts Christmas decorations for their sleeping quarters, while Judy Heugerger helped with one of the overnight slots. HTLC looks forward to hosting the meals and hospitality portions again in the coming Spring. It is a great way to help the children of the church understand outreach, poverty, homelessness, and other social ills that can befall even the best of us, and how we can help in many different ways, no matter how old or how young we are.

Outreach-

The annual Coat and Blanket Drive was again a success. We gathered many bags that were brought down to the Atlantic City Rescue Mission by Mike and Judy Heuberger. The Angel Tree this year was not able to be done as there were problems with staff at the facility getting back to us in timely fashion. Next year, we will continue that outreach, if not with that facility, another facility or outreach program.

The continued giving for the St Francis Food Pantry is greatly appreciated. All items go to serving those in immediate need in our community. The loose plate offering from the Christmas Eve service, meaning those not in numbered pledge envelopes, went to the food pantry. That offering donation exceeded \$400.00.....

We participated in the Ship Bottom parade again this year with the Parade theme being “ A Great White Christmas”. How do you tie a great white shark to a church? With the message that all are welcome at the manager, even you (the big bad great white). We did not win in our category this year, but had a great deal of fun in putting a face to the church in our community. After the parade we come down to the church to do the Hanging of the Greens to prepare the church for the Advent season.

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Stewardship-

Our pledge cards came back in great number this year. It goes a long way to help completing the yearly budget without having to guess at which monies are coming in and from where. Thank you to all who have completed and returned your pledge cards.

Giving of your Time and Talents....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 Church Council Members for the church through February 1, 2019:

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*.

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 WISH TO BE ADDED TO OUR EMAIL LIST AND CHURCH DIRECTORY, PLEASE FILL OUT PEW CARD AND PLACE IN OFFERING PLATE. YOU MAY ALSO EMAIL DAWNE THUMHART AT dmthumhart@gmail.com. You can also follow us on FaceBook, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, LBI...as well as on our church website.....

	January	
7	birthday	Randy Thumhart
10	birthday	Deb Hirksekorn
17	birthday	Eve Birklund
17	birthday	Tatiana Birklund
18	birthday	Robert Bell
21	Anniversary	Kris/Rich Grala
30	Anniversary	Dick/Ruth Mumma
31	birthday	Blanche Auger

	February	
1	birthday	Linda Peterson
10	Birthday	Judy Heuberger
11	Anniversary	Roseanne/Ronald Joyce
12	Anniversary	Dawne/Randy Thumhart
15	birthday	Dottie Dittler
18	birthday	Lars Brink
18	birthday	Jim Hutcheson
20	birthday	Ruth Mumma
24	Birthday	Dorothy Mulholland

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