



# Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Tidings

October  
to  
November '21



Current Schedule:

9:30 AM- Service of the Word.

Council Meetings are usually the second Thursday of the month. 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

(ANY AND ALL MEETINGS CURRENTLY HELD IN THE BUILDING, MEET WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES IN PLACE AND SANITIZE THEIR AREAS USED AFTER THEIR MEETING)

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## A Message from your Council President---

Greetings to all,

I missed seeing some of you this summer with my crazy work schedule but our church and your well being was never far from my thoughts and prayers. We will soon begin again our Round table discussions and I encourage you

all to find the time to participate. We also plan to have a fellowship brunch this October in honor of the Reformation. It has been some time since we have been able to come together outside of our regular worship environment and we feel it is time.

Enjoy the fall and keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

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Blessings- Randy Thumhart, HTLC Council President

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**About Holy Communion at Holy Trinity**

The church council, consistent with recommended guidelines, has decided that Holy Communion will be distributed in the following way:

- The pastor and worship assistant will bring the sacrament to those who process to the altar.
- The pastor and worship assistant will take appropriate precautions such as sanitizing hands immediately prior to the distribution, wearing face coverings, etc.
- Communion will be served in one kind with the wafer being offered to each communicant. The worship assistant will follow with the chalice containing wine and allow for communicants to reverence the cup without receiving the wine. Each communicant will hear the words, "The body and blood of Christ, given and shed for you."
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Stewardship-

It's almost that time of year again; Time to start thinking about your pledge cards for the 2022 year so that your Council can effectively plan a budget for the 2022 fiscal year. Thank you to everyone for keeping up with their pledges for 2021 during these times. Your pledges/offerings can be submitted via mail or through online bill-pay. Each Sunday the offering plate is placed on a table in back of sanctuary to place your offerings into as you pick up your bulletin (we currently are not passing the plate due to COVID restrictions). If you have any questions about your pledge cards or offerings, you may reach out to Kathy Minto.

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Currently Sunday School is now meeting alternative weeks in the upstairs classroom. If you wish your child to attend, reach out to Dawne Thumhart at 609-290-0632 or [dmthumhart@gmail.com](mailto:dmthumhart@gmail.com)

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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. If you are unable to bring in pantry items, you can bring in a check for the pantry of gift cards and we will see that the pantry gets them. Thank you so much for your continued support. If you aren't able



to attend on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, we accept donations every Sunday.

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**OUTREACH, FELLOWSHIP, AND WELCA—**

As of this printing there is no coffee hour, but we are looking at ways of bringing it back with social distancing measures being met to keep everyone safe and healthy.

**Looking ahead:**

"Looking Ahead to our first Round Table for 2021!"

It's finally time to gather again as a community in a seasonally-focused conversation about God! YAY! On October 21, 2021 at 6 p.m., we will begin by refreshing our understanding of Dwelling in the Word, Journaling Scripture, Memorizing Scripture and the Examen Prayer. Our goal will be to dive deeply into what we have come to know about our faith and God through Covid and its mandated quarantining. We'll be revisiting themes from our last meeting, and then introduce "The Daily Office," an intentional time set apart in our day to pause with God. Come at 6 p.m., bring a light supper, and be prepared to learn together through fellowship!

On Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup> after the service, we will gather in All Saints Hall for a Pot luck meal. Drinks will be provided. Bring whatever you like. We will set up the serving tables in the middle as usual. Wear your Mask when you are choosing your food. The tables will be spread apart for social

distancing. No need to mask while you are eating. You may bring the dishes early and keep them warm in the oven during the service. WEAR RED!

Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 to noon, we will be hosting our annual Flu Clinic. We will be offering the flu shot and Pfizer booster shots. See sign-up sheet in the narthex cabinet. If you have questions, please call Dawne Thumhart at 609-290-0632

We are doing the annual coat and blanket drive for the Atlantic City Rescue Mission. We start collecting gently used and new coats and blankets Sunday November 7<sup>th</sup> through November 21<sup>st</sup>. We will be bringing the items to the Atlantic City Rescue Mission on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving.

**Watch for more details in your weekly emails.**

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Family Promise—

Like so many other outreach/charity works, Family Promise had to reinvent the proverbial wheel during COVID. The program has not housed families in the individual churches since the start of COVID. They are looking to open up the churches to families in the near future.

**Music and Worship**

Due to current COVID restrictions set out by the CDC, NJ Synod, and the National ELCA, our church does not currently offer singing during the service. We hope that will change, but don't know at what point that will change. WE WILL DEFINITELY KEEP YOU INFORMED. Once we are able to sing in the Sanctuary again, we will need choir members and bell ringers for the choir. See Lisa, our Minister of Music if you're interested.

We are in need of a few persons to help on a rotating basis as Communion Assistants!! Teens up through the aged are welcome. If you aren't sure of what is involved and/or would like a little refresher course or training and would like to help out, let us know. Please see Joan Bower or Kathy Leifeste if interested.

The sign-up sheet for readers is on the wall in the Narthex of the church. Please help out where you can. Helpers come in all shapes and sizes.

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## **Bible Study-----Exploring God's Word**

Please join us after the service for Bible Study. We are currently studying the Book of Philipians. Come out for lively discussion.

**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](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. 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.

### **HTLC Book Group and Knit One, Pray Too group ---**

Holy Trinity's Book Group generally meets on Thursday, 10:00 -11:30 a.m. in the Zastrow Library. The next meeting is October 28<sup>th</sup> in All Saint's Hall. We will be discussing Kristen Hannah's (2021), *The Nightingale*. It's a great read! The group's conversation is lively and vibrant, and new members are WELCOME! See Marty Chaffee after services or email ([rchaffee@juno.com](mailto:rchaffee@juno.com)) if you wish to learn more!

The Knit One, Pray Too group is temporarily suspended. Reach out to Marty Chaffee for reinstatement details.

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## **HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH 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 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** on the Facebook application.

**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](mailto:dmthumhart@gmail.com). You can also follow us on FaceBook, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, LBI, as well as on our church website. Also when you have a chance, go on our church website and read up on the history of all our stained glass windows. Beautiful....!!

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