

Our mission is to Worship, Grow, Witness and Share through Christ's love in Service to God and Neighbor.



What is "God's work. Our hands." Sunday?

On **September 11, 2022**, Holy Trinity will participate in "**God's work**. **Our hands**." This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as a member church of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The ELCA has 3.3 million members in more than 8,900 worshiping communities across the 50 states and in the Caribbean region. Each year we gather to participate in this day of service to celebrate who we are as church together — **one church, freed in Christ to love and serve our neighbor**.

This year we will continue our tradition of assembling school kits for Lutheran World Relief. Holy Trinity will provide the backpacks to be filled with the items supplied by your generous donations. Making Lutheran World Relief Kits is one way of helping to offer comfort.

On September 11, we will assemble kits during the Sunday School hour, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Worship will follow at 10:00 a.m. We will collect items for the kits up to and including September 11. Items needed are listed on page 2.

Service projects offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: *that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.* Please consider joining us on September 11 for this time together for service to our neighbors and worship.

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Items needed for each School Kit:

- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- □ One pencil sharpener
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons (Crayola brand is preferred because they don't melt as easily)
- One eraser approximately 2 1/2" long

For more information about how to pack the kits or how the kits are used, go to <u>https://lwr.org/quilts-</u> and-kits. (Continued from page 1)

As September arrives, I pray any of the transitions you are encountering are smooth and peaceful.

If you are beginning a new school year as a student, parent, teacher, or caregiver, may this time of learning and sharing knowledge be blessed. As the seasons change and fall approaches, may you feel inspired by the beauty and wonder of nature found in God's magnificent creation.

God's peace and blessing to each of you!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Cindy Brommer



Time to Make School Kits!

Many thanks to all who have contributed so generously with money or items to create Personal Care Kits. It is time to switch over to collecting for School Kits. Today and every day, Lutheran World Relief Quilts and Kits of Care are a reminder to families that even in the midst of crisis, they are not alone. School kits are especially needed this year! The church will supply the backpacks! We need you to provide the supplies to go inside the backpacks. Several stores in the area have school supplies on sale right now or you can order supplies online. Please bring your items to the collection site in the Narthex or put the following items into a plastic bag and drop them off in the bin on the back porch of the office.

If you are not comfortable shopping, you can make a monetary donation. Write a check out to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and write "school kits" on the memo line. Checks can be mailed to the office or put through the mail slot by the front door of the office. Thank you for your generosity!



God's Work ~ Our Hands

SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, October 9th

Guest Speaker Emma Wagner of Lutheran World Services

Come, meet & hear about Lutheran World Services and how your generosity from the kits, quilts & financial support help to make the world a better place.

Watch your upcoming bulletins for more information as plans unfold.

Covid Precautions for Worship

Wearing a mask is now optional but please observe social distancing while worshipping. If you prefer to continue wearing a mask, please do so. The Executive Committee will monitor the current numbers to continue to keep us safe as we gather. If you are not feeling well, we do ask that you stay home and take advantage of our Livestream worship.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Cindy Brommer

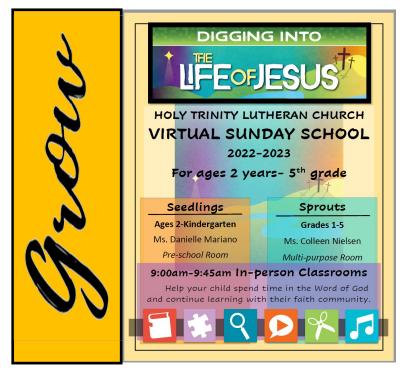
Worship Schedule Update

We will continue our worship schedule with worship services every Sunday morning at 10:00 AM. Services will be in-person and livestreamed.

There is no Sunday School through the summer. We will resume classes on **September 18th.**

Holy Communion "at home"

Communion elements are available for those of you who are not able to attend in-person worship. By having these elements at home, you can share communion with us as we celebrate in the church. You can pick them up or we will bring them to your home. If you would like to receive communion elements, please contact Pastor Cindy at 717-512-4645 or the church office at <u>htluth@comcast.net</u> or 717-533-2467.



Bulletin Sponsorships

We are putting bulletin sponsorships in the bulletin. The cost is \$12.50 for $\frac{1}{2}$ of the bulletin and \$25.00 for the whole bulletin. If you would like to sponsor the bulletin, please call the office at 717-533-2467 and leave a message or email the office at <u>htluth@comcast.net</u>.



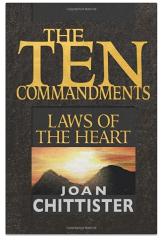
Church Office Hours in September

The Church Office will be open **Monday through Thursday** from 9 AM to 2 PM. Thank you to everyone who has been patient & has helped with the transition of the Church office staff.

ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP

The Adult Discussion group will begin meeting again on **Sunday, September 18, 2022, at 9:00-9:45am** in room #16. Back by popular demand, the group will be viewing The Ten Commandments: Laws of the Heart by Sister Joan Chittister, OSB.

In this series, Joan Chittister, OSB, invites us to think deeply about the moral fibers of our society. She presents the idea



that the Ten Commandments are an adventure in human growth and that we are not so much convicted by them as we are transformed by them. "What does it mean to us, to the world, to preserve the Ten Commandments as the bedrock of our civilization?"

Sr. Joan offers an honest and refreshing approach to the Ten Commandments unlike anything else today. This amazing series will be presented for 12 weeks. All are welcome to attend in person and all sessions will be available via Zoom.

Please contact **Elizabeth Stuart at 404.909.5871** with any questions.



QUILTING NEWS

The Quilters will begin meeting again on **the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays in September.** It will be time to complete as many quilts as possible for Ingathering in October.

Quilters, Knotters and Knitters Needed!



WATCH ONLINE

Want to invite a friend to worship but don't know where to begin?

A great place to begin is to share the Holy Trinity Facebook page or our website online! They can watch livestream OR can catch a replay of our services from our website too!

Website: www.htluth.org & click on Facebook link.

For more info, please see Kirk Sponaugle or contact Anita Housman.

FOOD BANK NEEDS

The Hershey Food Bank has been operational throughout the pandemic. They are always in need of non-perishable food and paper supplies. There is a drop box next to the entrance of the Food Bank for all donations. The Food Bank is located at 120 East Derry Road in Hershey. The following items are examples of things that are needed:

- Canned vegetables: beets, mixed vegetables, corn, beans
- Progresso Chunky soups
- Applesauce (jars, not single-serve)
- Canned Pears
- Hamburger Helper meals
- Instant potatoes (Betty Crocker, Idahoan, etc...)
- Cake mixes

The Hershey Food Bank is our ministry focus for our special offering envelopes. Thank you to everyone who has supported this very important & well needed ministry in the Community.

PRAYER SHAWLS AVAILABLE

Our knitters have made quite a few prayer shawls with love and prayers. If you or someone you know would like a prayer shawl as a reminder that people are praying for them and to help them feel loved, please take one from the quilt rack in the narthex.

Witnessing to others begins with the tiniest spark of light. Just like a match that starts a fire with just a tiny spark, each of us can help start a lifelong fire of faith formation

in ourselves & others by sharing the promise of Christ & giving them hope. We just need to start that fire!



How to begin: Start by making it a habit to share your faith everyday by doing something for others & share your faith in some way through word & deed. Our actions speak vol-

umes! Doing so, you'll just never know the lasting impact you'll have on others as we love one another in Christ.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SUNDAY 9/18 FROM 9:00AM-9:45AM.

The opening will be in the Fellowship Hall downstairs. And we are back in the classrooms!

- Seedlings: ages 2yrs Kindergarten with Ms. Danielle Mariano
- □ Sprouts: grades 1-5 with Ms. Colleen Nielsen

Please contact Colleen Nielsen (nielsenc@mhs-pa.org) for more information.

Happy Birthday!

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Deborah Miscevich

Michael S. Cameron

Diane Ellenberger

Joyce Carbaugh

Scott Miscevich

Denita L. Tiberie

Carole H. Welch

Jenny Rizzo

Lisa Birkholz

Kipp Jackson

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Lucy M. Paul

Terry Lewis

Shirley Espenshade*

Charles Crandall, II

Dirk Dixon

Ronald Brehm

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- Jane Ebersole Ian J. Ellenberger Patrick Rudisill
- 5 Britta M. Dieffenbach
- 6 Debra Brooks
- 9 Olivia McDonald Linda Miscevich
- 10 Geraldine Kane Jacob R. Rudisill Marsena White
- 13 Jennifer Keeler Edward N. Sellard
- 14 Donald Lechleitner Cindy F. Wolverton
- 15 Leo T. Foley
- 17 Carolyn C. Buckfeller Nathan R. Myers
- 18 Irene Turzai



* celebrating 90+ birthday!



Dear Church Family,

The exquisite flower arrangement that was delivered to me was a happy surprise for my 97th birthday--a wonderful way to begin the celebration. Thank you for adding so much to my special day. I have enjoyed their color and beauty in my room.

The kind thoughts and good wishes that came with the many beautiful cards also were greatly appreciated.

A special thank you to Jaci Walters who sponsored the bulletin for my birthday Sunday which especially touched my heart.

Lorna Rudisill

Thank You, Dee!

We extend heartfelt thanks to Dee Lewin, who has served as Holy Trinity's Parish Nurse since January of 2012. Dee has been a faithful and dedicated addition to our staff, assisting with visiting and helping members as they deal with health issues. She also served as chair of our Health and Wellness Committee.

Dee and her husband Joe are moving to Winchester, Virginia to be closer to family. We wish both Dee and Joe farewell and Godspeed. We are thankful for their ministry among us and will miss the many gifts and talents they offered to the members of Holy Trinity. **God Bless you Both!**



Stewardship

GIVEPLUS

SEPTEMBER SPECIAL OFFERING

Bank & Outreach. Serving the Derry Township communi-

ty, the outreach provides temporary food & assistance in

The food bank distributes two times a month & prepares

food baskets for Thanksgiving & Christmas as well from

For established clients, they may also provide financial

While most cases are referred to Social Service agencies,

the Outreach provides a welcome respite to financial dis-

tress for those in need. To learn more, visit their website

Hersheyfoodbank.com. They are located @ 120 E. Derry

assistance for utilities & rent on an emergency basis.

needs of families & individuals in financial distress.

referrals of local schools & others being in need.

The special offering envelope is for The Hershey Food



at:

Rd., Hershey

To give your offering through Holy Trinity's website, snap a picture of this code with your phone and it will take you to our giving page.

CAPITAL REPAIR FUND

The Capital Repair Fund is used when we have major repairs to the church building. As you tithe, we encourage you to designate funding toward the Fund so that we don't need to make urgent appeals for things such as roofs or heating systems.

HELP SUPPORT OUR YOUTH

A quick & easy way to help support our Youth is



to purchase Giant Gift Cards! You get to match dollar for dollar of your gift card purchase toward the cost of your already expended expenses for groceries & gas too! All proceeds go to support the Youth programs.

How it works:

You buy a card at face value (\$25, \$50, or \$100). The Youth then will make 5% on that sale from Giant. You can then use that gift card anytime you shop at Giant stores (including gas purchases).

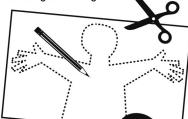
If interested, see Nathan in the Narthex after service on Sunday.

Financial Information as of June 31, 2022 OTE* - All figures are subject to change due pending necessary changes & adjustments									
GIVING	2022								
	July	YTD							
General Offering	32,677	192,897	8/704						
Rental Income	2,350	16,450	KI N						
Total General Offering *	35,027	209,347	5673 GEN						
Special Offerings	240	3,622	1122 112 1122 1						
EXPENSES			5906 ISV-						
Actual*	25,787	198,542							
Budgeted	30,576	214,032							

The Kid's Page



Show long-distance love to grandparents and other relatives by sending a flat hug!



What you need:

- Craft paper
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Markers
- Envelope

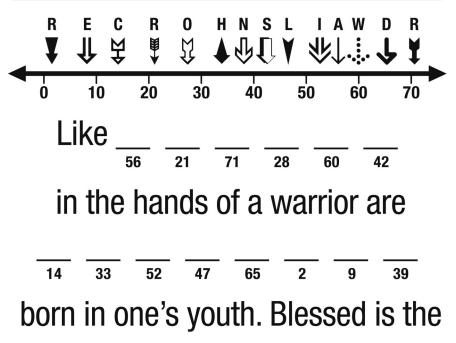
What you do:

- 1. Roll out some craft paper (long enough to spread your arms across it).
- 2. Lie down on your back on the paper, with arms outstretched. Have someone trace around your arms, hands and head with a pencil.
- 3. Cut out the outline of your hug.
- 4. Draw your face and features on the paper. Use markers to color your hug to look like yourself. Write a note on the back.
- Fold up and mail your two-dimensional hug to a loved one.



Our heavenly Father loves families and has a special purpose for each generation.

Directions: Use the key to match the number of each arrow with the correct letter.



man whose quiver is full of them.

PSALM 127:4-5, NIV

Answer: arrows, children



HIGHLIGHTS-CONGREGATION COUNCIL MINUTES Tuesday-July 12, 2022

Attendance:

Council Members: Pastor Brommer, Kendra Ruhl, Deb Brooks, Ethan Ellenberger JoEllen Myers, Charis Rossetti, Beth Dunham, Jim Huebner, Kurt Nielsen, Mark Mariano

Treasurer: Stephanie Gross, Secretary: Chip Haak, Financial Secretary: Dennis Schwenk

The Congregation Council Meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by Council President JoEllen Myers.

Appointment of Council Member: Beth Dunham has agreed to fill the vacancy on Council for the term ending in 2022.

A *motion* to approve was made by Jim Huebner, second by Mark Mariano. Motion approved with appreciation to Beth for her willingness to serve again.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Reports for May & June were reviewed by Stephanie. Giving for June was very low, fortunately there were no large expenses. The Net Loss for June was \$-2,538 and our YTD Net Income is \$1,565. Also provided were the Quarterly reports for the Special Accounts, Youth Investment Fund, Rental Escrow Account, and All Saints account. Stephanie noted that the standalone All Saints bank account was closed, and the money moved to the Special Accounts. Chip Haak commented that any further decision regarding where to invest the All Saints money will be made when the economy is more stable.

Financial Secretary's Report: The May & June reports were presented. Denny added that while June giving was low, the first two deposits in July are almost equal to the total giving in June. A positive sign.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the May 18, 2022 Council meeting were presented.

Pastor's Report: Report for May 19 to July 12, 2022, was emailed to members prior to meeting and reviewed by Pastor. The date of Marie Halladay's funeral was listed as June 6 and should be July 6.

Correspondence: Thank you for financial support

Christian Churches United-\$290

Hershey Food Bank-\$647.40

Lutheran World Relief-\$1,500 (Extended Ministries)

Lutheran Disaster Response-\$1,500 (Extended Ministries)

Ministry Teams:

Property Committee:

Reports from June and July meetings were presented. Jim Huebner reviewed the projects that have been completed, and work continues on evaluating HVAC requirements. In conjunction with that, Jim noted that several sections of the existing steam pipes had been cut to determine their condition. The sample sections were in very good shape.

Finance: Per their recommendation, the Mission Investment CD which came due in June was not renewed. The proceeds of \$11,220.67 have been deposited in the Endowment Fund which was the original source of this investment. The Quarterly statement for Mission Investment Funds was presented.

Unfinished Business:

Vacation Bible School: August 1-4, planning continues.

New Business:

Hershey Fire Co. donation: A motion by Jim Huebner, second by Mark Mariano to donate \$200 as specified in

Ministry Spending Plan. Council approved.

- **Bequest:** Per instructions in the member's will, a \$3,000 donation to be made to Endowment Fund. The funds were deposited in the restricted portion of the Fund.
- **IT/Communications Specialist:** Executive Committee made a recommendation to hire Anita Housman at annual salary of \$9,360. Pastor and Chip reviewed the candidates' qualifications and background.
- A motion to approve candidate was made by Deb Brooks, second by Mark Mariano. Motion approved.
- Administrative Assistant replacement: Search continues. Ruth has volunteered to work Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday during August (past her retirement date) at a prorated salary while we continue search.

Lutheran World Relief Speaker: Emma Wagner will provide sermon and speak on Oct. 9th.

Informational:

- **Parish Nurse:** Dee Lewin, will be relocating in mid-August. To cover those responsibilities, Kurt Nielsen and Pastor will explore Stephens Ministry.
- **Coffee/Refreshments:** Will resume Sept. 18th with a scaled down version and by using a volunteer sign-up process.
- **Capital Campaign Statements:** They will be sent to members to advise them of their status as we are now approaching the end of the three year pledge option period.

Next Council Meeting: August 16, 2022 @7pm

Adjournment:

A *motion* to adjourn by Beth Dunham and second by Mark Mariano approved by Council. The meeting concluded at 7:47pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by Chip Haak, Secretary



Ever outward

Poet Rainer Maria Rilke said, "I live my life in widening circles that reach out across the world." Indeed, we all do. As newborns, we focus only on ourselves. But as we grow, little by little we learn that the people and things around us are separate from us. Soon we can attend to others' actions, needs and feelings. Like ripples from a stone dropped in water, our circles of care widen from family (biological or otherwise) to friends (playmates, classmates, colleagues), church family, community, country and finally even people across the globe.

The ministries of Jesus and his disciples also were widening circles: first "to the lost sheep of Israel" (Matthew 10:6; 15:24, NIV) but soon to "all nations" (Matthew 28:19). Early church leaders took the gospel message ever outward, as Jesus had directed them: first to Jerusa-lem, then Judea and Samaria, and finally even "to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8, NIV).

As our faith matures, our impact spreads outward too. Some people move geographically farther from home, while others use prayer, communication and technology to widen their reach of spiritual, emotional and financial support. How exciting that God's love encircles us all and that we can share it far and wide!

-Heidi Hyland Mann

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 10:00am Worship Service in-Person 10:00am Worship Service livestream on Facebook and posted on website and YouTube	5	6 1:00pm Property Committee	7	8	9 No Church Office hours	10
11 9:00am God's Work. Our Hands School kit packing 10:00am Worship Service in-Person 10:00am Worship Service livestream on Facebook and posted on website and YouTube	12 6:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Susquehanna Chorale	13	14 9:00am Quilting Workshop	15	16 No Church Office hours	17
18 9:00am Altar Guild 10:00am Worship Service in-Person 10:00am Worship Service livestream on Facebook and posted on website and YouTube	19 6:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Susquehanna Chorale	20 7:00pm Congregation Council Zoom meeting	21	22	23 ALiVE - Middle School Event No Church Office hours	24 ALIVE - Middle School Event
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September 2022



WELCOME ABOARD!

Holy Trinity is pleased to welcome Elizabeth Stuart as the newest staff member of Holy Trinity filling the position of Administrative Assistant.

Many of you already know Elizabeth as she is a very familiar (& welcoming) face of Holy Trinity serving in multiple roles of the

Church, including membership secretary & faith formation.

Elizabeth brings to Holy Trinity her talent of organization, knowledge of Church administration & of course, her infectious smile, enthusiasm & warm personality to be a welcoming face to all visitors, members & phone conversations.

Mrs. Elizabeth Stuart

She certainly has some very BIG shoes to fill but already, she is doing an excellent job learning the ropes.

We look forward to serving in partnership with you in the coming months & years & thank you for serving in His name.

Elizabeth has been working in the office for most of August under the direction of Ruth Milliken.

PASTORAL ACTS—AUGUST

In sure & certain home of the promised resurrection, we lift our prayers and the comfort of the Christian faith with the family of **Barry Rhine** who passed away August 8th. Services were held at Holy Trinity on August 13th.

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

We welcome our newest little sister in Christ, **Scott McDonough,** who was baptized on Sunday, August 14th. Callie's sponsors are Kim Campbell & Karen McDonough.

Parents of College Students & Students: ADDRESSES NEEDED

Attention all College students or parents of college students—please contact the church office (717-533-2467 or htluth@comcast.net) to give us your college address and your email address so that we can be sure to get We Care packages to the correct address. Please have all address information to us **by September 19. Thank you for your help!**



ALWAYS ROOM IN GOD'S KINGDOM

Jesus told a parable about a man who invited his friends and neighbors to a banquet, but they declined. So he told his servants to go find anyone who was hungry or lonely or in need. Still there was room. "Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in," the host said, "so that my house will be full" (Luke 14:23, NIV).

In *Searching for Sunday*, Rachel Held Evans retells this story and writes: "This is what God's kingdom is like: a bunch of outcasts and oddballs gathered at a table, not because they are rich or worthy or good, but because they are hungry, because they said *yes*. And there's always room for more."

We're all "outcasts and oddballs" in one way or another! May we know that God warmly invites us to his banquet — for no reason but that we're hungry.

Member News



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The newsletter deadline for the October newsletter is September 15. All articles for the bulletin must be in each Tuesday by noon.