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Trinity Topics



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

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CELEBRATING
10
YEARS

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday







September 10
2023

What is “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday? - September 10th

On September 10, 2023, Holy Trinity will participate in “*God’s work. Our hands.*” This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as member church of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The ELCA has 3.3 million members in more than 8,900 worshipping 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 back packs to be filled with the items supplied by your generous donations. Making Lutheran World Relief Kits is one way of helping to offer comfort and express.

On September 10th, we will assemble kits during the Sunday School hour, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Worship will follow at 10:00 a.m.

“One Church. Freed in Christ to love & serve our neighbors.”

**CHURCH
OFFICE HOURS**

Mondays thru Thursdays
9:00 AM—2:00 PM
Fridays Staff work Remotely

Newsletter Deadline - October 15

From the Pastor's Desk

As Summer comes to an end, I offer you this prayer that helps us consider the blessings of this beautiful season by Joyce Rupp and Macrina Widerkehr. I pray you have been able to enjoy your summer days and been rejuvenated. I also pray that you are settling into any new routines that fall brings your way.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Cindy

*Blessed are you, summer,
season of long days and short nights,
you pour forth light from your golden orb,
energizing the earth and calling forth
growth.*

*Blessed are you summer,
with your generous gift of heat.
Your warm breath animates creation,
encouraging all growing things to stretch
toward the sun.*

*Blessed are you, summer,
you call us into playfulness,
encouraging us to pause from work.
You renew our spirits.*

*Blessed are you, gracious season of
summer, you surprise us with a variety of
gifts from the earth.
We, too, gaze into the earth of ourselves,
beholding gifts waiting to be honored.*

*Blessed are you, nurturing season of
summer, your fruits and vegetables
appear on our tables, changing them into
altars. Tasting of your life, we are made
strong.*

*Blessed are you, summer,
host of a star that shines with passion.
Sun-soaked, we reach for your energy
that drives us upward and onward.*

*Blessed are you, sacrament of summer,
nature's green season, sweet echo of
spring. You speak to us in living color as
you renew the earth
with symbols of life for our bodies and
souls.*

*Blessed are you, summer,
season of roots that reach for water.
Even through the cracks in the sidewalk
the song of your seed can be heard.*

*Blessed are you, summer,
season rooted in reality.
Even as the perspiration collects
on our brow, we experience your earthly joy.*

*Blessed are you, summer,
and your firefly evenings
you minister to the child in us.
You feed our hunger for beauty.*

—Joyce Rupp and Macrina Widerkehr.

**THE CHURCH
OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED
Monday
September 4th
for Labor Day**



OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Time to Make School Kits!



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 ball-point 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 <https://lwr.org/quilts-and-kits>.

Many thanks to all who have contributed so generously with money or items to create 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.

Many have already been generous in donating supplies, so at this point the biggest need is monetary donations. When donating, 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!

Faith in Action—Special Project

The Faith in Action team is sponsoring a project for the Stork's Landing on 3rd and Wiconisco Streets in Harrisburg, PA.



The Stork's Landing is a UPMC sponsored, free baby supplies depot for the use and support of economically disadvantaged mothers in North Harrisburg. It is located next to a prenatal clinic and is used to encourage expectant mothers to keep prenatal care appointments and to ensure that they have access to disposable diapers (sizes newborn, 1 and 2), baby wipes, baby wash, and diaper cream for the first 6 months of the baby's life.

The Faith In Action Team will be making a monetary donation. Charitable donations of cash or these items are greatly appreciated.

A collection box is available in the church entrance. If you have any questions, please contact Rodney Gross.



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.



On Sunday, Sept. 10, congregations will join together for **“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday.**

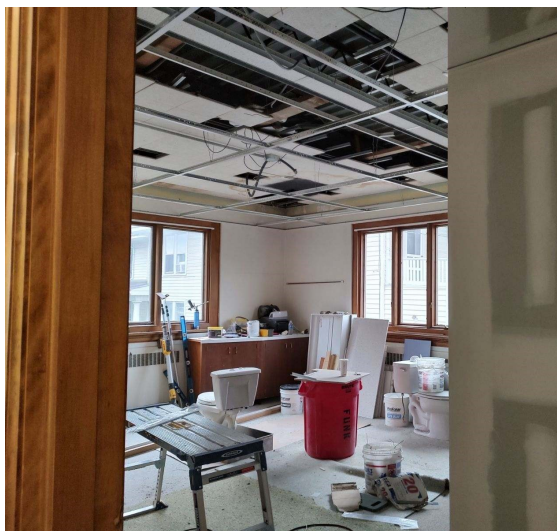
This year marks the 10th anniversary of our annual day of service! Over 10 years, the hands in the ELCA have ...

1. Cleaned parks, beaches and roadways.
2. Collected and donated food items for shelters and pantries.
3. Assembled backpacks, care packages and hygiene bags.
4. Repaired and painted homes, classrooms and community centers.
5. Written letters to military members, first responders and members of Congress.
6. Harvested produce for local food pantries.
7. Sewed quilts and knitted blankets.
8. Prepared meals for volunteers.
9. Greeted homebound members and residents of nursing homes.
10. Performed random acts of kindness.

The tenth anniversary of “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday is a feature story in *Living Lutheran* this celebrating a decade of service in our communities. Visit the ELCA website to learn more!



RENOVATION UPDATES



The next phase of construction in the church building is underway.

The restrooms on the main level are no longer available for use, please refrain from entering the construction area. The restrooms on the lower level are available for use.



IT COMMUNICATION REQUEST—PLEASE HELP KEEP OUR COMMUNICATIONS UP TO DATE
Thank you for submitting your bulletin, newsletter & calendar updates to the Church office in a timely manner. We have recently been getting articles after the deadline causing last minute changes needing to be made to accommodate late submissions. Whenever articles are submitted, we ask that you please include Anita Housman (aahousman2@gmail.com.) so that your submission can be included in both the weekly updates/communications through social channels & newsletters. **Bulletin deadline is Tuesdays (by noon); Newsletter deadline is the 15th of each month. Thank you in advance for your help!**

Worship

Bulletin & Flower Sponsorships

If you would like to sponsor the altar flowers or bulletins in honor/memory of someone or a special event there are several Sundays open. Cost for flowers is \$45 for the arrangement. Please contact the church office to schedule a date(s).

For bulletins, please write the information in the book or contact the church office. The cost is \$12.50 for 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 htluth@comcast.net.

ALTAR GUILD Now that we are back to our regular altar guild duties, it is time to plan for the Fall. Our next Altar Guild meeting is on **September 17th at 9am**, in the rear of the sanctuary We hope to see you there!



The choir will continue to rehearse on Sunday mornings before worship at 9AM beginning September 17th.

We'll rehearse music for the day, but also take a look at upcoming weeks as well. Our schedule is flexible for those who cannot make it each Sunday or for those who prefer to sit with your families during worship but would like to participate in singing during the worship service.

I am accepting ALL voice parts and I'm happy to talk to anyone who is interested in this music ministry! I hope to see you on Sunday mornings at 9AM!

For more info, please contact Alan Hair, Director of Music Ministries at (717) 497-3219.



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.



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



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 htluth@comcast.net or 717-533-2467.

READERS, GREETERS & FLOWER DELIVERERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to greet people as they come into church and deliver flowers after the service on Sunday. Readers are needed to read the 1st and 2nd reading and the Psalm. The lists are available on the bulletin board. Please sign up today or contact the church office if you would like to volunteer.



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church welcomes and affirms everyone seeking God's love and grace, regardless of faith background, age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, ability, size, class, immigration, or relationship status. We explicitly stand against hate and discrimination, as our Church community strives to continually grow and learn within the Body of Christ according to Christ's teachings. We are committed to creating and maintaining a welcoming and safe environment for all people.

GROW

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP SUNDAYS COME! JOIN THE FUN!

WHEN: The third Sunday of the month
TIME: Immediately following the Church
LOCATION: We will meet on the first floor of the Church adjacent to the Sunday school classrooms.
DETAILS: Join us each month for a light lunch, an Elementary-age craft, followed by another FUN-FILLED activity!

If you are interested in assisting with these events, please email Danielle Mariano at Willtess2@icloud.com, or sign-up on the sheet in the church narthex.

Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board as you come in the door and next to the sign-up for readers/greeters.

YOUTH NEWS!

What: Fun outings for our middle and high school youth.

When: Sunday, September 10th 2023, 1 immediately following church-3pm.

What: The kids will take a paddle boating cruise!
Where: Memorial Lake State Park.



Lunch and transportation to and from the church will be provided.



For more info: Contact Danielle Mariano @ Willtess2@icloud.com.

Date	Week	Lesson/Scripture
9/17	1	Introduction to the Circle of the Church Year
9/24	2	Introduction to the Holy Bible



YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 17 9:00AM-9:45AM.

Where:
 Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
 Sunday School Room (Alley entrance)

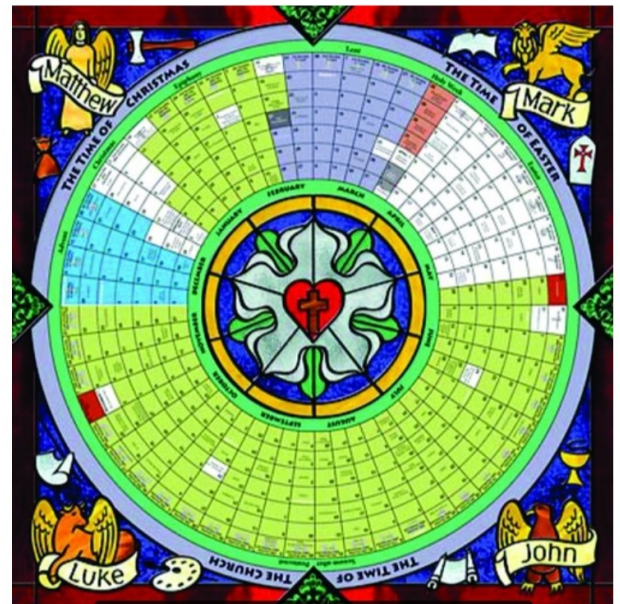
Who:
 For children ages: Preschool thru 5th grade

We are very pleased to be using the Godly Play method this year. Your child will learn about God through a welcoming, engaging, and creative environment. They will learn the stories of the Bible, the language of the Church, and how to love themselves and others through story and play.

Register online from the link below or by paper form (in Church Narthex).

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

Register online via copying and pasting this link into your browser:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdiVWwmGvwy4kHY35kKWrpgrwSj167PDUMdcV_3h0RMJCKbdA/viewform



WELLNESS

SEPTEMBER IS HEALTHY AGING MONTH!

Some healthy Tips for September's Healthy Aging® Month

It's never too late to strive for a healthier lifestyle, and September is the perfect time to make a plan. Recapture that "back to school" feeling with a personal commitment to renew yourself. To improve yourself physically, socially, and mentally, here are 10 tips to inspire you:

◆ Exercise

1. Move more, sit less. Why? Physical activity is your weapon to help control blood pressure, help prevent heart disease and stroke and possibly lower your risk for depression, anxiety, and conditions like certain cancers and type 2 diabetes. What to do? Choose something fun so you can keep at it, like cycling, walking, dancing, swimming, or aerobics.

2. How much do you need to do? Current national recommendations are 150 minutes of moderate-intensity physical activity per week and two days of muscle-strengthening training. That's only 20 minutes a day, 7 days a week, or around an hour a day if you do three days a week.

3. Get motivated with free websites and apps like All Trails to find parks and trails around the world; American Heart Association with ideas on how to join a walking club, or The CDC with ideas for individuals with a disability.

◆ Diet

4. Try to cut back on salt. A diet rich in sodium has been linked to high blood pressure, stroke, and heart attack—all good reasons to try not to overly salt your food. Adding more fiber to your diet can help lower cholesterol, control your blood sugar, as well helping maintain good digestive health.

◆ Social

5. Volunteer. Being of service is an excellent way to bring happiness into your life and not focus on yourself. Refocus on others and volunteer your time and expertise. United Way, the American Red Cross, Volunteer Match, and AmeriCorps are all helpful resources.

6. Beat back loneliness. Don't wait for the phone to ring. Be proactive and call someone for a lunch date. Set up a calendar of lunch dates and challenge yourself to have at least two lunch dates per month (once a week is even better!) It doesn't have to be expensive ... pack a picnic, and head to a park. Try to mix up your get-togethers with old friends and new acquaintances.

7. Rekindle or follow a new passion. Take a hard look at what you like to do rather than what other people tell you to do to meet new people. Pick some activities where you might meet new friends.

LET'S STAY IN CHECK!

Blood Pressure Screenings following Worship are back! Holy Trinity will offer blood pressure screenings the first Sunday of every month in the front of the sanctuary following the worship service.

**Next Scheduled Screening:
Sunday, September 3rd.**



Stewardship



Online Giving

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.



Financial Information July 2023*

*All figures are subject to audit pending necessary adjustments

GIVING	2023	
	July	YTD
General Offering	24,297	177,533
Rental Income	2,450	16,950
Total General Offering *	26,747	194,483
Special Offerings	845	4,068
EXPENSES		
Actual*	28,873	198,739
Budgeted	30,439	213,073

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).

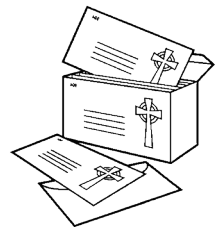
If interested, see Nathan in the Narthex after service on Sunday.

SEPTEMBER SPECIAL OFFERING

The special offering envelope this month is for **The Hershey Food Bank & Outreach**. Serving the Derry Township community, the outreach provides temporary food & assistance in needs of families & individuals in financial distress.

The food bank distributes two times a month & prepares food baskets for Thanksgiving & Christmas as well from referrals of local schools & others being in need.

For established clients, they may also provide financial assistance for utilities & rent on an emergency basis. While most cases are referred to Social Service agencies, the Outreach provides a welcome respite to financial distress for those in need. To learn more, visit their website at: Hersheyfoodbank.com. They are located @ 120 E. Derry Rd., Hershey



Share



Attention College Students & Parents: 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!

1	Ronald Brehm	18	Irene Turzai
4	Jane Ebersole Patrick Rudisill	19	Deborah Misceвич
6	Debra Brooks	20	Michael S. Cameron Dirk Dixon
9	Olivia McDonald Linda Misceвич	21	Diane Ellenberger
10	Geraldine Kane* Jacob R. Rudisill Marsena White	22	Joyce Carbaugh Charles Crandall, II Scott Misceвич Jenny Rizzo Jack Rizzo Denita L. Tiberie
13	Jennifer Keeler	23	Lisa Birkholz Jackson Kipp Beverly Spoonagle*
14	Donald Lechleitner	24	Cindy A. Brommer Shirley Espenshade* Andrea C. Flowers
15	Leo T. Foley	28	Grace K. Paul Lucy M. Paul
17	Carolyn C. Buckfeller Nathan R. Myers	30	Alexander M. Herster



* celebrating 90+ birthday!

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!

We celebrate our members who have reached 90+ birthdays in September!

Sept. 10

Geraldine Kane

53 Learden Road, Hershey, PA 17033

Sept. 23

Beverly Spoonagle

103 N. Larkspur Drive, Rm. 11
Palmyra, PA 17078

Sept. 24

Shirley Espenshade

210 Corson Hall, Suite 210, PO
Box 125 Cornwall, PA 17016



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Adult Bible Art Journaling

Every 2nd Sunday 6:00pm-7:30pm

Spend time meditating on the Word of God

Take time to create with a variety of materials

Enjoy fellowship in a creative setting

Instructor - Colleen Nielsen

We are so excited to start meeting again for the Fall!

Our first meeting will be **Sunday, September 10, 6:00pm – 7:30pm** in the Sunday School room off the Fellowship Hall (Alley entrance).

Signups are in the Narthex.

Feel free to bring your own art supplies, or not. We have plenty to share.

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



October Newsletter Deadline September 15

**The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity
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September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 10:00am Worship (In person and Livestream)	4 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	5	6	7	8	9
10 9:00am Packing School Kits God's Work, Our Hand 10:00am Worship (In person and Livestream) 11:00am Youth Outing Paddle Boating 6:00pm Bible Art Journaling	11 7:00pm Susquehanna Chorale	12 1:00pm Property Committee 7:00pm Executive Committee	13	14	15	16
17 9:00am Children's Sunday School 9:00am Choir Practice 10:00am Worship (In person and Livestream) 11:00am Family Fun	18 7:00pm Susquehanna Chorale	19 7:00pm Congregation Council Zoom meeting	20	21	22	23
24 9:00am Children's Sunday School 9:00am Choir Practice 10:00am Worship (In person and Livestream)	25 7:00pm Susquehanna Chorale	26	27	28	29	30





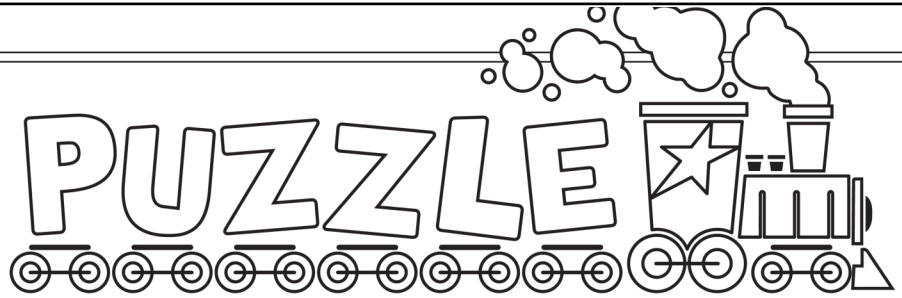
Godly, biblical wisdom is more valuable than gold or silver. Make this do-it-yourself toy to practice your searching skills.

What you need:

- 12 small, smooth rocks
- An empty, clean egg carton
- Paintbrush
- Acrylic paint (gold or silver)
- Black permanent marker

What you do:

1. Clean the rocks and egg carton. Place newspaper on a table to protect it from paint.
2. Paint all sides of the rocks and carton. Let dry. Add a second coat, if desired.
3. When rocks are dry, number each rock (1-12) with marker. Place rocks in the carton.
4. Play hide-and-seek with a friend. Take turns hiding the rocks in a room, sand-box or backyard. Give clues, if needed, and count the rocks as they're returned.
5. Use your imagination to incorporate a treasure hunt into study time or family devotions.



Creator of the stars

The stars and sky testify to God's amazing power and creativity.

Directions: Use the clues and Bible passages to fill in the blanks. Then transfer the circled letters (in order) to the spaces below to complete a verse of praise.

God determines this and calls each star by name. (Psalm 147:4)

○ _ _ _ _ _

The heavens are the work of God's what? (Psalm 8:3)

_ _ _ _ ○ _ _ _ _

What does God bring out one by one? (Isaiah 40:26)

_ ○ _ _ _

God made two great lights to do this. (Genesis 1:16)

○ _ _ _ ○ _ _ _

God promised Abraham this would be like the stars. (Genesis 15:5)

_ _ _ _ _ ○ _ _ _ _ _

The sun, moon and stars have this. (1 Corinthians 15:41)

_ _ _ ○ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ ○

The lights in the sky serve as what? (Genesis 1:14)

_ _ _ _ ○ _ _

The heave__s declare the __lory __f __od;
the ski__s __roc__aim the wo__k of his ha__ds.

PSALM 19:1, NIV

declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Psalm 19:1, NIV

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**September 15
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