

# Holy Trinity Lamplighter

Dear Holy Trinity family,

‘Got a vocation, anybody? *Vocation* literally means calling – in “church speak” it’s God who’s doing the calling.

When I was a child in parochial school, our teachers urged us to “Pray for vocations.” In the 1960’s that meant, “Pray for people to hear God calling them to be priests or sisters.” There was (and still is) a shortage of clergy and “religious” – folks who become ordained and/or join religious communities, promising to remain celibate, to be obedient to a superior, and sometimes to take a vow of poverty.

Martin Luther had an amazing insight “way back when” in the early 1500’s: **every** Christian has a vocation! At every baptism the assisting minister invites the congregation, “Let us welcome the newly baptized”:

We welcome you into the Body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God’s creative and redeeming word to all the world.<sup>1</sup>

I think of it as a reminder that the person who’s just been baptized has received working papers for the Kingdom of God! When we baptize a baby or a small child, the parents and family already have a sense of the little person’s personality, but not of the inborn talents God has given. But whether that newly minted Christian grows up to be an assembly line worker or a heart surgeon, God has assigned holy work to be done: to love God above all else and neighbor as self! The bar is set high for “Love thy neighbor,” since Jesus specifically has commanded: “*Love one another as I have loved you.*” (John 13:34)

It’s easier for us to identify “church work” as a vocation, whether it’s being a pastor, directing or singing in the choir, visiting the sick as a representative of our faith family, serving as an assisting minister or usher, setting the altar before worship and taking care of the elements of Holy Communion afterwards, teaching Sunday School, overseeing church finances, welcoming new members, collecting food for the hungry, raising funds for the social services that care for the homeless or impoverished, making sure the heat is working in the winter and the air conditioning in the summer.

A career in health care is easily recognized as an extension of Jesus’ role as Great Physician, right? Doctor, physician’s assistant, nurse practitioner, physical and occupational

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therapist, audiologist, nurse, phlebotomist, medical technologist, health care aide, EMT, paramedic, counselor: all are clearly human channels of Heaven’s healing grace. Jesus wasn’t just a healer, He was a teacher, too, so no matter what subject someone teaches, you have a holy vocation of imparting knowledge to make lives richer, whether you’re working with the “gifted and talented” kids or those with special needs. Whether you’re a college prof, a preschool teacher, or anything in-between, you’re called to teach with integrity and with compassion as well as with wisdom. As with coaching and Scouting or 4 H leadership, you’re teaching by example who your students are to be and not just what they are to do. You’re helping to shape a person and not just impart subject matter.

What if you’re an accountant, an engineer, a lawyer, a financial advisor, a supervisor, an architect or a government worker? What if you’re in law enforcement, or are a probation officer, store clerk, office worker, table server, airline attendant, stylist, telemarketer, musician, artist, construction worker, someone who works in environmental services or sanitation? Our overarching vocation is the same, regardless of where we punch a time clock or pick up a paycheck: we are to love God above all else and our neighbors as ourselves! We are to obey the commandments: to be honest, trustworthy, loyal, bringing our full attention and devotion to whatever work we are called to do.

Martin Luther said quite clearly that parenting is also a holy vocation. He wrote:

*But the greatest good in married life, that which makes all suffering and labor worth while, is that God grants offspring and commands that they be brought up to worship and serve him. In all the world this is the noblest and most precious work, because to God there can be nothing dearer than the salvation of souls... **Most certainly father and mother are apostles, bishops, and priests to their children**, for it is they who make them acquainted with the gospel. (Luther’s Works 45:46)<sup>2</sup>*

Luther made this point especially strongly to counter the prevailing belief that anyone who vowed to be celibate and to forgo having a family would be several rungs up the ladder of salvation that 16<sup>th</sup> century Christians imagined had to be climbed.

I love Frederick Buechner’s definition of vocation: “the place where ‘your deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet.’” <sup>3</sup> Some of us are blessed to be in professions that allow us to do what we love. What gives us joy also fills the world’s need. That is a gift and a privilege not to be taken lightly. Some of us, out of necessity, earn a paycheck in a job that is less than satisfying. Regardless: we **all** have a 7-day-a-week vocation from God to live a life of faith, hope and love.

‘Know anybody who’s got a vocation? I do, and it’s you!

“Deeply gladly,”

Pastor Mary



<sup>1</sup>*Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (Augsburg Fortress: Canada, 2006), p. 230.  
<sup>2</sup>Quoted in Jane E. Strohl, “Luther on the Family” (*Journal of Lutheran Ethics*, 06/01/2003), elca.org.  
<sup>3</sup>Frederick Buechner, *Wishful Thinking: The Seeker’s ABCs* 119 (1993), quoted in “Five Habits of Cross-Cultural Lawyering and More: Clinical Law Teaching Materials from Sue Bryant and Jean Koh Peters” (<http://fivehabitsandmore.law.yale.edu/>).





### **Holy Trinity Choir (Rehearsals Begin Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm)**



There's lots of great music planned for the upcoming program year. Singers are needed on all voice parts, but we especially need altos and basses (low singers). No experience is necessary, the choir is open to all singers from Confirmation age through adult. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings from 7pm-9pm in the choir loft. All music is emailed out in advance as PDF and audio files for easy learning. Is your weekly schedule too tight? Consider singing for a special event or season. Lessons & Carols rehearsals begin on Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> @ 8pm.

Interested in joining? Email Ned at [music@holytrinity-elca.org](mailto:music@holytrinity-elca.org)

### **10:30 Singers and Instrumentalists (Rehearsals Begin Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> @ 10:10am)**



Not an early riser? Well, the 10:30am worship service is the place for you! We are always in need of singers and instrumentalists to help lead the hymns and play / sing during the offertory. We rehearse 20 minutes before worship.

Interested in joining? Email Ned at [music@holytrinity-elca.org](mailto:music@holytrinity-elca.org)

### **Joyful Noise (Rehearsals Are Year-Round @ 4:15pm)**



Our worship ensemble is growing but we could still use additional members, especially singers, electric bass, drums, and hand chime ringers. Communion Setting 12 from the new ELCA hymnal supplement "All Creation Sings" has parts for piano, organ, guitar, electric bass, drums, and every wind & brass instrument you would find in a concert band. So, dust off those instruments, get a new clarinet reed, tune up that tuba, and come play in Joyful Noise. We rehearse year-round at 4:15pm on Saturdays before 5pm worship.

Interested in joining? Email Ned at [music@holytrinity-elca.org](mailto:music@holytrinity-elca.org)

### **Holy Trinity Ringers (Rehearsals Begin Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> @ 12 Noon)**

We had a fantastic season and have some great plans in the works for this program year. Come on out and give handbells a try. We need to fill some ringing positions to continue to ring 3-octave music. We also need alternates/subs when people are away. Rehearsals are every Sunday, Sept. – June. from Noon-12:30pm. Interested in joining? Email Ned at [music@holytrinity-elca.org](mailto:music@holytrinity-elca.org)



### **Children's Choir (Rehearsals Begin Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30am)**



Children's Music

The Children's choir is sounding great! The choir is open to all children from our littlest Lutherans all the way up to our youth helpers. Rehearsals take place every Sunday @ 11:30am Sept. – June. in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor music area. If you would like to sign your child up for the Holy Trinity Children's Choir, email Ned at [music@holytrinity-elca.org](mailto:music@holytrinity-elca.org)

### **Camera Operators Needed**



You know the saying... "Many hands make light work". Helpers are needed to run the livestream camera weekly @ 8:45am and during the winter months @ 10:30am. If you can swipe on an iPad, you can run the camera. No previous experience necessary. Training is available. Time requirement... about 20 min. before worship. Please email Ned at [music@holytrinity-elca.org](mailto:music@holytrinity-elca.org) if you can help.

It's raining. I had hoped to squeeze in a gentle walk/jog before tackling everything else. My house feels vacant. Some children and grandchildren spent the entire summer or lengthened weekends. One son, having had Fort Dix as a duty station, had returned home for the last several years, a particular blessing for my wife and me. All of them have packed up and have begun a new period of their lives. Those relatively close by seem suddenly far away.

Some of my most esteemed friends at Holy Trinity have serious health problems. Several have died, gone to be with the Lord. Others have been nearly overwhelmed by challenges of a different kind.

I don't want to sound like I'm grumbling. I am not. I certainly don't want to be like the grumbling Israelites in the desert wilderness that drove Moses to dark despair and whom God felt needed an extra 40 years to learn to trust him.

Perhaps the real blessing of this season is that the Lord God has been at work among us. Have you noticed He has been working with and through his church? At hard beginnings and earthly endings, during gray days and periods of painful losses, be it of loved ones or one's own identity, God has been seeking to instill within us a progressing, revived, and recommitted faith.

I don't know the exact number of memorial services over which Pastor Mary has presided. A lot! I do know that in a recent eight day stretch she has comforted, encouraged, invited, persuaded, and taught at four memorial services. There was no hint of tedium or weariness. Instead, we had a shepherdess chosen by the Good Shepherd using the poetry of her prose fully intent on making sure everyone heard the hope that comes only because Jesus is the Resurrection and Life. Her steadfast love and faith was visible. At one service, a large family procession accompanied the casket to the altar. After Pastor Mary finished the welcoming words, she realized that group had not received bulletins. She hastened to find extras from Fellowship Hall and then personally went down to hand them out before stepping up into the pulpit. I wrote in my bulletin, "Pastor Mary, Ever the servant. Like Jesus washing feet." A humble act of love, but an observable blessing indeed.

Yet the blessing of those memorial services was the whole group of the faithful and trusting serving as ushers, communion assistants, musicians, readers. Comforters in numbers. All are evidence of the power of faith and Christ's real presence. A particular gift was the repast made possible through Holy Trinity's own special group of dedicated workers we call "Care Core." All present became a lasting blessing much appreciated by each other. Holy Trinity is a place of friends and impactful memories. Thank you for shining with the light of Christ and pushing back the darkness. What joy it is to be together with you.

Here is further evidence of God's faith-building efforts at Holy Trinity.

This summer a small group of us took the opportunity to finish through chapter 12, that part of John's Gospel often described as "Book of Signs." Out of the hundreds, if not thousands of signs Jesus did, John chose seven. We explored their meaning diving deeply into their Old Testament roots and the context in Jesus' days on earth. John combined the signs with Jesus' conversations with people like Nicodemus and the Samaritan woman and introduced several "I AM" statements. John clearly and succinctly claims "these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God and that believing you may have life in his name." (John 20:30-31 ESV). The watchword of our group was "Behold," meaning to look harder, more carefully, to recognize that there is more there than what meets the eye. The more we looked, the more we believed that John's writing, its content and literary design, was spectacularly inspired by the Holy Spirit. How then could we not believe and trust our Lord Jesus ever more strongly? I am grateful for the group who spent eight weeks together. Their interest pushed us to learn so much more.

***"Behold, God is my salvation;  
I will trust, and will not be afraid;  
for the Lord God is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation." (Isaiah 12:2 ESV)***

Come, your presence at Holy Trinity will be blessed by our faith inspiring Lord.





## **Sunday School begins Sept 10!**

**All Parents, children and teachers will start out in the sanctuary for 10:30 a.m. worship. We will have a blessing of the backpacks and children's sermon before children and teachers are dismissed to their classrooms.**

**September 17 we will begin our regular schedule with students in their classrooms at 10:15 a.m. then heading up to the sanctuary during worship at 11 a.m.**

**We have 3 new teachers in the first/second grade class.**

**Please welcome – Patty Forbes, Christine Burger, and Danielle Rapp.**

**On September 17 there will be a parent meeting in Fellowship Hall at 10:15 a.m.**

**Volunteer signups will be posted for events throughout the school year.**

**Some of those dates /activities are listed below:**



**Oct., 8 – Columbus Day weekend - Sunday FunDay**

**Nov., 26 – Sunday after Thanksgiving – Advent craft**

**Dec., 10 & 17 - Advent pageant; help with costumes, Dec. 10; help with the pageant, Dec., 17.**

**Jan., 14 – Martin Luther King weekend - Sunday FunDay**

**Jan., 28 – Congregational weekend – Pancake breakfast**

**Feb., 18 – Presidents Day weekend - Sunday FunDay**

**An email was sent out prior to the start of classes which included an attached registration form. Please bring the completed form with you on Sunday Sept., 10. Forms will also be available on that day in Fellowship Hall and the Sunday School office. Welcome to all!**

**Donna Dreibelbis, Sunday School Superintendent**





**Confirmation Connection (Begins Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm)**

**Our first Confirmation Connection gathering will be Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm.** We will gather on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of the month at 5pm for worship, 6pm for dinner, followed by games and class. Each gathering concludes at 8pm. Several “fun nights” will be scheduled, and all are encouraged to participate in the NJ Synod Fall Youth Retreat in November. **September 16<sup>th</sup> will be an info session for all parents and confirmands.** We will go over the schedule, expectations of youth & parents, and discuss all things “Confirmation”. Parents will have the opportunity to sign up to be Confirmation Connection Guides and/or Event Helpers. We can always use more helpers at Confirmation Connection.

Please direct emails to [confirmation@holytrinity-elca.org](mailto:confirmation@holytrinity-elca.org)



**Youth Group (Begins Wednesday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm)**



Middle School and High School Youth, keep a lookout for emails and social media posts about Youth Group start up. **September 13<sup>th</sup> will be a dinner and info session for all parents and confirmands @ 6:30pm.** Regular meeting dates are still being finalized. We need parent leaders to help this group grow. Parents, if you can be a leader/helper and/or your child would like to participate in Youth Group, please email Ned. [yfm@holytrinity-elca.org](mailto:yfm@holytrinity-elca.org)

**Attention High School Youth!**

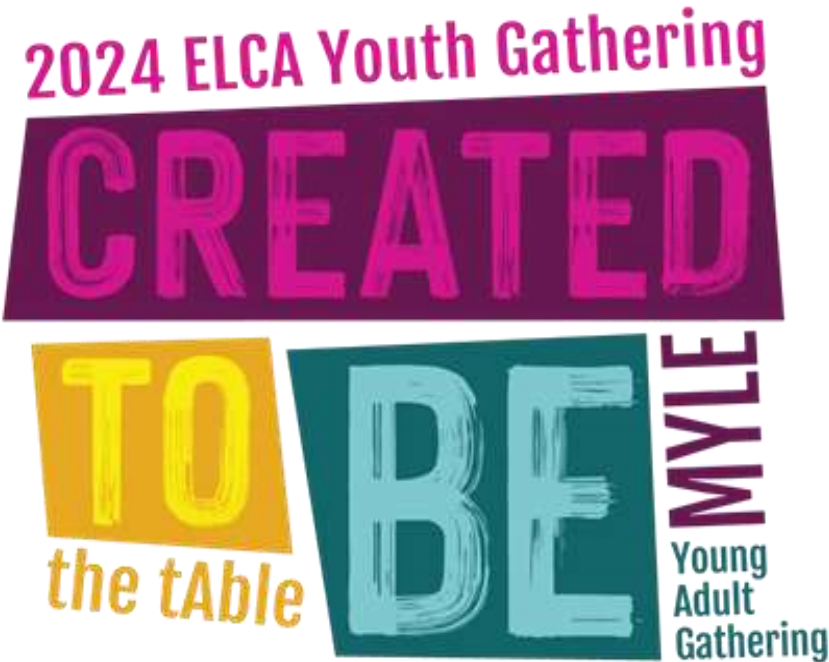
We’re thrilled to share the theme for the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering:

“Created to Be” based on Psalm 139:14— “I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.”

**Mark your calendars for the 2024 National Youth Gathering, July 16-20 in New Orleans!**

Preparation for this event begins this September in Youth Group. Youth participants must be in eighth to 12th grade at the time of registration

(fall 2023). Adult leaders accompanying youth to the Gathering must be at least 21 years old at the time of the Gathering.







# New Jersey Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

August 2023

Dear Congregations,

**Save the date!** The 2023 NJ Synod Youth Retreat is November 17-19 at the Sheraton Edison. All youth grades 6-12 and their adult leaders are invited to join us for a weekend of faith, fellowship, and fun! Our theme this year is REJOICE!

Find the attached flyer with more information. We encourage you to hang it up at your church for youth to learn about this event!

This is a great opportunity to connect your youth with others across the state. Only have 1 youth from your church who wants to come? No problem! Have a whole youth group that wants to come? Great! All are welcome to join in on a fun weekend to REJOICE in God's love together!

Registration runs from September 1st to October 30th on our website:

<https://www.njsynod.org/youth-events>.

The cost for the event is \$225 per person, and we have plenty of scholarships available to make this accessible for all! We want ALL youth to attend and want to help connect churches from across the state. Do not hesitate to reach out - if you have any questions or want more information about scholarships and the retreat in general, email us at [youthmin@njsynod.org](mailto:youthmin@njsynod.org).

We hope to talk with you soon!

-Alyssa Gautieri, Jess Clarke, and Helen Payanzo



**NJ SYNOD**

**YOUTH RETREAT**

**REJOICE!**

What:	SYNOD YOUTH RETREAT
Who:	All youth in grades 6-12 and their adult leaders
Where:	Sheraton Hotel in Edison, NJ
When:	Friday to Sunday, November 17-19, 2023
Registration:	September 1st - October 30th! <a href="https://www.njsynod.org/youth-events">https://www.njsynod.org/youth-events</a>
Cost:	\$225 per person (includes hotel, meals, t-shirt, snacks, and programming!)



# Furniture Bank Report for Sept/Oct

## Nothing Fits Anywhere!



This past week has been a study in patience and impossibility. More or less, nothing fits anywhere! But, I’m getting ahead of myself. You’ve probably heard the expression, “where there’s a will there’s a way.” After our bed pickup in June, I would amend that to “where there’s a will there’s a Wolf!” Why? A bed was donated to the Furniture Bank. It was on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. I have no idea how they got it in there, (maybe built the house around it), but it was clear that the box spring was never going down their spiral staircase. Mattresses are flexible. Box springs are not. But, Wolf had an idea. We could put straps around the box spring and lower it over the railing directly into The Hammer. See photos. It worked!!

Most of our issues are not with removing donated furniture; they are with getting the furniture into the client’s apartment. I’m sure there are building codes for the width of doors in residences. Whatever they are, I guess it only applies to new construction which, of course, is not what we’re dealing with. In my opinion, either the law should require wider doors, or smaller furniture. Oh, and there should also be a rule that if you have a high rise senior residence building, you must have an elevator big enough to hold a sofa. How are they supposed to get furniture up there?

On Saturday, we delivered a sectional to client who had a studio apartment. I tried to talk him out of it, but he was sure it would fit. I estimate that the room was about 12’x12’. What he neglected to mention was that it was on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. Nevertheless, the client and Wolf carried the largest part up the stairs where (as expected), it wouldn’t fit through his 29” door. See photo of sectional stuck in the door below. In the end, we took the door off and got it inside.



On Monday, we took a nice sofa to a senior building in Long Branch. There were people there who were to take it inside. While we went back to pick up a mattress, they tried. It didn’t fit in the elevator and although they tried to take it up the stairs, she was on the 9<sup>th</sup> floor. When we returned with the mattress, we picked up the sofa and took it back to our storage area!

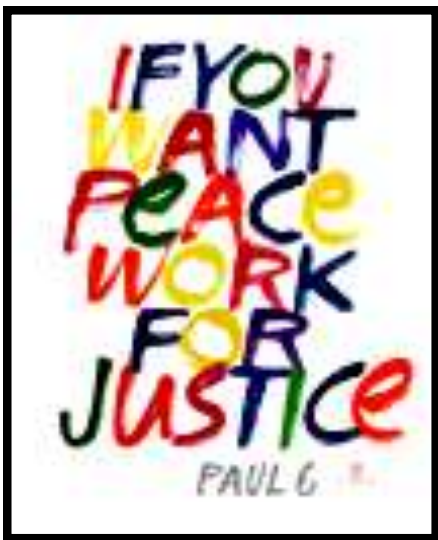
Later the same day, we took another sofa to a client in Asbury. He and his 6 kids had an apartment in a house. His front door was down the hall behind the stairwell. The hallway was only 29” wide, which was already too narrow, and the apartment door -- 25”. We couldn’t even get the arm chair down the hall. We had to hoist it over a fence onto the back porch.

Then on Wednesday, we attempted to deliver a sofa and love seat to another apartment in Asbury Park. Of course it wouldn’t go through the door and the legs weren’t the type that easily come off. While we were trying to get the door off, we heard a big crash. Someone sideswiped Zorro parked at the curb. I’m not happy that his beautiful left side had been scraped off (including the mirror), but worse was that apparently the tie-rod broke. Not that I know what a tie-rod is, but Wolf said he couldn’t steer! We are waiting for the adjuster to take a look. Meanwhile, we expect that not having Zorro will really hinder our productivity.





**UPDATES AND COMING EVENTS FROM THE JUSTICE AND PEACE ADVOCACY TEAM**



While we had no official meeting during the month of July, that didn't mean we were idle. We hosted a summer social at the Clubhouse in Barclay Woods on July 13 where 24 of our members, family, and friends gathered to enjoy an evening of appetizers, desserts, and libations. The evening was marked by wonderful fellowship, animated conversations, and a great deal of fun!

The Care for Creation group conducted a Wraps and Rap on Saturday evening, July 22 which attracted approximately 30 attendees to view a documentary about the Wine to Water organization. Having raised over \$1,000 to purchase water filters, those present assembled enough filters to provide a year's worth of clean water for 300 people in need. Given that many of us who attended enjoyed the wine that was served, assembling the filters was no small feat but, nevertheless, we persevered.

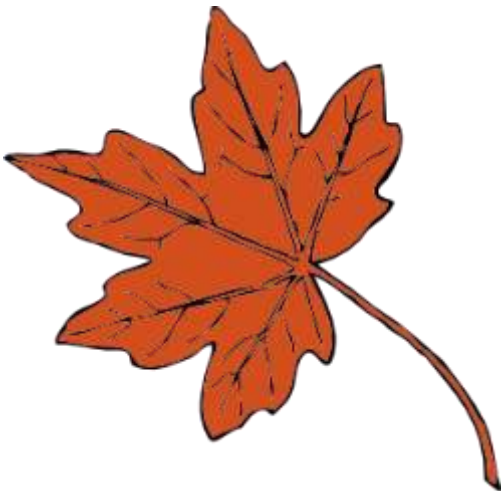
On July 25, several of our Justice and Peace team attended a Social Sips event at the Watermark in Asbury Park in support of the Trinity Center for Community. Approximately 140 folks gathered to celebrate the organization and the impact that they are having in southern Monmouth County.

Once again, Holy Trinity is fielding a team to ride in the Bike Ride for Food Justice which will be held on September 9 at Trinity Episcopal in Asbury Park. Under the banner of "God's Work, Our Wheels", our team captain Susan Ardito will be leading us in an effort to raise funds for the many ministries at Trinity that provide food and shelter where the need is great. Our goal is to duplicate the \$6,000 contribution we were able to make last year. For those from our HT faith family who are not bikers, you can still make a contribution during the Justice and Peace sponsored coffee hour on Sunday, September 17.

Our Immigration and Refugee subcommittee will be hosting a coffee hour on October 29 to continue their focus on that topic. Proceeds will go toward helping support Rosy Pablo Cruz who was the author of the book which we read last fall. She and her children have been granted asylum after their harrowing trek from Guatemala.

Finally, this fall we will begin planning for our study on gun violence which will be offered in 2024. This will be an ecumenical effort which will include, at a minimum, our Justice and Peace Committee, the Manasquan Quakers, and representatives from Trinity Episcopal. Stay tuned for more information.

Letitia Jensen and Leslie Smith,  
Co-Chairs, Justice and Peace Advocacy Team



**PIG ROAST CANCELLED**



Sadly, due to low turnout, the pig roast must be cancelled.

Tom Hall, our church member who runs this event must order the pig a week in advance and he said we would have to double the number of attendees to make it feasible. Reimbursement for all who purchased tickets will be by check within a few weeks.

**WEDNESDAY 7 A.M. IN-PERSON WORSHIP WITH VIRTUAL OPTION RETURNS ON SEPT. 20**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 7 P.M. HEALING SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION**

*“Are any among you suffering? They should pray... Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord... The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.”* (James 5:13-14, 16) Our healing service includes Scripture, song, prayer, lighting of candles, laying on of hands and anointing with oil, and Holy Communion. You are welcomed to join us!



*Intercessory Prayer*

We meet virtually on Tuesdays at 11 a.m.  
If you have a prayer request, or would like to join us, please contact Pastor Mary or Peter Seggel at 862-588-5107.



**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS/USHERS ALWAYS NEEDED!**

Communion assistant/lectors (to read Scripture and prayers plus serve trays with pre-filled consecrated wine and white grape juice) and ushers are needed for worship Saturdays at 5 p.m. and Sundays at 8:45 and 10:30 a.m. [Click here](#) to sign up online (or use “Sign-Ups” button on the website homepage). If not online, please contact the church office if you’d like to help out (office@holytrinity-elca.org/732-223-0533 ext. 10).



**HOLY TRINITY’S INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT— 439 FOLLOWERS!**

Help spread the news of our vibrant ministries and welcoming family of faith.

You can officially follow us @HolyTrinity\_Squan.

Please email any photos you’d like to submit for posting to

[instagram@holytrinity-elca.org](mailto:instagram@holytrinity-elca.org).

Thank you to our Evangelism team for expanding our social media presence!







## IT'S JUST AROUND THE CORNER!!!

### NEARLY NEW CLOTHING SALE/BOUTIQUE/BAKE SALE: SEPT 28 - 30.



**Bakers and helpers needed!** Please sign up to bake or help with the sale in Fellowship Hall. You may also use the Sign Ups link below or on the HT website; <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054BADAC2CA4FA7-bake>. Containers for packaging your sweet and savory treats are available, and there are bags for your clothes too! Don't forget, we are also collecting costume jewelry. There is a drop box on the stage of Fellowship Hall for your forgotten friendship bracelets, hippie beads and mood rings, men's and women's costume jewelry, broken items, craft beads, etc. The **easy way to donate clothing** - bag it, tag it (adult/child/summer/winter etc.) and drop it off in FH from Sept 22 -Sept 27. The **easiest way** - bag it, tag it and drive by the HT parking lot on Sunday Sept 24, 11:30-1:30 and drop it off. Helpers will take it all into FH for you! All proceeds from the bake sale benefit the Manasquan Food Pantry, and our continued assistance is **vital**. The funds raised ensure continued distribution of food to those in need.



### Gifts Given

**July 1-2** - "Thank you!" to all those who supported the kick-off of Lutheran World Relief coffee & chocolate sales this past weekend. This will be an ongoing opportunity to support LWR, Third World farmers, and our Evangelism ministries. Visit our Holy Trinity website to access a convenient Sign-Up Genius order form all year long. As we enjoy quality coffee and chocolate products, we take satisfaction in knowing our purchases give growers the resources to succeed, including a more-than-Fair-Trade price up front, profit-sharing, and training in sustainable farming. What a great way to fight and prevent poverty! Other products will be available in the fall. Special thanks to Maggie O'Hare for helping with sales on Saturday evening, Barb Vogel & Barbara Cole for assisting in set-up & clean-up for coffee hour. *Carolyn Zengel* (P.S. from Pastor Mary: Thank you, Carolyn, for coordinating all of this for us !)

**July 8-9** - Dear Pastor Mary, Members of the HT Congregation Council and faith community, Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the "Happy Retirement" Wine & Cheese on Sat., June 10! George and I truly appreciated the effort made on my behalf to produce such a beautiful spread, and we were touched that so many turned out to join the celebration following 5 p.m. Worship. My transition from staffer to participant in HT Life will be on-going but I know the warmth and fellowship I have already experienced shall also continue as I continue to support the good work of Christian Ministry at HT. May our Lord bless you all – I look forward to seeing you again soon.

**July 15-16** - "Help wanted!" Incoming 1st and 2nd grade Sunday School students are in search of teachers! Two mother/daughter teams have just stepped down from teaching our primary graders: Kelly & Rylee Rotsma and Jamie & Sadie Tuzeneu. Thank you, ladies! We are now in need of teachers to fill their shoes. Love of Jesus and love of the children are our 2 prime requirements. Please contact our Sun. School superintendent, Donna Dreibelbis ([sundayschool@holytrinity-elca.org](mailto:sundayschool@holytrinity-elca.org)), if the Holy Spirit is tugging on your heart! Kelly Rotsma has written the following overview of what the commitment entails: "I would say that for me, with absolutely no teaching experience, it was a relatively simple and extremely rewarding experience. The lessons are provided in time-intervals so planning is easy. The kids LOVE crafts and there is typically a simple craft or activity suggested for each lesson (minimal supplies are needed). Also, they love snack-time which we started having at the start of class, kind of like a kids' coffee hour, to make it fun so they looked forward to coming to Sunday School. The actual "teaching time" was about 30 minutes after snack and the craft or activity before going up to church.

It was amazing to watch them go from "new readers" to "strong readers" as we read from the Spark Bibles each week! Believe me when I say, if I can do it, anyone can do it!! Rylee and I will miss it and we are so grateful for the opportunity!" Sunday School will resume on Sept. 10, the Sun. after Labor Day. Classes meet approximately 3 Sundays a month from Sept. through May, 10:15-11:00 a.m., when children are dismissed to join the adults in worship. Scripture reassures us, ***“No one who trusts God like this—heart and soul—will ever regret it... Everyone who calls, ‘Help, God!’ gets help. But how can people call for help if they don’t know who to trust? And how can they know who to trust if they haven’t heard of the One who can be trusted? And how can they hear if nobody tells them? And how is anyone going to tell them, unless someone is sent to do it?”*** (Romans 10:10, 13-15a, *The Message*)

**July 22-23** - The Holy Trinity Women’s Retreat is an annual “gift given” to those who attend! Oct. 20-22 are our dates this year. Flexible check-in begins at 3 p.m. on Fri., with dinner following at 6:30 p.m., and activities continuing through lunch on Sunday. Would you like to help decide on a theme and plan the weekend?? Pastor Mary is hosting brunch at the parsonage on Sat., July 29, 10 a.m. Just let her know if you can attend. Retreat cost will once again be \$100/person, due to a generous “gift given” by an anonymous church friend, enabling us to charge just 50% of the actual cost.

**July 29-30** - Clean water is a gift from God and a necessity for healthy life. Through our partnership with the “Wine to Water” charity, we have learned that the top reason children die before the age of 5 is lack of clean water. There are people who spend 7-8 hours per day carrying pails of water up mountains just to cook and bathe. A sincere thank you to all who donated funds and helped to assemble the water filter kits with the Caring for Creation Team of Justice & Peace. We had a wonderful evening of fellowship while helping our neighbors all over the world access safe drinking water. Through your generosity, Holy Trinity has helped bring 300 people clean, safe water for 1 year. May God Bless you and those who will receive your generous gift.

**August 5-6** - Whether you're planning to attend a concert, a Bible study, an adult forum, a Sunday School family event, adult fellowship or worship at Holy Trinity, please invite a friend or family member to "Come and see!" We received this thank you note from a participant in "Wine to Water"/Wraps & Rap a couple weeks ago: *Dear Pastor Mary and Justice & Peace Committee, Thank you so much for allowing me to participate in your ministry. Each time I visit your church I am grateful for God's blessings. You are filled with joy. This is how our faith family and our ministries grow: one person at a time! At any age, nothing beats a personal invitation from a loved one, a neighbor, a schoolmate, teammate or a coworker. Spread the goodness!*

**August 12-13** - Social Ministry was able to provide neighbors-in-need with back-to-school shopping assistance because of our faith family's continued support. Five \$75 gift cards were distributed to local families. We also shopped the Amazon Wish List for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Ocean County and purchased seven backpacks and twenty-six insulated lunch bags for the foster children under CASA’s umbrella. We are happy and blessed to be able to support the children and hope this makes their back-to-school experience a happy and less stressful one. Thanks for your continued support of all Social Ministry’s outreach. The fall Nearly New Clothing Sale is our primary fundraiser. See more info in these announcements!

**August 19-20** - Jude Meehan, Catherine Schwier and Donna Dreibelbis, thank you! In preparation for the new Sunday School year beginning on Sept. 10, there’s a deep clean and thorough clear-out happening in our HT basement. Jude has provided dumpsters (so much easier than putting things out at the curb!). Donna (HT Sunday School superintendent), Catherine and Jude (Property co-chairs), have been assisted by youth: Noah Mencer, Jonathan Waldeyer, Devin Kelly, Ewan Coppola. *“So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.”* (Galatians 6:10)

**August 26-27** - Ned is on vacation this weekend and Eric McLaughlin is subbing in the loft. It’s a gift to our faith family to have Eric, and often Vicki as well, enhancing our worship with their musical talents. Even when Ned is present, Eric & Vicki are frequently playing, singing, and on occasion helping to direct our children’s choir. We thank this young couple for their soulful participation in our Life Together!





## HAPPENINGS AT HOLY TRINITY



*Red roses celebrate birth!*

*"Children are a gift from the Lord...."* ❤️ (Psalm 127:3)

A daughter, Mya Grace, was born to Kelly & John Bonito, on July 14. Baby Mya weighed in at 6 lbs. 10 oz. and joins big brother Jayce. His maternal grandparents are HT members Susan & Keith Spill.

A daughter, Daisy Rae, was born to Vanessa and Ross Elliott on August 1. The baby weighed in at 7 pounds, 10 ounces and is 19.5 inches long. Big sister is Marigold Mae; maternal grandmother is HT member Candiee Flores.

A daughter, Charlotte Olivia, to Nancy & Greg Penn on August 12. The baby arrived at 6 pounds, 10 ounces, 19 inches long.

A son, Edward (Teddy) Joseph to Melissa & Peter Greenwood on August 16. The baby arrived at 7 pounds, 5 ounces, 20.5 inches long! Proud grandfather is Doug Meyer.

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### BAPTISMS

On July 30 during 10:30 worship, we welcomed Ivy Mae Garcia-SucHECKi into the Body of Christ through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Her parents are Carly Mae SucHECKi & Jose Garcia-Diaz; her older brother is Wolfgang. Baptismal sponsors are Megan SucHECKi and Felipe Garcia.

On August 6 during 10:30 worship we welcomed twins, Joseph Robert David and Lily Anne Piompino into the Body of Christ through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Their parents are Caitlin Elizabeth Hart & Kevin Michael Piompino; their older sister is Ava Kathleen and older brother is Noah Matthew. Baptismal sponsors for Joseph are Wayne Banghart and Rozziel Murrin. Sponsors for Lily Anne are Xander Rice and Lachelle Jones.

On August 20 During 10:30 worship we welcomed Finley Creehan Cox into the Body of Christ through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. His parents are Megan Cox & Tyler Cox; his older brother is Hudson. Baptismal sponsors are Sara Cox and Jason Cox. Paternal grandparents are Paul & Peggy Cox.



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### *A white rose is placed in the chancel in loving memory of...*



John George, who passed from earthly to everlasting life on Wednesday, August 2. Our faith family extends love and prayers to John's wife Janet and to their sons John Robert and Michael. There are tentative plans for a memorial service at Holy Trinity in the autumn.



Carol Corbally, who passed from earthly to everlasting life on August 9. Our love and our prayers are with Carol's daughter Sharon Nicholas, Carol's son Jim Krampert, and their families.



Tom Sabo, who passed from earthly to everlasting life on Saturday, August 26. Our faith family extends love and prayers to Tom's wife, Nancy, and their daughter Connie Rae.

*...and we remember ...*














Jordan Michael Mrazek, who passed from earthly to everlasting life on Monday, August 21. Our love and prayers are with his family.

Patricia Lord, who passed from earthly to everlasting life on Friday, August 25. Our love and prayers are with her daughter, Denise Clayton, and her family.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
AA=Alcoholics Anonymous AC=Adult Choir CC=Confirmation Connection CR=Council Room CMG=Memorial Churchyard Garden FH=Fellowship Hall FHC=First Holy Communion GA=Gamblers Anonymous GG=Genealogy Group GOM=Gathering of Men HC= Holy Communion HE=Hanbell Ensemble	HSYG=High School Youth Group J & P= Justice & Peace Advocacy JSC=Jersey Shore Chorale KC=Kid’s Choir NA=Narcotics Anonymous S&I=Singers & Instrumentalists SCS=Sunday Church School Y & FM=Youth & Family Ministry YC=Youth Choir				<b>1</b> <div>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAYS</div> <b>11 a.m. T. Sabo Memorial Service</b>  <b>7 p.m. Retirement Celebration of Pr. Joe Gratzel - 1st Baptist Church</b>	<b>2 8:30 a.m.</b> AA (lower level)   <b>4:15 p.m.</b> Joyful Noise rehearsal <b>5 p.m.</b> HC
<b>3 8:45 a.m.</b> HC <b>10:30 a.m.</b> HC	<b>4</b> Labor Day Church Office Closed	<b>5</b> <b>11 a.m.</b> Virtual Intercessory Prayer   <b>7 p.m.</b> NA (lower level) 7 p.m. J&P (zoom) <b>7:30 p.m.</b> JSC	<b>6 7 a.m.</b> HC - CANCELLED  <b>7:30 p.m.</b> GA (lower level)	<b>7</b>  <b>7 p.m.</b> AC	<b>8</b> <div>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAYS</div>	<b>9 8:30 a.m.</b> AA (lower level) and GOM (CR)    <b>4:15 p.m.</b> Joyful Noise rehearsal <b>5 p.m.</b> HC
<b>10 8 a.m.</b> AC  <b>8:45 a.m.</b> HC  <b>10 a.m.</b> Social Ministry hosts CH  <b>10:30 a.m.</b> HC Sunday School begins  <b>11:30 a.m.</b> GG (CR)	<b>11</b>   <b>7 p.m.</b> Social Ministry (CR)	<b>12</b> <b>11 a.m.</b> Virtual Intercessory Prayer   <b>7 p.m.</b> Property (CR) <b>7 p.m.</b> NA (lower level) <b>7:30 p.m.</b> JSC	<b>13 7 a.m.</b> HC - CANCELLED  <b>7:30 p.m.</b> GA (lower level)	<b>14</b>  <b>7 p.m.</b> AC	<b>15</b> <div>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAYS</div>  <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Wedding	<b>16 8:30 a.m.</b> AA (lower level)   <b>4:15 p.m.</b> Joyful Noise rehearsal <b>5 p.m.</b> HC <b>6 p.m.</b> CC
<b>17 8 a.m.</b> AC <b>8:45 a.m.</b> HC <b>10 a.m.</b> J&P hosts CH–Ride for Food Justice <b>10 a.m.</b> S&I <b>10:15 a.m.</b> SCS <b>10:30 a.m.</b> HC <b>11:30 a.m.</b> YC <b>12 p.m.</b> HE	<b>18</b> <b>12 p.m.</b> Ministerium lunch (CR)   <b>7 p.m.</b> Finance	<b>19</b> <b>11 a.m.</b> Virtual Intercessory Prayer   <b>7 p.m.</b> Luther in a Nutshell (virtual)  <b>7 p.m.</b> NA (lower level)  <b>7:30 p.m.</b> JSC	<b>20 7 a.m.</b> HC Resumes  <b>Nearly New Clothing Sale Set up</b>  <b>7 p.m.</b> Healing Service  <b>7:30 p.m.</b> GA (lower level)	<b>21</b>   <b>7 p.m.</b> Stephen Ministry supervision <b>7 p.m.</b> AC	<b>22</b> <div>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAYS</div>	<b>23 8:30 a.m.</b> AA (lower level)   <b>4:15 p.m.</b> Joyful Noise rehearsal <b>5 p.m.</b> HC
<b>24 8 a.m.</b> AC <b>8:45 a.m.</b> HC <b>10:15 a.m.</b> SCS <b>10:30 a.m.</b> HC <b>11:30 a.m.</b> GG (CR) <b>11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.</b> Clothing Drive By Drop Off  <b>11:30 a.m.</b> YC <b>12:00 p.m.</b> HE	<b>25</b>      <b>7 p.m.</b> Council	<b>26</b> <b>11 a.m.</b> Virtual Intercessory Prayer   <b>7 p.m.</b> 100th Anniversary Comm. (CR)  <b>7 p.m.</b> NA (lower level)  <b>7:30 p.m.</b> JSC	<b>27 7 a.m.</b> HC     <b>7:30 p.m.</b> GA (lower level)	<b>28</b>  <b>2 - 8 p.m.</b> Nearly New Clothing Sale  <b>7 p.m.</b> AC	<b>29</b> <div>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAYS</div> <b>9 a.m. - 3 p.m.</b> Nearly New Clothing Sale	<b>30 8:30 a.m.</b> AA (lower level)  <b>9a.m. - 12 p.m.</b> Nearly New Clothing Sale (BAG DAY)   <b>4:15 p.m.</b> Joyful Noise rehearsal <b>5p.m.</b> HC - Baptism <b>6 p.m.</b> CC





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 8 a.m. AC 8:45 a.m. HC 10:15 a.m. SCS 10:30 a.m. HC Blessing of the Animals. Outside worship, weather permitting.  11:30 a.m. KC 12 p.m. HE	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 11 a.m. Virtual Intercessory Prayer   4:30 p.m. Stewardship  7 p.m. NA (lower level) 7:30 p.m. JSC	<b>4</b> 7 a.m. HC   7:30 p.m. GA (lower level)	<b>5</b>   7 p.m. AC	<b>6</b>  CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAYS	<b>7</b> 8:30 a.m. AA (lower level)   4:15 p.m. Joyful Noise rehearsal 5 p.m. HC  6 p.m. New Member Meet & Greet (parsonage)
<b>8</b> 8 a.m. AC 8:45 a.m. HC  10 a.m. S&I 10:15 a.m. SCS 10:30 a.m. HC 11:30 a.m. KC 11:30 a.m. GG (CR) 11:45 a.m. W&M 12 p.m. HE	<b>9</b>    7 p.m. Social Ministry (CR)	<b>10</b> 11 a.m. Virtual Intercessory Prayer   7 p.m. Property  7 p.m. NA (lower level) 7:30 p.m. JSC	<b>11</b> 7 a.m. HC  11 a.m. Lectionary (Scripture) Study at HT  7 p.m. Lectionary (Scripture) Study at St. Denis  7:30 p.m. GA (lower level)	<b>12</b>   7 p.m. AC	<b>13</b>  CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAYS	<b>14</b> 8:30 a.m. AA (lower level) and GOM (CR) 2 p.m. Wedding  4:15 p.m. Joyful Noise rehearsal 5 p.m. HC 6 p.m. CC
<b>15</b> 8 a.m. AC  8:45 a.m. HC Reception of New Members followed by 'Welcome' CH  10 a.m. S&I 10:15 a.m. SCS 10:30 a.m. HC 11:30 a.m. KC 12 p.m. HE	<b>16</b>   7 p.m. Finance	<b>17</b> 11 a.m. Virtual Intercessory Prayer   7 p.m. NA (lower level)  7:30 p.m. JSC	<b>18</b> 7 a.m. HC  11 a.m. Lectionary (Scripture) Study at HT  7 p.m. Lectionary (Scripture) Study at St. Denis  7:30 p.m. GA (lower level)	<b>19</b>  7 p.m. AC  7 p.m. Stephen Ministry supervision (CR)	<b>20</b>  CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAYS   6 p.m. Women's Retreat begins with dinner in Mendham.	<b>21</b> 8:30 a.m. AA (lower level)   4:15 p.m. Joyful Noise rehearsal 5 p.m. HC
<b>22</b> 8 a.m. AC 8:45 a.m. HC 10 a.m. S&I 10:15 a.m. SCS 10:30 a.m. HC 11:30 a.m. KC 11:30 a.m. GG (CR) 12 p.m. HE Women's Retreat ends with lunch.	<b>23</b>   7 p.m. Council	<b>24</b> 11 a.m. Virtual Intercessory Prayer   7 p.m. NA (lower level)  7:30 p.m. JSC	<b>25</b> 7 a.m. HC 11 a.m. Lectionary (Scripture) Study at HT 7 p.m. Lectionary (Scripture) Study at St. Denis  7:30 p.m. GA (lower level)	<b>26</b>   7 p.m. AC	<b>27</b>  CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAYS	<b>28</b> 8:30 a.m. AA (lower level) 1 p.m. John George Memorial Service   4:15 p.m. Joyful Noise rehearsal 5 p.m. HC 6 p.m. CC
<b>29</b> 8 a.m. AC 8:45 a.m. HC 10 a.m. S&I 10:00 a.m. CH hosted by J&P 10:15 a.m. SCS 10:30 a.m. HC 11:30 a.m. KC 12 p.m. HE Manasquan Food-Pantry's Harvest Sunday	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 11 a.m. Virtual Intercessory Prayer   7 p.m. NA (lower level)  7:30 p.m. JSC				



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## Wednesday Worship:

◆ 7 a.m. Holy Communion: in-person

## Weekend Worship:

- ◆ Saturday, 5 p.m. Holy Communion: in-person + virtual
- ◆ Sunday, 8:45 a.m. Holy Communion: in-person + virtual
- ◆ Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion: in-person + virtual

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