



# Holy Trinity

Lutheran Church

SUMMER 2018

*Mission Initiatives: Lutheran Social Services  
Graham Road Elementary School*

## Summer I: Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area—Camp Youth Haven

Let's get together and sponsor a Youth Haven Camper during the week of  
**July 29-August 4**

For the past 19 years, Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area's Youth Haven Camp has provided hope, guidance, and new beginnings for vulnerable youth facing the unique challenge of being young and living with an HIV diagnosis. This year, camp is expanding to also support youth living with substance use and mental illness to grow past stigma and manage their health in order to succeed. **Our goal is \$1,200. Deadline for donations is Sunday, July 8.**



- **Choose:** \$25 (for 1/4 day), \$50 (for 1/2 day) or \$100 (full day)
- **Check donations:** Please note LSS/NCA Camp Youth Haven in the memo line
- **Cash donations:** Please indicate the amount on your weekly offering envelope. There are also some small brown envelopes on the poster in the narthex.

## Summer II: Graham Road Elementary School — Backpacks and Books!! Timeframe: July 15 through mid-August

**Last year, Holy Trinity members were so generous during our Graham Road backpack donation and book fundraiser. We are doing it again this year!**



"Bright, colorful, trendy" backpacks are much enjoyed by the students. Last year we collected 80 backpacks .... can we equal or top that this year?

As you remember if you participated in (or read about) our book distribution drive last March, the students LOVE books! **This summer, we are again attempting to raise \$1,000 to provide a book for every child at Graham Road Elementary School.** Please use your weekly envelopes for cash—for checks, please designate Graham Road (GRES) Books on the memo line.



- ♦ The Rev. Michael Gutzler, Pastor  
[pastormike@holytrinityfallschurch.org](mailto:pastormike@holytrinityfallschurch.org)
- ♦ The Rev. Krista Vingelis, Pastor of Youth and Family Ministry  
[pastorkrista@holytrinityfallschurch.org](mailto:pastorkrista@holytrinityfallschurch.org)
- ♦ Joan Buscher, Parish Administrator  
[office@holytrinityfallschurch.org](mailto:office@holytrinityfallschurch.org)
- ♦ Josh Brown, Director of Music  
[josh@holytrinityfallschurch.org](mailto:josh@holytrinityfallschurch.org)
- ♦ Greg Bloy, Accompanist  
[gregbloy@holytrinityfallschurch.org](mailto:gregbloy@holytrinityfallschurch.org)
- ♦ Greg D'Addario, Communications Administrator  
[greg@holytrinityfallschurch.org](mailto:greg@holytrinityfallschurch.org)

- ♦ Kateleigh Clark, Director of Social Media and Brand Management—Falls Church  
[kateleigh@holytrinityfallschurch.org](mailto:kateleigh@holytrinityfallschurch.org)
- ♦ Laura Rose, Accountant
- ♦ Felicito Arana, Custodian
- ♦ Cynthia Espinoza, Nursery
- ♦ Eugenia Davis, Newsletter Editor  
[eugeniamdavis1@gmail.com](mailto:eugeniamdavis1@gmail.com)

### CHURCH COUNCIL OFFICERS and MEMBERS:

Pamela Kabati, President; Mary Minette, Vice President; Terry Bathen, Treasurer; Julie Davis, Secretary  
Marcia Ihnen, Mark Kerr, Scott Sherard, Anne Simmons, Karen Cockerham, Aurelia Khorsand

### TRUSTEES:

Jeffrey Ihnen, John Person, Lynn Tedesco, Jim LeMunyon

### MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND MEMBERS:

Dave Franke, Alfie Rulis, Tracy Strunk, Jeffrey Taylor, Jim LeMunyon

### MISSIONARY:

Stephen Deal (Latin America and the Caribbean) ELCA Division for Global Mission



## *Pastor's Peace*



Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> launched our summer season here at Holy Trinity. We started off the first of our two summer preaching series talking about the baptismal practice of the Gaul warrior population from Northern France and Belgium. In case you missed the message, the Gaul warriors would come into the water to be baptized by a priest, usually in a river or lake by full immersion, but would keep one hand out of the water and dry. Why did they do this? The Gaul warriors believed if they kept one hand dry, they could say that hand was “not baptized” and would be justifiably free to use it to wield a sword and attack enemies at will.

We may not have swords to wield, but sometimes we act like the Gaul warriors and attempt to keep other parts of our life dry from the baptismal waters of love, abundance, grace, forgiveness and life in Christ. When asked about the elements of our life we regularly try to keep from the baptismal life, one person mentioned driving while another mentioned politics; but there are other elements such as work, family, and money which fall into that same category.

The first part of the summer we are going to talk about Stewardship, or that act of getting completely wet in the baptismal waters. We are going to think about the elements of our lives we attempt to keep dry, and the benefits of handing those items over to God and embracing God's full control of our lives.

During the second part of the summer we are going to talk about rest and abiding with God. While we are together we will talk about the ways God and Jesus intentionally bring rest into their routines and how we can create some regular healthy practices. The hope is, by the time the summer comes to the end, we can use some of God's wisdom and put some healthy routines in place as we start the busier fall season.

Summer is a great time to be together. I am looking forward to these two seasons of Sunday worship, but I am also looking forward to our time of fellowship and fun. Be on the lookout over the next few months, for ways to relax and enjoy each other's company.

Lastly, with the arrival of our new intern, Corey Bergman, and the preparations of our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, please let me know if you have a little extra time this summer to volunteer. Your help is always appreciated.

Peace be with you,

*Pastor Mike*

### **Inside this issue:**

Mission	1
Pastor's Peace	2
Youth & Family	3
Council News	4, 5
Serving Others	9, 10
Year at a Glance	12

Next issue in  
September  
Covering our  
Fall news and  
activities



## Youth and Family News

by Pastor Krista, Youth and Family Ministry

### Blast Off to Houston!

The time has come and our youth and their adult leaders are off to Houston, TX, for the triennial ELCA Youth Gathering! Holy Trinity will be represented within the larger church body by Thomas Daniels, Peter Grutzik, Renee Grutzik, Emily Kile, Caroline Merkel, Sam Merkel, Nick Poreda, Steve Wake, Kat Kurtz and Pastor Mike Gutzler. Our faithful ten depart on Tuesday, June 26 and return on Monday, July 2. Please keep them in your prayers and follow their journey via social media. We'll be sending out more information about just how you can connect with our group while in Houston.

This year's theme is "This Changes Everything" based on Ephesians 2:8. Each night, Mass Gathering speakers will encourage, inspire and guide participants to consider that God's call, love, grace and hope change everything. Our group will be participating in daily worship, service, interactive learning and synodical time with more than 30,000 other Lutheran youth and adult leaders. They will attend bible studies, have fun in



Community Life, and even pray and play together. And our group will have opportunities for bonding and fellowship while attending a Houston Astros game, visiting the Houston Space Center and exploring the city of Houston on their own terms.

Our youth could not have this experience and opportunity without all of you. We recognize your love and support and the generosity of your financial gifts which make all this possible. Thank you for giving them this gift of grace. Thank you for opening a door to encountering Jesus in new and exciting ways. Thank you for giving them this experience of the Kingdom of God.

### Dessert Auction Thank You!

A big thank you to all who donated baked goods and to all who bid on them at auction. We raised another \$742 for our "Youth Gathering" account. With these offerings, not only are we able to ensure our group's participation in this summer's event, but we are helping to build a bridge for the next group's participation in 2021. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

### mainly music

Over the summer, we continue our preparations for being able to host a mainly music program at Holy Trinity this fall. We will be holding several leadership training sessions, working through final approval processes with the lead organization, and getting the marketing plan in place. Once we have the final authorization from mainly music, we'll be able to tell you exact dates, times, costs, etc. for the actual classes we will hold.

It's not too late to get in on the fun! If you would like to be a part of this outreach ministry for "littles" (infant, toddler, Pre-Ks) and their caregivers, be in touch with Pastor Krista.

**From the Director of Music**—I would like to personally thank each and every volunteer who used their talents to the benefit of others—without you, Music Sunday (and honestly every Sunday!) would not have been as joyous, uplifting, and beautiful. Your contributions truly enhanced our worship service, and all that "jazz"! I am very much looking forward to working with you,

and hopefully some new faces as well, in the upcoming season starting after Labor Day in September.

In the meantime, if any member would like to use their talents to enhance any worship services over the summer, please reach out to me; we'd love to have you share your music with us! Even if you aren't sure what to do and need a little guidance,

Greg and I would love to help and can provide suggestions.

Don't forget to come hear the a capella pop ensemble Potomac Fever on Saturday evening, June 23; this free concert will be a lot of fun!

See you soon, Josh Brown





## Council News

I've been thinking a lot about salt and light lately. Specifically, the salt and light referred to in Matthew 5:13-16:

*You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. (Matt. 5:13-16)*

This was the favorite Bible verse of a friend of mine – a woman of great faith and kindness – who died recently at age 70 after a 27-month battle with advanced stage lung cancer, even though she wasn't a smoker. Laura left behind a devoted husband who'd retired just a couple of years before Laura became ill; two wonderful, accomplished children; several grandchildren; and many friends. Whenever she sent her family off in the mornings or talked with them on the phone, her good-bye was always to tell them she loved them, and then to remind them to be "salt and light" in the world. And, in turn, they would remind others. Laura's husband, Frank, and I worked together for more than 15 years, and often before or after a difficult meeting at the office or when I'd become cranky about something going on at work, he'd gently pass Laura's admonition on to me: "Remember...salt and light."

So, in this last column I have the honor of writing on behalf of your church council, I wanted to pass Laura's wise counsel on to you, in her honor. I'm no Biblical scholar – not even close – so you can take my interpretation of "salt and light" here with a grain of...dare I say it?...salt. But here goes: Salt is the flavoring of life, also a preservative, and a disinfectant – in short, it's very useful. As Christians, be useful and add flavor wherever you go, is what I hear Matthew saying here. The "light" part seems self-explanatory: Be a light in the world in a way that lets your actions speak for themselves and do honor to God. In short: Be useful, add flavor, and brighten things up wherever you go, and in so doing, you allow Jesus to work through you, and you pay honor and homage to God.

To be sure, your council over the last year has tried to be part of the salt and light in our church community, in part by focusing on ways to help Holy Trinity grow and flourish into the future:

- We have welcomed new people and new organizations into our church over the last year, including a child day care tenant, a local theater company, and 11 new families, as Pastor Mike reported at our June 3 Congregational Meeting.
- We also welcomed a new part-time minister to focus on our youth and family ministry, Pastor Krista, who is spearheading our planning for and participation in the ELCA's National Youth Gathering in Houston later this month, where seven youths from our church will be spreading salt and light. Krista will be with us through the summer to help us launch another new program, mainly music, for parents and young children within our walls, before moving on to find a full-time pastor position of her own. We're grateful to her for her work at Holy Trinity and wish her all the best in the next chapter of her ministry.
- Our outreach efforts in the Mosaic District continue on Wednesday nights, Thursday mornings, and Sunday afternoons, with new programming this summer and fall. You can find out more about these efforts at <http://mosaicdistrictchurch.org/>

• We've been looking at new ways of doing things in a number of areas, instead of relying on the status quo. A few examples:

- We're exploring the idea of whether our congregation would be well served by moving to one Sunday service year round.
- We've taken a new approach to planning our church calendar that requires we have a volunteer coordinator for each event we commit to scheduling as a way to determine which events our members truly value.
- And we're being more proactive and strategic in how we deal with our property management, seeking to identify our maintenance issues and plan for how we'll address them months and even years ahead of time.

*(continued on next page)*





## Council News

*(continued from previous page)*

Looking ahead, in July we'll welcome to Holy Trinity Corey Bergman, a pastoral intern from the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Chicago. See his bio on Page 8. He will be with us for a year to assist Pastor Mike, to be mentored by him, and to learn from him and others in our congregation what it means to be salt and light in the Holy Trinity style. Special thanks to the Beckers and John English who will be helping Corey with housing and with his initial assimilation into Holy Trinity.

Also in July, the church council will hold its first meeting with its new president, Mary Minette, who was elected at our June 3 Congregational Meeting to lead the council. There is no doubt that she is a person of salt and light who will do an excellent job in this role. Also elected to council at the Congregational Meeting for terms beginning July 1 were Seth Clark, Terri Fleck, Joe Kile, Brent Stone, and Lori Wicks. All of us owe a debt of gratitude to these folks for being willing to carve time out of their busy lives to serve in a leadership role in our church. They are all people of salt and light, to be sure.

Finally, I want to share with you how honored I've been to have served as your council president for the past twelve months. I'm lucky to have worked with a team of awesome people who devoted a lot of time, energy, and thought to the leadership and stewardship of this great congregation of kind and giving people. Many thanks to Terry Bathen, Eric Chancellor, Karen Cockerham, Julie Davis, Marcia Ihnen, Mark Kerr, Aurelia Khorsand, Mary Minette, the late Harry Search, Scott Sherard, Patrice Shibuya, Anne Simmons, and Pastor Mike for their service this last year. We missed Harry on council very much after he passed away suddenly last September, and we've missed Eric, as well, after he resigned as council vice president a few months ago to turn his full attention to fighting cancer and restoring his health.

Special thanks to Marcia and Anne, who after serving six years on council, including a year each as president, are retiring from the church council this year. (Holy Trinity's Constitution mandates that no member may serve more than two consecutive three-year terms.) We also say good-bye to Aurelia this summer, who's leaving council and Holy Trinity to make a bold move in her life...to live in France! I also want to personally thank the officers of the council who served with me this year – Terry as treasurer, Julie as our secretary, and Eric as vice president until his health issues arose; you all were a great team and always put your hearts into your work! Terry steps down as our treasurer on June 30 after three strong years of overseeing the church's finances, but, happily, he'll continue as a member of council for another three-year term.

From all of us on your church council – the old members and the new – we wish every member of the Holy Trinity community a happy and healthy summer filled with safe travel, fabulous fun, and the making of lots of great new memories! As you go forth in this season of sunshine – to the pool, the park, summer camps, the beach, or a new vacation spot -- remember to spread that salt and light! It will make my friend Laura very proud.

Pamela Kabati, 2017-18 Council President

Council: Pamela Kabati, Terry Bathen, Julie Davis, Scott Sherard, Anne Simmons, Marcia Ihnen, Mark Kerr, Aurelia Khorsand, Mary Minette, Karen Cockerham

**Remembering the First Worship Service at  
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
Celebrating our 75th Anniversary!**  
**Mark your calendars to join us on Sunday, September 9**  
**Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.**  
**Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.**





## Invite a Friend



Concerts at Holy Trinity Presents

### Potomac Fever

*All are welcome to join us!*

**Saturday, June 23 at 7:00 p.m.**



Past appearances include Wolf Trap, the White House, Lincoln Theater & WJLA *Good Morning Washington*

The Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, DC was founded in 1981 and has spent over 36 years raising their voice for equality. GMCW sponsors several select outreach ensembles: Potomac Fever, a 15-voice close harmony group; Rock Creek Singers, a 30-voice chamber ensemble; Seasons of Love, an inspirational and gospel music group; and 17th Street Dance, a jazz dance ensemble.

For more information, visit [www.gmcw.org](http://www.gmcw.org)

## Getting Connected



### CONGRATULATIONS 2018 GRADUATES!

The following is a list of Holy Trinity young people who have graduated and are making bright plans for their future!

#### Miss Caroline Merkel

School: The Waldorf Washington School

Future plans: University of Michigan to study neuroscience

#### Mr. Christopher Badger—grandson of Dave and Leona Badger

School: Westfield High

Future plans: West Virginia University

#### Mr. Michael Mellett

School: Yorktown High School

Future plans: Attending Virginia Tech

#### Miss Lydia Hansen

School: George Mason High School

Future plans: Attend NOVA and then George Mason University

### MEET—LEARN—FELLOWSHIP

Listed below are some of our monthly meetings. All are welcome to attend.  
If you are interested in joining us or have questions, please contact the church office.

**Reconciling In Christ (RIC)—Third Monday** at 7:30 p.m., in the Youth Room.

**Needlecrafters—Second and fourth Wednesdays** at 10:00 a.m., in Rothenberg Hall.

**OWLS—First Wednesday** at 11:30 a.m., in Fellowship Hall, for fun, food & fellowship and celebration of birthdays!

**(Returning in September) Women's Bible Study Groups—Miriam/Lydia** meets on the **third Friday** of each month at 1:00 p.m., in the Community Room. **Naomi** meets on the **fourth Sunday** of each month at 5:30 p.m., in the Library.

**June birthdays** - Sue Becker, Nancy Bernot, Paul Bremmer, Debbie D'Addario, Carrie Daniels, Julie Davis, Amber Ferratier, Barbard Galindo, Holly Hambley, Colin Hoyt, Marcia Ihnen, Annika Kile, Joe Kile, Jack Kurtz, Sandy Lee, Ryan Mellett, Tim Mellett, Hannah Murphy, Nancy Neiswander, Kaya Shibuya, Yuki Shibuya, Linda Stone, Jean Strandlie, Charlie Strunk, Lynn Tedesco, Chase Wells, Libby Young, Grace Young



## Getting Connected



### Proud to be RIC

"Holy Trinity Lutheran Church welcomes all who seek to know God. We welcome the participation of people of all ages, races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities, educational backgrounds and economic conditions. We commit to being a Reconciling In Christ congregation."

As this newsletter goes to press, members of Holy Trinity are participating in our second Capitol Pride March.



Fellow ELCA churches from the Metro DC Synod will join together to celebrate under the theme, "This is me, this is Lutheran, this is love." One other key thing unites us: We all chose to become Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregations, welcoming

people of all sexual orientations and gender preferences.

Holy Trinity first became RIC in May 2015. This after a long process of discernment, surveying the congregation, and a final unanimous vote. Some felt the process was too lengthy asking, "What took you so long?" We wanted to be sure that LGBTQ+ folks would feel our welcome.

The RIC Committee made the decision to continue, refining our welcome to be more visible with signage, presence on websites and outreach into the community. We held our first RIC Sunday last Memorial Day weekend where Pastor Krista delivered a heartfelt sermon uniting us all. I am proud that others can come to Holy Trinity and experience love and acceptance.

This year we're celebrating Pride month with a "RIC Weekend," June 23-24.

**Saturday, June 23 at 7 p.m.** Performance by the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington's a 15-voice close-harmony pop group, Potomac Fever. Reception to follow.

Donations to benefit our Music program and Reconciling Works. **Sunday, June 24 at 10 a.m.** Reconciling in Christ Sunday with a special sermon by Deacon Deb Haynes.

Hospitality to follow. For more information on the RIC program, please visit Reconciling Works at: <https://www.reconcilingworks.org/>.

—Laura Daugherty, Holy Trinity RIC Committee Member



### Holy Trinity Trip to See the Nats

Mark your calendars to join us on  
**Sunday, July 22**

**Nats vs. Atlanta Braves at 1:35 p.m.**

See the Sunday bulletins for the link to order your tickets.



**Opportunities  
for Worship  
and Fellowship**



### Volunteers are needed for:

- our September 9 Anniversary Celebration
- HT's table at the September 15 Merrifield Fall Festival

Details are forthcoming. Please contact the office if you are available to help.



Mark your  
calendars for  
**Sunday, August 19**  
and watch the  
bulletins for  
further details



## Getting Connected

### INTERN CANDIDATE'S BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT

Hi, my name is Corey Bergman. I'm a 23-year old white male who identifies as bisexual. I was born and raised in Eagan, Minnesota. I graduated from the University of Minnesota with a B.A. in Political Science. I played hockey and soccer growing up. Hockey was very formative for me because it not only taught me how to be a team player, but also gave me the ability to handle individual responsibilities and accountability. I played goalie, which came with its personality quirks but also meant I know how to handle stressful situations. I am a cradle Lutheran. I have a dry sense of humor most of the time, but I can also be very silly in the right circumstances. My "superpower" might be that I can get songs stuck in other people's heads by singing (not well) while I work, but they do not end up getting stuck in my head. I have one sibling named Devin. He has had type 1 diabetes since he was 16 months old, which I think contributes to my large fear of needles. In an attempt to fight my fear, I have been getting tattoos. I am now up to 4—one for each of my family members and a large Celtic cross on my back. The others are roadrunner from Loony-toons, a thistle, and the Greek word for brother with the American Diabetes Association symbol as the D. I am currently dating and plan to be engaged to another seminarian before the start of internship. Her name is Maddie Tallman. In high school, I spent 4 years on the Lincoln Douglas-style debate team. I credit my time on the team for my comfort in speaking in front of people. I have held leadership positions in a few student groups including Lutheran Campus Ministry at the U. of Minnesota. I enjoy reading science fiction and fantasy novels in my free time. I'm a dog person, but also love cats. Most of the jobs I've held were in food service, so dealing with grumpy, hyper-critical people has become a strength of mine as well. On Enneagram, I am a 2W3 and on Myers-Briggs I am a INTP.

Peace,  
Corey



Lutheran School of  
Theology at Chicago

**From Pastor Mike: Corey will be joining us in July. Please watch the Sunday bulletins for meet and greet details.**

***You are invited to join in celebrating the ordination  
of  
Suzanne M. Stierwalt***

**Join us Saturday, July 28, at 3:00 p.m.**

Service to be held at St. Mark, Yorktown  
118 Old York-Hampton Hwy., Yorktown, VA 23692

*Clergy are invited to vest and process.  
The color of the service is red.*







## Getting Connected



Pentecost Sunday



June 3, Music Sunday



Prayers and laying on of hands for Ruth Shomo



## Serving Our Neighbor

**Eye Care International**—Each February, Phil Loar, John Bowen and varying HT members travel with a team recruited by and under the auspices of Eye Care International to medically underserved areas of El Salvador. Over the two-week period, 500 patients needing eye care are treated each day by the team of opticians, optometrists, ophthalmologists, nurses and lay assistants. Eyes are screened, false eyes or glasses are provided as needed, minor diseases are addressed and surgery is preformed where needed. (Each ophthalmologist on the team can do 10 surgeries a day in whatever space they can find and make sterile.)

In addition to representation by Phil, John and others, HT members donate eye glasses and HT WELCA provides hundreds of cotton eye cloths (toallitas). The toallitas are dispensed with instructions that they are to be used only with clean water and only to keep eyes free of the dust and smoke that is prevalent. As a member of past teams, Mary Bowen noted that recipients are grateful for the care and for the toallitas. In recognition of the extent of the need, WELCA Needlecrafters invite all HT knitters and friends to join us in making toallitas (see instructions).

**Octo Project**—Plans are underway to participate in the Octo Project (a worldwide project that has crafters help preemies thrive by crocheting octopuses for babies in the NICU). The tentacles of the octopus resemble the umbilical cord and remind babies of the womb and comfort. HT Needlecrafters are working with Fairfax Hospital on this project. If you are interested, please contact Genie Davis for instructions. All crocheters are welcome to join us. We meet at Holy Trinity on the second and fourth Wednesdays.

### Cotton Eye Cloths (Toallitas)

(Use Sugar and Cream All Cotton Yarn and 6, 7, or 8 needles)

Cast on 4 stitches.

Knit two rows.

In the next row knit 2, yarn over, and knit across row.

Continue in this manner until you have 41 stitches on the needle.

Next row, knit 2, knit 2 together, yarn over, knit 2 together, knit across row.

Continue until you have 5 stitches on the needle.

Then knit 2 together, knit next 3 stitches.

Knit one row of the 4 stitches and then bind off.



## Serving Our Neighbor

### Human Trafficking News

#### Justice for Survivors of Online Sex Trafficking

- ♦ **On March 22, the U.S. Senate passed the Stop Enabling Sex Traffickers Act (SESTA).** This is a historic and major legislative victory in the fight to stop human trafficking. This bill provides access to justice for survivors of online sex trafficking and gives states critical tools for combatting this crime. It also provides a much-needed update to the Communications Decency Act (CDA) to help hold websites like *Backpage* accountable when they knowingly facilitate sex trafficking. On April 11, the President signed the Act into law – H.R. 1865. Survivors, their families and anti-trafficking advocates celebrated this long-awaited measure to combat online sex trafficking. Seven *Backpage* executives were charged in a 93-count indictment for knowingly facilitating child sex trafficking. Now, state prosecutors can prevent similar websites from taking over *Backpage*'s market share. Senators Rob Portman (R-OH) and Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) spearheaded this legislation through Congress, and we are grateful for the tireless efforts of survivor advocates who relentlessly fought to help keep others from facing exploitation online. But most of all, we thank the thousands of supporters who took action on SESTA by sending letters and signed petitions to their elected officials.
- ♦ **36-Hour Hack-a-thon [Expedition Hacks](#).** A local technology strategy firm gathered technology companies, government agencies, and experts for a hack-a-thon challenge at George Mason University from April 14 to 15. In this series, participants created innovative tools to combat human trafficking such as:
  - Mapping high trafficking routes so company travelers can avoid these areas and alert others
  - A Block Chain showing how Federal Agencies and local law enforcement can work together with a trusted chain of data to help find victims
  - A Facial Recognition App that can connect with security cameras in hotels and places where trafficking activity occurs.

The Hack-a-thon tried to make a dent in this highly profitable global criminal industry. When people collaborate around a very worthwhile cause, great things can happen.

Polaris' newest program is focused on disrupting human trafficking networks in illicit massage businesses and residential brothels by strengthening the safety net for victims in these venues and calling for strategic action to stop traffickers from harming more people.

**DAILY PRAYERS:** "Give justice to the weak and fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked." (Psalm 82:3-4)

Dear God, we know that the root causes of human trafficking are many and run deep. We know that addressing them is long, difficult work. Lord, we pray for legislators who are working to pass laws to protect victims and provide law enforcement and the judicial system with the tools they need to end sex trafficking. We pray for law enforcement officers and judges who deal compassionately with victims and get them the help they need. Help us to remember your unfailing strength, hope and forgiveness. We ask for your guidance so we might make a difference. In your loving name we pray. Amen.



Wilma Dublin  
Metro DC Synodical Women's Organization Representative

**Our Commitment:** We, the Women of the ELCA, are committed to help eradicate human trafficking by creating awareness in our communities, advocating for more protection and rehabilitation for victims, and participating in anti-trafficking campaigns in our churches, schools, and neighborhoods.

**PRAYER CHAIN:** Marcia Ihnen [mcihnen@aol.com](mailto:mcihnen@aol.com)

To start a request or to be added to the Prayer Chain, please contact Marcia.

**SUNSHINE SECRETARY Sandra Lee** [leeassociates@aol.com](mailto:leeassociates@aol.com)

If you know of someone who is celebrating a special occasion, having health concerns or mourning the loss of a loved one, please contact Sandra.





### About *Fidelis Servus*:

Holy Trinity's Christus Bells choir commissioned a musical composition dedicated to Eric Chancellor, HT's longtime ringer and handbell director.

Choir members chose the name "Fidelis Servus" (Faithful Servant) after reflecting on the commitment that Eric shows to our church and its endeavors, including the music program, church council, and recent building preparations for the opening of the downstairs child daycare center.

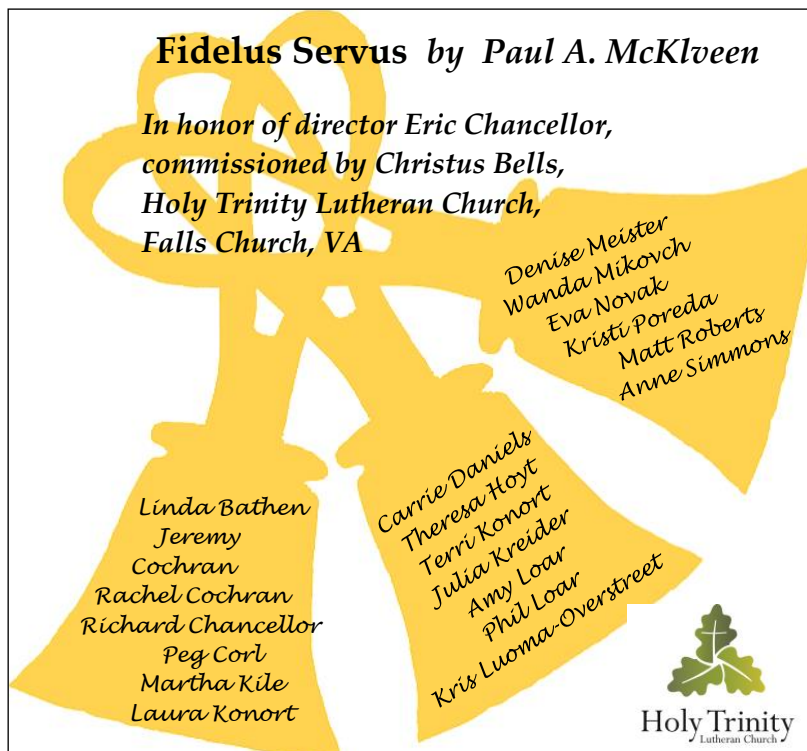
Wisconsin composer Paul McKlveen wrote the piece with Eric, a faithful servant, in mind. Music Sunday, June 3, 2018, was the debut of the composition.

Eric was given a framed page of the original notation, signed by the composer. He has also received a video recording of the piece being performed by Christus Bells.

A special thanks to Kris Luoma-Overstreet, John Grutzik, and Eleanore Marcey for their parts in making this possible.



Matt Roberts & Peg Corl present the framed piece to Denise



## Milestones



**Congratulations** to Suzanne Stierwalt, on receiving a call to St. Andrews Lutheran in Portsmouth, VA, where she has been serving for the past 2 years. Suzanne's ordination date is Saturday, July 28. More details on page 8.

**Moving:** Ruth Shomo, (to Ashburn) Beth Search (to Fairfax), Anne and John Kress (to Alexandria)

**Baptisms:** On May 20, Chase Wells, son of Kathleen and Chris Wells; on June 17, Evelyn Blomquist (R), daughter of Katie and Brandon Blomquist.

### Happy Birthday:



**July:** Jonathan Allsman, Mary Bakke, Kaden Ball, Carol Barney, Linda Bathen, Robert Beatty, Joan Buscher, Kathy Chelsen, Karen Cockerham, Wilma Dublin, Bruce Hegemann, Martha Kile, Roger Kiver, Lida Krause, Robert Krause, Julia Kreider, Katelyn Kreider, Kris Luoma-Overstreet, Olivia Martin, MinnieTom Meyer, Eva Novak, Joshua Paparella, Kristi Poreda, Grant Rohrer, Dan Schneider, Rebecca Sechrist, Caroline Sherard, Robert Tedesco, Olivia Turner, Heidi Veltman, Chris Wells, Ruth Winning

**August:** Anne Bang, John Bowen, Eric Chancellor, Joel Cook, Pam Crum, Greg D'Addario, Max Daugherty, Brian Fleck, Glenna Fleck, Vic Galindo, Emma Gutzler, Christine Hansen, Gloria Hviding, Jeffrey Ihnen, Aurelia Khorsand, Terri Konort, David Kreider, Anne Kress, Jim Lloyd, Gracia Luoma-Overstreet, Logan McCann, Amanda Mills, Jeff Person, Gabby Rohrer, Jane Sparnon, Julie Strandlie, Tracy Strunk, Carol Sukow; Joy Wells

### Happy Anniversary:

**June**—Dave & Leona Badger; Gerry & Carol Barney; Larry & Maureen Elliott; John & Kim Grutzik; Rod & Christine Hansen; Alan & Alfie Rulis

**July**—Arnold & Judy Baker; Tad & Amber Ferratier; Brian & Terri Fleck; Jeffrey & Marcia Ihnen

**August**—Ed & Ilse Bornemann; Craig & Karen Davis; Pastor Mike & Emma Gutzler; Ray & Jane Sparnon; Joy & Bruce Wells



Holy Trinity  
Lutheran Church

3022 Woodlawn Ave.  
Falls Church, VA 22042-1826

Contact us:  
P: 703-532-6617 F: 703-532-4659  
office@holytrinityfallschurch.org  
www.holytrinityfallschurch.org

## LOOK FOR US ON FACEBOOK!

WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/  
HOLYTRINITYFALLSCHURCH



A Reconciling in Christ  
Congregation



## 2017-2018 AT A GLANCE

### September

4—Labor Day holiday  
10—Rally Sunday (service  
at 10:00 a.m.)  
17—Begin Two Services  
8:45 and 11:15  
18—WELCA Salad Supper  
23—Merrifield Fall Festival

### October

1—Blessing of the Animals  
9—Columbus Day holiday  
14—Oktoberfest @ HT  
21—Organ Concert  
29—Reformation Sunday

### November

5—All Saints Day  
Daylight Savings ends  
12—Knitting Boutique Sale  
19—Two services followed by  
**Congregational meeting**  
23—Thanksgiving Day  
26—Christ the King Sunday

### December

2—Breakfast with Santa  
3—Fair Trade Shopping  
10—Advent Concert/cookies  
17—Two Services (Christmas  
Pageant at 8:45)  
24—Advent 4 Service 10 a.m.  
Xmas Eve @ 4, 7, 9 p.m.  
25—Christmas Day  
31—Lessons/Carols 10 a.m.

### January 2018

1—Office closed  
7—Return to two services  
Resume Sunday School  
and SNL  
15—MLK holiday

### February

3—Jazz Coffeehouse 7 p.m.  
4—No SNL (Super Bowl)  
13—Pancake Supper  
14—Ash Wednesday  
19—President's Day holiday  
23-24—30-Hour Famine  
25-March 3—Hypothermia

### March

4—Blanket Sunday  
11—Daylight Savings begins  
25—Palm Sunday  
29—Maundy Thursday  
30—Good Friday

### April

1—Easter Sunday  
2—Office closed  
27-29—WELCA Retreat

### May

6—Youth Sunday  
13—Sunday School ends  
20—Pentecost-Confirmation  
Begin 10 a.m. Summer  
Worship Schedule  
28—Falls Church Memorial  
Day Festival & Parade

### June

3—Music Celebration Sunday  
10—**Spring Congregational  
Celebration & Dessert  
Auction**  
17—Father's Day  
23—Concerts at Holy Trinity  
24—RIC Sunday

### July

4—Independence Day  
Holiday (office closed)  
22—HT trip to Nats Park

### August

6—Sundae Sunday  
9—75th Anniversary  
19—Outdoor Worship