



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Growing Together in Faith.
Serving Together in Christ.

SUMMER II 2017

Mission Initiative: Graham Road Elementary School

Help Equip A Child For School!

Since 2003, Holy Trinity has supported our neighborhood school—Graham Road Elementary School (GRES)—in various ways. Last year, we donated **65 backpacks filled with school supplies**.

This year, GRES is not in need of school supply donations. However, **backpacks** continue to be needed. “Bright, colorful, trendy” backpacks are much enjoyed by the students. Books and games are also useful: gently used ones can be utilized in classrooms; new ones will be saved for the holiday support that Graham Road provides to their students’ families.

Let’s see if we can beat last year’s total and collect **70 backpacks by Sunday, August 20**. There is no need to include school supplies, but please slip a new or gently used book or game (appropriate for K-6th grade) into the backpack if you are able.

Some facts about Graham Road Elementary School
2831 Graham Road, Falls Church. Statistics from 2015-2016 (the most recent data available):

- ♦ **Enrollment:** 473 students, 255 of whom received English Language Services
- ♦ **Ethnicity:** 75% Hispanic, 10% Black, 8% White, 6% Asian, 1% Other
- ♦ **English Proficiency:** 41% proficient, 59% limited English proficiency
- ♦ **Free/Reduced-Price Meals:** 81% of the students

HTLC Summer Gatherings

CONNECT-SERVE-WORSHIP July 18-21

Sunday, July 23 :

- ♦ **We are Building Kits of Care** (See page 5)
- ♦ **Summer Church Potluck at HTLC following the 10 a.m. service**



New Volunteer Opportunity!

This past academic year, the staff at Graham Road (GRES) revived their mentoring program. They would like to double it next year. In order to do that, they will need many more mentors. You might be just what they are looking for.

They describe mentors as caring, responsible people who are interested in giving time to a student, encouraging the child to develop his/her strengths and capabilities. A mentor becomes a role model, a friend, a motivator, a listener, a guide, an advocate.

The mentoring program serves students in grades 1 through 6. Students and their mentors meet once a week in the library for 30 minutes sometime during the school day to talk, read, make crafts, play board games and take part in other activities. Mentors contribute to their students’ development by providing academic encouragement and support, and by helping students see beyond their present circumstances to wider opportunities in the future.

In addition to the mentoring program, volunteer opportunities continue in classrooms and the school library. Talk with any of this year’s volunteers to learn more about their experiences:

Linda Beaty (in the library)
Wilma Dublin (a kindergarten class)
Judy Baker (2nd grade)
Amy Loar (5th/6th classes)

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Pastor's Peace

Reading the Psalms with Luther

Luther loved scripture. Here are some of his own words:

"For a number of years I have now read through the Bible



twice. If the Bible were a large, mighty tree and all its words were little branches I have tapped at all the branches, eager to know what was there and what it had to offer."

[Luther Says: Vol 1, 83]

"If I had kept at it, I would have become exceedingly good at locating things in the Bible. At that time no other study pleased me so much as sacred literature. With great loathing I read physics [Aristotle's Physics], and my heart was aglow when the time came to return to the Bible . . . I read the Bible diligently. Sometimes one statement occupied all my thoughts for a whole day." (LW 54:14).

"The Bible is the proper book for us. There the truth is distinguished from error far more clearly than anywhere else, and one finds something new in it every day. For twenty-eight years, since I became a doctor, I have now constantly read and preached the Bible; and yet I have not exhausted it but find something new in it every day." (WA TR 5, no. 5193).

It was this love for scripture that motivated Luther to translate the Bible into the contemporary language of the German people while he was sequestered in the Wartburg Castle. Luther would sneak out of the castle disguised as a knight and visit the surrounding towns in order to listen to people speaking in an attempt to capture the nuances for his translation. Luther's extra efforts paid off in the end.

What came to be known as the "Luther Bible" in its full version was printed in 1534 and not only became the standard for modern German literature, but also changed the life of everyday people.

German humanist and Luther contemporary, Johann Cochlaeus, complained: "Luther's New Testament was so much multiplied and spread by printers that even tailors and shoemakers, yea, even women and ignorant persons who had accepted this new Lutheran gospel, and could read a little German, studied it with the greatest avidity as the fountain of all truth. Some committed it to memory, and carried it about in their bosom. In a few months such people deemed themselves so learned that they were not ashamed to dispute about faith and the gospel not only with Catholic laymen, but even with priests and monks and doctors of divinity."

Luther's translation introduced a whole population to Christ's actions and his life-giving words. Luther's translation also made available for the first time the long history of God's interaction and love with humanity through the Hebrew Scriptures. For Luther though, outside of the Gospels there was one book that offered an endless supply of inspiration: the Psalms.

The second half of the summer we are going to read some selected Psalms with Luther. We will learn why Luther thought the Psalms had something to offer on a daily basis, read a bit of his commentary on each selection, and discern how these ancient works still speak to us today.

Praying the second half of your summer provides you the opportunity and worshipful experience to soak in a new way the true abundance of God's word.

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Library News *by Mary Bowen, Librarian*

2017 is the 500th anniversary of Luther's posting of his 95 Theses on the door of the castle church at Wittenberg and the start of the Reformation.

One of the ways that Luther differed from other Protestant reformers was in the role he saw for music. To him, music was almost a sacrament. The liturgy was to be sung. He wrote hymns.

According to a recent *Economist* article, "to Luther, music was a divinely inspired weapon against the devil. He wanted believers to sing together – in German, in church, and at home, and with instruments accompanying them."

Summer is here! School is out, it is time for vacation, whether the beach or the mountains, somewhere exotic, your own back yard, or a nearby park. No matter where we are or what we do, we should all have more time for reading. Be sure to visit your church library during the summer. We have fiction and biographies that you can sign out and take with you on vacation.



This 500th anniversary of the Reformation is the year to learn more about Martin Luther. Books on Luther and music, including CDs and DVDs about Luther and the Reformation will be on the library's long table for the rest of the summer. And remember to look in the glass case in the hall outside the church office for more books on Luther. Come check them out!



The children's Summer Reading Program is in progress and it's not too late to sign up and start reading! Visit the library for details.

We have some new books for young people. "The Six-Day Hero" by Tammar Stein is a work of fiction that describes the experience of a seventh-grade boy and his family during Israel's 6-day war. "Amina's Voice" by Hena Khan tells the story of a middle-school-aged Pakistani-American Muslim girl and the conflicts between her family heritage and the U.S. culture of her school friends. These two books are on the Youth Books shelves, facing out so you can see them.

Be sure to spend part of your summer reading books from Holy Trinity's library and enjoy your summer of reading!

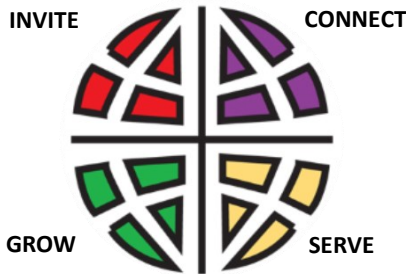
Reconciling in Christ

A small but enthusiastic contingent from Holy Trinity marched in this year's Capital Pride parade on June 10. We joined a float headed by churches of the Metro Washington D.C. ELCA Synod including the Lutheran Church of the Reformation, Augustana Lutheran Church, and Luther Place Memorial Church. Though a protest slowed our progress, it didn't shut us down. People seemed happy to see Lutherans out there waving, tossing beads and dancing. It was a hot day, but the mood was buoyant, and you couldn't have asked for a bluer sky. I can't wait until next year!

When the RIC Committee returns in the fall, we'll start planning for the much smaller NOVA Pride Festival. Watch for more info and meeting dates in the bulletin.

(L) Becky & Matt with Vicar Katie Osweiler. Lutheran Church of the Reformation; (R) Terri & Laura





COMING EVENTS



SUNDAE SUNDAY

August 6, in
Fellowship Hall
following the 10

a.m. service. *Go ahead
and have ice cream for lunch!*



In honor of the 500th
anniversary of the
Reformation, we will
host a special Organ
Concert and Hymn Sing (See Page 6)



BACKPACKS
FOR GRAHAM
ROAD SCHOOL
Let's get 70
by
August 20



There is no need to include school supplies, but please
slip a new or gently used book or game
(appropriate for K-6th grade) into the backpack.

Bring donated backpacks to the Sanctuary.



Connect-Serve-Worship

PERSONAL CARE KITS

Include the following items in each Personal Care Kit:



x1

One light-weight bath-size towel
(between 20"x40" & 52"x27"),
dark color recommended



x2 OR 3

Two or three bath-size bars of gentle soap
equaling 8-9 oz., any brand, in original
wrapping; no mini or hotel-size bars



x1

One adult-size toothbrush
in its original packaging*



x1

One sturdy comb,
remove packaging



x1

One metal nail clipper
(attached file optional),
remove packaging



Wrap all the items in the
towel and tie securely
with ribbon or yarn.

IT'S A POTLUCK

Sunday July 23rd
After the Service
please join us for
our Summer
Church Potluck
and service
project.



Join us in celebrating Faith and Nationals Baseball
on August 26. Stay after the game for a special
concert performed by local choirs, accompanied
by testimonies of faith by Nationals Players. For
more information or to purchase tickets for a
group of 13 or more, please contact Seth Puglio at 202.640.7687
or Seth.Puglio@nationals.com. Use coupon code: **FAITHDAY**



Music Notes

SUMMER MUSIC



Share your musical talents with our congregation during the summer! Be creative and put yourself out there!

Let Greg or me know if we can help with preparation or ideas or ANYTHING. I would LOVE to have people sign up who are home from college, or who have never played/sung at church before (or in a long time!).

The description on the website provides some guidance. Please visit: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e4eaead2fa2f85-summer>. Contact me with any questions.

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Join us on Saturday,
October 21

for a very special

*Reformation Organ
Concert and Hymn Sing*

at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

featuring

accomplished organist Dr. Chad Winterfeldt

Dr. Chad Winterfeldt has served as the organist and adjunct instructor in the Music Department at Gustavus Adolphus College since 2004, and as the College's Cantor since 2014.

"Dr. Winterfeldt is an exceptional musician and gifted theologian. He is knowledgeable, wise, committed, and compassionate," says Gustavus Chaplain Brian Konkol. "He is accomplished in both college and congregational settings."



2017 Falls Church Memorial Day Festival

Many neighbors visited our booth and budding artists enjoyed participating in our community art project!



Pr. Mike addresses HT members
at our June 11 Congregational
Meeting and Celebration



Happening in July & August

FAITH OUTSIDE THE BOX
Summer Pizza & DVD Series
 6:30 p.m., Rothenberg Hall
Mondays
 through July 24

**OWLS Potluck—Fun, Food, Conversation
 and Birthday Cake!**
First Wednesday, 11:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall
 All are welcome to join us!
August 2

SUNDAE SUNDAY
August 6
 Fellowship Hall,
 following the
 10 a.m. service

WELCA Book Club
First Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

**August 5—Member's
 home**
 "The Secret Chord" by
 Geraldine Brook

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
First Monday —7:30 p.m.,
 Conference Room
August 7

**NEEDLECRAFTERS/
 KNITTING MINISTRY**
2nd & 4th Wednesdays
 10:00 a.m., Rothenberg Hall
August 9 & 23

**WOMEN'S BIBLE
 STUDY GROUPS**
**will not meet in
 July or August**

Milestones



Maisie Cockerham was baptized at Holy Trinity on July 9. Congratulations to the parents, Matthew and Meghann and to the entire extended family.

Welcome new members—Matthew and Meghann Cockerham, who joined Holy Trinity on July 9.

Farewell and best wishes to HT members Doug and Jody Lundell, who moved to Ashburn, VA in early July.

Welcome, Robert Morris Ihnen, born on July 11. Proud parents and big sister live in California. Congratulations to the beaming grandparents, Jeffrey and Marcia.



August Birthdays: Jake Andersen, Anne Bang, John Bowen, Eric Chancellor, Joel Cook, Pam Crum, Greg D'Addario, Max Daugherty, William Davis, Phyllis Elsass, Brian Fleck, Glenna Fleck, Vic Galindo, Emma Gutzler, Jeffrey Ihnen, Gloria Hviding, Terri Konort, David Kreider, Anne Kress, Jim Lloyd, Gracia Luoma-Overstreet, Amanda Mills, John Pavlet, Jeffrey Person, Gabrielle Rohrer, Jane Sparnon, Julie Strandlie, Tracy Strunk, Carol Sukow, Joy Wells

August Anniversaries: Edwin & Ilse Bornemann, Craig & Karen Davis, Mike & Emma Gutzler, Jim & Robin LeMunyon, Ray & Jane Sparnon

Awaiting: Returning home in late August from serving overseas—Joe Stierwalt.

We remember in prayer all of our military brothers and sisters around the world

Confirmation 2017

Renee Grutzik, Ryan Mellett, Nick Poreda

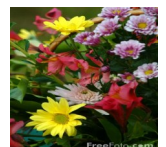


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Please contact Sandra if you know of someone who is celebrating a special occasion, having health concerns or mourning the loss of a loved one.

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





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A Reconciling in Christ
Congregation

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2018 AT A GLANCE

September

4—Labor Day holiday
10—Rally Sunday
One 10 a.m. Service
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—One 10 a.m. service and
Congregational meeting
23—Thanksgiving Day
26—Christ the King Sunday

December

2—Breakfast with Santa
3—Fair Trade Shopping
10—Advent Concert/cookies
18—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—Epiphany Sunday (Return
to two services)
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
8, 15, 22, 29—Wednesday
Noon Devotion followed
by Soup & Bread lunch
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—HTLC Spring Concert
14—Sunday School, SNL end
21—Youth Sunday 10 a.m.
Service
27—Begin 10 a.m. Summer
Worship Schedule
28—Memorial Day Festival

June

10—Spring Congregational
Celebration & Dessert
Auction
17—Father's Day

July

4—Independence Day
holiday

August