



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

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SUMMER I 2017

Mission Initiative: Lutheran Social Services

Last summer, the people of Holy Trinity collected numerous household items in our Fellowship Hall—enough to supply one newly arrived refugee family that was being sponsored by Lutheran Social Services—with some left over. The need continues, and LSS has asked us to do it again.

Worldwide, 65.3 million people have been displaced by war or unrest; 21.3 million of them have become refugees. Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area has worked on refugee resettlement since the end of World War II. You may have heard on NPR's *Here and Now in April* about LSS-NCA's work resettling an Afghan refugee family in Maryland.

LSS helps refugees with case management, cultural orientation, and other services. During fiscal year 2015, more than 1,000 refugees were resettled across the United States. For more information and opportunities to volunteer or support their work, please visit http://lssnca.org/programs/refugees_immigrant/

Please read the following "home supply list" for new (or gently used) items you might be able to donate to a refugee family. We may even have the opportunity to deliver the donated items to a recipient family. Our donation drive will run from June 11 through July 16.

For more information, please contact Daniel Rinehart at daniel@holyltrinityfallschurch.org.



Home Supply List

Furniture

Mattress and box spring (twin & double size)
Bed frame
One set of drawers, shelves or other unit appropriate for storage of clothing per family
One couch or equivalent seating per family (in addition to kitchen chairs)
Kitchen table and chairs

Kitchen Items

Place setting of tableware (fork, knife, spoon)
Place setting of dishes (plate, bowl and cup)
Pots and pans: at least one sauce pan, frying pan, and baking dish
Mixing/serving bowls
One set of kitchen utensils (such as a spatula, wooden spoon, knife, serving utensils, etc.)
Can opener

Linens and Other Household Supplies

Bath towels
Sheets (twin & double size)
Blankets
Pillows & pillowcases
Paper, pens, and/or pencils
Alarm clock

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June 4	10:00 a.m. — Pentecost Sunday (Confirmation) Reception to follow
June 11	9 :00 a.m. — AMMPARO session presented by Phil Loar
	10:00 a.m. — Worship Service
	11:15 a.m. — Congregational Celebration and Meeting Potluck Silent Dessert Auction

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Pastor's Peace



But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light. 1 Peter 2:9

Early into the Reformation, Martin Luther knew the leadership of the church would need to change. He claimed all Christians had the capacity for leadership and all Christians had a calling to serve the neighbor. Luther called the new concept the "priesthood of all believers." In 1520 he wrote:

That the pope or bishop anoints, makes tonsures, ordains, consecrates, or dresses differently from the laity, may make a hypocrite or an idolatrous oil-painted icon, but it in no way makes a Christian or spiritual human being. In fact, we are all consecrated priests through Baptism, as St. Peter in 1 Peter 2[:9] says, "You are a royal priesthood and a priestly kingdom," and Revelation [5:10],

"Through your blood you have made us into priests and kings."

It is kind of fun to think about being of royalty in our baptism as priests and pastors. But there is one catch, priests and pastors serve a parish. A parish is a small administrative district typically having its own church and a priest or pastor.

Let's put these two concepts together. You are a pastor/priest called to serve your local parish - the neighborhood where you live. Described another way, you live and serve out of your home and the houses, apartments or entities in your immediate vicinity are the people, places, and organizations you are called to serve.

During this summer I season, we are going to develop this idea of being pastors in the places where we live. If you want to get a jump start on our theme, take a moment and think about how well you know the members in your parish - your neighbors.

Pastor Mike

Faith Outside the Box will begin its annual summer DVD-and-pizza series for six Monday evenings, June 19 through July 24

At each session we'll watch and discuss two 30-minute presentations from the DVD series "Saving Jesus," described by its producers as an "exploration of a credible Jesus for the third millennium." **Show time will be 7:00 p.m., in Rothenberg Hall, with pizza at 6:45. All are welcome to join us!**



Presenters include well-known progressive Christian academics, authors and church leaders such as Marcus Borg, Diana Butler-Bass, Brian McLaren, John Spong, John Dominic Crossan, Amy-Jill Levine and Walter Brueggemann. The titles of the sessions are:

1. Jesus through the ages
2. Who was Jesus?
3. What can we know about Jesus (and how)?
4. The world into which Jesus was born
5. Jesus' birth: Incarnation
6. Teachings of Jesus: Wisdom Tradition
7. Jesus' Program: The Kingdom of God
8. Jesus' ministry of compassion
9. Who killed Jesus?
10. The Atonement
11. The Resurrection of Christ
12. Why Jesus is worth saving

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Library News *by Mary Bowen, Librarian*

Holy Trinity's library has books about music in the church and about Luther and music. They are listed below and will be on the library's long table over the summer. Come check them out!



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 article in the Economist magazine, "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."

1. "Luther on Music: Paradigms of Praise" by Carl F. Schalk. 246.7
2. "Music in Early Lutheranism: Shaping the Tradition (1524-1672)" by Carl Schalk. 781
3. "Living Stories of Famous Hymns" by Ernest K. Emurian. (Includes the story of Martin Luther writing "A Mighty Fortress is Our God.") 782.27
4. "Stories of Hymns We Love" by Cecilia Margaret Rudin. 782.27
5. "Songs of Joy through the Church Year" by Norman and Marilyn Thalman. 782.27
6. "Make a Joyful Noise: Music of the Bible in Instrument and Song" by Betsy Warren. An interesting collection of drawings of musical instruments mentioned in the Bible, with descriptions of the instruments and the appropriate Bible verses and stories. 784

For the younger crowd:

Big News! Back this year—HT's Summer Reading Program! The Summer Reading Program is for everyone who has just finished Kindergarten through sixth grade.

- ♦ The program starts on Sunday, June 4, and ends on Friday, August 18.
- ♦ The goal is to read 12 books, five of which must come from Holy Trinity's church library. The other books can be from your home, borrowed from friends, or from other libraries.
- ♦ There will be a prize and award at the end of the program for everyone who reaches the goal.
- ♦ A purple notebook, labeled Summer Reading Program, will be on the long table in the library. Pick a page – your page. Write your name at the top your page. After you read a book, write the title, author and date on your page.



Enjoy your summer of reading!



Easter Sunday



SNL BBQ
Games,
Burgers,
Dogs &
S'mores



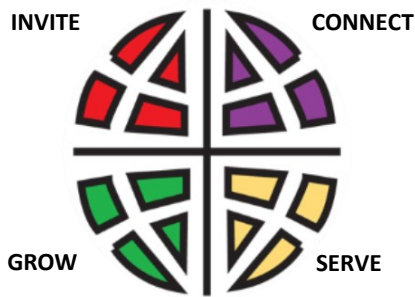
Youth Sunday





Introducing: HTLC SUMMER GATHERINGS

Connect-Serve-Worship



Join in for an evening of conversation, food, and service at a relaxed summertime meal. Each night during the week of July 17th, an HTLC family will host an evening gathering where the group will share a meal, join in a faith conversation and begin a service project. On Sunday July 23rd we will come together as a congregation for worship, a picnic, and to complete the service projects that we began during the week.

Sign-up Boards are coming soon

1. Choose an evening that fits your schedule,
2. bring a dish to share,
3. and enjoy an opportunity for all ages to Connect, Serve, and Worship.

All ages are welcome! Don't miss this Summertime Opportunity!

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Home Supply List

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Toiletries (new)

Toilet paper
Shampoo
Soap
Toothbrushes
Toothpaste
Personal hygiene items (deodorant, feminine hygiene products, & razors)

Cleaning Supplies

Dish soap
Waste baskets
Bathroom/kitchen cleanser
Trash bags
Laundry detergent
Mop or broom
Sponges or cleaning rags and/or paper towels

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES AND PARENTS OF GRADUATES

ADAM Crum (grandson of Dave & Leona)—Winter Springs High School
University of Florida to study Mechanical Engineering

ANNA Kaczmarczyk—Oakton High School
George Mason University to study Hospitality & Tourism

NOAH Kaczmarczyk—Oakton High School
Northern Virginia Community College to study Business

NICHOLAS McKay—Yorktown High School
Still deciding

SEAN Rose—James Madison High School
George Mason University—Computer Science

WILL Sherard—George Mason High School
Miami University (Ohio) to study Mechanical Engineering

SARAH Strunk—Yorktown High School
Emerson College, Boston

GREG Wicks—College of William and Mary
Gannett Digital Products Developer



Reconciling in Christ

Many thanks to all who helped make our first RIC Sunday a success. And to the Mosaic District Church for sharing their Wednesday night space for our screening of "Gender Revolution—a Journey with Katie Couric."

Capital Pride 2017 is coming! We're looking for parade participants for Saturday, June 10, and volunteers to help man the *Reconciling Works* booth on Sunday, June 11. Holy Trinity was represented by a small, but enthusiastic group last summer. Let's see if we can have an even bigger turnout this year. Watch for more info in the bulletins and by email.



There will be no RIC meetings in June, July or August. We'll gear back up in September. Have a glorious summer!

Laura Daugherty
Reconciling in Christ



Ministry at Graham Road Elementary

Last fall, three staff members from the school visited Holy Trinity and made a presentation at the Adult Forum about the school's challenges and strengths. They voiced their appreciation for HTLC volunteers, the relationships they have developed, and all the support Holy Trinity provides.

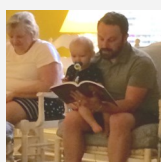
Four HTLC members are contributing their time at Graham Road School this year—Wilma Dublin assists in kindergarten classes, Amy Loar in 5th and 6th grades, Judy Baker in a 2nd grade class, and Linda Beaty helps in the library.

Our mission focus last fall was to provide Graham Road students with 25 backpacks filled with school supplies. We more than tripled that number! Through generous donations from HTLC members, \$600 in gift cards have been given during the school year for families with emergency food needs. In addition, the HTLC women who staff the Knox Food Pantry assembled non-perishable food items for these families. Several members have donated gently used coats and other clothing to the school's boutique. HTLC knitters donated hand-made hats and scarves.

Recently I met with the principal, Dr. Lindsey Elliott. She expressed her thanks for the many ways Holy Trinity supports the academic, social and emotional needs of their students. She voiced a special interest in providing books and educational games for all the children at the school. **If you have books and games your children have outgrown, consider donating them and placing them in the bin marked Graham Road School in the church office.** If you have an interest in volunteering at the school during the 2017-2018 school year, please contact Judy Baker [703-237-8717](tel:703-237-8717) or judybaker2825@yahoo.com.

2017 Retreat Wrap Up: HT Women met to explore the theme *Reforming and Revolutionary Women: Yesterday and Today* led by Pastor Mike Gutzler. Many thanks to Pr. Mike for his leadership and to Parish Administrator Joan Buscher for her support.

Thanks also to HT Women for their participation in the in-kind offering.



HT's 26 personal care kits (towel, soap, toothbrush, nail clippers, comb) were presented at the Metro DC Synodical Women's Organization Spring Convention and a total of 346 kits were delivered to New Windsor for distribution by Lutheran World Relief. 2018 Retreat is April 27-29.



Music Notes

From Music Director Josh Brown: I would like to recognize all of our choir members. Your commitment to the music department at Holy Trinity is something for which you can truly be proud. It has been a pleasure to work with you this season, and I very much look forward to making beautiful music in September!



CHRISTUS CHOIR

Judy Baker	Amanda Mills
Eric Chancellor	Alex Stone
Jill Cockerham-Sisk	Brent Stone
Holly Hambley	Nick Stone
Bruce Hegemann	Tracy Strunk
Gloria Hviding	Jeffrey Taylor
Kevin Konort	Lori Wicks
Denise Meister	Rob Young

CHRISTUS BELLS

Linda Bathen	Amy Loar
Eric Chancellor	Phil Loar
Peg Corl	Denise Meister
Carrie Daniels	Eva Novak
Theresa Hoyt	Matt Roberts
Terri Konort	Anne Simmons
Julia Kreider	Wanda Mikovch

SPIRITUS BELLS

Eric Chancellor
Carrie Daniels
Eric Hegemann
Martha Kile
Albert Lai
Kristi Poreda

Eric Chancellor,
Director of
Handbells

Greg Bloy,
Accompanist

**Bill Merkel and
Brent Stone,**
Guitar & Bass



Happening in June & July

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

First Monday —7:30 p.m.,
Conference Room
June 5 and July 10

OWLS Potluck—Fun, Food, Conversation and Birthday Cake!

First Wednesday, 11:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall
All are welcome to join us!

June 7—Bring your OWL (picture, mug, soft,
or ceramic) for display during lunch.
Bring your favorite OWL story.

July 5—holiday potluck. Bring your favorite
dish and wear your red, white & blue.
Anybody want to make a holiday cake?

FAITH OUTSIDE THE BOX

Summer Pizza & DVD Series
6:45 p.m., Rothenberg Hall
Mondays starting June 19
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WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Miriam/Lydia—Third Friday

June 16—Meet for lunch
(Applebee's in Falls Church)
July 21—Details TBD

Naomi—Fourth Sunday

June 25—Meet for dinner (TBD)
July 23—Details TBD

NEEDLECRAFTERS/ KNITTING MINISTRY

2nd & 4th Wednesdays
10:00 a.m., Rothenberg Hall
June 14 & 28
July 12 & 26

WELCA Book Club

First Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

June 3—"Still Life with
Breadcrumbs" by Anna
Quindlin at the home
of Joan Vehec)

July 8—Breakfast buffet in
Fellowship Hall

Milestones



Prayers and best wishes to our newly confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, June 4:

Renee Grutzik, Ryan Mellett, and Nick Poreda

Congratulations —to Mike Davis, son of Karen and Craig Davis, on his first place award in the 2016 Editorial Contest of the Maryland/Delaware/District of Columbia Press Association;
—to Will Sherard on his appointment as a student commissioner by the Falls Church City Council

June Birthdays: Sue Becker, Nancy Bernot, Paul Bremmer, Charlotte Brockman, Debbie D'Addario, Carrie Daniels, Julie Davis, Amber Ferratier, Barbara Galindo, Holly Hayes-Hambley, Chris Hegemann, Colin Hoyt, Marcia Ihnen, Annika Kile, Joe Kile, Jack Kurtz, Sandy Lee, Jody Lundell, Ryan Mellett, Tim Mellett, Hannah Murphy, Nancy Neiswander, Mike Poreda, Harry Search, Kaya Shibuya, Yuki Shibuya, Linda Stone, Jean Strandlie, Charlie Strunk, Lynn Tedesco, Allison Veltman, Simon Wake, Elizabeth Young, Grace Young

June Anniversaries: Dave & Leona Badger, Jerry & Carol Barney, Larry & Maureen Elliott, John & Kim Grutzik, Alan & Alfie Rulis, Harry & Beth Search, Carol & Wayne Sukow

Thank you for your service to Holy Trinity—to the following outgoing officers and members of Council: Marcia Ihnen, Karen Cockerham, Pam Crum; to Tina Bertrand, for her service on the Mission Endowment Fund Committee. The newly elected members begin their terms on July 1.

July Birthdays: Jonathan Allsman, Mary Bakke, Kaden Ball, Carol Barney, Linda Bathen, Robert Beaty, Karen Cockerham, Wilma Dublin, Rachel Ebbesen, Ann Elmquist, Emma Hand, Bruce Hegemann, Joel Ihnen, Aurelia Khorsand, Martha Kile, Roger Kiver, Lida Krause, Robert Krause, Julia Kreider, Katelyn Kreider, Kris Luoma-Overstreet, Olivia Martin, Minnie Tom Meyer, Eva Novak, Sandy Pagano, Joshua Paparella, Susanne Pettit, Kristi Poreda, Grant Rohrer, Daniel Schneider, Caroline Sherard, Robert Tedesco, James Unkle, Heidi Veltman, Kathryn Veltman, Chris Wells, Ruth Winning

July Anniversaries: Arnold & Judy Baker, Keith & Kristin Ball, Tad & Amber Ferratier, Brian & Terri Fleck, Jeffrey & Marcia Ihnen

Farewell and best wishes to Carol & Wayne Sukow, as they head to their new home in the Lexington area of Virginia.

We remember in prayer all of our military brothers and sisters around the world including Joe Stierwalt and all in the USS Bush battlegroup. Cards are welcomed and encouraged. LCDR Joseph E. Stierwalt, USN HSC 9 Unit 200197 FPO AE 09501





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YEAR AT A GLANCE

September

11—Rally Sunday 10 a.m.
18—Begin Two Services
8:45 11:15
24—Merrifield Fall Festival

Confirmation Class—TBA

October

2—Blessing of the Animals
15—Deb Haynes' Consecration
30—Reformation Sunday

Fall Cleanup

November

6—All Saints Day
13—Knitting Boutique Sale
20—Christ the King
10 a.m. service and
Congregational meeting
23—Thanksgiving service
27—First Sunday of Advent

December

2—Chrysallis Retreat
3—Breakfast with Santa
4—Fair Trade Shopping
11—Advent Concert/cookies
18—Christmas Pageant
24—Services @ 4, 7, 9 p.m.
25—10 a.m. Service

January

1—10 a.m. Service
8—Epiphany Sunday (Return
to two services)

February

1—OWLS Potluck
4—Book Club
Jazz Coffeehouse 7 p.m.
5—No SNL (Super Bowl)
24-25—30-Hour Famine
26-March 4—Hypothermia

March

1—Ash Wednesday Services
Noon & 7:30 p.m.
5—Blanket Sunday
8, 15, 22, 29—Wednesday
Noon Devotion followed
by Soup & Bread lunch
12—Daylight Savings Begins

April

9—Palm Sunday
13—Maundy Thursday
Services Noon & 7:30
14—Good Friday Services
Noon & 7:30 p.m.
16—Easter Sunday
28-30—WELCA Retreat

May

14—Sunday School, SNL end
21—Youth Sunday 10 a.m.
Service
28—Begin 10 a.m. Summer
Worship Schedule
29—Memorial Day Festival
and Parade

June

4—Pentecost Sunday
(Confirmation)
11—**Congregational Celebration & Dessert Auction**
16-17—Synod Assembly
18—Father's Day
19—DVD & Pizza Series

July

4—Independence Day
holiday
8—Book Club
17-22—ConnectServiceWorship
23—Picnic

August

TBA—Sundae Sunday