



Holy Trinity

LUTHERAN CHURCH

BREAKING BARRIERS. BUILDING COMMUNITY.

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November 4, All Saints Sunday

First Reading: Deuteronomy 6:1-9
Second Reading: Hebrews 9:11-14
Gospel: Mark 12:28-34
Preaching Pastor Morton

November 11, New Member Sunday

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:8-16
Psalm 146
Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28
Gospel: Mark 12:38-44
Preaching Pastor Mentzer

November 18- Youth Sunday

First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3
Psalm 16
Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25
Gospel: Mark 13:1-8
Preaching Holy Trinity Youth

November 25, Christ the King Sunday, Communion

First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Second Reading: Revelation 1:4b-8
Gospel: John 18:33-37
Preaching Pastor Genck Morton

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

At the risk of being simplistic, I want to share with you three categories of people with whom we are engaged in mission as the church of Jesus Christ.

CORE GROUP. First, there is the Core Group. This group is comprised of those who experience God in the traditional ways of the institutional church. For most in this group, all of their spiritual lives have been shaped as part of a congregation. For some Holy Trinity members, all of their spiritual lives have been shaped as part of this congregation. This is extraordinary! The model of ministry that works well for those in the core group is a model that was developed and implemented in the 1960's and 1970's. This model includes regular (weekly) Sunday morning worship attendance, participation in Sunday School and Adult Education classes, serving in the ministries of the congregation through committee membership, and connection to a building. Holy Trinity Church is strong in this model of ministry. Worship attendance has increased by about 6% from last year, a membership increase by the end of the year is anticipated and we have a balanced budget, regular care for hospitalized and homebound members, and a successful capital campaign.

PERIPHERY GROUP. Second, there is the Periphery Group. I want to focus specifically on couples with young children as the group on the periphery of our ministry. This group is comprised of faithful parents who want their children to know and love Jesus, even if they feel limited in their own knowledge and relationship with Jesus. While church is still a thing for the Periphery Group, the model of ministry that works for the Core Group doesn't always work for the Periphery Group. (*cont.*)

Mission Statement

Under constraint of the Gospel, guided and empowered by the Holy Spirit, the mission of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is for all members to bear witness to the crucified and risen Christ (Acts 1:8)

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To engage those on the periphery, I think it is important for us to focus on two Strategic Questions. First, *How are we preparing our children to be disciples of Jesus?* Second, *How are we equipping parents to raise their children as disciples of Jesus?* Engaging those on the periphery means that our understanding of regular worship attendance changes; in what ways beyond a Sunday morning education hour do we build relationships with parents and their children and give them the resources they need to be disciples of Jesus; how do we provide opportunities to serve that move away from a committee approach to time and task specific opportunities; and finally, in what other spaces will those in this group gather other than in our buildings. I believe that Holy Trinity Church can excel in engaging those on the periphery.

UNATTACHED GROUP. Third, there is the Unattached Group. This group is comprised of those in whose lives God is active, yet are outside the traditional structures of the church. They recognize divine activity in their lives, but see it as more spiritual than as a personal faith in Jesus. They are a curious group of people who are willing to have conversations about faith and ask questions about Jesus. They, will, however, only be willing to engage with those who are non-judgmental in their approach; those who are willing to listen and provide space for exploring ideas and beliefs; and with those who are just as concerned about the spiritual lives of others as they are of their own spiritual lives. I believe that Holy Trinity Church—many times in the past a pioneering congregation—has a remarkable capacity to be pioneers in this ministry of connection with those who are unattached. There is no clear model to follow at this point. I do think, however, that it begins with us being in ministry for more than ourselves.

Blessings.

Pastor Tim Mentzer

All Saints Sunday is November 4th. On this day, we will remember those from our congregation and our lives who have died in the past year. Each of our lives is so significantly impacted by the people we encounter. Our hearts grieve when we lose these loved ones to death. On All Saints Sunday, we name these loved ones aloud, give thanks for their lives, and praise God for the gift of resurrection. Also, as is our custom, we will welcome Temple Avenue as they lead us in worship.

The Annual Thanksgiving Eve Service sponsored by the Downtown Ministerium will be held on **Wednesday, November 21, at 7 p.m.** at First United Methodist Church, 29 East Walnut St, Lancaster. The Rev. Ric Bauer, Associate Rector of St. James Episcopal Church will be the speaker.

Retirement Community Services:

Luther Acres **Tuesday, November 6 at 3:00 p.m.**

Woodcrest Villa **Thursday, November 15 at 1:00 p.m.**

Willow Valley **Tuesday, November 20 at 3:00 p.m.**

From James Anderson, Pastoral Assistant

Visitations:

Hello all! One of the main parts of my ministry is visitation, in which I travel to visit members in the hospital or in their homes. I have been blessed these last few months to get to know you all better, and I look forward to working with you further!

High School Happening:

For those who have not heard, I am teaching our High School Youth each Sunday, in addition to helping Pastor Tasha with youth programming. The main theme of our discussions in October and November is "Discipleship Plus, Taking the next Step". In addition to getting to know each other better, we are also working on faith questions that are asked in everyday life, (How do we know that God exists? If God is good, why is there evil in the world?). In November, we will be doing a short series called "What does the Bible say?" which talks about how to apply biblical wisdom to modern conundrums and issues.

Also this month, mark your calendar for November 18th, where the youth will be leading Worship service! Our fabulous youth will be doing everything from greeting and ushering to the message itself.

Hope to see you there!

ADULT EDUCATION

Sunday Morning Classes for Adults

Adult Elective on Sundays in the library at 9:45, led by Doug Frazer. The November topic continues a study in Hebrews. Come and discuss this important book in the New Testament, in which Jesus is portrayed as our Great High Priest. "The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven" Hebrews 1:3. Each session will stand alone and all questions are welcome.

Sunday Morning Coffee Fellowship takes place at the north end of Fondersmith Auditorium following the 8:30 service to 10:00 a.m.

Adult Forum on Sundays at **10:00 a.m.** in the Fondersmith Auditorium.

Nov. 4 Melanie Snyder, "The RMO's Trauma-Informed Criminal Justice Initiative and the Impact of Trinity's Challenge Grant Support." In Lancaster County, it's estimated that at least 3,700 children have an incarcerated parent. Parental incarceration is one of the original 10 Adverse Childhood Experiences or ACEs known to cause trauma for children that can have life-long adverse impacts. Witnessing a parent's arrest can also be deeply traumatizing for children. In December, 2017, Trinity awarded the annual Challenge Grant to the RMO for Returning Citizens, Lancaster County's prisoner reentry coalition, which has been building the foundation for a trauma-informed criminal justice system in Lancaster County over the past several years. Come hear about the impact of Trinity's Challenge Grant support which allowed the RMO to provide training about trauma and

Adverse Childhood Experiences to police officers and parole officers across Lancaster County to minimize the risk of potential trauma to children of justice-involved parents and teach them best practices and procedures for ensuring children's safety and well-being throughout the parental arrest and incarceration processes.

Nov. 11 Dr. Martin Zimmann will speak on Israel and Palestine.

Nov. 18 Trinity members Mary and Tony Applegate – "C. S. Lewis: Through the Lens of Favorite Narnian Characters."

Nov. 25 Intergenerational Advent Wreath Making

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On **Sunday, November 25** all ages are invited to the Fondersmith Auditorium to make Advent Wreaths from 9:45-10:45. There will be no Forum, Sunday School, Confirmation, or High School Youth Group that morning so all are welcome to join us in this fun activity. The wreaths can be taken home and used throughout the season of Advent as we await the coming of Jesus. Please join us for this fun event!

Wreath Making. Nancy Shenk will lead our next wreath making session on **December 1** at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish House. Wreaths will be made for the doors of the church for the season of Advent. If you are interested in participating in the wreath making session, please check in with the office.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Youth Led Service – November 18

On Sunday, November 18 the confirmation and high school youth will be leading both services. Almost every aspect of the service will be chosen, written, or led by the youth including hymns, prayers, the confession and forgiveness, and the message. Of course, many of our youth help lead worship already on a regular basis but we are proud to highlight their many gifts for ministry on this Sunday. Please join us and celebrate the way that God is at work in their lives!

College Students' Addresses Needed

Are you or your child in college? Please send Pastor Tasha your/their updated address. We want to make sure we remain in touch with you during the year. Send it to her via email at pastortasha@trinitylanaster.org.

WOMEN'S/ MEN'S MINISTRY

TWIST

The purpose of Trinity Women in Study Together (TWIST), which is open to all women of the church, is to provide meetings for Bible study and spiritual development, and to be a supportive and faith-sharing group. Weekly sessions are planned by a committee of members who schedule topics for study and discussion through videos, DVDs and readings. All sessions are held in either the Café or the library of the Parish House on Wednesday mornings, 9:45 to 11:15 a.m. September through May. All women are welcome!

- **Nov. 7 - Nov. 28** Study on Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Pastor Adam Morton will be teaching the session on Nov. 7.

Men in Mission (1) Meets every other Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. in the Homestead Village Chapel. Our aim is to have energetic discussions on stories in the Bible during a one hour session.

Men in Mission (3) Meets every other Thursday at 7:00 a.m. in the Homestead Village Boardroom. Contact is Jim Doyle at 344-2679 or jsdoyle24@comcast.net

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Challenge Grant 2018

The Challenge Grant Team is in the midst of receiving applications for the 2018 Grant. Through the Challenge Grant, \$5000 is given to a local non-profit to start a new program to serve the community of Lancaster. In the afternoon of Nov. 13 a team of Holy Trinity members will interview finalists for the grant. We are in need of people to help with these interviews. Please contact Pastor Tasha at 717-397-2734 or pastortasha@trinitylanaster.org if you are able to help.

Shop with a Cop is Saturday, December 8

Our Mission for Shop with a Cop: It is the mission of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church to work with community organizations to identify and reach children (ages 4 through 15) who have been impacted by the criminal justice system, primarily through the incarceration of a loved one or by personal involvement, to facilitate positive relationship with law enforcement officers by interaction in a faith filled, joyful Christmas shopping celebration.

The Goals of Shop with a Cop:

1. To provide each child the means to shop with a member of the law enforcement community to purchase Christmas presents for family members of the participant.
2. To foster a positive interaction for the participants and members of law enforcement by providing a meal and time for conversation and relationship between officers, participants, and families.
3. To provide a safe, welcoming and comfortable place for this interaction.

Opportunities to Help:

- Act as a Spanish/English translator
- Help act as a host and/or do registration
- Staff the kitchen during registration
- Staff the kitchen at 12:00 Noon
- Help gift wrap
- Act as a photographer to take and print pictures of the children
- Bring a dozen cookies to the Parish House on Thursday, Dec. 6

If you want to serve on the Shop with a Cop Planning Team, we will hold a meeting on Saturday, **November 10** at 10 a.m. in the Parish House Library. Please be in touch with Pastor Mentzer at seniorpastor@trinitylancaster.org if you are willing to help on the Planning Team.

Community Garden Care – Thank You!

The Community Garden is finishing up another successful season! Thank you to Holy Trinity for your support! Through the Community Garden we were able to continue to cultivate our connections with our neighbors including King Elementary School. The new gardening season will start in spring 2019. Please consider joining the team to help this ministry continue to flourish as we strengthen our ties with the school and neighborhood.

CJS Support

Having a loved one spending time in prison is a life changing experience for the entire family. However, you are not alone. The group is a safe place to talk about your thoughts and feelings and gain new insights from those who share your experience. All information shared is confidential.

We meet on the first and third Wednesdays of every month from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Childcare is available upon request. Please contact Pastor Tasha for childcare. Light refreshments will be served.

African American Heritage Walking Tours-2018 conclude this month on Saturday, Nov. 3. More information is available at <http://undergroundrroriginspa.org/heritage-events>

Lancaster Prayer Walk on Saturdays November 17 and December 15, sponsored by the Moravian Center located at 227 North Queen Street. Individuals are invited to walk as much or as little as they would like. Stops for prayer include the Courthouse, Binn's Park and the Police Station. Meet at the Moravian Center at 9 a.m.

Meet the person who brightens our Breakfast Fellowship

What other meal provider in Lancaster County serves in an atmosphere of live music? That's one of the distinctives of our barrier-busting, community building weekly Fellowship.

And where would you find a talented pianist who would come in at 6:30 a.m. every Sunday morning and play for two hours without a break? That would take a truly dedicated person!

For many years back in the early 2000's, a woman named Dee Dee Myers came in every Sunday from Strasburg to play for us. When she moved to Chicago our patrons put up a fuss about replacing her.

Well, how about Linda Flick? Someone asked. "Great," we replied, "But doesn't she already volunteer for everything? But hey, we can ask."

Her response? "I do volunteer as a chimer, and a lay reader, and usher/greeter, and church office helper ... but sure, I'd love to try it!" That was back in 2007 and the rest is musical history.

Linda's first foray into using her piano skills was teaching younger students, but shockingly, they didn't practice much so she dropped that enterprise. On the other hand, she says she thoroughly enjoys playing for the Fellowship group. She even has a coterie of fans who sit near the big baby grand, even though they can't talk much over the high-decibel melodies that fill the entire Fisher Parish House. Linda has a firm hand on the keyboard.



You'd be surprised at the number of Trinity folks who are involved in keeping Breakfast Fellowship humming. Over the next months, we'll highlight a few in this newsletter. They all say it's a very satisfying ministry. If you'd like to join us sometime, send Cathy Dobish an email at jdobish@verizon.net.

INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY

Holy Trinity Supports Lutheran World Relief

Twelve representatives of Holy Trinity volunteered at the Brethren Service Center in New Windsor, Md., helping prepare boxes for shipment with Lutheran World Relief. The group packed 122 boxes of personal care kits, layettes and school kits with a combined total weight of 3 1/4 tons! In addition, they inspected at least 2,000 health kits and three men unloaded one semi-trailer with incoming donations from churches around the country. As we were reminded throughout the day, our efforts will be deeply appreciated by our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the world. From left: Sally Bair, Jim Doyle, Susie Doyle, Dave Wanner, David Eckman, Betsy Schott, Angie Wanner, Anita Ratcliffe, Mary Elizabeth Eckman, Emy Belser, Bruce Stauffer and Alan Bair. Thanks to all who volunteered!



<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
				1 6:15 Choir Dinner/Rehearsal	2	3 African American Heritage Walking Tours 11 & 2:00 p.m. <i>Daylight Savings begins</i>
4 All Saints 8:30 Casual Worship 8:30/11 Traditional Services with communion 9:45 Education Hour 4:00 Concert	5 7 pm Lay Academy/Horton	6 3 p.m. Service at Luther Acres 7 pm Lay Academy/Morton Discipleship Ministry	7 9:45 TWIST 4 pm Trustees 6 pm CJS Support Group	8 7 am Men in Mission (3) 6:15 Choir Dinner/Rehearsal 7 pm Lay Academy/Mentzer	9	10 10 am Shop with a Cop Task Force
11 8:30 Casual Worship 8:30/11 Traditional Services 9:45 Education Hour	12 7 pm Vestry Meeting	13 7 pm Lay Academy/Morton	14 8 am Men in Mission (1) 9:45 TWIST	15 1 pm Woodcrest Villa 6:15 Choir Dinner/Rehearsal	16	17 9-12 Vestry Retreat
18 Youth Sunday 8:30 Casual Worship with communion 8:30/11 Traditional Service 9:45 Education Hour	19	20 3 pm Willow Valley	21 Office Closes at noon 6 pm CJS Support Group	22 Thanksgiving Office Closed	23 Office Closed	24
25 8:30 Casual Worship 8:30/11 Traditional Services 9:45 Education Hour	26 Office Closed	27	28 8 am Men in Mission (1) 9:45 TWIST	29 6:15 Choir Dinner/Rehearsal	30	

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Concert series

- **Sunday, November 4** at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. New Name Gospel Singers from the Saint Paul Missionary Baptist Church.



The Rev. Timothy Mentzer, Senior Pastor; The Rev. Tasha Genck Morton, Associate Pastor;
The Rev. Adam Morton, Associate Pastor and Resident Scholar; James Anderson, Pastoral Assistant;
Dr. Robert Horton, Organist and Choirmaster

For centuries, this has been a place of inspiration and courage. We are devoted to breaking barriers between people through social outreach and by providing a nurturing environment that embraces all viewpoints in hearty discussions about faith. We are passionate and unwavering in our pursuit to build a thriving community.

We are Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.