



HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE LAMPLIGHTER

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light in my path." Psalm 119:105



Mission Statement

For Holy Trinity

**Seek, Serve and Share
Christ**

In prayer and thanksgiving we:

Focus on Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

Accept all people with Love.

Invite and baptize into God's family.

Teach and Live God's Word in joy.

Heal through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Kindness to the **core!**

*Intentionally being with
Jesus to learn from Jesus
both how to be like Jesus
and how to do greater works
than Jesus.*



**God's Spirit makes us
loving, happy, peaceful,
patient, kind, good, faithful, gentle, and self-
controlled. There is no law against behaving in
any of these ways – Galatians 5:22-23**

This month our Sunday lessons will focus the role of **kindness**. Kindness is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. When we were baptized – and when we participate in Holy Communion – we receive directly the Holy Spirit. **Kindness is a gift from the Spirit.**

When we think of kindness, we might think of kind actions that people have done to us. For example, when I was a teenager, my grandparents lived on the route that I walked home from school. Oftentimes, I would stop and visit my grandparents. Nearly every time I stopped, my grandmother had cookies ready for me to eat. My grandmother showed kindness by offering me conversation – and a snack!

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KINDNESS TO THE CORE

In the Bible, however, the word kindness is not only the positive, but also a distinct avoidance of the negative. Biblical kindness not only meets human needs, but also avoids harshness. **Kindness is about doing good for people that we don't like.**

The story of Jonah is a great Biblical example. God told Jonah to go to the city of Ninevah to declare God's anger at them. To Jonah's surprise, the people listened to his words. So, **rather than destroy the city in punishment for their sins, God blessed the people** with prosperity and new life.

Biblical kindness is the opposite of retaliation or revenge. It is a useful form of perfection that transforms the heart and mind. It is similar to the idea in the traditional saying, "Honey attracts more flies than vinegar." Jesus could have mocked and cursed the people who were crucifying him. Instead, he prayed, **"Father, forgive them."**

As you think about your relationships with God and others, take some time to think over and to pray for people in your life who need kindness from you:

How does God need me to be kind to God?
How do my neighbors need my kindness?
What family members need my kindness?

In God's Peace,
Pastor Rob



IMAGES FROM SERBIA

In July 2017, Pastor Rob traveled to Kulpin, Serbia, and surrounding villages to better learn about the lives of Slovak Lutherans there. His primary work was as a “language missionary.” He taught three classes of English for youth and adults alike.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's Church



CHILDREN'S CHURCH will be studying the Fruits of the Spirit this year. The study for September will be on Kindness. As there are nine Fruits of the Spirit they will learn one Fruit a month. October will be a study on Goodness; November will be Faithfulness; and December is Patience. Classes will start the third

week in September, September 17th. On the 10th of September the children are asked to bring their backpacks for a special blessing during the service. They will receive a special Fruit of the Spirit name tag and several gifts at that time.

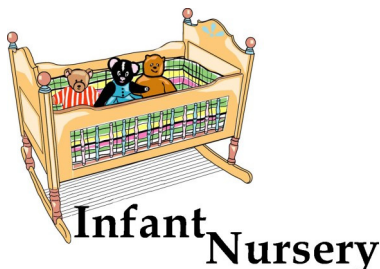
Following the service they will go with their family to the Gathering Place for lunch and some activities.

On the 17th the children will go down to their classroom with their teacher just before the reading of the Gospel. They will come up to join their parents just before Communion so that they may receive a blessing. On the third Sunday of each month the children will stay in church for the whole service. We look forward to having them back for Sunday School.

CATECHISM will begin on September 17th as well. The students will meet the first and third Sundays of the month from 5 to 7 p.m. in Getter Lounge. We have a nice group of students returning this year—Riley Crable, Cassie Herrmann, Charlie Herrmann, Zoey Ludwig and Tony Portillo. God's blessings on these young people as they prepare for their Confirmation. These classes will be taught by Bonnie Herrmann and Chris Ludwig.



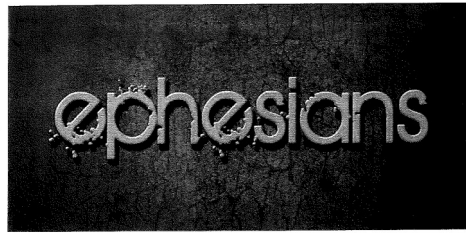
Catechism



Infant Nursery

THE INFANT NURSERY will again be staffed each week during the school year beginning Sunday, September 17th. The ages are infants to 4 years.

EPHESIANS STUDIES



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL begins Sunday, September 17 at 8:50 a.m. We will be studying Ephesians. This series will run through November 5th and is open to everyone. The classes will be offered again on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m., beginning on September 21st, and will include Holy Communion.

MEN & WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES will begin on Wednesday, September 20th, at 11 a.m. These studies will be on this same material but will have a separate men's group and a women's group similar to the way we used to meet on Tuesday evenings. The material for these sessions will be on Ephesians as presented on Sunday mornings at 8:50 a.m.

Hopefully everyone will be able to take advantage of the course at one of the times offered. Just another way to seek Christ at Holy Trinity!



BACKPACK BLESSING

On Sunday, September 10th, we will have the kick off for Children's Church. We are asking the children, of all ages, pre-school to adult, to bring their backpack with them to church for a special blessing. They will also receive a name tag and gifts. Since this is also Grandparents Day we hope that all the grandparents will bring their grandchildren for this special blessing. There will also be activities and a lunch for all the children who bring their backpacks, as well as their families, in the Gathering Place following the service.

A noisy offering will be taken that day and the proceeds will be used to buy school supplies to be given to Holy Trinity Day Nursery.

So that we can better plan for the lunch, please turn in your reservation.

Child _____

Number in family that will be attending _____

ACTIVITIES

J.O.Y. (Center for Seniors)

J. O.Y. will begin on Thursday, **September 7, 2017** at 10:15 A.M. for coffee and conversation.

The menu for September is: Chicken Cordon Bleu, Orso-Risotto, Romaine/Spinach Salad, with Strawberry Fool for Dessert.

If you have been hungry for anything, please let Martha know and she may be able to come up with a menu.

The September Program will be Claudette Davis, from the Margaret Hunt Senior Center, she will explain the ProMedica Wellness Program and our chance to collect \$50.



THE MEN'S BREAKFAST

GROUP will meet on Saturday, September 9th, at 8:30 a.m. at the Bob Evans Restaurant on Reynolds at Heatherdowns. All men of the congregation are invited and you are welcome to bring a guest as well.



WOMEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

The women's group is starting back up after taking the summer off. We will meet at Charlie's on Dussel at 9:30 a.m. on the 9th of September also. As with the men, all women of the congregation are welcome and guests are welcome too.



SOUL Ladies

The SOUL Ladies meet all year on Tuesday mornings. We will be back in full swing on Tuesday, September 5th. The ladies arrive around 9:00 a.m. and help with things up around the church like can crushing, sharpening pencils, cleaning Luella's kitchen and Getter lounge, help in the Clothes Closet, watering plants, etc. Whatever needs doing. They get together for fellowship around 10:00 and then finish up their projects and go home. These ladies provide a much needed service for the Lord and we are truly grateful for them. Come, join in the fun!

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

SEPTEMBER ALTAR GUILD

Coordinator: Sharon Mall-419-385-1139

Elaine Ludeman

Kathy Ludeman

SEPTEMBER GREETERS

September 3 Judy & Olen Fairchild

September 10 Shirle Johnson & Lois Reckley

September 17 Denny & Linda Miller

September 24 Ron & Priscilla Badik

LAY READER

September 3 Brad Walch

September 10 Tony Biel

September 17 Tom Creekmore

September 24 Bonnie Herrmann

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

September 3 Gary Troknya

September 10 Nancy Heaney

September 17 Cindy Zielinski

September 24 James Ray

ACOLYTES

September 10 Zoey Ludwig

September 17 Cassie Herrmann

September 24 Charlie Herrmann

SOUND TECHNICIANS

September 3 Fred Heaney

September 10 Tom Creekmore

September 17 Ken Herrmann

September 24 Ken Herrmann

SEPTEMBER USHERS

September 3 John Ramlow, Bart Bay
Gary Troknya

Richard Bockbrader

September 10 Gary Troknya
Peggy & Joel McDonald

September 17 Elaine & Rob Ludeman
Peggy & Joel McDonald

September 24 Elaine & Rob Ludeman
Beth & Tom Creekmore

COUNTERS

September 3 Brad & Suzy Walch and
Kathy Ludeman

September 10 John Ramlow and
Tom & Beth Creekmore

September 17 Nancy Heaney and
Don Fisher

September 24 Deanna Malohn and
Don Fisher

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

September 17 Cindy Zielinski

September 24 Cindy Zielinski

INFANT NURSERY

September 17 Chris & Paige Ludwig

September 24 Kim & Bailey Seay

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

In order to prepare for next month, and also to see if you have any conflicts with dates, we are printing the volunteer assignments for October in the space below. If you find you cannot serve on the date you are assigned, please try to switch with someone else or let the office know as soon as possible. Also, if you see a blank date and would like to volunteer for that time please let us know. Thank you!

OCTOBER ALTAR GUILD

Coordinator: Sharon Mall-419-385-1139

Peggy McDonald
Betsy Sutphin

OCTOBER GREETERS

October 1 Irene Fairchild & Joan Kinsey
October 8 Dee Stein & Barb Mitchell
October 15 Rose Retzke, Julie Thomas
October 22 Beth & Dale Nowicki
October 29 Don & Pat Connolly

LAY READER

October 1 Craig Siemens
October 8 Denny Miller
October 15 Rob Ludeman
October 22 Jim Ray
October 29 Brad Walch

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

October 1 Jennifer Beck
October 8 Tony Biel
October 15 John Eggert
October 22 Jan Fisher
October 29 Tom Creekmore

ACOLYTES

October 1 Tony Portillo
October 8 Riley Crable
October 15 Zoey Ludwig
October 22 Cassie Herrmann
October 29 Charlie Herrmann

SOUND TECHNICIANS

October 1 Craig Siemens
October 8 Craig Siemens
October 15 Glenn Zielinski
October 22 Glenn Zielinski
October 29 Dean Weygandt

OCTOBER USHERS

October 1 Beth & Tom Creekmore
Don Shafer, Richard Bockbrader
October 8 Don Shafer, Richard Bockbrader,
Dianne & Ron Curtis
October 15 Dianne & Ron Curtis
Becky & Denny DeLucia
October 22 Becky & Denny DeLucia
Kathy Ludeman, Barb Mitchell
October 29 Kathy Ludeman, Barb Mitchell
Priscilla & Ron Badik

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Month of October

INFANT NURSERY

October 1
October 8
October 15
October 22
October 29

COUNTERS

October 1 Brad & Suzy Walch and
John & Cheryl Eggert
October 8 John Ramlow and
Bonnie Herrmann
October 15 Nancy Heaney and
Bonnie Herrmann
October 22 Deanna Malohn and
October 29 John Ramlow and

If you need to reach Nancy for any reason, here are the numbers to call:
Office—419-382-5644
Home—419-382-2392
Cell—419-464-1707

CELEBRATION BY THE RIVER

What a wonderful, glorious day we had for the annual Celebration by the River with Park Church. The potluck fare was a picnic delight with so many delicious varieties to choose from and the games were enjoyed by all. Everyone certainly outdid themselves! What a perfect ending to a perfect God-given day! Many thanks to all the volunteers from both churches who helped to make everything run smoothly. Thanks to Julie Barnes for chairing the event again this year. Also, a big thank you to the choirs, directors and musicians who brought such a lively spirit to the service.



WAYS TO SERVE AND SHARE

The Clothes Closet is open for business and we are now in need of your gently used clothing items for Fall and Winter for our patrons as we strive to Seek, Serve and Share Christ with our neighbors. Just bring your offerings with you on Sunday or drop them off during the week. We will be happy to help you carry them in.

The people in need of food has grown drastically in the past few months and we thank you for your generosity in remembering to bring in groceries. In addition to the food you bring in we have been blessed to be able to secure food from both the Seagate and Northwest Ohio Food Banks. We also are getting cake mixes and other products from the J. H. Smucker plant (formerly General Mills) however, we would appreciate your donations of toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, dish soap, laundry detergent and hand soap as well as the food. Monetary donations are also helpful to keep the pantry stocked. "Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me." Matthew 25:40



Committees and Council

Committee and Council night will start up again on September 11th at 6:30 p.m.

All the committees would love to welcome new members as well as new ideas. Do you have some ideas you would like to share? Have you been thinking of something you would like to have happen at Holy Trinity? Is there a group you would like to take part in? You don't have to wait to be asked to join a committee—just come on the 11th and we will help you find a group that will fit your needs. In addition to being a way to Serve Christ it is also a wonderful way to get to know others in the congregation!

MUSICAL OPPORTUNITIES

Are you willing to share your musical talent with the congregation? Would you be willing to offer a solo during the Offertory in the service? Do you play an instrument and would you be willing to share your talent? Could you team up with others and form a duet, quartet, or group? While we are searching for a Music Director this would be a wonderful way to make a joyful noise unto the Lord! Just let us know in the office and we will help coordinate this with Hilary.



ACTIVITIES



Silver Sneakers!

There is a **Silver Sneakers** program, here at Holy Trinity on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 11:00 a.m. This program is seated exercise and standing with chair support. Rubber bands will be provided. This is being offered through Genacross (*formerly known as Lutheran Village at Wolf Creek*) at no cost. **This class is open for all adult ages. You do not have to be 65.**



Sunday,

September 17th

after service.

Cost: \$5

Busch Hall

Beverage and food provided

Please Sign up

Everyone welcome



Trunk
or Treat

“Trunk or Treat” will once again be offered for our neighbors, on Sunday, October 29th from 3:00- 5:00. Let’s make this year’s event even better. We had quite a large number of children last year, and we look for more to attend this time.

All it takes is your vehicle, Halloween treats, and warm, friendly faces to bless our community.

THANK YOU

Dear Holy Trinity Members,

Thank you for coming to the lovely reception in my honor given on July 23, 2017! I certainly enjoyed myself. I have many wonderful memories of your church to carry with me.

I truly appreciated all of your support and prayers and friendships while I worked there. I appreciated the way the congregation always sang out joyfully with lots of volume and spirit.

Keep it going!!!! The necklace which you gave to me as a parting gift, is a beautiful work of art and I shall always remember you as I wear it.

A special thanks to all of the ensemble members at Holy Trinity. Thank you for your dedication, tenacity and love as we worked together to give our best to Jesus.

The glass work with the beautiful inscription, which you had made for me, sits prominently on the mantle in my home. It is so lovely! I shall think of all of you every time I gaze upon it.

You shall remain in my heart and in the spirit of all music that leads me forward in my life! Carry on with spirit in the music you love!

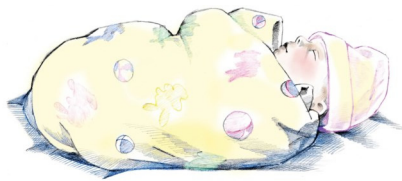
God's Blessings to All of You,

Betsy Nonnenmacher-Monks



JOY AND SORROW

The family of William "Bill" Otterson, who passed away recently, will be having a Celebration of Life service in Eau Claire, Wisconsin on September 30th. Our Christian sympathy goes to Sally and the family as we remember them in our prayers.



NEW GRANDPARENT

Judy Hurst became a Great-grandma on July 30th. Ember Mae Bovia was 8 lbs.6 oz. and 20-3/4 in. long. Rumor has it that Judy will be traveling to see her in January! Congratulations to the whole family!



HOLY TRINITY DAY NURSERY

If your family has childcare needs, please consider Holy Trinity Day Nursery. We offer a quality program Monday through Friday at a reasonable price. Plus, Church members receive a discount! If interested, call 419-382-4088.



Dorothy Ankenbrandt

419-893-8470

(Sorry the phone was omitted in the new directory)

Charles & Irene Ewing

Do NOT put Genesis Village in the address if you are mailing anything to them.

CELEBRATIONS

September Birthdays

- 1 Finley Retzke
- 2 Vicki Gross
- 4 Richard Ludwig
Genevieve Schrinel
- 5 Jim Ludwig
Darla Austermiller
Carl Taber
- 6 Greg Kaser
- 8 Renee Andrews
Deanna Malohn
- 10 Rich Neer
- 12 Lois Wandersee
- 13 Zoey Ludwig
Chuck Reynolds
- 14 Brad Walch
Aria Barile
- 15 Jeff Seay
- 16 Laura Palmer
- 17 Nathan Barker
Kathy Harrison
- 19 Diane Ducat
- 22 Dick Meek
Peggy Bittner
- 25 Henry Ludwig-Crosby
- 28 Halina Gacek



September Anniversaries

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| 1 | Joseph & Merin Schrinel | 10 years |
| | Pastor William & Judi Paul | 67 years |
| 10 | Roger & Dee Jaquay | 46 years |
| 13 | Don & Pat Connolly | 43 years |
| 19 | Marlene Roach | 1 year |
| 23 | Jack & Gen Curie | 39 years |
| | Greg & Bev Zmuda | 29 years |
| 24 | Luke & Jessica Wunderlin | 12 years |
| 26 | Dorsey & Joan Kinsey | 31 years |
| 29 | Burt & Marcy Rogers | 5 years |

SEPTEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 10:00 AM Celebration by the River--Service and Picnic	28 8:00 PM Al-Anon in AA Rm	29 9:00 AM Retirees/SOUL 11:00 AM Silver Sneakers Exercise Group	30 Golf-Time & Place to be announced	31 11:00 AM Silver Sneakers Exercise Group	1 OFFICE CLOSED	2 8:00 AM Men's Al-Anon
3 10:00 AM Worship in Sanctuary w/communion	4  OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 PM G/P Reserved 8:00 PM Al-Anon in AA Rm	5 9:00 AM Retirees/SOUL 11:00 AM Silver Sneakers Exercise Group 12:30 PM Staff Meeting	6 Golf-Time & Place to be announced 7:00 PM G/P Reserved	7 10:15 AM JOY Senior Group	8 OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 PM G/P Reserved	9 8:00 AM Men's Al-Anon 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast 9:30 AM Women's Breakfast
 GRANDPARENTS DAY 10:00 AM Backpack Blessing and lunch following service 10:00 AM Worship in Sanctuary w/communion 7:00 PM G/P Reserved	 REMEMBERING 9-11 12:30 PM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Election Day Set Up 6:30 PM Committee & Council Night 8:00 PM Al-Anon in AA Rm	12 ELECTION DAY 9:00 AM Retirees/SOUL 11:00 AM Silver Sneakers Exercise Group 11:30 AM Caring & Conversation	13 Golf-Time & Place to be announced 7:00 PM G/P Reserved	14 11:00 AM Silver Sneakers Exercise Group	15 OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 PM G/P Reserved	16 8:00 AM Men's Al-Anon
 JOIN OUR BIBLE STUDY 8:50 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship in Sanctuary w/communion 10:15 AM Children's Sunday School 11:00 AM Euchre Tournament in B/H 5:00 PM Catechism in G/L	18 12:30 PM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM G/P Reserved 8:00 PM Al-Anon in AA Rm	19 9:00 AM Retirees/SOUL 11:00 AM Silver Sneakers Exercise Group	 Weekday Bible Studies Golf-Time & Place to be announced 11:00 AM Men's and Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM Discipleship Huddle Group in G/L	 Bible Studies 11:00 AM Silver Sneakers Exercise Group 7:00 PM Bible Study w/ communion	 First Day of Autumn OFFICE CLOSED	23 8:00 AM Men's Al-Anon
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