

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.

But what happens when we live God's way? He brings gifts into our lives, much the same way that fruit appears in an orchard—things like affection for others, exuberance about life, serenity. We develop a willingness to stick with things, a sense of compassion in the heart, and a conviction that a



basic holiness permeates things and people. We find ourselves involved in loyal commitments, not needing to force our way in life, able to marshal and direct our energies wisely. Galatians 5:22-23

In the Last Days, God says, "I will pour out my Spirit on every kind of people: Your sons will prophesy, also your daughters; Your young men will see visions, your grandmothers and grandfathers will dream dreams." Acts 2:14-17

Prior to arriving at Holy Trinity, I served at St. Petri - our closest Lutheran neighbors. St. Petri built their worship space during the same time that we at Holy Trinity were building. Here is an excerpt from the then district president's message to St. Petri in 1949:

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INTERIM INSIGHTS

This is an excellent time to rethink our program. This is a changing community. Be sure that your program meets the needs of the people you are endeavoring to win. Some congregations miss many opportunities. If you have a vision of the challenge, you will realize that there is work to be done.

As I have begun to learn more about the history of Holy Trinity, I have discovered some similar ideas and concerns expressed by leaders. Here are some excerpts of bulletin notices and news clippings about the expansion of Holy Trinity's ministry in 1949:

It was recognized long ago that social service had to go modern to meet the needs of the community ... old-fashioned churches can not meet the needs of the new-fashioned age. [The new building] proposes to make a modern appeal to people of modern tastes without losing any of its emphasis on religion. [Holy Trinity] offers a well-rounded program of worship that, in addition to the spreading of God's Word, it is dedicated to community service ... works of mercy ... and the ministering of sacred acts ...

How marvelous and exciting that vision, dreaming, and Good News sharing are so much a part of the DNA of Holy Trinity! To be honest, I thought that I had lost that Spirit in leaving St. Petri. And yet, here it is at Holy Trinity!

"Going modern" - as exciting as that sounds - can be difficult and awkward. It demands both knowledge of the past, but also curiosity and experimentation into the future. Sometimes, our desire for stability overtakes our desire to dream and innovate.

But, we at Holy Trinity have a Holy Spirit that has not abandoned us. This Spirit reminds us of the abundance of both our history and our future. The Bible tells us that signs of the Holy Spirit being in our present now are identified in love, persistence, faithfulness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23). Beyond this, the Holy Spirit is revealed through the visions and dreams we have about our future (Acts 2:14-17). The two signs of the presence of the Holy Spirit are not distinct and separate: they are intertwined. The faithfulness and persistence of the now result in the dreams and visions of the future. It took patience, persistence, and faithfulness for our grandmothers and grandfathers to build the "CHURCH of TOLEDO TOMORROW".

The same is true for us today. Notice that age is not an issue in the Bible: ALL who have received the Spirit are called to love and faithfulness; ALL may expect to dream dreams. It was true in the days of going modern. It is true for us today.

As you and I begin our walk in faith together, it will be important for us to consider the dreams and visions we have together. We must not only think about what we see now, but what dreams the Holy Spirit has for us into the future. A good place for us to begin might be to ask questions using our mission statement - FAITH:

What does Focusing on Jesus look like now? What should focused faith look like a year from now? What does Accepting all people look like now? What should acceptance look like a year from now? What does Inviting others to baptism look like now? What should invitation look like a year from now? What does Teaching God's Word look like now? What should teaching look like a year from now? What does Healing in the Spirit look like now? What should healing look like a year from now?

We live, work, and pray in changing communities. We are being challenged to go modern in ways that are both familiar and new. I look forward to our journey of faithful discovery together!

In God's Peace, Pastor Rob

FROM THE PRESIDENT

. On behalf of our congregation, I want to welcome Pastor Robert Johnson as Interim pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Pastor Rob's official start date will be September 1; he will be installed during our September 11 service. We are delighted to have Pastor Rob with us.

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! 2 Corinthians 5:17



These words from St. Paul should bring comfort to us. In the water of Baptism, our former selves were washed away. As a new creation, we get a fresh start – not just on the day of our Baptism, but every day of our lives. God knows that we are not perfect, and that we will stumble and fall in our daily walk with Jesus. But the good news is that God will NEVER give up on us – nor should we give up on ourselves or anyone else.

The above verse from St. Paul's second letter to the church in Corinth is the theme for *"Always Being Made New,"* the ELCA's five-year campaign to respond to the needs of the world. The goal of this ambitious campaign is to raise a total of \$198 million to support ELCA ministries. To some skeptics (like myself), this seems like an impossible goal. Truth is, more than <u>\$80 million</u> in contributions or pledges has been raised in the first two years of this campaign. This is a remarkable testimony to the generosity and faithfulness of the members of the ELCA.

Each year of *"Always Being Made New"* features a different focus. In 2014 the focus was on the ELCA's malaria campaign. As you know, malaria is a mosquito-borne disease which afflicts millions of men, women and children in tropical areas of the world. The goal in 2014 was to raise \$15 million to fight this disease. I am proud to report that the members of our denomination **exceeded** this goal by raising \$15.5 million for this campaign.

Other ministries which are being supported by *"Always Being Made New"* include: development of new congregations; missionaries; youth and young adults; and people with disabilities.

For the year 2016, the focus of *"Always Being Made New"* is twofold: 1) ELCA World Hunger; and 2) the feeding ministries of the Northwestern Ohio Synod. More about this in the October issue of The Lamplighter.



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

MEET PASTOR ROB

COTTAGE MEETING TO MEET PR. ROB

The congregation is invited to join our new Interim Pastor, Pr. Robert Johnson, for a question and answer meeting and to get to know Pr. Rob. This meeting will be a chance to ask Pr. Rob questions that you want answers to; and, also, a chance for Pr. Rob to ask the congregation about questions that he has. Pr. Rob will be asking particular questions about our thoughts on Bible studies and Christian Education.



There will be two meetings for you to choose from--Tuesday, September 13th, at 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday, September 14th, at 10:00 a.m. If you so choose you may bring a dessert to share.

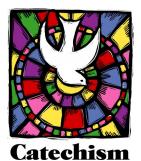
This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know Pr. Rob in a Small Group setting and show him our Holy Trinity hospitality. Incidentally, this will be the first of three Cottage Meetings to be held.



CHILDREN'S CHURCH will start the second week in September, September 11th. 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 11th as well. The students will meet every other Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. in Getter Lounge. We have a nice group of students coming 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.





THE INFANT NURSERY will again be staffed each week during the school year beginning Sunday, September 11th. The ages are infants to 4 years.





As usual, contributions to the church have declined over the summer months. Please try to "catch up" with your giving so we can meet expenses. At the end of July, church income was \$20,000 less than expenses. There is a balance in the checking account to cover this difference.

Also, it would be greatly appreciated if anyone might be able to make a donation to help pay for the new air conditioners and ceiling repair near the balcony. The chancel ceiling and organ repair will be paid for by the contractor's insurance company. We do not want to use any more of the Endowment funds than necessary because unexpected expenses can occur at any time.

A special thanks to the members who have already contributed to this project.

The finance committee is looking for "a few good men (and women)" who would like to serve on this important committee. An accounting background is not required. Meetings are the first Monday of each month from 6:30 to 7:15 PM. Please see John Eggert if you are interested.





As you are getting ready to put your flower beds down for the winter, Don Shafer is interested in any of the extra Tulip Bulbs you harvest for Holy Trinity's landscape. You may bring them with you on Sunday morning or drop of at the church office during the week. Don will also accept donations of money if you so wish.



Fred Heaney took metal to be recycled at Omni Source for a total of \$21.15. These funds will be used to help supply our Food Pantry.

\$277.00 Thrivent Choice Dollars were deposited in our Holy Trinity account in August. Thank you to our Holy Trinity members who direct their Choice Dollars to us.



We also received a check from Kroger for \$385.10 for the second quarter of the year. We appreciate you choosing Holy Trinity for your charitable donation. This is such an easy, pain-free way to help the Food Pantry. If you haven't signed up just ask us in the office and we will give you the information to join.

ACTIVITIES

J.O.Y. (Center for Seniors)

Since Labor Day is late again this year (*September 5, 2016*) J.O.Y. will not begin until **Thursday, September 8, 2016.** (*the first Thursday <u>after</u> Labor Day*). The rest of the year should be normal and will fall on the first Thursday of the month. Hopefully January and February will be mild.

We will meet at 10:15 a.m. on Thursday, September 8, for coffee and conversation and a brief business meeting. Tony Biel, Council President, will update us on where we stand in the call process.



Martha's Menu will be Salad, Lasagna, Garlic Bread, and dessert. Cost for lunch is \$7.00. All are welcome. No membership required. Bring a friend. We look forward to seeing you. Make a reservation with your caller or call the church office at <u>419-382-5644</u>



THE MEN'S BREAKFAST

GROUP will meet on Saturday, September 10th, 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.



WOMEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

The Women's Breakfast Group will also meet on Saturday, September 10th, at Charlie's on Dussel Drive at 9:30 a.m. Join us for a morning of fellowship. You are welcome to bring a guest as well.

New SOUL Ladies Wanted



The SOUL Ladies meet all year on Tuesday mornings. We will be back in full swing on Tuesday, September 6th. 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 Peggy McDonald

SEPTEMBER GREETERS

- September 4 Joan Kinsey & Dawn Melms
- September 11 Shirle Johnson & Barb Mitchell
- September 18
- September 25 Ron & Priscilla Badik

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

September 4	Carol Ludwig
September 11	Nancy Heaney
September 18	Cindy Zielinski
September 25	Craig Siemens

LAY READER

September 4 Brad Walch September 11 Tony Biel September 18 Tom Creekmore September 25 Bonnie Herrmann

ACOLYTES

September 18 Cassie Herrmann September 25 Charlie Herrmann

SOUND TECHNICIANS

September 4 Tom Creekmore September 11 Tom Creekmore September 18 Ken Herrmann Septembe 25 Ken Herrmann

SEPTEMBER USHERS

- September 4 John Ramlow, Bart Bay Richard Mitton September 11 Gary Troknya
 - Richard Mitton
 - Peggy & Joel McDonald
- September 18 Elaine & Rob Ludeman
 - Peggy & Joel McDonald
- September 25 Elaine & Rob Ludeman Beth & Tom Creekmore

COUNTERS

- September 4 Brad & Suzy Walch and John & Cheryl Eggert
- September 11 John Ramlow and Kathy McCloud
- September 18 Nancy Heaney and Don Fisher
- September 25 Deanna Malohn and Don Fisher

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

September 11Allison IronsSeptember 18Kids in WorshipSeptember 25Pat Albright

INFANT NURSERY

September 11 Kim & Bailey SeaySeptember 18 Carol ToneySeptember 25 Chris & Paige Ludwig

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

Betsy Sutphin Kathy Ludeman

OCTOBER GREETERS

October 2 Irene Fairchild and Joan Kinsey October 9 Shirle Johnson and Barb Mitchell October 16 Rose Retzke, Julie Thomas October 23 Priscilla & Ron Badik October 30 Don & Pat Connolly

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

October 2 Jennifer Beck Siemens October 9 Tony Biel October 16 October 23 Jan Fisher October 30 Tom Creekmore

LAY READER

- October 2 Craig Siemens
- October 9 Denny Miller October 16 Rob Ludeman
- October 23 Jim Ray
- October 30 Brad Walch

- ACOLYTES October 2
- October 9 Zoey Ludwig October 16 Riley Crable October 23 Cassie Herrmann October 30 Charlie Herrmann

SOUND TECHNICIANS

October	2	Jim Roman
October	9	Jim Roman
October	16	Glenn Zielinski
October	23	Glenn Zielinski
October	30	Dean Weygandt

OCTOBER USHERS

- October 2 Beth & Tom Creekmore Don Shafer and Richard Bockbrader
- October 9 Don Shafer and Richard Bockbrader, Dianne & Ron Curtis
- October 16 Dianne & Ron Curtis Becky & Denny DeLucia
- October 23 Becky & Denny DeLucia Kathy Ludeman, Barb Mitchell
- October 30 Kathy Ludeman, Barb Mitchell Priscilla & Ron Badik

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- October 2 Becky DeLucia and
 - Beth Creekmore
- October 9 Cindy Zielinski
- October 16 Kids in Worship
- October 23 Carol Toney
- October 30 Allison Irons

INFANT NURSERY

- October 2 Trumbull Family
- October 9 Jim & Patrice Barker
- October 16 Kim & Bailey Seay
- October 23 Chris & Paige Ludwig
- October 30 Trumbull Family

COUNTERS

- October 2 Brad & Suzy Walch and Tom & Beth Creekmore
- October 9 John Ramlow and Pat Connolly
- October 16 Nancy Heaney and Richard & Carol Ludwig
- October 23 Deanna Malohn and Pat Connolly
- October 30 John Ramlow and Carl Barnes

MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC

September is here and all the musical ensembles are starting up again. Betsy is always grateful for new additions, as well as the current members, to all of these musical gifts to God. Not only do they enhance our worship services you get an added bonus of wonderful fellowship with other members of Holy Trinity. It's a win, win all the way around. Please let Betsy know if you would like to join one or more of these groups.





Please come and make a Joyful Noise, as a member of the Holy Trinity Choir. This year we will perform "Hear Comes the Light" on December 11th to celebrate the birth of Our Lord. Choir will begin rehearsals on September 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

The Holy Trinity instrumental ensemble would welcome any new members who enjoy playing music. Bring your instrument and join us for rehearsal on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. Rehearsals begin on September 22nd Speak with Betsy Nonnenmacher if you have an interest.



Orchestra



The Holy Trinity hand bell choir enjoys ringing praise to our Lord! We are in need of more ringers. If you can count to "4" and would like to join us please see Betsy Nonnenmacher. Our rehearsals are on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. starting September 20th.

WAYS TO SERVE AND SHARE



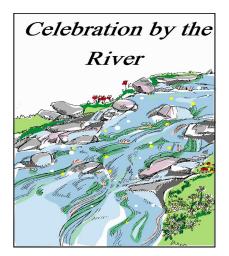
FEED YOUR NEIGHBOR

It's that time again! Yes, this is the chance for all of us to "Serve Christ" by helping with the annual FYN food drive. We will need volunteers and drivers to pass out flyers on Sunday, September 25th, after the service. Then, on Sunday, October 2nd, we will need help with collecting the food in the neighborhood. Park Church is the host church this year.

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. 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





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.

SILVER SNEAKERS



We are going to be offering a **Silver Sneakers** program, here at Holy Trinity on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 11:15 a.m. This program will be seated exercise with some standing with chair support. If you have 1 or 2 pound hand weights, bring to class. Rubber bands will be provided. This is being offered through Wolf Creek at no cost. This class is open for **all adult ages**. **You do not have to be 65.**

Silver Sneakers is a health program that is geared toward individuals over the age of 65. This program is included in most insurance plans that are Medicare based. The program is available at over 13,000 facilities throughout the country, making it possible to choose from several Silver Sneakers locations in most areas. This fitness program enables senior citizens to enjoy fitness center benefits such as weights, bicycles and swimming, at a level that they are capable of enjoying. In addition, classes are offered at most facilities. These classes vary, but include Zumba, water aerobics, general exercise and more. The classes are conducted at a more relaxed level, enabling senior citizens to enjoy activities that their younger peers enjoy. This may be the time to take that yoga or tai chi class you always thought about. Best of all, the program is free with your insurance. More information later.

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.



IN MEMORY AND HONOR

William (Bill) McVicker went to be with his Lord and Savior on August 17th. Bill had been ill for quite some time but attended services when he was able. Our Christian sympathy goes to his family and especially his wife, Cathy.





MEMORIALS FOR ROOF AND AIR CONDITIONER FUND

Memory of Mildred Bockbrader Memory of Eric Ramlow



New Grandbabies

NEW GRANDPARENTS

Congratulations to all the new grandparents at Holy Trinity. It has been a busy month for the stork! God's blessings and good health to everyone involved. How fitting that Grandparents Day is Sunday, September 11th.

Betsy Nonnenmacher-Monks has a new grandson, Andrew Joseph, born July 22, 2016, weighed 7 lbs. 8oz. and was 20 in. long.

Nancy & Fred Heaney's new grandson is Soren Fredrik, born August 14th and weighed 4 lbs. 15 oz. and was 19 inches long.

Carol & Phil Toney are also new grandparents to Maxine Leigh born August 17th, weighed 8 lbs. 15 oz. and was 21 3/4 inches long.

Jennifer & Bill Gigliotti are the new grandparents of Colton Andrew Elliott, born August 23rd, weighing in at 6 lb. 8 oz. Emily & Kaitlyn are the proud aunts and Joan Kinsey is the great-grandmother.

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 Michael Oñate
- 15 Jeff Seay
- 16 Laura Palmer Camden Campbell
- 17 Nathan Barker Kathy Harrison
- 18 Cindy Thurston
- 19 Diane Ducat
- 22 Dick Meek
- 25 Henry Ludwig
- 26 Joan McMurray
- 28 Halina Gacek
- 29 Betty Kroncke
- 30 Jennifer Sosbe



September Anniversaries

1	Joseph & Merin Schrinel	9 years
	Pastor William & Judi Paul	66 years
6	Jeffery & Amy Chalfin	2 years
10	Roger & Dee Jaquay	45 years
13	Don & Pat Connolly	42 years
23	Jack & Gen Curie	38 years
	Greg & Bev Zmuda	28 years
24	Luke & Jessica Wunderlin	11 years
26	Dorsey & Joan Kinsey	30 years
29	Burt & Marcy Rogers	4 years

SEPTEMBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 10:00 AM Celebration by the River and Picnic	29 8:00 PM Al-Anon in AA Rm	30 9:00 AM Retirees/SOUL	31	1 GOLF	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3 8:00 AM Men's Al-Anon
4 10:00 AM Worship in Sanctuary w/communion	5 DATE: DATE	6 9:00 AM Retirees/SOUL	7	8 GOLF 10:15 AM JOY Senior Group 6:00 PM Girl Scout Mtg in G/L	9 OFFICE CLOSED	10 8:00 AM Men's Al-Anon 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast at Bob Evans 9:30 AM Women's Breakfast at Charlie's
11 KICKOFF 10:00 AM Worship in Sanctuary w/communion and Installation of Pr. Johnson 10:15 AM Sunday School 2:00 PM Healthy Congregation Workshop in G/P 6:30 PM Catechism in G/L	12 6:30 PM Committees and Council Night 8:00 PM Al-Anon in AA Rm	13 9:00 AM Retirees/SOUL 11:00 AM Caring & Conversations Group 11:15 AM Silver Sneakers Exercise Group in G/P 7:00 PM Beverly Cluster Mtg at Park Church 7:00 PM Cottage Meeting to meet Pr. Rob	14 Special 10:00 AM Cottage Meeting to meet Pr. Rob	15 GOLF 11:15 AM Silver Sneakers Exercise Group in G/P 6:00 PM Orchestra Practice	16 OFFICE CLOSED	17 8:00 AM Men's Al-Anon 1:00 PM Herrmann Group in B/H
18 10:00 AM Worship in Sanctuary w/communion 10:15 AM Sunday School	19 8:00 PM Al-Anon in AA Rm	20 9:00 AM Retirees/SOUL 11:15 AM Silver Sneakers Exercise Group in G/P 6:00 PM Bell Practice	21	22 GOLF 11:15 AM Silver Sneakers Exercise Group in G/P 6:00 PM Orchestra Practice 7:00 PM Choir Practice	23 OFFICE CLOSED	24 8:00 AM Men's Al-Anon
25 10:00 AM Worship in Sanctuary w/communion 10:15 AM Sunday School 6:30 PM Catechism in G/L	26 8:00 PM Al-Anon in AA Rm	27 9:00 AM Retirees/SOUL 11:15 AM Silver Sneakers Exercise Group in G/P 6:00 PM Bell Practice	28	29 GOLF 11:15 AM Silver Sneakers Exercise Group in G/P 6:00 PM Orchestra Practice 7:00 PM Choir Practice	30 OFFICE CLOSED	1 8:00 AM Men's Al-Anon

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