

TIDINGS

Christmas Stamp-a-Stack - 11/1
All Saints' Sunday - 11/2
Begin Standard Time - 11/2
Inside Work Day – 11/8
One Service & Annual Meeting - 11/16
NCD Health Team – 11/18
Healing Service - 11/19
Thanksgiving Eve Eve Service - 11/25
First Sunday in Advent - 11/30

HOLY TRINITY
EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH
BURLINGTON, N.J.

“Let the church in the center of town
be at the center of your faith.

November, 2008

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Confession of Faith

This congregation confesses the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior; and the Gospel as the power of God for the salvation of all who believe.

PASTOR'S REPORT

"Opening the Book of Faith"

"Law and Gospel...

What shows forth Christ...?

Scripture interprets Scripture...

The Plain meaning of the text...

Public interpretation..."

Five principles we Lutherans follow when we study or interpret the Bible.

In our Pastor's Bible Study on Wednesday evenings we have been "opening the Book of Faith," a very helpful and informative ELCA study format which has given all participants a solid and helpful set of "tools" to use in studying the Bible.

I have been particularly impressed by how our set of bible study "tools" can be used by any Christian - whether new to the Bible or whether a biblical scholar - the insights are uniquely helpful.

I envision future opportunities for others of us at Holy Trinity to be introduced to this very helpful resource. And for those among us who are already learning how to use these Bible study "tools," I pray we will indwell ever more deeply into God's written Word, to find Christ as the center of our lives.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Harald

FROM THE BENCH

Can you feel it? Can you feel the energy? If you can, then you have attended the 9am services on September 28th and October 26th. From bells ringing, scripture reading, and children's sermons, to announcing the message for the day and selecting music a little different from what we are used to singing, our youth have led us in the fulfillment of worship. It is wonderful to join them as they participate in the traditional service while adding their own flavor and talent. It has infused our worship with new joy and given us a chance to expand our worship experience. Thanks kids. And a special thank you to Mike Wooden and Chris Peed for sharing their musical talent with us. The guitar music was a great addition to the service. We are looking forward to hearing a great deal more from them.

This time next month we will be getting ready for Advent, that wonderful time of the church year when we prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ. Hard to believe, but here it is. Please check your calendar to see if you have time to share your special talent with us. Every year I promise myself that I am going to cut back and not get so involved, so that I can enjoy our special services. Every year I get caught up in the excitement and, when all is said and done, I am so blessed and happy to have been part of the celebration. The fellowship you experience and the joy that fills your heart is very special when you get involved in proclaiming the coming of the Savior and His birth. There is always some little thing that needs to be done and it's only a ONE-time commitment. Maybe you like to trim Christmas trees, sing, play ONE solo, or assemble the manger scene. I know we all have to do some of these things at home, but think how good you will feel when you get to do these things in God's house for God's people. It's easy. Just speak to Walt Mayo or any member of the Worship and Music Committee. Give yourself a present and get involved.

One last request – PLEASE take the time to let those people who do get involved know how much you appreciate them. God will smile and so will I.

SOLI DEO GLORIA

Shirley

PASTORAL ACTS

BAPTISMS

10/12 Samantha Isabella Haas

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.” (Matthew 18:19)

WEDDINGS

9/26 Steven May & Julie Missigan

9/27 Dean Jernigan & Stephanie Bolton

10/4 Richard Micklada & Jennifer Ganiel

10/10 Scott Puglise & Jessica Baxivanos

10/17 Michael Foley & Dishon Jackson

“The Greatest Gift is Love” (I Corinthians 13)

MEMORIALS

A Memorial gift has been given to the Glory of God by Dr. Carl Weber in loving memory of Marion Weber.

A Memorial gift has been given to the Glory of God by Vi Harting in loving memory of Bill Harting's birthday.

FUNERALS

7/27 Hilda Howell

“I am the Resurrection and the Life” (John 11:25)

LUNCH BUNCH

The 7th is our date for November and the elections will be over - YIPPIE. Back to our old selves and a fun time over lunch. The Dolphin is the place of course and the food your choice. Please join us! The birthdays for November are Al Brusco, Emil Sakmary and Laura Seaman. Come out and wish them another year of good health, love and happiness.

RAINBOW OF HOPE

Rainbow of Hope will be having its annual fundraiser, the “Harvest of Hope” concert on Sunday, November 9 at 3 p.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Maple Shade. It will be a fun afternoon for all and will feature Robert Edwin and Joseph Krupa as well as the Chorale of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hainesport. If you have any questions, please call 856-667-4735.

Holy Trinity Christmas Cards

For those who like to get a head start on the holidays, we are offering cards with a beautiful photograph of our chancel in Christmas décor. Sold individually and in packs of ten and twenty, the cards will be available starting November 2. Please stop by the table in the narthex before or after worship services.

Fall Work Day

This year's Fall Work Day will focus on "inside jobs". No matter the weather, the Property Committee is asking for your help on Saturday, November 8. Can you spare an hour or two between 9AM and 1PM? There is always plenty of coffee and donuts to help ease the pain, so please lend a hand!

Looking Ahead to December

- Saturday, December 6: The annual used toy drive. Your donations are greatly appreciated! 9AM to 12 Noon.
- Sunday, December 21: The Sunday School Christmas Program. Mark your calendar NOW, and plan to join us for an evening of Christmas joy!

Women's Ministry

Women of all ages are invited to be part of our women's group. In November we will conclude our study from the **Book of Ruth**. Come join us as we look toward connecting Scripture to our congregation's ministry in the community and the world.

The morning group called "Hannah" will be meeting on Wednesday, November 5th at 10:30. The evening group called "Lydia" will be meeting on Tuesday, November 11th at 7:00. The groups are structured alike with the same bible study and format.

Our health topic for the month is **Caregiver Burnout**. Fifty million Americans care for ailing loved ones. And though they offer \$257 billion in services each year, their reward is often little more than an increased risk of depression and disease. During National Family Caregivers Month, learn how caregivers can cope.

Our meetings are open to women of all ages. If you have any questions, you may contact Betty Schwoebel or Debbie Mayo.

Ruth 4:11 “We are witnesses. May the Lord make the woman who is coming into your house like Rachel and Leah, who together build up the house of Israel.”

Letters

Dear (VBS) Friends,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$200. This has been applied to the expenses of the 2008 trip to Bosnia. The team has returned from Bosnia after directly serving over 2,500 children! Many of the travel team members have considered this to be a life-changing trip. It has truly been an honor to serve our Lord through the children of Bosnia.

Without your help, we would not have been able to do God work for so many children. Be sure to check out our website for pictures from this year's trip at www.servanttrips.org.

Peace, Jason Reed

Youth Ministry Specialist, New Jersey Synod ELCA

Dear Pastor & Congregation,

The Schnabel family would like to thank members of the congregation for their cards, prayers and also the altar flowers sent upon the death of my sister, Joyce and mother, Alice Kelly. We feel blessed to be part of such a wonderful church family. Your words of comfort and understanding are helping us through this difficult time.

With heartfelt thanks, Joan Schnabel

Dear Friends,

Your thoughtful donation is very much appreciated by the members of the Board of Managers and the ladies of the Home for Aged Women. We thank you for your kindness and generosity. Thanks so much for your donation of food. The home and the ladies are grateful.

Sincerely, Jeri Waters, Corresponding Secretary

To the Members of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your wonderful kindness and generosity. We rely so heavily on the support of caring individuals and organizations to help the homeless and at-risk in the Camden area. We are truly grateful for the support you provide, through our organization, to the unfortunate members of our society.

With sincere appreciation, Carol Riley, Executive Director
New Visions Community Services of Camden, Inc.

November Calendar Highlights

Worship

2 All Saints Sunday/9AM & 11AM/Communion/Return to EST

9 9AM & 11AM Services

16 9AM Service only/Annual Congregational Meeting

19 7:30PM Healing Service

23 9AM & 11AM Services

25 7PM Thanksgiving Eve Service

30 First Sunday in Advent/9AM & 11AM/Communion/Food
Collection

Meetings

3 Social Ministry @ 1PM

3 Council Budget @ 7PM

4 Music & Worship @ 7:30PM

10 Christian Education @ 8PM

13 Property @ 7:15PM

16 Annual Congregational Meeting @ 10:45AM

17 Finance @ 7:45PM

18 NCD Health Team @ 7:30PM

24 Evangelism @ 6:59PM

Adult Study

5 "Hannah" @ 10:30AM

5 with Pastor @ 7:30PM

11 "Lydia" @ 7PM

12 with Pastor @ 7:30PM

Sunday School

2, 9, 16, 23 @ 9AM

30 Family Worship

Confirmation Classes

3, 10, 17, 24 7th Grade

3, 10, 24 8th Grade

Communication

16 Tidings Newsletter Deadline

Music Ministry

5, 12, 19, 26 Cherubs @ 6PM

6, 13, 20 Adult Choir @ 7PM

Fall Work Day

8 Rain or Shine 9 to 1

Fellowship

1 Christmas Stamp-a-Stack from 9AM to 2PM

7 Lunch Bunch at the Dolphin Diner @ 12 noon

Thanksgiving Day is Thursday, November 27.

“I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.” Matthew 25:40

- Harvest Home Food Collection

Each month, Social Ministry collects food items the last Sunday of each month for area homes and food kitchens. However, in November we collect the Sunday before Thanksgiving, which will be November 16th this year. Look for the Fall display in the sanctuary. As usual we are requesting canned fruits and vegetables as well as packaged foods. These items may be placed around the Fall display and will be taken to the Christian Caring Center in Pemberton. Your continued support will help make this year’s Thanksgiving Dinner special for many families. Thank you for your generosity.

- Operation Christmas Child

Again this year, Social Ministry will team up with our Sunday school teachers and children to participate in Samaritan’s Purse “Operation Christmas Child.” This is an exciting way for people of all ages to get into the spirit of giving. Just fill a shoebox with small items such as toys, coloring book and crayons, comb, brush, toothpaste, toothbrush, washcloth, etc. This program will kick-off on November 2nd and the filled shoeboxes will be collected November 23rd. Please help us put a smile on the face of young children around the world this Christmas.

- White Gifts

Many years ago the decision was made to eliminate the giving and receiving of Christmas gifts between teachers and students. Because there are so many needy children in our area, Sunday school teachers and students are asked, instead, to show their generosity by giving their gifts where they are most needed. In honor of God’s gift of the tiny Christ Child, we give our small gifts to others. White gifts are wrapped in white tissue paper and marked as needed (for example: boy/girl/age/size). All members are invited to join with the Sunday School in bringing white gifts to church on Sunday, December 21st at the 9 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. services OR at 6 p.m. for the Christmas Program. Thank you for continuing to support this custom at Holy Trinity.

PRAYER LIST

Members and friends ill, hospitalized, or convalescing for whom prayers were offered on Sunday mornings:

Thanks for prayers answered

Paul Faherty, Harold Fawcett, Diane Rogers, Dean & Stephanie Jernigan, Trish & Wayne Eaves, Our Country, Military & Church, Joe Ricci, Rita & Art Dulla, Janet Kerr, Sallie Hogeland, Dennis Damm, Jim Halstead, Janie Scranio, Faye Manilo, Emma Kiesel, Joe Dugan, Mark & Kim, Eric & Marie Jaggars, David & Melissa Osterhage, Fran DeNucci, John Priest, Maureen Davey, Catherine Schneider, Tylor McNealy, Mary & Wayne

Mary Fitzpatrick, Dolly & Family, Diane Stahl, JoAnn Hill, Edith Veach, Lisa Sickler, Pat Nagy, Bill Marshall, Jenny, Don, & Grace Ryan, Myra Young, Jack Jacob, Penny Noto, Ralph & Rusty Notaro, Josie Montgomery, Eric Winter, Jennine, Brian, & B.J. Lund, Lillian Cordes, Ted, Shaun, Sallie Hogeland, Irene Caruso, Nicole, Gail Keohane, Randy Howell, Judy Wood, Donald Marshall, Sr., Anna Homa, Margie Downing, Kathy Deblaker, Charlie Scherer, Gallagher Family

Bob Joyal, Catherine Schneider, Borman Family, Gene Staer, Joe Boulton Family (+), Juan Vargas, Carla McElven, Diana Flowers, Barbara Estano, Betty Thompson, Zack Schewe, Jack Csaszar, Dorothy Manee, Greg Hill, Eugenia Gomez, George Kanyuck, Chip Williams, Joan Schnabel, Mary Ann Alfred, Brian Provenzano Family (+), Anthony & Lisa, Sharon Young, Virginia Hunt, Catherine Schneider, Kristine Poole, Mike Sultzer, Leon Hines, Sarah, Jim Muldowney, Patricia Nelson (T), Charles Giberson

Doris Cliver, David Quinn, Family of Myra Young (+), Elsie Daniell, Confirmands, Connor Dean, Swayne Gentile, Ralph Blackman, Gina, Gregory Giordano (M), In memory of Max Cafone, Al Blundin, Patty Gross, Phil Bauschard, Roger Peters

Charlotte Morgan

Deceased (+)

Military (M)

Travel (T)

Mini Directory

Bell Choir - Cheryl Chiarello

Christian Education - Laura Poethke

Sunday School - Cheryl Chiarello

Finance - Izzy Rivera

Financial Secretary - Nancy Ehredt

Hospitality – Gunda Simpkins & Leslie Manning

Lunch Bunch - Sheila Powell

Memorial Fund - Louise Sena

Property – Chris Storz & Andy Nelson

Social Ministry - Joan Schnabel

Stewardship - Pastor Harald Peeders

Tidings - Laura Poethke

Youth - Bonnie Mazza

Vacation Bible School - Bonnie Mazza & Susan Chiarello

Women's Ministry - Debbie Mayo

Worship and Music - Walt Mayo

Acolytes - Gunda Simpkins

Altar Guild - Terry Tholen

Greeters - Louise Sena

Ushers - Al Brusco & Sheila Powell