November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
EVERY SUNDAY: 9:00AM-Srvc of Holy Comm 10:15AM-Youth Choir Reh 10:15AM-Children's Choir Reh 10:30AM-Sunday School for All Ages	**LOOK AHEAD** **December 2019** 24 Christmas Eve Srvcs 25 Christmas Day				**1** **9am-6pm White Elephant/Book Sale** 	**2** **9am-12noon White Elephant/Book Sale** **Set Clocks Back 1 Hour before going to bed**
3 ***All Saints Sunday*** **DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS** 9:00A Srvc of Holy Communion	**4** 6:00 Praise Ringers 7:00 Psalm Ringers 7:00 Property	**5** 5:30-8:30 SCLC 5:30 Healing Support 6:30 Healing Prayer 7:00 Sr. Choir 7:00 Social Ministry	**6**	**7**	**8**	**9** **9am-7pm BAZAAR**
10 ***22nd Sun. after Pentecost*** 9:00A Srvc of Holy Communion	**11** 6:00 Praise Ringers 6:30 Brotherhood 7:00 Psalm Ringers	**12** 5:30-8:30 SCLC 7:00 Sr. Choir	**13**	**14**	**15**	**16**
17 ***23rd Sun. after Pentecost*** 9:00A Srvc of Holy Communion **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**	**18** 6:00 Praise Ringers 7:00 Psalm Ringers 7:00 WELCA	**19** **NOON MEAL** 5:30-8:30 SCLC **6:30 FINANCE** 7:00 Sr. Choir	**20**	**21** **7:00 CHURCH COUNCIL**	**22**	**23** 8:00A Assemble Fruit Baskets
24 ***Christ the King Sunday*** 9:00A Srvc of Holy Communion Deliver Fruit Baskets after Srvc 10:00A SS Christ Ed Mtg 10:30A BOOST! 	**25** 9:00A Deliver Fruit Baskets 6:00 Praise Ringers 7:00 Psalm Ringers	**26** 5:30-8:30 SCLC 7:00 Sr. Choir	**27**	**28** **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** 	**29**	**30**

November

USHER GROUP & CAPTAINS—9:00 AM

DATE

11/03 #3—Richard Bullock, William Auman
11/10 #4—Ernest Thompson, Henry Wampler
11/17 #5—Marie Smith
11/24 #1—Ed Kulakowski

NURSERY—9:00 AM

DATE

11/03 Stephanie Kaylor, Jean Darkes
11/10 Stephanie Kaylor, Jean Darkes
11/17 Stephanie Kaylor, Jean Darkes
11/24 Stephanie Kaylor, Jean Darkes

LECTORS—9:00 AM

DATE

11/03 Bonita Battistelli
11/10 Judith Cassel
11/17 Beth Moore
11/24 Scott Hower

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS—9:00 AM

DATE

11/03 Suzann Bullock, Melissa Godlevski
11/10 Nancy Brightbill, Sue Ann Houser
11/17 Karen Fitting, Andrew Rhoade
11/24 Jay Brown, Vanessa Brown

GREETERS—9:00 AM

DATE

11/03 James & Annette Logan
11/10 Charles Baeckert, Barbara Baeckert
11/17 Janice Chabitnoy, Susan Hoyer
11/24 Samuel & Marie Smith

ASSISTING MINISTER—9:00 AM

DATE

11/03 Scott Hower
11/10 Karen Fitting
11/17 Neal Galbraith
11/24 Andrew Rhoade

ACOLYTES—9:00 AM

DATE

11/03 Hunter Nelson
11/10 London Seiders
11/17 Brady Cassel
11/24 Madison Bishop

CRUCIFERS—9:00 AM

DATE

11/03 Bradley Bishop
11/10 Andrew Rhoade
11/17 Thomas Ryland
11/24 William Bishop

TORCHBEARERS—9:00 AM

DATE

11/03 (All Saints) Karen Fitting, Sue Ann Houser
11/24 (Christ the King) Judith Cassel, Nancy Brightbill

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Be Still and Know that I Am God ~ Psalm 46:10

Prayer is such a vital part of our faith life. And too often we don't spend enough time learning about the many different forms of prayer. We may think that there are only a few "right ways" to pray and miss out on expressions that may have a profound impact on our lives. There are as many ways to pray as there are people in this world. Prayer is simply something that opens our attention to God's presence in this world. And there most likely is one or more that fit perfectly for you. This month I would like to introduce you to prayer labyrinths.

If you would like to experience walking a labyrinth there are a few available locally at St. Andrews Presbyterian and out at Camp Kirchenwald. I do have a longer list of other labyrinths available in the area.

What is a labyrinth?

Our Christian life can be described as a journey with God, bringing us ever closer in our relationship with God and with others. A prayer walk labyrinth provides a metaphor model of our Christian life journey as we face many turns we did not expect in our search for a quiet center. Some gently curving sections of the prayer walk allow us to move easily and quickly; others slow us down and catch our attention as they turn us abruptly in the opposite direction. The path may begin by leading us deceptively toward the center, only to circle around it and then move away.

We may meet others on the way that we can follow or lead. We may need to step aside as someone with more confidence or experience moves quickly past us or we may simply be on a more contemplative walk, confident of where we are going but walking slowly to maximize the experience. On reaching the center of the prayer labyrinth, we can rest, pray, or experience a new meaning to "being centered". Does this sound interesting, yet familiar to you? We encourage you to experience it.

There is no right or wrong way to walk this prayer labyrinth. The only rules are to respect the prayer walk and others who are there. Simply begin, focusing on a quiet mind and open heart that allows God to accompany you. The following are some simple instructions and suggestions and that will assist you in maximizing the experience.

Instructions for walking the Prayer Walk Labyrinth

- Please enter and remain in silence throughout the walk.
- When you reach the center, you may want to pause and experience God's presence and/or offer a prayer.
- Each person can establish the timing for walking the prayer path. You may need to step aside and allow someone walking more quickly to pass or you may quietly and carefully pass another person.
- An often used process for the walk includes:
  The *Journey In:* as you open your mind to spend this time in the presence of God.
  The *Center:* where you can pause, pray or simply "be in the moment."
  The *Journey Out:* that allows you to reflect and gradually return to your daily world.
- For use in times of life transition:
  The Journey In: consider this a time to walk away

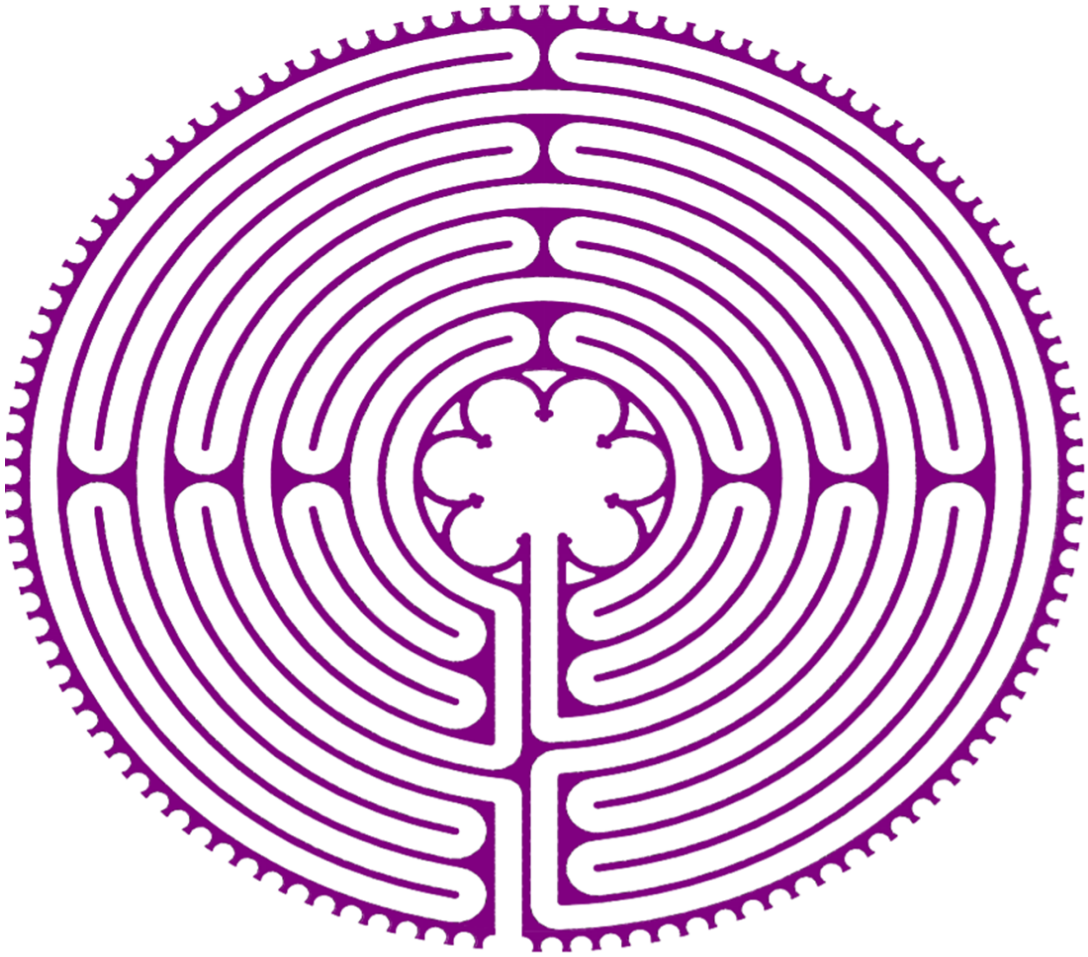
from whatever life situation that you are leaving. If you wish, you may actively drop stones or pebbles which represent the things that you want or need to leave behind.

The Center: where you can pause, pray and mourn what needs to be mourned, celebrate what needs to be celebrated. Above all give thanks to God for all that you have learned along the way.

The Journey Out: Walk out with God's blessing asking for guidance with each new step.

What a Prayer Walk may mean to you

- **Listening for God's voice or message to you**. Quiet your mind, focusing on God and the walk. Finish your walk with prayer.
- **Releasing Worries and Cares**. As you *Journey In*, lay down a worry or care with each step, remembering that Christ said, "Come to me all who are heavy-laden and I will give you rest." At the *Center*, thank God for the peace resulting from the walk in and pray for continued peace as you journey out.
- **Confession, Repentance and Forgiveness**. Ask God to be with you, *Journey In* with reflection and confession. At the *Center,* ask God for guidance and direction for the future. *Journey Out* listening for God's voice and giving thanks for his presence.
- **Discovering Your Vocation or Calling**. As you *Journey In*, listen for God's message to you, asking for his support. At the *Center,* concentrate on the gifts and talents he has given you. As you *Journey Out*, pray for guidance and strength to equip and sustain you in His service.
- **A Walk of Thanksgiving and Gratitude**. As you *Journey In*, with each step think of something for which you are thankful. In the *Center,* stop and thank God for the people and blessings you remember. On the *Journey Out,* experience the joy of those remembered blessings and the people of God who have been part of each blessing.
- **A Walk of Remembrance**. As you *Journey In*, remember the person or event you are focusing on; the joys and special times you shared. If it's an event, feel the joy of experiencing that special time and the people who helped make it such a blessing. In the *Center,* thank God for this person or event that has made your life special. On the *Journey Out,* open your mind and heart to people and/or events that currently add meaning to your life.



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Social Activities—Stephanie Kaylor
Property—Henry Wampler
Archives—Richard Hollinger
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Request for Altar Flowers

Dates Available:
Remaining Sundays in 2019
have been filled

When you sign up for flowers, please call Janice Newmaster, 717-273-0788, to inform her of your chosen date(s) and to give her the memorial/honorarium information for the bulletin.

The cost of two bouquets is **$50.** If you care to "share" a Sunday with someone, your cost would only be **$25.**

IMPORTANT NOTE: THE CHURCH NO LONGER HAS VOLUNTEERS TO DELIVER ALTAR FLOWERS. IF YOU SPONSOR ALTAR FLOWERS, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO

LCCM Food Bank Item

The item requested in November is **instant mashed potatoes.** Items can be brought to the church at any time and placed in the red shopping cart labeled **"LCCM Food Bank"** located in THE GIVING PLACE (Arnold St. side annex of Luther's Place).

Holy Trinity donated 18 pounds of mixed non-perishable food to LCCM Food Bank in September. Please continue your generosity by donating to the Food Bank.

December 2019 / January 2020 Newsletter & Calendar Agenda Deadline

November 17, 2019

Please submit **before the deadline** any newsletter articles ***(including agenda items for the calendar)*** to the church office via email (brenda@trinityleb.org) or personal delivery. Anything submitted after the deadline will not be included in the next newsletter unless prearranged with Brenda. Editor also reserves the right to edit for content and space.

New Distribution of "Trinity Tidings"

"Trinity Tidings" is **NO LONGER** being mailed through the Postal System.

Ways you can receive "Trinity Tidings":

1) There will be hard copies available at the church on the table in the Narthex.
2) Join the "paperless group". To join, email Brenda (Brenda@trinityleb.org) and request to be added to the "paperless group" providing her with the email address you want her to use.
3) It is put on the church's website (Trinityleb.org).

Important Update Regarding Hospital Admissions!

Hospital VISITS

Due to HIPPA regulations, hospital admission of our church members is ***NO LONGER MADE AVAILABLE TO US BY ANY HOSPITAL***. It is very important that you notify the church office (or have someone notify the church office on your behalf) of your hospital admission so pastoral or spiritual visitation can be provided to you. Thank you.

Aluminum Can Collection

The church continues to collect aluminum cans for recycling. Please bring the aluminum cans **(rinsed & flattened)** to the church weekdays during church office hours, or bring them along to church, Sunday School, or any other church function. A container for them is located in THE GIVING PLACE (Arnold St. side annex of Luther's Place). Thank you.

November 2019 Worship & Sunday School Schedule

- **November 3 (All Saints Sunday), 10, 17**
  9:00 AM—Traditional Service in Sanctuary
  10:30 AM—Sunday School for all ages
  10:30 AM—CARE Class in Social Room
- **November 24 (Christ the King Sunday)**
  9:00 AM—Traditional Service in Sanctuary
  10:30 AM—CARE Class in Social Room
  10:30 AM—BOOST!

NOTE: Adult Nursery/Child Care Attendant Coverage is offered during the 9:00 church service in the Nursery.

CHILDRENS SUNDAY SCHOOL: Nursery/toddlers report to the Toddler room, Rotation class members report to the Gathering/Closing Room (currently the WELCA meeting room, previously the K-5 Sunday School room), members of the Youth Class report to the Social Room.

Wish List Drive for Two Local Schools

As the Holy Trinity Northwest Elementary Liaison I would like to enlist your help in another way to support the needs of the children in the Lebanon School District at Northwest Elementary School and the Middle School.

At **Northwest Elementary School** there is a need for children's shoes/sneakers for age 5 and above, boys and girls underwear size 4 to 16, boys and girls sweat pants size 4 to 16 any color, sweaters and winter coats.

The **Middle School** is requesting feminine products and girls underwear size 12-14-16 which the nursing staff stressed are much needed, boys and girls socks all sizes, shoes adult sizes 5 to 9, winter coats youth M/L and adult S/M, gloves and hats.

The clothing items need to be new. This year's wish list drive will be conducted from Nov. 17 to Dec. 31, 2019.

The Women of the ELCA have volunteered their collection barrel in The Giving Place as the collection site for these needed items. Please label your donations as NW for Northwest Elementary School donations or MS for Middle School donations so that I deliver the donations to the appropriate school. Your participation in this project would be greatly appreciated.

-Karen Weaver, Holy Trinity Northwest Elementary Liaison

Remember to "Fall Back"!

Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday November 3.

Don't forget to turn your clocks <u>BACK</u> one hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 2!

Salvation Army Bell Ringers Needed

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church has volunteered to ring the bell and man the kettle at **Hobby Lobby** in support of the Lebanon Salvation Army on **Saturday, December 7th from 10 am to 6 pm.**

A sign-up sheet with hourly time slots is in the Narthex. Just an hour of your time can help feed the hungry and elderly, care for those affected by disasters and provide for the youth in our community.

If you have any questions please contact Terry Weaver at (717) 272-3491 or vafootdoc@comcast.net.

2019 Luther Rose Lecture

Palm Lutheran Church, 11 West Cherry Street, Palmyra welcomes Luther Rose lecturer, Rev. Dr. Philip D. W. Krey on **Sunday, November 3, 2019, 2:00-4:30 PM.** Talk will be "Moving Forward in Faith".

The event is free, but preregistration is encouraged for planning purposes. Refreshments will be provided.

Ways to register:

- on line at www.palmlutheran.org/events/luther-rose-lectures
- call the Palm Lutheran Church office (717-838-3311)
- email to parish.secretary @palmlutheran.org

WHITE ELEPHANT, BOOKS, BAZAAR 2019

WHITE ELEPHANT and BOOKS
Friday, November 1, 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM and Saturday, November 2, 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon — Social Room

This event is in the Social Room November 1 and 2. Donations can be brought into church until Tuesday Oct 29 during church hours. Donation holding center is the former church council meeting room. Please make sure donations are clean, in good condition, and useable. We will accept small appliances—toasters, blenders, mixers, coffee makers, etc. **NO computer related items. We need to pay for their disposal. NO floor model TV's or Stereos etc. NO exercise bikes or any large exercise equipment.**
Booth Chairs Donna and Eugene Reinbold

BAZAAR SPECIALITY BOOTHS
Saturday, November 9, 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM — Social Room

BETTER GIFTS: Better quality donations will be placed for sale in this booth. Booth Chairs Donna and Eugene Reinbold

BOOKS: Donate your gently used or new books as well as CD's, DVDS's, Puzzles. Purchase books, CD's, DVD's , Puzzles. Booth Chairs Cookie Rothermel and Marilyn Fellin

COUNTRY STORE: Items for purchase include delicious homemade strawberry, peach and grape jellies, chow chow, and red beets. There will be dishcloths and maybe scrubbies. Booth Chair Louise Battistelli, Assistant Sue Kulakowski

JEWLERY: Please donate in good condition better and costume jewelry, gently used and new scarves, purses, belts, and ties. Check out and purchase jewelry, scarves, purses, belts and ties. Booth Chair Stephanie Kaylor

CANDY: No candy supplies needed this year. Monetary donations are welcome. Yummy candies for sale will be varieties of fudge including Philly fudge, and peanut butter balls. Booth Chairs Shirley Godlevski and Denise Rhoade

HOMEMADE BAKING CORNER: Items for sale include fruit pies, cakes, cupcakes, pumpkin rolls, whoopee pies, cookies, and brownies. If you are donating any items for this booth, please bring them to the kitchen/social room Wednesday, November 6 and Thursday, November 7 during church hours. Booth Chairs Nancy and Darwin Miller

KITCHEN/FOOD/SIT DOWN MEAL
Friday, November 1; Saturday, November 2; Saturday, November 9
Open during Sales

Light Lunch will be available all days of BOTH sales: Mac and cheese, hot dogs and kraut, red beets and eggs, chips, desserts, drinks.

Tasty Spaghetti meal with meat balls OR chicken Parmesan, salad bar, bread, beverages, desserts will be served for sit down meal on November 9. See Roberta Wampler, Stephanie Kaylor, LaRue Galbraith, or Denise McDaniels for tickets.
Cost: $9 for adults, $4 for children 5 to 10, Free for children 4 and under.

We do not need food/ingredient donations because we order wholesale. Monetary donations welcome.
Food Service Chair Claire McClain, Assistant Marie Smith

Thank you everyone, for prayer support and for all you to do make this event each year so successful. If you have questions ask the Booth Chairs or Denise McDaniels, 717-628-1461 dymcdaniels@comcast.net

A Month of Thanksgiving

I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. **–John 10:10b**

Thankful people are happy people. It's not just a feel-good slogan on a refrigerator magnet or bumper sticker; it's proven science.

"Gratitude helps people feel more positive emotions, relish good experiences, improve their health, deal with adversity, and build strong relationships," reports Harvard Medical School's *Healthbeat*. That sounds like the abundant life Jesus describes in the gospels, doesn't it?

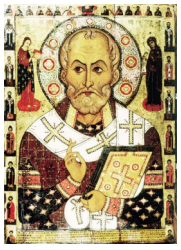
So why aren't Christians more thankful and happy? While we all sometimes face hardships that can avert our thankfulness, many of us simply take our blessings for granted. Perhaps we have succumbed to the lie we hear from 24/7 advertising – that we never *have* enough and never *are* enough.

Hopeful news from researchers is that thankfulness can be cultivated. Those who consistently *practice thankfulness* develop gratitude and happiness.

This November, the month of Thanksgiving, make thankfulness a daily spiritual practice. Here are some ideas for "A month of Thanksgiving": **Pray thanksgiving -** In your morning and evening prayers, thank God for your life and whatever specific blessings come to mind. **Keep a thanks diary -** Every day write down what you are thankful for and why. Challenge yourself to find and pray about 10 things daily. **Express thank you -** Go out of your way to express thanks to the people you encounter every day with a kind word or a note. **Create a thankfulness calendar -** Every morning write something on your calendar for which you are grateful to God, and think, pray and meditate on it until bedtime.

Practice thankfulness consistently and you might be surprised to find yourself enjoying the abundant life Jesus promises us. *--Rob Blezard*

The *Real* Story of Santa Claus



Santa Clause is known by many names in many lands, but they can all be traced to a man named Nicolas born in 270 A.D. at the port town of Patra in present-day Turkey. His wealthy parents, who died in an epidemic when he was young, raised him as a Christian. His election as the Bishop of Myra, a city near Patra, was unusual because at the time he was just a young man. During the intense persecution under Emperor Diocletian, he was severely beaten and imprisoned. After Christians were granted toleration by Emperor Constantine in 313 , he was one of 300 bishops who met at Nicaea in 325 where the Nicaean Creed that expressed their catholic faith in the Holy Trinity was produced. He continued as the Bishop of Myra until his death in 343. His reputation for his steadfast faith and living a life imitating the Way of Christ led to his recognition as a Saint of the Church within 200 years of his death, which has continued in both catholic and orthodox denominations to this day (Lutherans commemorate his life on December 6).

One of the earliest—and best known—stories told about St. Nicolas is that instead of living a life of comfort and luxury, he used his considerable inheritance to help those in need without anyone knowing from whom it came. As the story is told, an impoverished father had three daughters who were unable to marry because they did not have a dowry, which was the prevailing custom at the time. The alternative for the girls would have been forced into slavery as debtors. In response to their situation and prior to the marrying age of each daughter, Nicolas, quietly during the night, dropped a bag of coins in the window of their house. Wanting to know who their benefactor was, their father hid in wait for the gift giver to appear with the dowry for his youngest daughter. In this way, Nicolas was caught "in the act" so to speak, and his secret was revealed. It is this story in particular that has inspired a multitude of others to give anonymous gifts to those in need in the name of St. Nicolas, or, as we call him, "Santa Claus."

A way you can carry on the true spirit of gift giving this Christmas is to purchase an ELCA Good Gift in honor of a friend or loved one to be given to someone in need. Good Gifts can be purchase for $10 and up. Just $10 can purchase a warm blanket, a mosquito net, school supplies or a visit to a health clinic for a child. And there are many other gifts that can be given for under $100. Go on-line to ELCA.org/goodgifts and discover the possibilities. If your gift is in honor of a friend or loved one, you can receive personalized FREE cards to mail, email or print at home. Please allow 2-3 weeks for delivery of cards via U.S. mail.

Your donation will be used where needed. Because the ELCA seeks to honor your generosity by keeping administration costs low, individual financial gifts are not tracked to specific families or locations in the U.S. or abroad.

Our Vision... Our mission is to grow in faith and discipleship, share the Good News of Jesus through word and deed, love others as Christ loves us, and celebrate life in Christ through worship, sacraments and service.

Our Mission... We are a community of believers who come together in:

✞ **Worship** to be transformed by the presence of Jesus Christ in and through God's gift of Word and Sacrament.

✞ **Christian Education** to deepen our faith and strengthen us in faithful service, trusting in the creative activity of the Holy Spirit.

✞ **Friendship** to celebrate our unity in Christ and sustain and nurture each other as we journey with Him in our day-to-day lives.

✞ **Stewardship** to gratefully use the time, talents and possessions we have been given in furthering our mission in response to Jesus' call and the leading of the Holy Spirit.

✞ **Evangelism** to share the Jesus story so that others may come to know God's reconciling grace and the peace, joy and hope that his divine grace gives.

✞ **Social Ministry** to respond to the spiritual, mental and physical needs of our neighbors and advocate for the poor, hungry and vulnerable peoples of the world.

Messages of Thanks

Dear Congregation, On October 7th 35 mailing boxes and 12 shoe boxes filled with Lutheran World Relief 2019 donations were delivered to St. James Lutheran Church, our drop off point for the Lutheran World Relief campaign. These boxes will be delivered to New Windsor, Maryland and from there distributed to points of need throughout the world. Holy Trinity responded to global need by preparing 120 school kits in 18 boxes, 100 personal care kits in 17 boxes and 309 bars of soap in 12 shoe boxes. Additionally $706.00 was collected in the special offerings in September to defray the shipping costs of all of these items and the 100 quilts members of our WELCA group helped to create in conjunction with St. Luke's in Schaefferstown. On behalf of the Holy Trinity Women of ELCA I would like to thank you for your generous support of all aspects of this year's campaign. Together we can do much good in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

-Karen Weaver, Projects Chair, Women of ELCA

PRAYER PARTNERS

Each month names will be listed here for prayer concerns. If you would like your name added to the newsletter list for prayer, please call the church office, 717-273-8567.

We ask our readers to include the following people in their prayers:

Barbara Atwood
James Brossman
Jean Darkes
Joseph Daubert
Monique Derfler
Clarence Engle
Catherine Groft
Michael Hentz
Nancy Huber
Norma Keyser
Raymond Kohr
Betty Reese
George Smith
Shirley Smith
Jim Youtz

Baptism

Quinn Bullock — September 8, 2019

Wedding

Amanda Hower and Rosser Lamason — October 5, 2019

November Happy Birthday Wishes

Happy Birthday to the following Golden Agers of Holy Trinity who will celebrate a birthday this month?

November 25—Rev. Sigurd Arnesen
29—Mrs. Betty Heilman

Add to their very special day by sending them your greetings. Addresses can be obtained by calling the church office 717-273-8567.

Attention – Anyone age 75 or older: Please contact the church office to let us know your birthday so we can include you in the monthly Golden Agers of Holy Trinity birthday wish list.

Lutheran Camping Corp. Upcoming Events

The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania
Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and The Wittel Farm
PO Box 459, Arendtsville, PA 17303
Phone: 717-677-8211
Website: www.lutherancamping.org
Visit the website for event information and registration.

November 3—Annual Quilt Auction @ Nawakwa
November 8-10—Women's Craft Retreat @ Nawakwa
December 7—Advent Day Apart @ The Wittel Farm

January 3-5, 2020—Winter Youth Retreat @ Kirchenwald

Thanksgiving Fruit Baskets

Holy Trinity honors its members 75 years of age or older each Thanksgiving by giving them a gift of a fruit basket.

Ways you can help:

- Give a special offering for the fruit basket project (a special envelope designated for Fruit Baskets can be found in your November offering envelope packet).
- Help make the fruit baskets on Saturday, November 23 at 8:00 AM in the Social Room. It doesn't take long and it's lots of fun!
- Help deliver fruit baskets on Sunday, November 24 after the worship service and/or Monday, November 25. The fruit baskets can be picked up on Monday between 9:00 and 10:00 AM.
- If you are a recipient of a fruit basket and attending worship or Sunday school on November 24, please take your fruit basket with you. They will be located in the Social Room. If you need help taking your basket to your car, someone will help you. This will be a great help to the committee.
- If you are 75 or older and have not previously received a fruit basket and wish to receive one, please notify the church office during office hours before November 3rd. If you are 75 or older, but DO NOT wish to receive a basket, please notify the church office during office hours before November 3rd. (We need this information for ordering the fruit for the baskets.)

Thank you to everyone who helps.

-Social Ministry Committee

The Christmas Angel Tree

Look for the annual Christmas Angel Tree beginning Sunday, November 24. Holy Trinity will help the Salvation Army provide Christmas gifts for children whose families are under economic stress. A list of three gift wishes ($25 or less) for each child under 15 years of age will be found on a paper angel hanging on a Christmas tree located in the Narthex.

- Congregational members are asked to select an angel and purchase at least one gift for the child named on the angel.
- **Place the unwrapped gift(s), with the numbered tag attached, under the tree by Wednesday, December 4** for delivery to the Salvation Army.
- Please sign the master list when taking an angel.

You can truly be an angel to a child this Christmas. Thank you for supporting this project.

-Social Ministry Committee

Collecting Box Tops for Education

According to the boxtops4education web site Box Tops is changing to fit today's families. The traditional Box Tops are being phased out and replaced by a digital scan of store receipts. A Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan the store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to the selected school's earnings online. Participating brands are starting to change their packaging from traditional Box Tops to the new "Scan" Box Tops labels. Eventually the Box Tops program will become digital only.

Until then the traditional Box Tops clips will be honored by the program. These clips will be collected in the Box Tops canister located on the bookshelf in The Giving Place and all of these box top clips will be delivered to Northwest Elementary School for use. Thank you.

-Karen Weaver, Northwest Elementary School Liaison

Job Opportunity

Camp Kirchenwald, one of the sites of the Lutheran Camping Corporation, is looking to hire a Housekeeper to support the mission of the camp, year-round, with specific duties for facility care and cleaning, serving all retreat groups. This position follows a fairly regular part-time schedule, but requires flexibility to address the occasional extended stay of guests.

The Housekeeper must be able to work independently and manage time appropriately. Compensation is $ per hour with an estimated 10-12 hours per week, August-May. Reduced summer hours are as needed. This position has a start date of January 1, 2020. Candidates should contact Zach Weiss at 717.964.3121

LUTHERAN CAMPING CORPORATION

Job Description

Position: Housekeeper- Kirchenwald

Accountable to: Director

Job Definition: To assist in proclaiming and embodying the vision of the Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central PA (LCC) with specific duties in retreat housekeeping with potential for food service at Kirchenwald.

Desired Qualifications

1. Personal commitment to Jesus Christ and a desire to serve God through the Church in an outdoor ministry setting.
2. An understanding of and agreement with the mission and goals of the LCC, the Lower Susquehanna Synod, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).
3. Preference will be given to candidates with experience in the following areas:
   a. Housekeeping
   b. Good interpersonal and communication skills for interacting with co-workers, volunteers, and retreat guests.
   c. Food preparation and service
4. Satisfactory criminal background check (mandatory)

Performance Responsibilities

In addition to the following, other duties may be assigned.

Housekeeping

1. Complete a thorough cleaning of all retreat facilities at the conclusion of a group's stay so that facilities are presentable for visitors.
2. Ensure all retreat facilities are clean and ready to accommodate groups upon their arrival.
3. Report any damages, missing items, and/or found items to the camp director.
4. Adhere to a monthly and yearly cleaning schedule for all retreat facilities.
5. Greet retreat groups upon arrival, when necessary.

Site Management

1. Conduct with the camp director, site manager, and other appropriate persons an annual assessment of the facilities at Kirchenwald.
2. Consult with the camp director and maintenance staff to ensure repairs and maintenance needs are addressed and completed in a timely manner.
3. Purchase cleaning and cooking supplies by approval of the camp director and site manager.

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September 2019 Finances and Attendance at a Glance

	Actual 2019		Budget 2019	Actual 2018
	September	YTD	YTD	YTD
Current Offering	19,132	147,545	158,261	148,719
Other Income*	86	52,977	52,390	40,147
Non-budgeted/Budgeted Benevolence**	325	6,456	3,574	8,865
Total Income	**19,543**	**206,978**	**214,225**	**197,731**
Expenses	**20,139**	**213,997**	**243,794**	**216,677**
Surplus (Deficit)	**(596)**	**(7,019)**	**(29,569)**	**(18,946)**

*Other income includes dividends, interest, honorariums, memorials, fees for building use, amounts transferred from church committees to the general fund (example: from the Bazaar)

**Non-budgeted Benev. includes Spang Crest, World Hunger, Noah's Ark, ELCA Disaster Relief, Lutheran World Relief

Average weekly church worship attendance for the month of September 2019: 101