

# Tidings

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*We care as friends, we love as family, and we serve as Christ*

April 2023

### Special Points of Interest:

- Two services and Breakfast part of Easter Celebration
- Six children celebrate Holy Communion
- Adult Sunday School to resume in April
- Tables of Eight plans progressing
- Annual Chili Fest a success
- Volunteers needed for many worship positions



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## Message from Our Pastor

*Pastor Kristin Hoyer*

Dear Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Members and Friends –

“Hosanna!” “Love one another.” “Crucify him!” “Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!”

Join me as we walk through Holy Week together this year. Worship in Holy Week awakens our senses. We begin on Palm/Passion Sunday by shouting “Hosanna!” We hear Jesus’ commandment to “Love one another” and see that acted out in service for one another on Maundy Thursday. We end the week on Good Friday with “Crucify Him,” but that is not the last word. On Easter morning we wake up and shout “Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!” (I’m warning you now – I will be saying that all morning on Easter! I love it!)

I invite you to journey through this week and hear the whole story again, the story of God’s amazing love for you and for me and for all people. May we embody that love as we go about our lives in this congregation, community and in the world.

Again, I am so thankful for each one of you and am praying for you and our life together as the community of faith known as Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Leesburg, VA.

May you have a blessed Holy Week!  
God’s Peace,

*Pastor Kristin Hoyer*



### Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

invites  
members, friends,  
community members and  
local clergy to  
join in celebrating the

Installation of  
*Pastor Kristin Hoyer*

Sunday, May 7, 3:00pm  
Reception to follow

## Holy Trinity Lutheran Church





HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Holy Week & Easter

You are invited you to join us for Holy Week & Easter

services at our church. Experience the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus through song, prayer, and reflection.

## Palm Sunday, April 2

10:00 am Worship

## Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm Worship

## Good Friday

12:00 pm Worship

7:00 pm Worship

## Easter Sunday

8:30am Easter Breakfast\* begins

8:45 am The Resurrection of Our Lord Worship

10:30 am Easter Breakfast ends

11:00 am The Resurrection of Our Lord Worship

### *Holy Trinity Staff*

Kristin Hoyer,  
Pastor

Nancy Fox,  
Director of Music  
& Family Ministries

Andrea Barron,  
Office Administrator

Terry Sisk,  
Organist/Choir Director

Marcia Merry,  
Organist Emeritus

Debbie Harned, Interim  
Preschool Director

Julianne Geysler,  
Bookkeeper

Vacant  
Treasurer

Vacant  
Nursery Attendant

Kristin Shultz,  
Congregation President

## *Holy Week / Easter Volunteers Needed*

Volunteers are needed for the Holy Week services, as well as Easter morning worship services:

- Maundy Thursday (7:00 PM)
- Good Friday (Noon)
- Good Friday (7:00 PM)
- Easter (8:45 AM)
- Easter (11:00 AM)



Please use the "On Your Door" link to access the online spreadsheet, or contact the church office (703-777-4912) to volunteer.

## *Easter Breakfast Details*



If you would like to help and donate pancakes, bacon, or other appropriate foods for the breakfast, please contact the church office. The lead person for the breakfast is Debbie Harned.

We will be serving Easter Breakfast from 8:30-10:30am. We will need volunteers to provide 10-12 Egg Casseroles, four containers of Pastries and Croissants, and five fruit platters. We also need volunteers to stay and help clean up at noon. There will be sign-up sheets at the back of the church and on the tables at Coffee Hour. To volunteer, please sign up by Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Andrea Barron, our office administrator, will be out of the office the week after Easter Sunday, April 10-14. If necessary, people can contact Pr. Kristin directly at [pastorkhoyer@gmail.com](mailto:pastorkhoyer@gmail.com) or 410-299-4853. Please submit announcements for the April 14 edition of On Your Door no later than Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>.





# Music Schedules: Children & Youth

## Joyful Noise Sing & Ring 2/4/23

DATE	ACTIVITY
Wednesday, April 5	No Rehearsal - Holy Week/Spring Break
Sunday, April 9 Easter Sunday	Sunday Worship Time 8:45 AM Report Time 8:15 AM
Wednesday, April 12	Final Rehearsal for the Year!
Sunday, May 7	Sunday Worship 10:00 am Report immediately following Sunday School

## Youth Singers Schedule 2/4/23

DATE	ACTIVITY
Sunday, April 9 Easter Sunday	Sunday Worship Time 11:00 AM Report Time 10:30 AM
Sunday, April 16	Rehearsal 5:30-6:30 pm Optional Dinner 7:00-8:00 Youth Group
Sunday, April 30	Sunday Worship 10:00 am Singers report at 9:30 am
Sunday, May 21	Rehearsal 5:30-6:30 pm Optional Dinner 7:00-8:00 Youth Group
Sunday, June 4	Sunday Worship 10:00 am Singers report at 9:30 am

## *Little Blessings' March Events*



The preschool had such a happy March! We met Pastor Kristin at Chapel, we celebrated Dr. Seuss week, we had a fabulous Art Show with a family dinner, Ms. Lynnette came to read to us, and we had an Easter Egg Hunt! All of the above was special and sweet.

Please spread the word that Holy Trinity's preschool is such a good pre-school. We still have openings available.

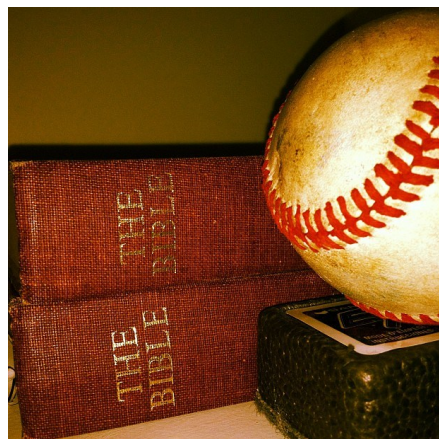
*Debbie Harned*

## *Flower Chart to Resume*

We would like to create a flower chart once again. (Location to be determined shortly.) There are several possibilities on how to do this. We could ask a florist to arrange and deliver an arrangement or you could arrange fresh cut flowers from your garden or local grocery store and bring to the church that week.

Another option: Do we have a church member who likes to arrange bouquets? If so, would you be interested in doing this? Please contact Peggy Everhart if you would like to do this. The donor would make a contribution for the cost of the flowers and the church would reimburse you or you could work directly with them.

Questions, thoughts? Email Peggy at [4Peverhart@gmail.com](mailto:4Peverhart@gmail.com).



## **Bible Baseball**

**June 4**

**8:45 –9:45 am**

Plan to join us for our annual Bible Baseball game. Our teams have been learning all year long and are ready to face off in this game of Bible learning. Of course no baseball game is complete without some hot dogs and popcorn!

**Bring the entire family!!**

The game will take place on the **Faith Fellowship Hall** field.



## From Our President

Spring is in the air, the flowers are blooming, and we (finally) are experiencing some beautiful weather. The rebirth of the flowers and trees reminds us of the Lenten season of hope and renewal. We can rejoice in knowing that Jesus Christ died for us.

HTLC is also going through a season of hope and renewal as we welcome Pastor Kristin Hoyer as our spiritual leader. Her arrival brings an energy of excitement for the great things to come in our future. We are working to revitalize many of the programs that paused during COVID. And we are working to stabilize the financial condition of the church.

Financial struggles are not new for HTLC. We are blessed that the congregation has always responded to pleas for help. I am hopeful that this time will be no different. Our current situation is that our regular monthly givings do not cover our standard monthly expenses. We operate at a deficit every month. But we also have several large projects that are necessary to keep the church functioning, with the most important being a new HVAC unit in the Fellowship Hall that will cost approximately \$15,000.

I love Holy Trinity. My family joined after searching

for a church where our children could learn about God and where we also felt welcome. Matt's first phone call with Nancy Fox told us that HTLC was the church for us.

The children's programs, the music programs, the inclusivity, the lack of judgment, and the love of God shone through in that conversation. We never turned back and have enjoyed every moment of our time worshipping, volunteering, and serving in Christ.

I love the people of Holy Trinity. I love the spiritual message of Holy Trinity. I feel closer to God when I step into Holy Trinity. I

feel our good work making a difference in the lives of so many in our congregation and in our greater community. This work, this spiritual work, cannot happen without your help. I prayerfully ask each of you to discern about the impact Holy Trinity has on your spiritual journey and consider increasing your donation by 5, 10, or 15 percent. We desperately need your assistance to keep the doors of HTLC open and the programs functioning.

Thank you for your prayerful discernment about your giving and thank you for your support.

Blessings,

*Kristin Shultz*

FINANCIAL



NEWS

## Instrumentalists for Easter Sunday!



We are once again assembling a group of instrumentalists to play for our Easter worship! If you are interested, please contact Nancy Fox ([nanc\\_fox@yahoo.com](mailto:nanc_fox@yahoo.com)).

Rehearsal: Saturday, April 8, 5:00 PM

Easter Worship: Sunday, April 9, 8:45 and 11:00 AM



## *Celebration of Holy Communion*

*On Sunday, March 26, our community of faith rejoiced with the following people who joined in sharing the meal of Holy Communion:*

- \* *Julianna Bailey*
- \* *Dylan Everhart*
- \* *Harper Graham*
- \* *Chloe Landas*
- \* *James Landas*
- \* *Amber Szebalskie*



## ADULT *Sunday School*

Returning

Sunday, April 16 - Sunday, May 14 at 8:45am

Held in the Gathering Area

Led by Pastor Kristin

Come join us!

## *Classics Plan for the Next Few Months*

As we move into the summer, the Classics is exploring attending one or two performances at the Totem Pole Playhouse, in south central Pennsylvania, which is about 1 1/2 hours away. We would stop for a light lunch prior to a 2:00 PM show and then get ice cream at a nearby Amish market before returning to Leesburg.

*"The Honky Tonk Angels"* combines over 30 classic country tunes with a hilarious story about three gutsy gals who are determined to better their lives and follow their dreams to Nashville. We would plan to attend this play on Tuesday, June 6.

The second performance that the group expressed interest in is *"Million Dollar Quartet"*. It brings the legendary December night to life with an extraordinary twist of fate that brought Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins and Elvis Presley together at Sun Records in Memphis for what would be one of the greatest jams sessions ever. We would plan to attend Tuesday, August 1st.

We will need a **firm commitment** and tickets must be paid for as soon as they are available for purchase. Please contact Peggy Everhart **no later than April 10<sup>th</sup>** if you definitely want to attend. Then we can get a price for the tickets and, if there are 10 people attending, a group rate.



*Peggy Everhart; Debbie Harned*

# March 15, 2023 Council Meeting Highlights

## Meeting held in the Conference Room

*Alison Waters*

### PASTOR'S REPORT

- Pastor Kristin suggested May 7 for her installation.
- The Dean of the Conference will be here and we will have a guest minister to speak. Other clergy will be invited.
- We will have a reception after. .

### TREASURER'S REPORT

- Financial Update – We continue to be short on cash. Offerings every week continue to fall short of expenses and needs. We discussed sending a letter to the congregation asking for increased donations to give stability to our finances.
- Treasurer Position Vacancy – We need both a Treasurer and a bookkeeper. If needs cannot be met by someone from the congregation we will look to outsource.

### TEAM REPORTS

- **FINANCE:**
  - \* Grant writing: We have several volunteers who are working on a grant application for security measures at the church and preschool.
  - \* VANCO review: Karla McGovern is looking into our use of VANCO and if we can make improvements
- **PROPERTY:**
  - \* Report sent via email highlighted our need for HVAC repair (\$13,000 for Fellowship Hall) and roof repair
  - \* Annual fire inspection has been done
  - \* Matt Shultz has been working with ADT on understanding our security system.
- **FELLOWSHIP:**
  - \* Debbie Harned is planning the Easter breakfast.
  - \* There will be a reception for Pastor Kristin's installation.
- **WELCOME:** Chuck Whitacre reported that the Tables of 8 are proceeding. There will be designated events for West Virginia/Western Loudoun members and charter/long-term members.
- **NOMINATING:** Team has been working on recruiting council members to be nominated at June's Congregational meeting.
- **MISSION:** Ann Keigher questioned whether we should try to host a yard sale again. No determination yet..

- **YOUTH:** Confirmation will not be May 21. Actual date still to be determined.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Property Use Agreement
  - \* New Rates for space rental - TBD
  - \* Non-Paying rentals – Not all of the other groups have been paying, but have been using our space and utilities, increasing expenses. Eight groups use the facilities, one is significantly behind in payments. We would like to allow more groups to use the facilities. We discussed having the Fire Department refer requests for hall rental that it cannot fulfil to us.
  - \* Documents - A motion was made to approve the revised Building Use Agreement and Guidelines. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
  - \* Matt Shultz has been working with ADT on understanding our security system.
- Security Concerns - Ukrainian family visited HTLC a couple of weeks requesting money.. Other churches have been visited as well. They have been escorted away from the church and we spoke with the police. We have previously put together a list of resources for such visitors..
- Worship Updates
  - \* Communion – We will go back to communion at the rail for Palm Sunday or Easter
  - \* Easter – Two services are planned, 8:45 and 11:00
  - \* Maundy Thursday, Good Friday services are planned



## Council Notes

### OLD BUSINESS

- St. Gabriel's – We will reach out to them in a few months to get Pastor Kristin time to get to know our congregation.
- Congregational Meeting 6/4/2023 – Heads of teams should submit reports by May 5 for inclusion in the booklet.

**Executive Committee Meeting:** April 12, 2023

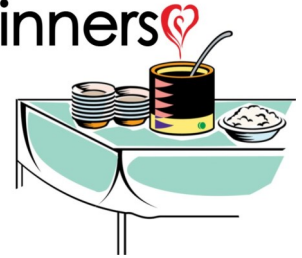
**Next Council Meeting:** April 19, 2023.



## Tables of Eight

**Update:** *Plans are moving forward! Laurie Dieffenbach has graciously agreed to host a dinner in West Virginia in the beginning of May. The Whitacre's are planning a lunch, tentatively in late April. Dinners/lunches will be potluck style. Hosts and attendees can decide who brings what and how they would like to organize their meal. Please check with Pastor Kristin for dates and times that work for her. The sign-up sheet is located in the narthex on the stand on Sundays beginning March 19th. This is a fun opportunity to enjoy each other's company! Thank you to everyone who takes part!*

### Fellowship Dinners



Stacia Whitacre



*Holy Trinity's Women of the ELCA will meet at 10:00AM at the church on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. We have one quilt remaining to be tied and we will have a short Bible study on the first two commandments. Hope to see you there!*

Dotty Martel, President

## Property Updates

- Some of the recently installed doorstops have had an issue with the spring that holds the stop in the up position, falling out. Jerry Harned has sourced a couple of plunger style stops and installed one on the kitchen door and one on the door near the altar. We will evaluate these and see how they work out.
- We have a source on scaffolding rental for the light replacement project in the rear preschool stairs. A few other logistic items are necessary before we are ready to proceed.
- The fire exit sign over the exterior door near the organ had one light replaced.
- The coolers have been removed from the kitchen and stored in the basement as requested by Sharon Williams.
- A mount has been constructed to display the groundbreaking shovel. Will need to be sanded and stained but it is beginning to look a little more official.
- The Day of Service for mulching the grounds has been postponed until April 15. The parking lot will be staked out for the mulch delivery. The asphalt area near the preschool sign will be used for staging.



Matt Shultz



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Leesburg, Virginia, invites you to participate in our 2023 Vacation Bible School, **BABYLON: Daniel's Courage in Captivity!**. We will explore our Bible stories through art, movement, drama and music. And of course there will be time for snacks and recreation!

Our week of VBS will be **July 10-14, 2023** and will run from **9:00 AM - Noon**. The week will culminate with a Sunday Worship Celebration on **July 16 at 10:00 AM!** Students who will be turning 4 by September 30, 2023 through rising fifth graders are welcome to join as Campers. Students who are rising Sixth Graders are invited to join as Junior Crew. Junior Crew is a wonderful place to have fun and learn some leadership skills to prepare for volunteer opportunities in the future. Middle and High School students and adults are invited to volunteer !

Space is limited! Registration is open until June 1, 2023 or until we reach capacity.

To register campers and junior crew visit the church's website or follow this link:

<https://forms.gle/6rjmNamP3SNMhQAv6>

To register as a volunteer visit the church's website or follow this link:

<https://forms.gle/cocCK958hjtue1PM9>

# HTLC Annual Chili Fest - March 5, 2023



**CHILI  
COOK-  
OFF**





**January - February 2023**

	Actual	Budget
Income	\$58,778.31	\$68,476.00
Expenses	\$69,768.07	\$70,353.13
Net	<b>-\$10,989.76</b>	<b>-\$1,877.13</b>

*Financial Update*



Both our income and our expenses for the first two months of 2023 were under budget. We are current on all our bills and our mortgage balance is \$1,021,811.59.

*Julianne Geysler, Bookkeeper*

**WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Please review the table below and contact the church office for any of the **TBD** slots that you or a family member might be able to fill.

**Worship Volunteers - April 2023**

	Apr 2	Easter (4/9) (8:45/11:00)	Apr 16	Apr 23	Apr 30
<b>Asst Min / Prayers</b>	Laurie Dieffenbach	TBD Mike Geysler	TBD	Tammy Brende	Laurie Dieffenbach
<b>Lector</b>	Ann Keigher	TBD Lynnette Mergler	TBD	Kristin Shultz	Jodie Allen
<b>Acolyte / Crucifer</b>	TBD	TBD TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Ushers</b>	Barrett Everhart Jim Truxel	TBD Ron & Cathy Root	TBD	TBD	Adrian & Dan Mattina
<b>Altar Care</b>	Deb Wenk Debbie Harned	D. Wenk/P. Everhart TBD	Peggy Everhart Karen Blodgett	Tammy Brende Judy Willeke	Cathy Root Sharon Williams
<b>Coffee Host</b>	Keigher Family	Easter Breakfast	TBD	Shultz Family	TBD
<b>Tellers</b>	Laurie Dieffenbach Gretchen Luebbe	Gretchen Luebbe Randy VanEpps	Laurie Dieffenbach Cathy Root	TBD	Laurie Dieffenbach TBD
<b>Lawn</b>	Geysler / Johanneck / Verhalen / Smiley	Duellman Family		Buzzell / Harvey / VanEpps	

*Holy Week assignments and Sign-up opportunities available through "On Your Door."*

*Please find a substitute if you are not able to serve on an assigned day. Thank you.*

# Happy April Birthday to . . .

- |  |                                 |                                     |
|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 2 Kori Lord                            | 10 Lori DeMark                  | Kelly Mill                          |
| 3 Kristin McLaughlin<br>Monica Morrell | Matthew McGovern                | 21 Declan Bailey<br>Jonathan Schunk |
| 5 Oliver Isler                         | 11 John Boarts                  | Gary Szebalskie                     |
| Colleen McGrew                         | 13 Marya DeVault                | 22 Landon Biggs                     |
| 6 Elizabeth Bland                      | 14 Sharon Fish                  | 25 Ryleigh Dooley<br>Natasha Gloger |
| Ross Krytusa                           | 16 Keslar Just<br>Jesse Morrell | 26 Peggy Everhart                   |
| 8 Jessica Bender                       | 19 Elena Ward                   | 27 Connor Begley                    |
| Adric Murgia                           | 20 Jackie Kramer<br>Hope Matina | Diana Larson                        |
|  |                                 | 29 Cindy Johanneck                  |



## April Baptism Anniversaries

- |  |                                   |                                |
|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 Kristine Jacobson<br>Timothy Whitney | 13 Gloria Borgrink<br>Mary Covell | 21 Sarah Muse                  |
| 2 Kristi Sieber                        | Marya DeVault                     | 23 Julie Graham<br>Bryan Mill  |
| 3 Josie Steeprow<br>Randy Steeprow     | Brian Fish                        | Korbin Petterson               |
| 6 Gwen Scharpf                         | 14 Kari Jacobson                  | 26 Charlotte<br>Bohnenblust    |
| 7 Alison Waters                        | 15 Madeleine<br>Blackwell         | Blake Critz                    |
| 11 Anna DeCriscio                      | 18 Michael Gray                   | 29 Taylor Beebe                |
| Erin McGovern                          | 20 Tammy Brende<br>Dowell Muse    | 30 Lauren Fox<br>Grace Mattina |
| Marlana Wilson                         |                                   |                                |



## Celebrating An Anniversary This Month

- |           |                                |           |                          |
|-----------|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| 4/02/1999 | Stephanie Russoto & Patrick Lo | 4/09/1994 | Leesa & Jody Bell        |
| 4/07/2001 | Brent & Kelly Begley           | 4/20/1985 | Dan & Nancy Williams     |
|           |                                | 4/23/2011 | Kelly & Mike Frye        |
|           |                                | 4/29/1995 | Matthew & Karla McGovern |



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Sunday School: 9:45 AM

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## *More Chili Fest Pictures*

