

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Tidings

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

May 2023

Special Points of Interest:

- Adult Sunday School continues thru May 14
- Bible Baseball scheduled for June 4
- Semi-annual Congregation Meeting set for June 4
- VBS plans continue; Volunteers needed
- Two Tables for 8 Dinners underway; plans for more to come
- Classics plan theater trip at end of May



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YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO
THE INSTALLATION OF

+ PASTOR KRISTIN HOYER +

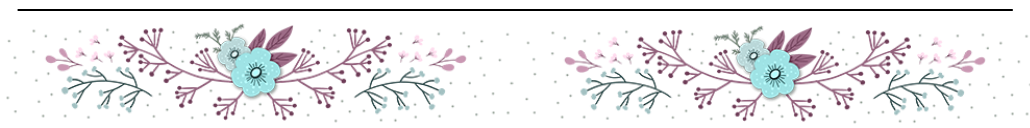
TO HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023 - 3 PM

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

605 WEST MARKET STREET
LEESBURG, VA 20176

ROSTERED LEADERS ARE INVITED TO VEST AND PROCESS
THE COLOR OF THE DAY IS WHITE

Come Join Us!



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church



Message from Our Pastor

Pastor Kristin Hoyer

"Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!"

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with our Holy Week and Easter worship services! Thank you to the choirs, musicians, worship assistants, ushers, tellers, breakfast volunteers, altar care team and anyone else who helped in any way. Thank you for making the week wonderful.

Installation Worship - Sunday, May 7 – 3PM

The congregation and community are invited to celebrate our work of ministry together as I am installed in a worship service on Sunday, May 7. My seminary friend, Pastor Jill Collicot, Pastor of Faith Lutheran Church in Hillsborough, NJ will be our preacher. Pastor Tony Prinsen, Dean of the Virginia Conference of the Metro D.C. Synod will be the Installing Pastor. All are welcome! A reception will follow to celebrate our new

life together!

Adult Sunday School runs through Sunday, May 14 at 8:45AM

We've been having fun and learning more about Holy Baptism and Holy Communion (the two sacraments of the Lutheran church). You are welcome to join us!

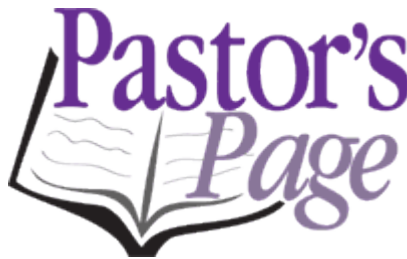
Confirmation Sunday 2023 Update

Confirmation Sunday will be held on Sunday, August 6 this year, not May 21 as previously scheduled. Looking forward to this wonderful celebration of our confirmands this summer!

Our last confirmation class for this spring will be Wednesday, May 17. I have enjoyed getting to know our confirmands these past couple months!

God's Peace,

Pastor Kristin Hoyer



Senior Recognition Sunday

Specific date to be announced shortly

Parents of High School seniors please forward 5 pictures of your graduating senior to foxnansox@gmail.com by May 28. It is always fun to have pictures from various ages.

Be sure to include any future plans. We will use these pictures for our Senior recognition video!



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 Geyser,
Bookkeeper

Vacant
Treasurer

Vacant
Nursery Attendant

Kristin Shultz,
Congregation President

PROGRESSIVE DINNER & CONCERT

Honoring Past & Present Winchester Composers

The Winchester Chapter of the American Guild of Organists honors Winchester area composers from 1930 - present day at their annual scholarship fundraising Progressive Dinner and Concert. Your ticket is your admission to all the events and also represents a \$20 tax-deductible gift to the Winchester AGO Scholarship Fund.

Featuring Music of Local Composers:

Will Averitt ~ Vicky Edwards ~ Daniel Gawthrop ~ Daniel Hannemann ~ Vernon Joyner ~ Bryan Kirk
 James Laster ~ Jim Moon ~ Alan Moser ~ Jean Pasquet ~ Marilyn Shenenberger ~ Terry Sisk
 Georgiann Toole ~ Wayne Wold ~ John Romano ~ John Martin ~ Chuck Seipp

Catered Buffet Dinner Includes:

Salad ~ Herb Baked Chicken Breast with Sun-Dried Tomato and Spinach
 Pesto Cream ~ Rice Pilaf ~ Herb Roasted Vegetables ~ Rolls & Butter
 Limited Vegetarian Entrees include Curried Tofu with Roasted Vegetables and Couscous.

12 FRIDAY
MAY 131 S. Cameron St.
 Winchester, VA 22601



Tickets Available on EventBrite.com
 \$50 each
 Scan the adjacent QR code
 or search "AGO" at eventbrite.com



Market Street
 United Methodist
 Church
 (Event Begins Here)

6:00 PM



First Presbyterian Church
 (Main Course is Served Here)



Braddock Street
 United Methodist Church
 (Dessert and Final Concert)

For More Information or
 Vegetarian Meal Option
 Contact Linda Beville
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 703-887-2681



From our Vice President

In last month's Tidings we spoke about our financial condition and the importance of giving to keep our spiritual work alive. And as the family that we are, we stepped up. We definitely need to continue on this path to keep our family together and our HTLC home afloat. With that being said, there are other ways that we can contribute to our family. **OUR TIME AND TALENT.**



Unearth Your Talents

I would like to start with the talent side. Everyone has a talent, even if you think you don't. Talent can be your expertise in leadership, teaching, being artistic, fixing things around the building, speaking, cooking, and the list goes on. Time is anything from one minute to how much time you can give, there are no requirements. Taking the time on Sunday morning to welcome a visitor can go such a long way to growing our church, welcoming new members into our family, leading a committee, participating on a committee, serving on the council, assisting in the office or at the preschool. We have so many ways to give our time and talent.

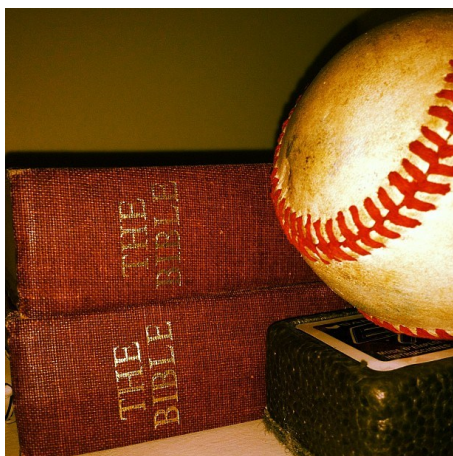
HTLC currently has the following committees and activities to participate in and I can assure you that you would be so welcomed to be a part of any activity for whatever amount of time that you may have:

Fellowship, Mission, Property, Preschool, Mowing, Walking/Running Group, becoming a teller (counting the offering after worship), Worship and Music, hosting Coffee Hour and joining the council. Busy Fingers is coming back to life, so if you can knit or crochet, your hands are needed. The Classics Adult Group (55+) plans lots of fun events to attend on a monthly basis. Keep your eyes out for dates of the Welcome Dinners that various congregation members are hosting in their homes and inviting members to join and enjoy a meal together with Pastor Kristin.

These committees/activities cannot occur without leadership and congregational participation. The best thing about being a part of any activity is really getting to know the people. We have so many amazing people in our church family. God has truly blessed HTLC and this congregational family in so many ways including our amazing new Pastor.

Thank you to all of you for your support and participation at HTLC. If you have any questions about how to get involved in any event, please see Kristin Shultz, Rita Sims, or Allison Waters. God Bless You!

Rita Sims



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.

April 19, 2023 Council Meeting Highlights

Meeting held in the HTLC Gathering Area

Alison Waters

PASTOR'S REPORT

- Pastor Kristin reported on Holy Week attendance. We had 293 people with two services on Easter.
- Adult Sunday school is returning.
- We need to address the sound system, with the option to live stream.
- Pastor is working on the plans for her Installation and reception.
- Confirmation will be Aug 6.
- Pastor Kristin asked to change her housing allowance to \$48,000 per year, which does not change her overall compensation. A motion was made to approve Pastor's housing allowance allocation to \$48,000 per year. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. .

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Financial Update – Our cash situation is a bit better due to generous Easter giving and extra Sundays. We have collected nearly \$5000 for the new air conditioning.
- Kristin Shultz recommends outsourcing the bookkeeping role, to keep things uniform and the minimal time commitment. A motion was made to approve the outsourcing of the bookkeeper role. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
- We've had interest expressed in the Treasurer role.

TEAM REPORTS

- **FINANCE:** We are pursuing the grant for security equipment
- **PROPERTY:**
 - * We received a donation in full for the Fellowship Hall air conditioner.
 - * We may be able to use portable units in the Preschool as a temporary fix, units are 26 years old.
 - * Roof still needs to be addressed.
- **FELLOWSHIP:** Dotty Martel, one of our charter members, is moving to Maryland. We are going to try to host a coffee hour for her sometime in May.

- **WELCOME:** First Table of 8 was April 25, then May 4 .
- **NOMINATING:** Team has been working on recruiting council members to be nominated at June's Congregational meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Property HVAC Repair Approval - We need to approve \$537 to replace a capacitor. The money is available. A motion was made to approve the expenditure. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Property Use Rates
 - * New Rates for weddings/funerals. We are looking to rent out areas of our building. We recommended increased rates, particularly for non-member weddings.
 - * New rates for hall rental will apply as well.
- Preschool Grant Approval: The preschool is applying for a grant from Good Shepherd Lutheran. Church in Gaithersburg, MD. A motion was made to approve the Preschool applying for \$30,000 in grant money from this organization. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
- Speaker System – Will be studied next week.



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.
- Small Claims court for concrete work – We have elected not to pursue

Executive Committee Meeting: May 10, 2023

Next Council Meeting: May 17, 2023.

Mark your Calendars:

Sunday, June 4, 2023, following worship
Semi-Annual Congregation Meeting



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>



Music Schedules: Children & Youth

Joyful Noise Sing & Ring 2/4/23

DATE	ACTIVITY
Sunday, May 7	Pastor Kristin's Installation Service 3:00 pm Report at 2:30 pm

Youth Singers & Youth Schedule All Events Grades 6-12 3/11/23

DATE	ACTIVITY
Sunday, May 7	Pastor Kristin's Installation Service 3:00 pm Singers report at 2:30 pm
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

Tables for 8 Update:

We would love to encourage those who are interested to join in having a Table of 8 lunch or dinner with Pastor Kristin and members that are interested in sharing some time and a meal together! Laurie Dieffenbach and her husband are hosting a dinner in West Virginia on May 4th and Stasia and Chuck Whitacre hosted a lunch in Purcellville for the founding members of Holy Trinity on April 25th. These lunches/dinners can involve whoever you think would enjoy sharing some time together with each other and the Pastor. It can be a potluck; you can make food or even call for pizza! Make it easy and fun for yourself and all involved. You don't have to sign up, simply plan your Table of 8, invite the pastor and your friends and enjoy! If anyone has any questions, please contact Stasia Whitacre (stasia.whitacre@gmail.com).



The Classics on the Go!

- * Twenty members of The Classics met for lunch at Pupatella Pizza in March. We had great food and good conversation.
- * In April a few members met at the Bluemont Vineyard for a glass of wine and a light lunch while admiring the beautiful view of Loudoun County. (Pictured below.)
- * This month we will be taking a tour of the historical Leesburg Presbyterian Church with Terry Sisk at 11:30 on May 11th, with lunch following at The Branch (49 Catoctin Circle SE in Leesburg).
- * We may also be picking strawberries one day. Again, watch for details about this.
- * Nine members will be attending a play at the Totem Pole Playhouse (Fayetteville, PA) at the end of May.
- * Thanks to Debbie Harned, Kim Mill, and Judy Willeke for volunteering to work on events and places to go that also includes eating. I think we all enjoy the food!
- * Keep a watch out for things that might be of interest. You can reach out to Andrea at the office if it is a short notice so she can get the word out to everyone. Otherwise contact Debbie, Kim, Judy or Peggy.
- * If you are a "Classic", join us for the events once in a while, or every month. There is good conversation, food, and just a fun time with old and new friends.
- * The Classics welcomes anyone that is 55 and older. We try to have a lunch outing or activity once a month. If you have not joined us yet, please consider doing so. It is a great way to meet new people and get to know one another. Please contact Andrea at the church office to let her know you are interested. Once she gets your contact information, you will be added to the list. Then watch for announcements in the bulletin, On Your Door or emails.
- * If you have any questions or suggestions, contact Peggy Everhart, Debbie Harned, Kim Mill or Judy Willeke.



Classics at Bluemont Vineyards: Clockwise from top: Jerry & Debbie Harned, Barrett & Peggy Everhart, Mary & Larry Grant.

Peggy Everhart, Debbie Harned

"I am the Resurrection & the Life..."

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of those who died recently:



Brady Grim
*Brother of Kristin Shultz and
 Uncle of
 Kamrin and Ty Shultz*



Our deepest sympathies to the Grim & Shultz families during their time of mourning.

Church Mulching Day

Saturday May 15, seven members rallied to get 12 cubic yards of mulch installed around the church property. The day was great, with mild temperatures, but threatening rain. We met at 9:00 and were finished by 12:30 and shared lunch and fellowship. The rain stayed until cleanup was complete! Thank you again for the great work all! We will plan next year's mulch installation in late March or early April and will include a rain date for planning purposes. See you next year!!

Matt Shultz



Pictured left to right: Matt Shultz, Ron Root, Ken Bland, Leigh Johanneck, Sandy Yancy, Kim Mills, and Petra Buzzell

Preschool is Finishing the Year

May is always a bittersweet month in the preschool world. We are filled with joy and pride for all that has been accomplished by the group of children we have served; yet a bit sad that we will say goodbye to what has truly been a wonderful year. We ended April with a Transportation Parade where everyone brought their bikes/scooters or walking feet and we paraded around the parking lot.

May will bring us watching for our caterpillars to turn into butterflies, a special tea with Moms or Grandmas; a lot of outdoor learning and play, two hot lunch days, great stories and songs with Pastor Kristin, our end of the year program and a celebration of learning, loving, and playing together on our last day, May 25.

Thank you for your support of the sweet little school called Little Blessings. We look forward to next year. On behalf of the staff, we wish everyone a happy summer filled with many moments of seeing God's smile.

Debbie Harned





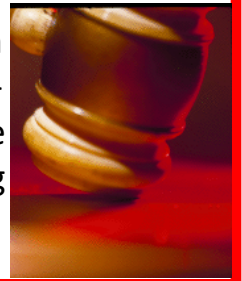
<i>January - March 2023</i>		
	Actual	Budget
Income	\$94,203.14	\$102,999.00
Expenses	\$105,365.85	\$108,484.70
Net	-\$11,162.71	-\$5,485.70

We have collected \$4,200 to put towards a new air conditioner and we are current on all our bills.

The mortgage balance is \$1,016,961.89

Julianne Geysler, Bookkeeper

Andrea Barron, our office administrator, is scheduled for Jury Duty in her town in West Virginia from May 30-June 30. She may not be required to report during that period, or may be excused, but it would be best to check our social media and On Your Door for updates regarding her availability.



Worship Volunteers - May 2023

	May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28
Asst Min / Prayers	Mike Geysler	Laurie Dieffenbach	Jason Waters	Laurie Dieffenbach
Lector	Lynnette Mergler	Peggy Everhart	Nate Waters	Ann Keigher
Acolyte / Crucifer	TBD	TBD	Marc and Becca Buzzell	TBD
Ushers	Ron & Cathy Root	Barrett Everhart Fritz Scholz	Bruce Buzzell TBD	TBD TBD
Altar Care	Deb Wenk Debbie Harned	Effie DeGroot Sharon Williams	Karen Blodgett Peggy Everhart	Tammy Brende Judy Willeke
Coffee Host	Mattina Family	Keigher Family	TBD TBD	Buzzell Family
Tellers	Randy VanEpps Gretchen Luebbe	Laurie Dieffenbach Cathy Root	Bruce Buzzell TBD	Laurie Dieffenbach TBD
Lawn	Buzzell - Harvey - VanEpps	Bland - Scott - Willeke		Geysler - Johanneck - Smiley - Verhalen

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

Happy May Birthday to . . .

1 Phyllis Kain	12 Ron Root	23 Mike Auten	
2 Julianna Bailey	15 Dana Dunn	Zander Kapsiak	
3 Blake Whitacre	Nancy Fox	24 Gretchen Luebbe	
5 Dan Williams	Louise Jebsen	25 Layne Dooley	
7 Oakley Blair III	Cailin Shanahan	Amy Fox	
Emily Lord	18 Zain Green	Laila Willeke	
9 Juliette Richards	Hannah Scott	26 Sandy Johnson	
Nancy Williams	20 Michael	27 Delilah DeMark	
10 Dan Mattina	Marcheschi	Joy Mattina	
11 Ron Shepherd	21 Marla DeCriscio	28 Logan Miller	
	Larry Lenig		29 Charlotte Bohnenblust
			Laurie Dieffenbach
			30 Roger Bailey

May Baptism Anniversaries

1 John Dunn	10 Jamesy Burke	16 Mary Lu Belote
Beverly Roberts	11 Joey Burke	19 Michael Burke
3 Colleen McGrew	Mackenzie Kapsiak	20 Debbie Herbert
5 Elizabeth Just	Nate Waters	23 Max Nau
7 Joseph Marcheschi	12 Ross Krytusa	26 Tucker Benton
Analyn Murgia	13 Jordan Shanahan	28 Hunter Bohnenblust
Brandon Truiett	14 Marla DeCriscio	Wesley McGrew
8 Mallory Little	15 Reed Bollinger	Lauren Kerr
	Owen Bollinger	



Celebrating

An Anniversary This Month

5/01/1971	Barrett & Peggy Everhart	5/16/1970	Larry & Judy Willeke
5/02/1987	John & Trudy Kearney	5/18/2003	Matthew & Shadi Willeke
5/03/1998	Jeffrey & Kirsten Nau	5/19/1984	Rita & Jamie Sims
5/06/2000	Kyle & Kathleen Struckmann	5/20/2000	Russ & Becky Seymour
5/09/2015	Cody & Emily Stepp	5/21/1988	Jim & Mary Covell
5/14/1978	Roger & Pat Bailey	5/26/1990	Tim & Susan Davis
5/16/1998	Matthew & Kristin Shultz	5/26/2001	Geoff & Lori DeMark
		5/26/2001	Adam & Brenda Hansen
		5/30/1992	Kevin & Lisa Stewart

Holy Trinity's Women of the ELCA will meet at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, May 9th at the church. Pat Bailey will lead a program on the Ten Commandments. Hope you can join us.

Women of the **ELCA** 

Dotty Martel, President

**HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
(ELCA)**

**605 West Market Street
Leesburg, VA 20176-2506**

Sunday School: 8:45 AM

Sunday Worship: 10:00 AM

Coffee Hour: Following worship

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Monday - Friday 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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Sunday Volunteers

Thanks to all of our new and returning volunteers for filling our various Sunday morning responsibilities! Recently, several new volunteers have stepped up at the last minute to help out with Coffee Hour and teller responsibilities (counting offering following worship).

Obviously, weekly volunteers are going to be a continual need. You'll notice the table on page 10 still has some slots that need to be filled for May, but it seems we are able to fill them more rapidly than just a few months ago.

If you and/or your family can fill one or more of these spaces for May, and soon for June, please use the link that comes out with the On Your Door email.

Or, call the church office to have your name(s) added to the table. Coffee hosts, tellers, and acolytes/crucifers are most in need right now. We will provide training if you've never done it before or need a refresher. Thanks again for everyone's help!



Sunday, May 14, 2023