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TIDINGS

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

CREATED TO BE...

Psalm 139:14 - I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

In October our theme is **Created to be...Authentic**

We are created to be authentic, to bring our whole selves and know that we are loved by our Creator.

Matthew 5:14-16 - "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

I started to consider attending seminary and possibly becoming a pastor after working at a Lutheran Camp in Northern Minnesota where I met pastors who were real, authentic people. People who not only could preach and lead, but could sit and talk with young people about life and faith. They took time to get to know the camp staff and the children attending camp. Before meeting those pastors this had not been my experience of pastors. It was a big influence on me as being authentic is important for me.

What does it mean to be authentic? What does it mean to bring our whole selves to work, school, church, and activities? Are there places where we are more our whole selves and places where we are just parts of ourselves? Probably so for there are

places where we are able to bring more of our whole selves than others. I hope and pray that at Holy Trinity you feel you can bring your whole self and you feel supported and loved. Sometimes we aren't so sure who we are, sometimes we are struggling to figure out who we are, sometimes we are sure of who we are, sometimes we feel we have to hide who we are, but God created us to be the unique person we are. God created us to bring our whole selves. May we live as the amazing authentic people we have been created to be.

God's Peace, Pastor Kristin Hoyer

IN MEMORY OF NORMA L. NOHRE

February 1, 1926 -
September 29, 2024



Services will be held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Leesburg on Wednesday, October 9. Visitation will be at the church at 10:30 am with services at 11 am, followed by a reception. Burial will be at Quantico National Cemetery. Please send condolences to John and Deb Wenk.

Obituary:

colonialfuneralhome.com/obituary/norma-nohre

It is in grief that we mourn, and in hope that we rejoice in the resurrection to the new life in Jesus Christ.

FALL DUNGEON

(basement)

CLEAN UP WORK DAY

OCTOBER 5 | 10 AM-12 PM

We need a few hands (and feet) to get our Dungeon ready for the spooky season. We have some old materials that need to be removed, and you can help! This is not a big project, but more hands make light work for all. We will be taking some trash out to a waiting trailer to be removed to the landfill. Please let Matt know if you plan on helping with logistics. Call/text 703-477-5881 or email matthew.shultz@comast.net

COAT DRIVE

JOIN US HELPING OUR COMMUNITY WITH A

Coat Drive

October 2024

During the month of October we will be collecting winter coats for children and young adults to lessen the impact of the upcoming winter cold.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Social Ministry

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PARTICIPATE



Donate your gently used coats to help those in need. your contribution can make a significant difference in someone's Life, providing warmth and comfort during the cold months.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6
4 PM-5 PM, OUTDOORS
HOLY TRINITY
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Join us for our *Blessing of the Animals*, honoring the feast day of Saint Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and the environment. Stop by the church on Sunday, October 6, between 4 PM and 5 PM, with your pet or a picture of your beloved critters of God for a special blessing.

Cathedral of St. John the Divine. Photograph by Dina Litovsky. "Blessing of the Animals". New York Times. October 10, 2018.

ELECTION DAY

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

PLEASE NOTE
THAT THE
CHURCH IS A
★ POLLING
★ LOCATION SITE
ON ELECTION
★ DAY



MEN'S BREAKFAST.

IHOP
980 Edwards
Ferry Road NE

SECOND TUESDAY.
EVERY. MONTH.
AT 9 A.M.

JOIN FRIENDS IN A GREAT CONVERSATION AND FELLOWSHIP
OVER *ARGUABLY*
THE BEST MEAL OF THE DAY - BREAKFAST.

NEXT GET TOGETHER IS TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 8



The Women of the ELCA met on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 for our first regular meeting of the new season. We once again were back in the kitchen preparing bag lunches for the Leesburg homeless shelter. Thanks to Kim Mill and Mary Grant for delivering these. After a short business meeting (sign-ups, new roster, financial update) we began our new book study of Drew Dyck's *Just Show Up - How Small Acts of Faithfulness Change Everything*. Discussing chapters entitled "My (Only Slightly Sad) Midlife Manifesto" and "Join the Plodders", each of us quickly bought into the basic theme of the book - God doesn't ask us to do radical or earth-changing things - we just need to be faithful and Just Show Up for our family, our friends, and our church.

Our Fall community project **KIDS - Expect the Unexpected** was a great success and culminated with *God's Work, Our Hands* Sunday, September 8. Over 300 items (sweatpants, leggings, underwear, and socks) were donated. Pat and Roger Bailey joyfully delivered these to Frederick Douglas Elementary the following week. The clothing was received with much appreciation and thankfulness! WELCA is grateful to all the Holy Trinity members that donated to this outreach project. Our next meeting date is November 5th at 10 AM. We welcome any women from our Holy Trinity congregation to join us!

Pat Bailey



Frederick Douglass would like to thank you for the generous donation of clothing to our school. Once again, we are blessed for the generosity of your congregation. The purpose of this donation will help our parents, teachers and students have a continuous day of learning without interruptions.

Please extend our sincere gratitude to everyone that contributed with this wonderful initiative.

Sincerely,

*Melissa Logan
Principal*

Frederick Douglass Elementary School



Thank you to our Holy Trinity family for donating in August and early September to the Back to School clothing drive!

the classics

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18TH - WAYSIDE FARM
FALL OUTING - \$15 PER PERSON**

**Corn maze, hayride, pumpkin patch, farm animals, and
other fall activities**

5273 Harry Byrd Hwy, Berryville

Meet at the church @10:45 a.m. if carpooling.

**Food available: pizza, burgers, hot dogs, chicken nuggets,
fries, snacks; or bring your own picnic lunch.**

RSVP deadline Friday, October 11th.

ADMISSION PAYABLE AT THE FARM

RSVP NOW ONLINE:

forms.gle/SALWzgpzX8mvBPpe6

YOUTH SINGERS AND YOUTH GROUP

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

G R E A T C O U N T R Y F A R M S

11:00-Noon *Youth Singers*

Noon-12:30 *Lunch*

12:45-4:15 *Great Country Farms*

All MIDDLE and HIGH SCHOOL Youth are invited to join us at GREAT COUNTRY FARMS for the CORN MAZE and more!

Tickets are \$15.

Please bring extra money if you want food or a pumpkin!

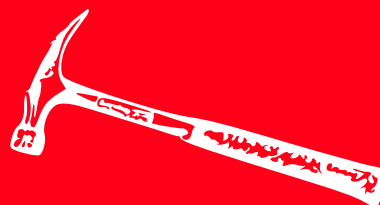
RSVP BY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 TO ENSURE YOUR SPOT!

We will need parent volunteers to drive!!

RSVP: nanc_fox@yahoo.com



REFORMATION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 27



The color of the day is red so we invite and encourage you to wear red on that day!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

STARTING NOVEMBER 13

Choirs, Fellowship, Food!

This fun evening of music and fellowship has been a Holy Trinity tradition for more than 20 years. If you are in Joyful Noise (Children's Choir Grades K-5) Handbells (Grades 6-adult) or Confirmation, or just don't feel like cooking, plan to join us in Wednesday evening for dinner. There is no need to bring anything. Meals will be ready and a freewill offering will be collected to defray the cost of the food. Each week the dinner menu will be sent out and we simply ask that you let us know if you plan to attend. (Even if you forget to tell us, we still would love to have you!) The schedule for the evening is as follows:



4:30-5:30 PM CONFIRMATION

5:30-6:00 PM DINNER

6:00-6:50 PM JOYFUL NOISE (GRADES K-5)

7:00-8:00 PM HANDBELL CHOIR (GRADE 6-ADULT)

YOUTH SINGERS - COMING UP

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

Youth Singers sing for 10 am worship!

11:15-11:45 am Youth Singers Rehearsal
after worship

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

11:00 AM-Noon Youth Singers

Noon-12:30 Lunch

12:45-4:15 Great Country Farms

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Youth Singers sing for 10 am WORSHIP!

5:00-6:00 pm Youth Singers

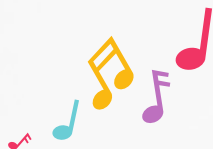
6:00-6:30 Dinner

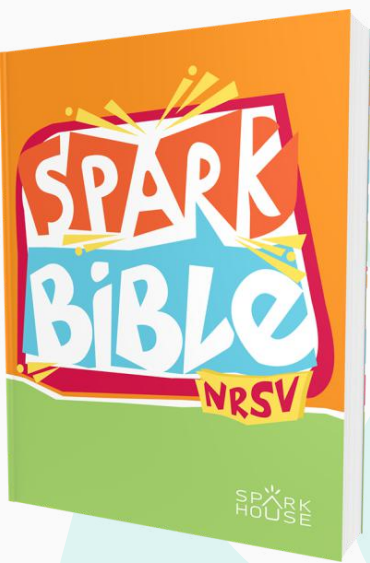
6:30-7:30 Youth Group

JOYFUL NOISE: SING AND RING!

Joyful Noise Children's Choir (Grades K-5) and Chimes will hold their first rehearsal, Wednesday, November 13th at 6 pm!

We can't wait to see all of our Singers & Ringers!





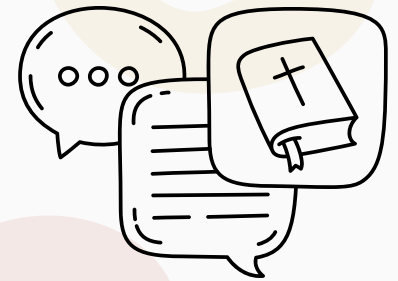
When a child is baptized the parents and the church community promise to support the child in their faith journey. One of these promises is to place the scriptures in the child's hands. On Reformation Sunday, we will do that. **All children Third Grade and above who have not received a Bible will be given one during our 10 am worship service on Sunday, October 27.**

Parents of Third Grade children should watch for a letter about the Bible presentation and we ask all parents of older children who have not received a Bible, to please contact Nancy Fox

(nanc_fox@yahoo.com), or the church office

(office@holytrinityleesburg.org) so that we can make preparations for the day!

CONFIRMATION CLASSES



We are very excited for a new year of Confirmation Ministry, a two-year program that is geared to students in their Middle School years. Students are asked to participate for two consecutive years: grades 6-7, grades 7-8 or grades 8-9. During these years youth are developing in so many ways. They are learning about who they are and how they fit into the world. It is a wonderful time to explore their faith and grow spiritually, as well. **Confirmation Classes are held twice a week: Sundays at 8:45-9:45 am and Wednesdays at 4:30-5:30 pm.**

It is our hope that students attend class on both Sundays and Wednesdays, however, we understand that this is not always possible. The expectation is that students attend at least one confirmation class each week. For more information contact Pastor Kristin.



HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES **September 18, 2024**

Present: Pastor Kristin Hoyer, Russell Seymour, Ann Keigher, Alison Waters, Sandy Phillips, Tammy Brende, Adrian Dias-Mattina, Sandy Yancy, Chuck Whitacre, Jana Murgia, Jennifer Rohrbach, Leesa Unger Bell

Absent: Randy VanEpps, Susie Tinney

Guest: Kristin Shultz, finance committee

CALL TO ORDER – Russell Seymour called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM

DEVOTIONS – Sandy Phillips read from Psalm 91 for reflection and discussion.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – A motion was made to approve the agenda as provided. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Kristin Shultz joined us to discuss various financial matters, including: the balance sheet, monthly profit and loss report and year-to-date profit & loss report. Balance sheet is merely a snapshot of assets and liabilities of the church right now, including the preschool. Council should be reviewing these monthly, including general income. Expenses tend to be mostly the same month-to-month.

PASTOR'S REPORT – Pastor Kristin

Activities have started again at church and the preschool. Pastor filled in for Debbie Harned and two teachers who were out sick. The church calendar is a work in progress. We will have a blessing of the animals on Oct. 6.

NEW BUSINESS

- *Charitable events policy* – Russ Seymour discussed the need to have a plan for knowing where the money raised by special events is going. We would like to come up with a formal policy and review in October. Jennifer volunteered to help draft a policy for review. A motion was made to approve the drafting of a policy and procedure for raising for charity. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
- *Create Council Covenant* – We need to draft a council covenant that we can agree and support. We discussed several different models that had been sent around and put together a draft.
- *Council Retreat Brainstorm*- set planning committee (Feb. 1 date) –We will bring ideas for next council meeting and then establish a planning committee.

Next Council Meeting: October 16 – 7pm - Devotions – Alison Waters

AUGUST 2024 GIVING

ACTUAL: \$26,018.65

BUDGET: \$30,266.67

NET / (DEFICIT): \$(4,248.02)

ENDING AUGUST 30, 2024 (LESS PRESCHOOL
INCOME AND EXPENSES)

We've had two consecutive months of lower income. While our immediate financial obligations have been met, much of our reserve funds have been exhausted. Your gifts directly support the vital work we do here at Holy Trinity. From providing ministries to our community to maintaining our facilities, your generosity makes a tangible difference. Thank you for your continued support.

Congregation

MEETING

Sunday, November 17

AFTER WORSHIP

All members are
encouraged to attend.



Happy Birthday to . . .



Teddy Struckmann	10/1	Zoë Ward	10/23
Kristin Shultz	10/2	Nate Waters	10/23
Lisa Stewart	10/5	Katie Fortin	10/24
Silas Bates	10/6	Ian Miller	10/26
Larry Willeke	10/6	Carol Sapienza	10/26
Lynn Shepherd	10/8	Campbell Feeney	10/28
Randy Steeprow	10/8	Nathan Johanneck	10/28
Amanda Whitney	10/8	Betty Schafer	10/28
Liz Adams	10/9	Stacey Byrne	10/29
Kayla DeCriscio	10/10	Roy Dudak	10/30
Loretta DeFalco	10/11	Sarah Muse	10/30
Curtis Sieber Jr	10/12	Emma Sieber	10/30
Grayson Albers	10/13	Mary Grant	10/31
Pam Sieber	10/13	Peter Miller	10/31
Sharon Williams	10/15		
Betsy Blackwell	10/16		
Brenda Hansen	10/17		
Ginny Burke	10/18		
Bonni Krytusa	10/18		
Anna DeCriscio	10/20		
Lucas Allen	10/22		

Baptism Anniversaries continued...

Molly Graham	10/7
Robin Prinz	10/7
Lynn Shepherd	10/8
Teddy Struckmann	10/14
Dylan Everhart	10/15
Kayla DeCriscio	10/24
Garrett Schafer	10/25
Morgan Begley	10/27
Kim Mill	10/27
Katie Valentine	10/29
Anabelle Fish	10/30
Emilia Fish	10/30
Nathan Fish	10/30
Adrian Mattina	

Baptism

Jennifer Steeprow	10/1
John Harvey	10/2
Zachary Johanneck	10/2
Chris Swetz	10/2
Keslar Just	10/5
Diana Larson	10/6





Laurie Dieffenbach 10/3	Gary Jebesen 10/7	Chris Ward 10/14
John Kohler	Louise Jebesen	Jennifer Ward
Jack Allen 10/4	Danielle Everhart 10/9	Bryan Just 10/21
Jodie Allen	Jon Everhart	Elizabeth Just
Grant Gustafson 10/7	Kevin Burke 10/11	Mary Marcheschi 10/23
Lory Gustafson	Sophie Burke	Michael Marcheschi

worship assistants



WORSHIP AT 10 AM	OCTOBER 6	OCTOBER 13	OCTOBER 20	OCTOBER 27
Acolyte/Crucifer	Collin Everhart	Chloe & James Landas	Jane Keigher	
Assisting Minister / Prayer Reader	Tammy Brende	Laurie Dieffenbach	Tammy Brende	Laurie Dieffenbach
Lector	Ann Keigher	Tammy Brende	Samantha Waters	Lynnette Mergler
Sanctuary Ushers 2 are needed	Fritz Scholz, and Barret & Dylan Everhart		Fritz Scholz & Barrett Everhart	
Coffee Host	Keigher Family	Keigher Family	Laurie Dieffenbach	Keigher Family
Altar Care Teams	Deb Wenk & Debbie Harned	Sharon Williams & Effie DeGroot	Peggy Everhart & Karen Blodgett	Judy Willeke & Tammy Brende
Tellers 2 are needed	Karla McGovern	Laurie Dieffenbach & Kristina Landas	Karla McGovern & Kristina Landas	Laurie Dieffenbach & Leesa Unger Bell

Join our worship team and make a difference on Sunday mornings. No experience needed. All ages and backgrounds welcome!

Benefits:

- Serve alongside your family or friends
- Opportunity to learn and grow spiritually

To join, sign up at tinyurl.com/ykt6e29m November and December at tinyurl.com/3rsspw6e Let's make Sundays unforgettable together!



LITTLE BLESSINGS PRESCHOOL

Looking for a rewarding part-time job? Our school is searching for a caring assistant to join our 3-year-old classroom. Enjoy flexible hours, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 8:45 AM to 12:45 PM. Make a positive impact on young lives! Contact Debbie Harned for more information.

preschooldirector@holyltrinityleesburg.org

Our preschool is in need of some supplies! Check out our Amazon wishlist and consider donating. Every little bit helps!

<https://a.co/36kklWP>



Community Carol Sing

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

4 PM

FREE

Start your Christmas Season off by joining the Leesburg community, led by our organ and choirs, in a rousing afternoon of traditional carols! The event is free and open to the public! Bring your family and bring your friends! The event is free!

Non-perishable food items and money will be collected to benefit Loudoun Hunger Relief!



Ahhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh!

Subs for Saints!



Order meatball subs and pick up on Sunday, November 3 after worship (plant-based subs available too!).

Sponsored by our HTLC Youth, your financial donation towards your sub order will make a real difference in the lives of those affected by Hurricane Helene. Join our fundraiser and support Lutheran Disaster Response. Donate at the time of pickup. Order forms are available at church. Questions? Contact Nancy Fox, nanc_fox@yahoo.com

PRE-ELECTION
Prayer Service
 Tuesday, October 29 • 7:00–8:30 PM
 Lutheran Church of the Reformation in D.C.

METRO D.C. SYNOD
 EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
 CHURCH IN AMERICA

As you prepare for the election on Tuesday, November 5, the Metro D.C. Synod invites you to join in a time of prayer at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, October 29. This non-partisan event will center around prayer lifting up our country, those running for office, and all who are voting in the election. The service will begin at Lutheran Church of the Reformation in Washington, D.C., the congregation closest to the Capital, and end with a walk around the neighborhood (weather permitting) praying for those who have both been elected and those seeking election.

[Register to attend here.](#)

we lift in our prayers

Members: Becca Buzzell, Carol and Dennis Boehler, Reed Michael Bollinger, Mia Fleming, Carl Gerber, Gretchen Luebbe, Betty Moilanen, The family of Norma Nohre and John and Deb Wenk, Sandy Phillips, Cathy Root, Margaret Seymour, Jamie Sims, Phil Tinney, Bob Williams

Family and Friends of Holy Trinity: Matt Adams, Jacquie Hammoudeh, Becky Murphy, Heather, Jack Wargo, Paul Wick

Serving our country: Elizabeth Gentine, Justin Murgia

We include a prayer list in the bulletin each week which will include members, family & friends of Holy Trinity and those serving our country. If there is a name you would like to add on the prayer list, please contact the office & Pastor.

DATES TO NOTE!

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 – BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
(DROP IN ANYTIME BETWEEN 4-5PM - BRING YOUR ANIMAL OR
A PICTURE OF YOUR ANIMAL)**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13 – END OF STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 – REFORMATION SUNDAY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3 – ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13 – WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE
BEGINS!**

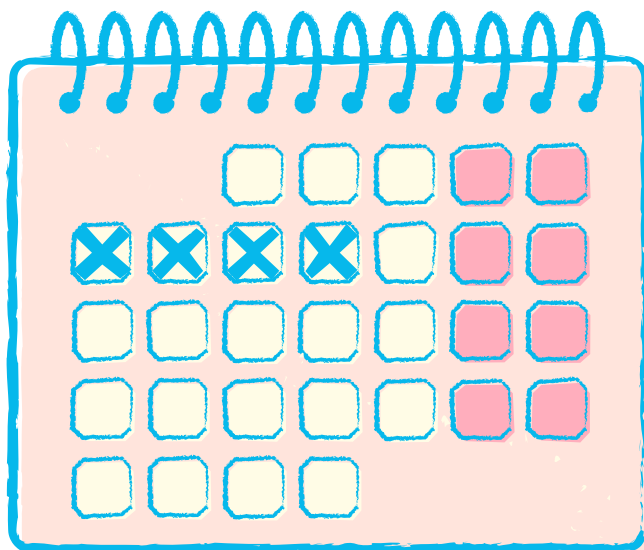
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17 – CONGREGATION MEETING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 - COMMUNITY CAROL SING, 4PM

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 – CHRISTMAS PAGEANT DURING
WORSHIP**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE
WORSHIP AT 2PM, 4PM, 7:30PM
CAROLS AROUND THE FIREPIT TIME TBD**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29 – CHRISTMAS LESSONS AND CAROLS



Lutheran Disaster Response: Hurricane Helene

Hurricane Helene hit the coast of Florida as a devastating Category 4 hurricane and moved inland as a tropical storm through the southeastern United States. Millions are without power as heavy rains continue to fall, causing dangerous flooding and landslides, as well as downed trees and power lines.

Wherever this storm goes, Lutheran Disaster Response will be there.



Scan the QR code to give today.

By giving to Lutheran Disaster Response, you make it possible for the ELCA to act quickly after disasters such as Hurricane Helene and remain for as long as the recovery takes.



<https://elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/Our-Impact/Hurricane-Response>

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President

Open Office Hours: Tues, Wed, and Fri: 9:30 am - 2:00 pm; Thurs: 10:30 am - 2:30 pm
Due to pre-scheduled appointments and childcare arrangements, it is recommended to call or email ahead.