



Holy Trinity

Lutheran Church
Leesburg, Virginia

TIDINGS

May June July 2026



Mark Your Calendars!

**Annual Meeting
Sunday, May 17
Immediately following
Worship**

Grab a quick coffee, then vote for your council representatives, learn about our teams, hear a financial update, and participate in the open forum (2 minute limit per person.) Our goal is to complete the meeting by 12:00 noon.



A Message from Our Pastor

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

What a meaningful Holy Week and festive Easter we celebrated at Holy Trinity! Thank you to our staff, musicians, volunteers, members and friends who made the week so special!

On Easter Sunday we heard from John 20:1-18 – where Mary Magdalene announced “I have seen the Lord!” The week after Easter (John 20:19-31) we heard about the disciples locked in a room out of fear of the Jewish authorities. They were sad and confused and wondered what happened and what might happen to them if someone knew they were associated with Jesus. Jesus appears through those walls and brings a message of peace “Peace be with you.” The disciples were able to say “We have seen the Lord!” But Thomas missed it – Thomas was out and he missed it and he wanted to see Jesus just like the others. A week later, the disciples are again locked in a room and Thomas was there and again, Jesus appears. Thomas proclaims “My Lord and My God!”

Jesus says “Blessed are those who have not seen yet have come to believe.”

On Sunday, April 12 – I asked people in worship ways they have seen the Lord. It was wonderful to hear the many different ways people have seen the Lord in their lives. The risen Christ is alive and well in our lives and in the life of the world. My prayer is that each and every one of us has at least one time where we can boldly proclaim “I have seen the Lord!”

How have you seen the Lord? Take some time to think of the ways you have seen the Lord.

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A Message From Pastor Kristin Hoyer (cont)

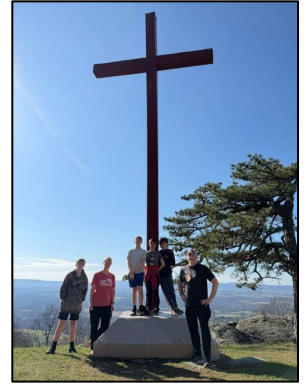


One of the ways I have seen the Lord is through our confirmands!

Confirmation Retreat: March 20-21 – Collin Everhart, Harper Graham, Adric Murgia, and Tommy Zickel along with Tommy's dad Matt and Pastor Kristin were at Mar-Lu-Ridge for a confirmation retreat. I hope you enjoy the pictures from this retreat.

Confirmation Worship – May 31- 10am - Please join us for worship on Sunday, May 31 as we celebrate our confirmands Joey Burke, Lyla Dlesk, Harper Graham, Hope Mattina, Adric Murgia, Luke Willeke, and Tommy Zickel. They will affirm their baptism in the confirmation service. It is an exciting day in the life of these young people and their families as well as our congregation! May we all be bold to proclaim "I have seen the Lord!"

God's peace,
Pastor Kristin Hoyer





Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Council Highlights

March Meeting Highlights

March 18, 7:00 pm

Finance Report:

- Balance Sheet, Income statement, Profit&Loss
- General Fund Urgent Need

Pastor's Report:

- Ash Wed. Attendance: 25+85
- Lenten Studies
- Holy Week plans

Business Discussions:

- Team emails: Churchlife, Outreach, Finance
- Laptop Upgrade for Admin: Donation made 3/1, purchase approved
- New Trustee
- Signage for Parking Lot and interior
- Visitor Welcome Packets

Stewardship

- Spring Flowers Drive
- Emphasize need for summer giving

Worship & Faith Formation

- VBS registration
- Children's Choir Musical
- Easter Worship Prep

Social Justice & Outreach

- Reading program for senior home

Congregational Life

- Easter Breakfast planning

Annual Congregational Meeting: May 17

May Council Meeting: May 20

June Council Meeting: June 10

April Meeting Highlights

April 15, 7:00 pm

Staff Guest: Andrea Barron

- Building connections with the congregation
- Grateful for support during recovery

Finance Report:

- Balance Sheet, Income statement, Profit&Loss
- Fire Alarm System Booster Panel required repair \$3275

Pastor's Report:

- Holy Week attendance:
Palm Sunday: 126
Maundy Thursday: 41
Good Friday: 19 + 32
Easter Sunday: 20+156+102
Total = 278
- Mar-Lu_Ridge Youth Retreat

Business Discussions:

- Planning for Annual Meeting
- Fund Raising
- Approved ELCA Young adult in Global Mission request
- Volunteers

Worship & Faith Formation:

- Easter Egg Hunt
- Children's Choir Musical
- Youth Group Light at the Laundramat and Lunch for homeless

Social Justice & Outreach:

- WELCA Chicks Report

Congregational Life:

- Flower & Garden Show Booth

Alleluia! He is Risen, Indeed!





Simple Ways to Support Holy Trinity Financially

Our congregation is so generous in supporting Holy Trinity! Today, there are more and more ways to simplify your giving, making it less time consuming and sometimes even easing your tax burden. Here are some of the many ways to support Holy Trinity:

- *In Person* - Drop your check or cash into the offering plate at worship. If you know your envelope number, please write it on the check or place your offering in your numbered envelope. If you would like offering envelopes, please contact the office at Holy Trinity.
- *VANCO* - Holy Trinity has established an online portal with VANCO to make it easy to donate electronically. The URL is <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZP7Y/home> . It is also linked from the Donate button on Holy Trinity's webpage. You can donate one time or set up recurring donations. This is a great way to support Holy Trinity when you are away on vacation. You can donate from your credit card or bank account. Any financial information you enter in VANCO is secure.
- *Text To Give* - You can use your cell phone to text your contribution to Holy Trinity. Text the amount you wish to give to 844-435-9809 and follow the instructions.
- *QR Code* - In the pews at Holy Trinity are cards with a QR code. Use your cellphone to scan the QR code and follow the instructions.
- *Online Banking* - Use your online banking to send a check or electronic payment to Holy Trinity, just like paying other bills.
- *Donating Appreciated Securities* - You can donate stocks, mutual funds, or other securities to Holy Trinity without having to sell them. Holy Trinity has set up an investment account at our bank, Truist, to which you can transfer the securities directly. This prevents your having to sell the securities and pay capital gains taxes on the amount the securities have appreciated since you purchased them. Holy Trinity will hold the investment(s) and let them appreciate further until we need the money to pay expenses. If you are interested in this, please contact me for the account information and specific instructions.

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Simple Ways to Support Holy Trinity Financially

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- *Name Holy Trinity as a Beneficiary or Leave a Bequest in your Will or Trust -* Thinking about what may happen after you're gone isn't anyone's favorite topic. However, naming Holy Trinity as a beneficiary or leaving a bequest in your will or trust allows you to give without overextending yourself if you need to spend more on long-term care or other expenses. Additionally, charitable bequests can reduce estate taxes.

DISCLAIMER: I am not a tax expert. Please consult your own tax or financial adviser before deciding to implement any of the strategies I have described.

Holy Trinity is profoundly grateful for the generous contributions, large and small, of all of our congregation members! Please let me know if you have any questions about taking advantage of any of these giving suggestions or other ways of supporting Holy Trinity.

Karla McGovern
karlakmcgovern@gmail.com

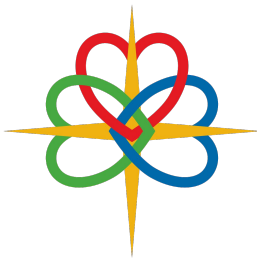
Regular Summer Giving

Your regular contributions to the general fund help keep Holy Trinity running strong throughout the summer.

Would you be willing to set up a regular automated donation to the HTLC General Fund?

Andrea can help:
office@HolyTrinityLeesburg.org or
703-777-4912





Music

Children ~ Youth ~ Handbells



Youth Singers will
sing on
Sunday, May 31
for Confirmation
Sunday!

Joyful Noise & Descant Singers

Thank you to ALL who made this a great year of Children's Choirs and Wednesday Night, LIVE! at HTLC! Especially **Cindy Johanneck & Stephanie Valentine!**

Mark your calendars now for our next rehearsal:
November 4!



Final Handbell "Huddle" of the season!



To allow more people to participate in the JOY of Handbell Ringing at Holy Trinity, we offer "Handbell Huddles"! With this model, a commitment is made for a specific time period, rather than an entire year. It is now time to check your calendars and sign-up for our final "Huddle" of this program year - the Easter season "Huddle".

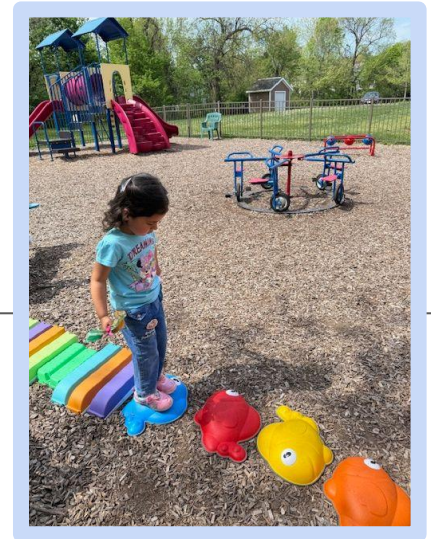
Please follow the QR code below or email Nancy Fox (nanc_fox@yahoo.com) to let us know you would like to join! Rehearsals will be held on **Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 pm on April 29, May 6, and May 13**. We will play in worship on **Sunday, May 17**. Since there are only a few rehearsals, we ask you to check your calendars carefully so that you will be able to attend both the rehearsals and Sunday worship. Beginners are welcome; however, ringers must be in middle school and above. Thank you in advance!! Our handbells really enhance our worship!!



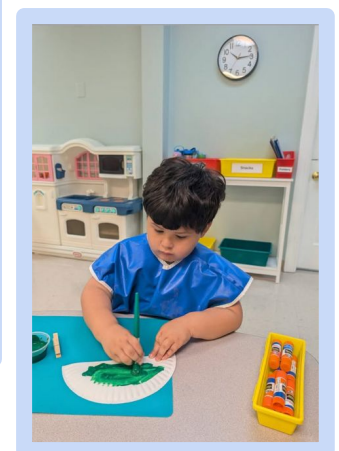
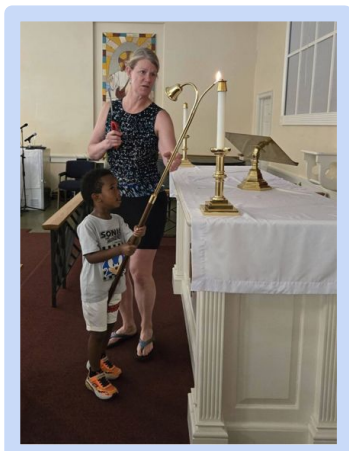


Little Blessings PRESCHOOL

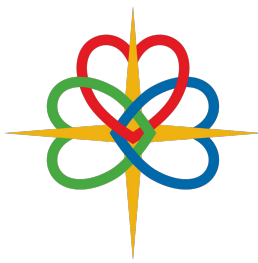
Little Blessings has been blessed by 32 beautiful children and families this year. We have celebrated milestones together, had a few great dance parties, and made some great memories.



We have limited spots available for next year. If you know of anyone looking for a school filled with terrific teachers and a place of abundant love and warmth, tell them about us!



PreschoolDirector@HolyTrinityLeesburg.org

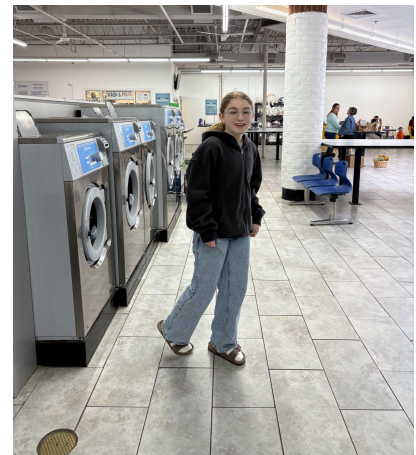


Christian Education



Light at the Laundromat

Through generous gifts and grants our youth have spread some LIGHT in the Leesburg Community. They have already paid for approximately \$550 of laundry, as well as, handed out free laundry pods, children's books and snacks. The plan is that we will visit Mama's Laundromat the last Sunday of every month! Thanks to our AMAZING YOUTH, our WONDERFUL ADULT HELPERS and EVERYONE who has helped make this possible!!



Bible Baseball

Sunday, June 7

8:45 am Fellowship Hall!

All are invited to join us for our annual game of Bible Baseball! There will be popcorn, hot dogs, and cotton candy and a wonderful display of Biblical knowledge!





Christian Education



“At the Table”

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



July 6-10, 2026 ~ 9:00 AM - Noon

The week will culminate with a

Sunday Worship Celebration on July 12 at 10:00 AM!

- WeeBS track: for preschool children
- Campers: 4 years old (by 9/30/26) through rising fifth graders.
- Junior Crew: Students who are rising Sixth Graders.
- Volunteer Team: Rising Seventh Graders through adults

Space is limited! Registration is open until we reach capacity. To register or learn more visit our website: <https://holytrinityleesburg.org/vacation-bible-school/>

Young Adults in Global Mission



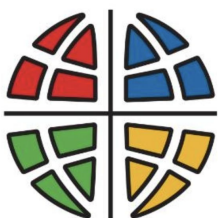
Greetings All,

My name is Joseph Dubsy, I am the son of Pastor Kristin, and I have been called through my faith to be a missionary in the Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) program for 2026-2027. This is a program through the ELCA that sends young adults to various countries with a focus on accompaniment and intentional service with global companions. I will be serving for a year in Cambodia. I will find out my specific location later this year.

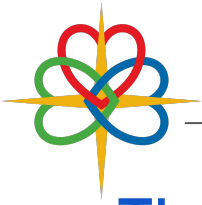
There are two primary global companions in Cambodia, the Lutheran Church of Cambodia and the Lutheran Hope Cambodia Organization. I do not yet know what exactly I will be doing, but in previous years young adults in the program have served with: feeding programs, rural development, youth Bible classes, pastoral care, nongovernmental organization support, human rights trainings, and teaching.

I am very excited for this opportunity, but it will not be possible without the prayer and financial support of people who want to be part of my journey. I need to raise \$10,000 to help support my mission and the service that I will be doing. I will provide updates in the form of newsletters every other month so that people know what I am doing.

I will be at Holy Trinity on Sunday, May 17th to share more about my upcoming year of service and by that time I will have more information about where to send donations. Thank you for your prayer and financial support.



Young Adults in Global Mission



Christian Education

Thank you to our
Blue Ribbon Sunday
School Teaching Staff!



Petra Buzzell
Nancy Fox
Debbie Harned
Pastor Kristin
Adrian Mattina
Jana Murgia
Erika Stracener
Zoë Ward
Andrea Williams
Cheryl Williams





Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Communications



Reading Buddy Outreach Volunteer Opportunity

Wanted: Several volunteers willing to spend 30ish minutes reading short, uplifting stories or poems of your choice to people who live at Meadow Glen. It is a small (38 people) facility with people who have various capabilities.

(Meadow Glen Assisted Living, 315 Dry Mill Rd, SW. Leesburg)

Time: Once a month for 30 ish minutes

Talents: Willingness to smile, read and share some of your time with others, be a day brightener!

Coming in the fall! Opportunity to read with Pre-K and Kindergarteners at Douglass Elementary!

Sign Up sheet in Narthex or contact Stasia Whitacre at Stasia.Whitacre@gmail.com

The Classics

If you're retired, you are a Classic!

Upcoming Events:

- **April 23:** Douglass High School Tour & Lunch: Meet at the school at 9:50 am. Jim Roberts will lead this tour and tell us about the struggles to get a high school for the African American students during segregation. There is also a fantastic playground at this sight for another photo op.
- **May 8:** Travel to Gettysburg to visit the Gettysburg Museum of History. We'll grab some lunch prior to the museum visit.
- **June 18:** Williams Gap Winery: Thank you to Mary and Larry Grant for arranging our upcoming June outing. We will be having lunch at Williams Gap Winery, located at 35521 Sexton Farm Lane, Round Hill. Mary has coordinated with the venue to let them know we are visiting primarily for lunch. Please note that non-alcoholic wine and beer are available. Since travel time is approximately 30 minutes, please arrive at the church by 11:20 AM so we can depart promptly at 11:30 AM.

Please RSVP to Peggy Everhart and indicate if you will need a ride or if you are able to drive.

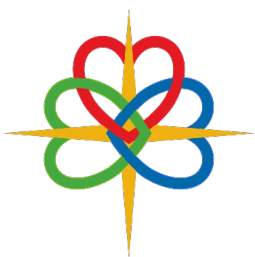


Loudoun Homeless Services “Hot Lunch”

On Sunday, April 19 a small group of youth and their adult sponsors prepared and served “Hot Lunch” at the Leesburg Homeless Shelter.

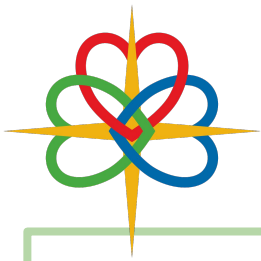
Although many of our youth were unable to serve at the shelter, they came in before church to prepare the salad and make sure that the meatballs were ready to be served at noon.

Cookies for the event were generously provided by Andrea Williams. We served hot meatball subs to approximately 65 people! (That was about 450 meatballs!) Those who came to eat were very appreciative and all who served were thankful for the chance to participate, saying “everyone should get this opportunity!” Thanks to all who made this a reality!!!



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Stewardship at HTLC

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE SPRING CHALLENGE

Growing God's Garden



The Stewardship committee started a new spring campaign on March 22, to coincide with the beginning of spring.

Our theme for this campaign is “Growing God’s Garden,” and the goal is to take some time and effort now in the spring to help our church continue to flourish in the summer.

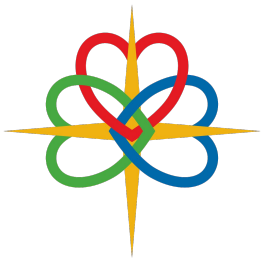
We know that many people leave for vacation and have other demands on their schedules over the summer, and we want to continue to be able to meet the financial needs of the church. While we may be away, the church has regular, on-going financial needs, including salaries for our beloved staff. *This is separate from our very impressive response to the “Raise the Roof” campaign.*

We would like to encourage everyone to consider setting up automatic giving for their offerings.

- Though we have mentioned Vanco, it is also possible to use your own bank’s “Bill Pay” feature to schedule regular payments.
- You can also fill out a simple form to start ACH, or automatic withdrawal, from your bank account.

Please let us know if you have any questions, and thank you for your ongoing support!

Alison Waters, Stewardship Team



Raise the Roof

Capital Campaign

April 2026 Update

Donations received for the
 “Raise the Roof Capital
 Campaign” fund as of
 4/15/2026:

\$134,361.96

*Thank you for your
 generosity.*

**Raise
 the Roof!**

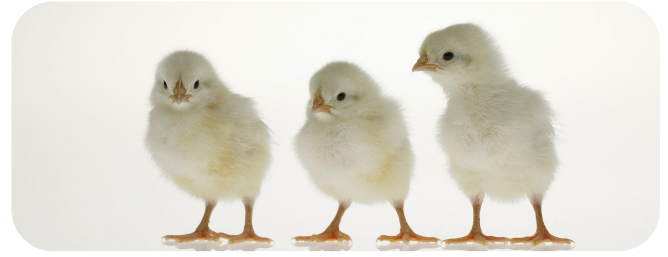


Current Status:
 Obtaining updated final
 quotes for all aspects of
 Phase I.

Phase I: 10/2026		
Item	Cost	
Flat Roof & A/C Units	Underlay	\$60,000
	Overlay	\$60,000
	HVAC	\$50,000
	30% buffer	\$51,000
Phase I Estimated Cost		\$221,000
Phase II: 3/2027		
Item	Cost	
Windows	Sanctuary	\$30,000
Phase II Estimated Cost		\$30,000
Phase III: 10/2027		
Item	Cost	
Remaining Roof	Asphalt Roof	\$72,000
	30% buffer	\$21,600
Phase III Estimated Cost		\$93,600
Subtotal of all phases		\$344,600
10% Tithe	Habitat for Humanity	\$34,460
Total Project Cost		\$379,060



Mary/Martha Circle



WELCA Mary/ Martha Circle will conclude our year with meetings on Tuesday, May 5th and Tuesday, June 12th. Both meetings are at 10 a.m. in the Commons area.

In the Spring of 2023 we finished our year with 4 members - Spring of 2026 finds our roster has grown to 15 women from the HTLC congregation. What a blessing!

Our year was highlighted by providing monthly lunches to the Loudoun Homeless Shelter and the book study of Joan Chittester's *The Gift of Years*. In addition, we reached outside of our circle to the Holy Trinity congregation, the Leesburg community, and the needs of the international scene.

September: In honor of the passing of WELCA founding member Betty Schafer, WELCA made a donation to the HTLC roofing fund. We also funded a restocking of the "accident" clothes for Frederick Douglass Elementary.

October: a very successful sub sale with all monies designated to be used for the roofing fund.

November: The congregation joined us by generously providing Thanksgiving food bags and grocery gift cards for families at Frederick Douglass.

December: WELCA sponsored four children from the Angel Tree.

February: found us collecting Giant gift cards to provide pantry restocks for families designated as homeless at Douglass.

March: During the 2026 Lenten season, WELCA sponsored the third annual "10 CHICKS for \$10" outreach. We were delighted to have Holy Trinity and Little Blessings preschool donate \$1420 which was sent to the international ELCA Good Gifts program.

April: our circle funded a Spring restocking of clothes for the children at Frederick Douglass - over 60 pair of underwear, shorts, and sweatpants were delivered.

WELCA Mary/Martha will complete our year with a (very) delayed Christmas luncheon on June 12th at Travinia's. Before we adjourn for a restful summer, we will be donating funds to the Youth group for their Lights at the Laundromat project. Our circle is extremely proud of our congregation's youth in taking this wonderful step into community outreach!

We welcome any woman interested in joining us to come to our May or June meetings...or plan now to join us in the Fall!

Blessings,
Pat Bailey



GLOW Circle (Grace Lights Our Way)

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is happy to introduce GLOW, our evening circle of the Women of the ELCA. GLOW meets the 4th Wednesday of the month from 6:00-7:00pm. Everyone is welcome!

What do we do at GLOW?

- Fellowship
- Light study of different women from the Bible and how we can continue to learn from them
- Outreach projects

We're currently planning for Holy Trinity's participation in "God's Work, Our Hands," the ELCA's annual day of service celebrating the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's commitment to loving and serving neighbors through community projects,



"God's work. Our hands." is the ELCA's annual day of service, taking place Sept. 13, 2026.

"It is a blessed opportunity for all our congregations to celebrate who we are as a church, engaging in projects and activities that explore our convictions as Lutherans: that all life in Jesus flows from a living, daring confidence in God's grace. The ELCA is one church, freed in Christ to love and serve our neighbor every day."



Congregational Life



Easter Celebration at HTLC 🐣

Christ has risen indeed! Alleluia!

Our Easter 2026 Breakfast Celebration is in the books, and what a blessed time for all. Many thanks to all the hard-working crew who arrived early to ensure our members were well fed, and many thanks to those of you who provided all the yummy food!

The kids enjoyed an indoor Easter Egg Hunt with the assistance of the Easter Bunny 🐰 🐰

We do always need more help with our events, so if you can spare a bit of time, please volunteer to help! 😊

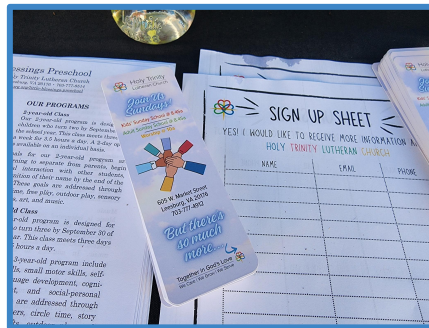
2026 Leesburg Flower and Garden Festival 🌸

April 18-19, 2026, was the annual Leesburg Flower and Garden Festival. For the first time, HTLC participated with a fun booth. Although the wind and rain created some challenges on Sunday morning, the overall event was a grand success. Both kids and parents alike enjoyed our prize spinner and butterfly craft. We distributed 200 book marks with information about our Worship services and a link to our website.

Thanks to our many volunteers who assisted! And a huge thank you to our organizing team: Ann and Jane Keigher, Jen Rohrbach, and Jackie Laabs. ❤️

With blessings and peace,

Congregational Life (Bill, Jen, Ann, Jane & Jackie)



Welcoming Kitchens

This winter we had some mice that decided our commercial kitchen would make a great home. They created quite a mess. A team of volunteers attacked that mess, and provided bins and storage solutions to keep the mice out. Huge shout out to the clean up team:

Peggy Everhart, Deb Wenk, Judy and Larry Willeke, Kim Mill, Linda Rehling, Betsy Weixel, Deb Harned



Volunteer!

In order to avoid the mouse problem in the future, we would like to have a Kitchen Team that manages the kitchen once a month. Tasks (in both of the kitchens) would include:

- Refrigerators: remove expired and unclaimed food and liquids.
- Cupboards: check for food that is not in sealed packaging or is expired, and dispose properly.
- Ensure all remaining food is in mouse proof bins,

Thank you for considering being the lead or a team member for this valuable effort in keeping the mice away! Volunteer by emailing Property@HolyTrinityLeesburg.org

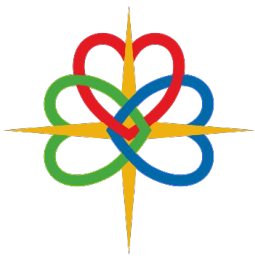


See the Light

Did you know there's a conversion taking place at HTLC? No, not water into wine... Florescent bulbs into LED bulbs! LEDs use significantly less energy than fluorescent bulbs, lowering our utility bills. LED bulbs also have a longer lifespan, lasting up to 50,000 hours or more, drastically reducing maintenance needs. 122 fixtures (approximately 488 tubes) have been converted already, with 89 fixtures (mostly in the lower level), remaining. The team is donating their time and the light bulbs, and even covering the cost of recycling the old fluorescent bulbs. Our congregation is grateful to those who are making this conversion happen.

Thank you to our property team for all you are doing for this cost saving effort.





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Congratulations to our High School Graduates



Lucas Allen
Evie Calvert
Max Nau
Audrey Szebalskie
Zoë Ward
Nate Waters

Join us as we celebrate
these amazing young
people on
Sunday, June 7!

May/June/July 2026

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
(ELCA)
605 West Market Street
Leesburg, VA



Join us this Summer!
Worship @ 10:00 am
each Sunday

May 3 - Preschool Sunday
May 10 - Mother's Day
May 17 - Annual Meeting
May 31 - Confirmation
June 7 - Bible Baseball
(Last day of Sunday School)
June 7 - Graduate Sunday
July 6-10 Vacation Bible School
July 12 - VBS Sunday

Sunday School will resume on
September 13!

Summer Sunday Schedule
effective June 14:

10:00 am Worship
(no Sunday School)

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