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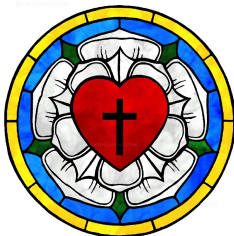
September 21, 2022

SERVANT OUTREACH PROJECT

Our **September** outreach project is collecting supplies for **The Free Clinic of Central Virginia**. Needed are the following products that will be given to patients: toothbrushes, dental floss, toothpaste, deodorant (both men's and women's formulas), combs, hair brushes, bath soap bars, and shampoo and conditioner (brands for all ethnicities). All items must be new and unopened. Please place items in the narthex outreach basket.

WORSHIP SERVICE LIVESTREAM

Our Sunday morning 10:30 a.m. service is available via Livestream on YouTube and archived for later watching as well. The worship bulletin and YouTube link are emailed on Saturdays, or they may be accessed at www.holytrinitylynchburg.org. *We are reminded that our prayerful preparation for worship begins during the prelude so all in-person worshipers are asked to be seated and refrain from talking once the music begins.*



PASTOR'S INFORMATION CLASS

Sunday, September 25
2:00 - 4:00 p.m., in the Parlor

This class is designed for those who would like to learn more about Martin Luther and the Lutheran Church. Join us for an overview of Lutheran Church history, theology, liturgy, the church year, ecclesiology, and life at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Please speak with Pastor Roberts for additional

TABLE TALK

The first session of *Table Talk* will be held Tuesday, September 27, from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., in the Parlor. In keeping with the tradition of Martin Luther when he would gather around the table for theological discussions, participants may bring their beverage of choice to enjoy during the class. *By Heart: Conversations with Martin Luther's Small Catechism* is our theme this year and the first class explores "The Story of the Small Catechism." Books are available for purchase in the church office for \$14.00 each.

WEDNESDAY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

The first session of our monthly Wednesday Children's Ministry will be held September 28, from 5:30 - 6:45 p.m. A light supper and a variety of learning and creative activities are provided for children from age three through grade five.

OKTOBERFEST

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2
at 4:30 P.M.

at the home of Barb and Ted Garman, 1177 Spring Mountain Road
(Take Boonsboro Road (US 501 North) to Coffee Road.
Turn left on Coffee Road and then right on Walnut Hollow Road at Trinity Church.
Proceed on Walnut Hollow Road for .7 miles.
Turn left on Spring Mountain Road [private drive].
The Garman's house is the second one on the right.)

Enjoy the tastes, sights, and sounds of a festive evening,
including live oompah band,
a delicious catered meal by Steve Royer and Debra and Tom Schwab,
Gisela Pest's handmade *Apfelstrudel*,
and tastes from a number of Holy Trinity's *Braumeisters*.

Bring your lawn chairs. Invite your friends and neighbors.

Please make reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall or call the church office.



This fellowship event is sponsored by our Program Development Fund. A donation of \$15 per person is requested.



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 25, 2022

The Lessons: Amos 6:1a, 4-7; Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31
The liturgical color for the Season of Pentecost is green.

8:30 A.M. - SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

9:30 A.M. - SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

ADULT EDUCATION
BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
(Parlor)

The God We Never Knew: Beyond Dogmatic Religion to A More Authentic Contemporary Faith
Imaging God: Why and How It Matters

10:30 A.M. - SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION with LIVESTREAM

2:00 P.M. - PASTOR'S INFORMATION CLASS

4:00 P.M. - HOLY TRINITY YOUTH

6:00 P.M. - CONFIRMATION CLASS (grades six - eight)

THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25 - OCTOBER 1

<u>MONDAY,</u>	9:15 A.M. - STRENGTH AND BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS
	9:50 A.M. - CHAIR YOGA CLASS
	7:00 P.M. - BIBLE STUDY - <i>The Extraordinary Women Who Shaped Our Faith</i> (via Zoom)
<u>TUESDAY,</u>	3:00 P.M. - MEMORIAL & FINE ARTS COMMITTEE
	5:40 P.M. - HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
	7:00 P.M. - TABLE TALK - <i>By Heart: Conversations with Martin Luther's Small Catechism</i>
<u>WEDNESDAY,</u>	12:10 P.M. - SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
	5:30 P.M. - CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
	7:00 P.M. - ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL
<u>THURSDAY,</u>	9:00 A.M. - PARISH NURSE in office (until 10:00 a.m.)
	11:00 A.M. - DISCUSSION GROUP - <i>The Challenge of Jesus</i>
<u>FRIDAY,</u>	9:15 A.M. - STRENGTH AND BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS
	9:50 A.M. - CHAIR YOGA CLASS
	11:00 A.M. - BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP - <i>The Psychology of Christian Nationalism</i>

IN THE CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

CECIL ALLEN BECKMAN
1928 - 2022

Our sympathy to his family.

CHURCH PARKING LOT

Those using the church parking lot are reminded to pull all the way into the curb so other vehicles may pass more easily in the travel lane.

THANK YOU

- Thanks to **Edith Beck** and **Bob Shafer** for work around the church and Youth House grounds.
- Thanks to **Heide** and **David Cannon** for hosting the Youth Pool Party.
- Thanks to **Dane** and **Mary Beth Thompson** and **Ann Kreft** for preparing and serving our Third Sunday Supper. Thanks to **ALL** who assisted with cleanup afterward.

A MESSAGE FROM PARISH NURSE GAIL MIDKIFF: UPDATED COVID-19 BOOSTERS

The updated COVID-19 booster is now available. It is available at no charge for anyone aged 12 and over who has completed a primary COVID-19 series or had a booster at least two months ago. It is called "bivalent" because it targets both the original strain of the coronavirus and the two Omicron variants that are causing most current infections. As for timing, the bivalent booster should be given a minimum of two months after completion of the primary series or the last booster. For those who have been infected with the coronavirus, most experts recommend waiting until three months after the infection before getting the booster. It takes several weeks for the booster to take effect. The bivalent booster is available now at some local pharmacies. Check their websites for availability and to register for an appointment time. Call your primary care provider or the health department to determine if they have the bivalent booster. The booster is important because a surge of infections is expected during this coming fall and winter. COVID-19 continues to circulate widely and causes about 400 deaths daily in the U.S. Even mild infections can cause long COVID and the risk of developing long COVID increases with subsequent infections. Being vaccinated and boosted helps protect not only the individual, but also the community, because vaccination reduces community transmission. Being vaccinated and boosted does not prevent all COVID-19 infections, but greatly reduces the risk of getting infected and of having a serious infection.

CHILDREN’S and YOUTH MINISTRIES
THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25 - OCTOBER 1

Sunday, September 25

9:30 a.m. - Sunday Church School (age three - grade five)

4:00 p.m. - Holy Trinity Youth

*Join us as we pack bags for the Rivermont Area Emergency Food Pantry.
We'll also have devotions, games, and snack!*

6:00 p.m. - Confirmation Class (grades six - eight)

Wednesday, September 28

5:30 p.m. - Wednesday Children’s Ministry (age three - grade five)

ADDITIONAL HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS NEEDED

Home communion distribution has resumed on the second Sunday of each month and additional home communion ministers are needed to take the Sacrament of the Altar to our homebound members. Please speak with Pastor Roberts for additional information.

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

Lutheran Disaster Response is working with the Caribbean Synod to support impacted areas of Puerto Rico in the aftermath of Hurricane Fiona. Some places on the island are still recovering from Hurricane Maria. While communities are more prepared than in 2017, significant relief and recovery is expected to be needed. Local pastors are waiting for water levels to recede to find out the extent of the damage to buildings. Anticipated immediate needs include clean water, food supplies, and other basic necessities. In addition to prayers, monetary gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response are used in full (100 percent) to assist those directly impacted, providing help and hope for those affected by this disaster. Please make checks payable to *Holy Trinity Lutheran Church* and indicate “Hurricane Response.”

MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION

each Wednesday from 12:10 - 12:30 p.m.

*Join us for a time of spiritual nourishment as we gather for
quiet reflection, prayer, the Word,
and the Meal.*



NEW MEMBERS TO BE RECEIVED

We will welcome new members into Holy Trinity in the coming weeks.
Please speak with Pastor Roberts if you are interested in joining our church family.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

We will have our annual Blessing of the Animals Tuesday, October 4, at 5:30 p.m., on the lower lawn, weather permitting. October 4 is the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, a thirteenth century renewer of the Church who was very attuned to the care of the poor and needy and all of God’s creation. Participants are asked to bring pets caged or restrained appropriately.

SERMON DISCUSSION GROUP

The next Sermon Discussion Group will meet Thursday, October 6, at 11:00 a.m., in the Parlor. We will discuss several previous Sunday sermons, copies of which will be provided in advance. Please make reservations in the narthex by October 2 so that the reading material can be distributed in advance.

FRIDAY BREAKFAST SERIES

A light breakfast is served at 7:00 a.m., followed by the program from 7:15 - 7:45 a.m.

THE DIFFICULT WORDS OF JESUS

by Amy-Jill Levine

Jesus of Nazareth provided his disciples teachings for how to follow Torah, God’s word; he told them parables to help them discern questions of ethics and of human nature; he offered them beatitudes for comfort and encouragement. But sometimes Jesus spoke words that followers then and now have found difficult. He instructs disciples to hate members of their own families (Luke 14:26), to act as if they were slaves (Matthew 20:27), and to sell their belongings and give to the poor (Luke 18:22). He restricts his mission (Matthew 10:6); he speaks of damnation (Matthew 8:12); he calls Jews the devil’s children (John 8:44).

In *The Difficult Words of Jesus*, Amy-Jill Levine – a professor of New Testament who is Jewish – shows how these difficult teachings would have sounded to the people who first heard them, how they have been understood over time, and how we might interpret them in the context of the Gospel of love and reconciliation.

October 7 - *Sell What You Own*

October 14 - *Hate Father and Mother*

October 21 - *Slave of All*

Matins (Morning Prayer) follows at 8:00 a.m.

HAPPY HOUR ORGAN RECITAL

Friday, October 7
5:30 p.m.

Gotta Toccata

J. William Greene, organist

The program includes music by
Gabrelli, Weckmann, Frescobaldi, Bach, Yon, & others.

Afterwards, join us for light refreshments
in the Fellowship Hall.



SPREAD THE WORD

A number of people move into and within our community each year with job relocations, retirements, or the purchase or rental of a new home or apartment. All are encouraged to spread the word about Holy Trinity's many exciting ministries and programs as we meet and welcome new people to our neighborhoods. There is no better way to put down roots in the community than to be a part of our dynamic and growing congregation. Reach out and invite someone to be a part of our faith journey together.



FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

Two, one-session First Communion classes will be held this year: Sundays, October 9 and October 16, from 2:00 - 2:45 p.m. Classes will be held in the Parlor. First Communion will be Sunday, October 30, at the Reformation Sunday Festival Service to be held at 10:30 a.m. Parents are asked to speak with Pastor Roberts to pre-register their child or to discuss schedule conflicts.

2022 ALTAR FLOWERS

The 2022 Altar Flower Calendar is available in the hallway next to the church office. There is one remaining Sunday available: October 30. The cost of altar flowers is \$90 per week for two vases. Payment for altar flowers is requested before the selected date and should be made payable to *Holy Trinity*. There are no delivery fees or sales tax. Please contact Susan Barney (907-1244 or skwbarney@gmail.com) with any altar flower questions you may have.



CANDLE TRIBUTES

The 2022 Candle Calendar is also available in the hallway next to the church office. All are reminded of the opportunity to dedicate the candles used in worship each week to the glory of God in memory or in honor of loved ones or in celebration of special events (birthdays, baptismal anniversaries, wedding anniversaries, etc.). The tribute dedication is printed in the Sunday worship bulletins along with the altar flower dedication. Included are the altar candles, the sanctuary lamp, and candles for the *Globusleuchter*. The cost is \$20 per week, with checks made payable to *Holy Trinity*. There is a need for candle dedications on November 13, November 27, and December 4. Please note "Candle Fund" on the memo line. Please contact the church office with any questions.

ONLINE GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Thanks to **ALL** for their generous, faithful, and ongoing stewardship. Please be reminded that opportunities are available through our online giving portal to make gifts to the general fund and the Rivermont Area Emergency Food Pantry. In addition, memorial gifts, challenge gifts, altar flower payments, disaster relief, world hunger relief, gifts to the Personal Hygiene bags fund, and special seasonal offerings may also be designated through the online portal. Options are available for a one-time gift or a recurring donation through either a bank transfer or a credit card. You may access the portal through our website or by downloading the VANCO Mobile app on your smart phone. Please contact Parish Administrator Carol Dee Robertson with any questions.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY CAN HOUSE

All are reminded of the Can House, located in the courtyard just outside the Fellowship Hall, where *aluminum* cans may be recycled. Cans are redeemed for money that will be used to construct Habitat for Humanity homes. Please keep in mind the following:

Only aluminum cans are accepted. Generally, if the can requires a can opener or attracts a magnet, it is not aluminum. We are asked not to put plastic bottles, metal cans, and other non-aluminum recyclables in the bin since this requires additional sorting before the cans are transported for recycling. **We can no longer accept cat food tins so please do not place them in the Can House.**

Those depositing loose aluminum cans in the Can House are asked to drop them into one of the collection bins inside the house and not on the floor. Ideally, it is helpful to put the cans in a plastic bag before putting them in the collection bins; however, please place in a single bag - **do NOT combine bags of cans inside other bags.**

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS FOR FOOD PANTRY

You can support the Rivermont Area Emergency Food Pantry and help feed those who are hungry in our community by enrolling in the Kroger Community Rewards program. Register your Kroger Plus card number at krogercommunityrewards.com. The organization number for the Rivermont Area Emergency Food Pantry is **BW712**. Use your Kroger Plus card or enter your telephone number on every shopping trip and a percentage of your purchase total goes to support the Food Pantry.

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Organist-Choirmaster: *J. William Greene*

Parish Nurse: *Gail Midkiff*

Parish Administrator: *Carol Dee Robertson*

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