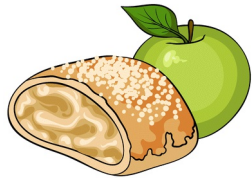


# THE BEACON

September 13, 2023



## APFELSTRUDEL

Helping hands are needed Thursday, September 14, at 9:00 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall, to help Gisela Pest make *Apfelstrudel* for our annual parish Oktoberfest to be held Sunday, September 24. The recipe, instructions, and all ingredients will be provided. Each participant is asked to bring a rolling pin and a paring knife. Please make reservations in the narthex. Observers are welcome, too. Come join the fun and fellowship!

## 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.

## NEW YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

"Searching for Answers" is the title of a new study for teens in grades six - twelve. Each week the group will explore Bible passages and engage in discussion, seeking to better understand what it means to live our lives as Christians. The study will meet each Monday, beginning September 18, from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., at the Youth House. Dinner will be provided.

## TUESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY

Our Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study will begin a six-session exploration of "God's Extraordinary Church: Readings in Ephesians" September 19, from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m., in the Parlor. Study books are available for purchase in the church office for \$9.00 each.

## LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating relief work through the ELCA Pacifica Synod and other partners to assist those impacted by the recent devastating wildfires in Hawaii. 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 who have lost loved ones, homes, businesses, or have been otherwise affected by this disaster. Please make checks payable to *Holy Trinity Lutheran Church* and indicate "Maui Wildfires."

## OKTOBERFEST

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24  
at 4:00 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.*

## SERMON DISCUSSION GROUP

The next Sermon Discussion Group will meet Thursday, September 28, 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 or contact the church office to receive the reading material.



# SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 17, 2023

*The Lessons: Genesis 50:15-21; Psalm 103:1-13; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35*

*The liturgical color for the Season of Pentecost is green.*

*A coffee hour follows each service.*

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

**9:30 A.M. - SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL**

**ADULT EDUCATION**  
**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**  
(Parlor)

***Wishful Thinking: A Seeker's ABC***

C - D - E - F

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

**5:00 P.M. - HOLY TRINITY YOUTH**

## THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17 - 23

<u>MONDAY,</u>	9:15 A.M.	- STRENGTH AND BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS
	9:50 A.M.	- CHAIR YOGA CLASS
	6:00 P.M.	- YOUTH BIBLE STUDY & DINNER - <i>Searching for Answers</i> (Youth House)
<u>TUESDAY,</u>	7:00 P.M.	- BIBLE STUDY - <i>Seeing the Bible as Your Story</i> (via Zoom)
	1:00 P.M.	- BIBLE STUDY - <i>God's Extraordinary Church: Readings in Ephesians</i>
<u>WEDNESDAY,</u>	5:40 P.M.	- HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
	12:10 P.M.	- SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
<u>THURSDAY,</u>	7:00 P.M.	- ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL
	9:00 A.M.	- PARISH NURSE in office (until 10:00 a.m.)
<u>FRIDAY,</u>	11:00 A.M.	- DISCUSSION GROUP - <i>Questions Jesus Asked</i>
	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 Flag, The Cross, and The Station Wagon</i>

## IN THE CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

Congratulations to **Marle King** and **Stephanie Quirk** upon their marriage last Saturday. . . .

Our sympathy to **Pam Carroll** on the death of her father.

## 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.

## FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

First Communion classes will be held Sunday, October 1, from 4:00 - 4:45 p.m., and Tuesday, October 17, from 7:00 - 7:45 p.m. These one-session classes will be held in the Parlor. First Communion will be Sunday, October 29, 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.



## TABLE TALK

The next session of *Table Talk* will be held Tuesday, October 3, 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. *Together By Grace: Introducing the Lutherans* is our theme this year and the next class explores "From the Sixteenth Century to Today." Books are available for purchase in the church office for \$11.00 each.



## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

We will have our annual Blessing of the Animals Wednesday, 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.

## HOLY TRINITY OFFICE and STAFF EMAIL UPDATES

All are asked to update email address books and contact lists to reflect the following changes. Please direct all emails intended for Carol Dee Robertson or for general office and administrative matters to [office@holytrinitylynchburg.org](mailto:office@holytrinitylynchburg.org). We have been using both this address and our AOL address for the last couple of years, but are now completing our transition away from the AOL address. In addition, all emails specifically intended for Pastor Roberts should be sent to [dennis@holytrinitylynchburg.org](mailto:dennis@holytrinitylynchburg.org) and all emails intended for Susan Williams and inquiries regarding youth and children's events should now be sent to [susan@holytrinitylynchburg.org](mailto:susan@holytrinitylynchburg.org). As published in the church directory, Organist-Choirmaster Bill Greene's address is [green1204@comcast.net](mailto:green1204@comcast.net) and Parish Nurse Gail Midkiff may be reached at [luther.church@icloud.com](mailto:luther.church@icloud.com).

## CHILDREN'S and YOUTH MINISTRIES – THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17

<b>Sunday, September 17</b>	9:30 a.m. - Sunday Church School (age three - grade five) 5:00 p.m. - Holy Trinity Youth <i>"Steal a Friend" night</i> <i>This is the night to get your friends to Youth Group!</i> <i>We will have lots of games, food, and a great devotion. All are welcome!</i>
<b>Monday, September 18</b>	6:00 p.m. - Youth Bible Study & Dinner (Youth House)

### THANK YOU

- Thanks to **Joe Fedeler**, host; **Chris Elbrecht**, **Ted Garman**, **Dave Gillis**, and **Steve Royer** for participating in the *Braumeister* Workshop.
- Thanks to **Cheryl** and **Bruce Gerlich**, coordinators; **Barb Garman**, **Karen Kenny**, **Barry Lobb**, **Wade Neiman**, and **Mitch Overstreet** for preparing, serving, and/or cleaning following the delicious Kick-Off-The-Fall Brunch.
- Thanks to **Barb Garman** and **Pam Martin** for providing transportation for the youth last Sunday.
- Thanks to **Mary Beth** and **Dane Thompson** for delivering donated newspapers and linens to the Spay/Neuter Clinic. The donations are much appreciated. Keep the newspapers and linens coming.

### 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.

### 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.

### SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR ANIMAL CLINIC

The Lynchburg Humane Society Spay/Neuter Clinic is in need of old newspapers and old top sheets and towels. Items may be placed in the "Animal Clinic" basket in the narthex. Please speak with **Mary Beth Thompson** (993-2596) for additional information.

### MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION

each Wednesday ✦ 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.*



### ADDITIONAL HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS NEEDED

Additional home communion ministers are needed to take the Sacrament of the Altar to our homebound members. Those interested are asked to please speak with Pastor Roberts.

### FRIDAY BREAKFAST SERIES

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

#### ***A NEW FAMILY: Opening the Doors of the Church*** with Rachel Held Evans

Rachel Held Evans worked, through her writing and speaking, to open a space for people to become involved with the evolution of their faith. Her advocacy was for the heart of God which is for the people of God. She was a person who reached for the outsider and brought their voice and perspective into the fold. She inspired change and sometimes provoked resistance. But as she says in this video series, her hope was to start more conversations than end them.

She is quoted as saying, "The folks you are shutting out of the church today will be leading it tomorrow. The future is in the margins." If we are resurrection people, are we willing to let the ways of doing Church that do not serve God, ourselves, or our neighbors, die? If God throws open the doors of the church, who are we to monitor them, or worse, close them? When the doors are locked and requirements for inclusion are narrow are we willing to become sanctuaries ourselves?

- October 6** - *With an Open Hand*
- October 13** - *Remembering Jesus*
- October 20** - *Gatekeeping / The God Who Sees You*
- October 27** - *Love Is Biblical*

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

## EMAIL ADDRESSES

Please email the church office with your current email address if you are not receiving church communications and worship links electronically. As the 2023-2024 program year begins, the monthly EDU.NET adult education newsletter is distributed via email. Also, there is the option to receive *The Beacon* each week via email, which helps reduce postage expenses.

### JOIN THE FUN!

We are currently offering two exercise classes twice weekly on Monday and Friday mornings. Each class is led by Christine Euhus, a registered yoga teacher through Yoga Alliance and an instructor at the YMCA for over ten years.



**Strength and Balance** class meets from 9:15 - 9:45 a.m. and focuses on strengthening the body core and improving balance and overall well-being.

**Chair Yoga** class meets from 9:50 - 10:20 a.m. and focuses on practicing a gentle form of yoga done sitting in a chair or standing using the chair for support. Everyone is welcome, but it is especially appropriate for those with limited mobility. Benefits of yoga include improved flexibility, better concentration, increased strength, and reduced joint pain.

The cost for either Strength and Balance OR Chair Yoga is \$20.00 per month. The combined cost for both classes is \$35.00 per month.

Join one or both of these enthusiastic groups and begin improving your strength, balance, and flexibility

## CANDLE TRIBUTES

The 2023 Candle Calendar is 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 **December 3** and **December 31**. Please note "Candle Fund" on the memo line. Please contact the church office with any questions.

## CRAFT WORKSHOPS

Craft workshop will be held Sunday, October 8, and Sunday, October 22, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall, to work on projects for the 2023 Holy Trinity Holiday Craft and Food Market. Helping hands are needed. No experience required. Come enjoy the fellowship. Please make reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall.



The Holy Trinity Holiday Craft and Food Market returns this year and will be held Friday, November 3, and Saturday, November 4. The proceeds benefit our Program Development Fund, which subsidizes such things as guest speakers, Christian education and youth ministries, musical events, outreach ministries, and new ministry ventures. The success of our previous craft and food events has been due to the participation of the whole congregation. All are encouraged to look for new craft items and ideas when traveling. Consider purchasing handmade items to donate to the event if making crafts or foods is not possible. Popular items in the past have been:

- Christmas ornaments
- handmade jewelry
- quilted items
- pottery
- stained glass
- artwork
- doll clothes
- knitted scarves and hats
- teachers' and children's gifts
- handcrafted birdhouses and bird feeders
- homemade baked goods and casseroles
- gift baskets
- nativity sets
- handcrafted wooden trays, luggage racks and clocks
- potted herbs, plants, flowers, and bulbs
- herb vinegars and oils, jams, and jellies
- homemade soups, stews, and chili
- handcrafted note cards

Please contact **Betty Camden** (239-4311) for additional information.

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Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ I / We will work at the event: \_\_\_\_\_

I / We will be donating the following for the Market:

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*Please complete and return to the church office as soon as possible.*

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Parish Nurse: *Gail Midkiff*

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