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## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE AT HOLY TRINITY

**H**oly Week at Holy Trinity will begin with our Palm Sunday services at 8 and 10:40 a.m. April 17.


Holy Trinity will have communion at our Maundy Thursday service at 7 p.m. April 21. We will recall the Last Supper and Jesus' commandment to his disciples that we love one another, just as He has loved us on Friday, April 22. There will also be a joint Good Friday community service at the Missionary and Alliance Church in Berlin beginning at noon.



**GOOD FRIDAY** and the Tenebrae Service will begin at 7:00 PM on Good Friday.

On Easter morning, April 24, we will celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord with our annual Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m., followed by breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. The final service of the day will be at 10:40 a.m.; both services will include communion. For our other Easter events, including the Children's Egg Hunt, Sunday School program and distribution of Fletcher Bibles, please continue reading the Visitor.

## LIVE ALONE DINNER SCHEDULED

**F**or all of January, February, March and the first week of April Sunday School has been meeting at 9:00 AM in order to accommodate the video curriculum "The Truth Project". While this special presentation has been invigorating, it has also required special consideration to fill the various needs of our three adult classes and all of the other Sunday School classes and teachers. Thanks to Jeff and Pam Moore, Lorrie Shaw and others for helping with our younger person instruction so that some of the Sunday School teachers could attend "The Truth Project". Sunday School will return to its normal time at 9:30 AM on  **Sunday School Schedule** April 10.



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**M**any of our members and friends may wonder if God is love then why require the season of Lent. The answer or at least part of it is to reveal the extent of God's love. God did not shrink from yielding up his own Son, Jesus, to atone for the sins of the world. And Jesus did not shrink from willingly accepting the awful cost of His suffering, abandonment, and death. In Lent, we are left at the very end with the awful cry from the cross quoting Psalm 22 "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" Many of us have felt like that at one time or another. The ravages of life and sometimes the direct onslaught of the devil leaves us almost without hope and bereft of faith; but not quite. The death of God with Jesus expiring on the cross is not the end. At the end he yields up his spirit to the Father and Easter follows.

To everyone's surprise the tomb is empty and Jesus begins appearing to his disciples and followers over and over again reviving their hopes and kindling their mission. We must walk this lonesome valley with Jesus if we are to experience the glory of his resurrected life. Only faith, which sinks so low can truly know what hope that is raised so high. Psalm 22 continues with a concluding song of abiding faith "I will declare they name unto my brethren.... for he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath he hid his face from him but when he cried unto him, he heard..... the meek shall eat and be satisfied; they shall praise the Lord that seek him; your heart shall live forever; all that they go down to the dust shall bow before him". In these majestic words the Psalm filling the savior's mind declares his undying confidence in the living God.

Come as we continue the journey of Lent that we might be enthralled by the glory of Easter morning. See you at the foot of the cross.

### FIRST COMMUNION

Please pray for our fifth graders as they receive the Lord's body and blood for the first time on April the 10th at our 10:40 AM service.



### VISITOR DEADLINE

Please have all your information for February's issue of the Visitor turned in no later than Monday, **MAY 9**. Information received after that date may be held until the June 2011 issue.

### SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

We are always seeking new lectors, ushers, and other volunteers at the church. If you are interested in serving in one of these capacities, please call the Church Office at 267-5014 or e-mail us at [htelc@verizon.net](mailto:htelc@verizon.net).

### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The Church Office will be closed Thursday, **APRIL 21**, for the Easter holiday.

### REMEMBER

Remember to visit our website, [www.htelcberlin.com](http://www.htelcberlin.com), or our Facebook page (Holy Trinity Lutheran Church) for the latest news.

### 2011 "SOUPER BOWL" WINNERS!

**T**he results are in! The winners of the 2011 Souper Bowl for the Berlin Area Food Pantry are as follows:

Trinity UCC, Berlin (Large Church with 3,283 Points.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Glen Savage (Small Church) with 1,024 Points.

Thanks to everyone who participated!!



**WITHOUT JESUS....**

**WITHOUT JESUS ...WITHOUT THE RISEN SAVIOR IN OUR HEARTS, LIFE IS LIKE:**

**A CHOCOLATE EASTER BUNNY:**

empty on the inside;

**AN EASTER BONNET:**

easily blown off kilter;

**LAST YEAR'S EASTER OUTFIT:**

it doesn't quite fit right;

**AN EASTER LILY:**

it soon withers and dries up;

**A BAG OF JELLYBEANS:**

sugary and sweet but lacking substance;

**AN UNFOUND EASTER BASKET:**

full of gifts that spoil and go to waste;

**A COLORED EASTER EGG:**

looks great but cracks under pressure;

**THE EASTER BUNNY:**

always hopping here and there;

**MARSHMALLOW PEEPS:**

becomes hard when opened up;

**EASTER PARADE:**

a long journey with no destination;

**AN UNOPENED EASTER CARD:**

a message of love unclaimed.

David Patterson

**SWEEP OVER ME,  
LORD  
AND BRUSH OUT  
MY SIN!  
REPLACE IT WITH  
FAITH,  
AND LIVE HERE  
WITHIN.  
AMEN.**



A Note from the Choir Director

Dear Members,

It is hard to believe that Easter will be here shortly. It seems as if the year is just flying by. The choir will be doing a special song for Easter Sunday and if you would like to sing with us, please come on Wednesday nights at 6:30 P.M. to practice with us.

As the season of Lent continues let our hearts be filled with the Holy Spirit and let us all remember the beautiful and perfect gift that God gave us.

**Maria Mowry  
Music Director  
445-6742**

**APRIL'S SPECIAL DATES**

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

April 3

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

April 10

**HOLY WEEK**

April 17-23

**PALM/PASSION SUNDAY**

April 17

**MAUNDY/HOLY THURSDAY**

April 21

**GOOD FRIDAY**

April 22, 2011

**HOLY SATURDAY**

April 23, 2011

**EASTER DAY**

April 24, 2011

**ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY**

April 27



Information for the April issue of **THE VISITOR IS DUE MONDAY, MAY 9.** Information received after that date may be held for the May edition of the newsletter.

**If you have questions, concerns, suggestions, or anything else regarding our church, please contact your council representatives (below). They welcome your input! Our suggestion box is located at the rear of the church, if you'd prefer that.**

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**Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat**

<p><b>EVENT KEY:</b> CV= Compassionate Visitors HC= Homebound Communion Committee HTLCB= Joyful Noise Band SC = Senior Choir UL = Uncommon Life YOGB = Youth Bells</p>			<p><b>EVENT KEY:</b> YPM - Youth Planning Meeting AB - Adult Bells JF - Joyful Noise WBS - Women's Bible Study YGC - Youth of God Chimes</p>			<p><b>WORSHIP KEY:</b> W= Worship SS = Sunday School C = Communion W &amp; A Worship &amp; Anointing</p>			<p><b>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS</b> <b>8:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.,</b> <b>MONDAY - THURSDAY</b></p>		
<p><i>"The resurrection gives life meaning and direction and the opportunity to start over no matter what the circumstances." —Robert Flatt</i></p>						1 9:00 AM Quilters	2				
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**CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS**

The Bible often uses coins to symbolize human greed. During Holy Week, 30 silver coins — usually shown with a bag or purse — represent Jesus' betrayal by his disciple Judas (Matthew 26:14-16). Many of Jesus' teachings are about money, including the parable of the lost coin. Coins also symbolize giving as an act of worship, just as the widow offered her last "mite" (Mark 12:41-44).

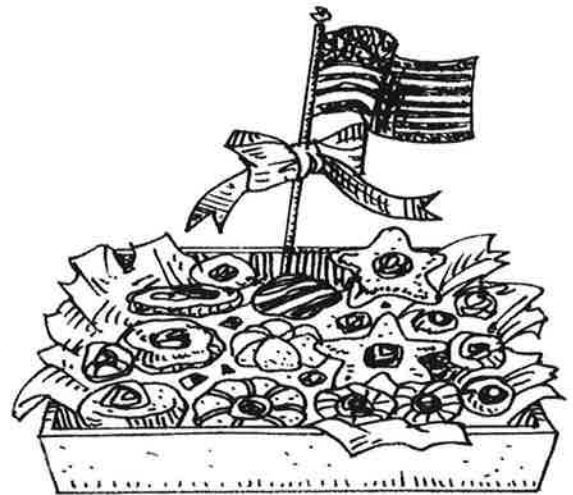


**EASTER'S MEANING....**

In a 2010 Barna Group survey, two-thirds of Americans knew that Easter is a religious holiday. But only 42 percent connected its meaning to Jesus' resurrection. And only two percent of adults said they would describe Easter as the most important holiday of their faith.

Not everyone who connects Easter to religion has the facts straight. Two percent of Americans said Easter is about Jesus' birth. Another two percent said it's about Jesus' "rebirth." And one percent said it's a celebration of his second coming. Another three percent described Easter as a celebration of spring or a pagan holiday. In the same survey, 31 percent of active churchgoers said they'd definitely invite an unchurched friend to worship with them on Easter weekend. This Easter, share the truth and joy of the holiday with someone who doesn't know Jesus. News of the resurrection is too good to keep to ourselves!

**Berlin**



**C.A.R.E.S.**

Dear Members, Family, Friends and Neighbors:

It's almost spring but it sure doesn't seem like it.

Anyway, Easter will soon be here and it's always a new beginning. I hope it will soon be a new beginning for over five soldiers in the war zone.

We will be sending boxes to our troops for Easter on April 9th. If you would like to donate Easter candy please drop it off at the church office by April 8th.

Also, I want to thank everyone for their support. It's nice to know there are people out there that still care.

Don't forget about the Easter candy.

Love and Peace,  
Dorothy Gerber

Berlin C.A.R.E.S.



**Check passing:** Brett Custer (far right), of Custer Holding LCC, presented three checks to Berlin area organizations. The money is from a coupon program where shoppers could get a drink for 99 cents. The organization received \$1. From left, Tracey Koortz of the Berlin Whiskey Rebellion group received \$250; the Rev. John Harmon, president of the Berlin Lions Club received \$500; and Mandy Lauer of the Berlin School District Foundation received \$500. Custer said plans to do another coupon program are being finalized.

## TRUSTING THE UNSEEN

A gardener planted two peony bulbs side by side. In a few weeks, as expected, the first one poked a single stem through the ground. The other would soon follow, the gardener thought. But it didn't. Many more weeks went by with no sign of life.

Then one day, to his surprise, not one but five leaf points poked through the soil at once. When the peony bloomed, its flowers were more beautiful and numerous than those of the first bulb.

John Piper said, "In every situation God is doing a thousand things that we cannot see and do not know." When God seems to have forgotten you and hope fails, don't despair. God is at work, and someday you will see.

## LIVING IN SATURDAY....

Saturday of Holy Week is a strange day for the church. It's sandwiched between Good Friday, when Jesus died on the cross, and Easter, when he rose.

Certainly, we know the truth and triumph of the resurrection, but until Jesus comes again, we're living in Saturday. The Lamb of God has been sacrificed, and the curtain of sin that separated us from God has been torn down. Yet we're still looking forward to — as Jesus said — the renewal of all things.

Although we may be battered and bruised, stumbling, limping or crawling, we shouldn't wallow in defeat. Instead, we can be confident in the victory Jesus won for us. We can shout with Paul, "Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:57, NRSV).

While you look back to Friday and forward to Sunday, live victoriously in Saturday. Jesus has won and has run the victory lap ...



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**AS OF  
MARCH 21, 2011**



### HOSPITALIZED:

David Adams, William Mothersbaugh, Alice Scheferston.

### RECUPERATING AT HOME:

Joyce Beachley, Janet Bender, Nettie Brown, Tom Dively, Mary-Alice Duckett, Dorothy Gerber, Faye Glessner, Dwight Maust, Everett Nicklow, John Pribelsky, William Ringler, Nancy Schrock, Dutchie Zorn and Robert Zorn.

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### PRAYERS REQUESTED:

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### PRAYER LIST POLICY

If you or a member of your family are admitted to any hospital, please notify Pastor John or call the Church Office at 267-5014. Please also let us know when a family member or friend wishes to be removed from the prayer list. We will keep names on the prayer list for one (1) month, unless we know the person is still ill because they are a member of our congregation or whoever put them on the prayer list calls to keep them on.

## ELCA, CORE AND THE ALLEGHENY SYNOD (CONTINUED)

Youth ministry for the near future will be carried out by youth encounters and world missions have already assembled a great deal of energy.

The NALC (North American Lutheran Church), which began last August in Ohio, at the CORE convocation now membering more than 140 congregations with others joining quickly. A more traditional synod with Bishop Paul Spring as its leader has vaulted onto the international scene. At a huge conference on mission in Ethiopia held last month several prominent talks were given by CORE and NALC members with Bishop Paul Spring preaching for the final services. Dr. Gemechis Buba, formerly of the ELCA division for missions and now heads mission for the NALC, was the key note speaker for the conference. Much was learned about how to give a church with orthodox teaching in this Ethiopian setting. Founded in 1959 with 20,000 members, it now has 5.6 million members; one third more than the total membership of the ELCA.

This rapid growth has been achieved despite fearsome muslim extremists, communist government oppression large numbers of polygamous relationships and rampant pantheism. Only belief in Christ's lordship could lead to such rapid growth. Believing we can learn much from the Orthodox Tenor of African Christianity we hope the NALC and CORE will long continue these partnerships in the mission of Christ. The NALC also has only a \$400,000 budget and a very lean structure but has already generated a million dollar gift for ministry and mission from a Pennsylvania couple. NALC and CORE are committed together as each has a small proportion of its budget devoted to the needs of others. LCMC has now joined CORE, the World Alone Network, the NALC and other ministries to revitalize the American Lutheran mission.

The Allegheny Synod, a part of the ELCA, has not been immune from these larger forces. Although our congregation continues to send 37.5% of benevolence receipts to the Synod for work on its territory, the recession and fall-out from the ELCA Assembly continue to affect it. Income has shrunk and it is now at the point that discussions have already been held as to its future viability as a small Synod. With declining numbers in rural areas and very small congregations it now has just 123 congregations; many of which are just holding on. At last count the Synod has just under 40,000 baptized members. When it is realized that a conservative figure of at least 265,000 members of 414 congregations have left the ELCA since August of 2009 this represents a figure of six times the size of our Synod of half of all the Lutherans in Pennsylvania. Seismic shifts are happening.

At the same time little infrastructure exists for us yet I believe for totally leaving the Synod at least at this time.

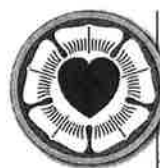
Only One congregation in the Allegheny Synod has left while several like ours have joined CORE and been quite steady in this ministry and stability. One congregation, St. Thomas in Hooversville, recently took a first vote to leave the ELCA, which failed by 2 votes of the necessary 2/3 and is now a badly divided congregation. CORE strongly advises its members congregations to take decisions very deliberately and allow time for the Holy Spirit to work and continue to work for form in the ELCA particularly for those ELCA members who may find themselves in congregations where either the pastor or church leaders seem not to care about the August 2009 Assembly decision. Prudence dictates I believe that we proceed forward whole heartedly in CORE and cautiously in the ELCA.

At a time of intense ferment in the early church when much was changing rapidly the great Rabbi Gamaliel who had been a teacher of St. Paul, stood up in the assembly of Sanhedrin and addressed them. The issues then were the preaching of Peter and the other disciples about Jesus. Gamaliel said about previous reformers or Messiahs that all had ultimately perished, "so in the present case I tell you keep away from these men (do not imprison them) and let them alone; for if this plan or this undertaking is of men, it will fail; but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" (Acts 5:34-39).

If we are right we must let God take the lead in changes He is making in His church, act prudently, trust in the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit, learn from our history and continue to work with whoever will work with us.

Pastor John

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## ELCA, CORE AND THE ALLEGHENY SYNOD

Over a year ago I wrote the following short paragraph upon reflection of the rapid change occurring in the church. "One of the problems in moving forward with the recent changes in the ELCA is that there are no perfect church bodies. Acts 15 describes the difficulty in accommodating new individuals or interest in existing religious bodies. James, the brother of Jesus, must intervene and render a ruling as to the accommodation and the rules by which the two groups can co-exist. In the present church, there is no such generally recognized arbitrator available". It is left up to us.

A year ago this congregation joined Lutheran CORE with a 90% approval of this congregational action. I wish now and periodically in the future to bring you up to date on developments in the above-mentioned entities. If history is any guide, it may take a long time until most members of these entities are comfortable with all their conflict resolutions. Our own congregation, at first a child of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, did not achieve full recognition of its own needs in the Western Pennsylvania Synod from its early stirrings in 1801 with Rev. Lange of our congregation until full recognition was achieved in 1826 and full harmony within that new Synod and its partners was not achieved until 1853 when it would then be disrupted again by the Civil War. As your Pastor, I am compelled both by scripture and history to take a very long view of present tensions now faced in the church. In the upcoming paragraph I will briefly describe where I think we are right now.

The ELCA acted in August 2009 to approve a new social statement on sexuality, which effectively said we have four differing views on homosexuality; any one of which might be right and embraced by committed Christians. Along with this statement on sexuality, the ELCA also enacted, through a series of four votes, resolutions allowing for individuals otherwise duly qualified who were gay or lesbian in committed life long partnerships to be ordained. The social statement had to pass by 2/3 vote; the ordination resolutions did not. The social statement was approved by 2/3 but all four of the ordination resolutions did not achieve 2/3 while still achieving a majority. They were adopted.

The fallout from these votes continues to be felt. Interest groups had been pressing the ELCA to change its ordination standards since at least the year 2000 and very shortly thereafter a new church body was formed, the LCMC (Lutheran Congregation in Mission for Christ). More a confederation of congregations than a church Synod. It has rapidly grown now to 400 congregations almost all previously ELCA. According to statistics provide by the ELCA income to the national body had declined significantly since early 2002 when it reached 71 million dollars. Through August 2009 when the assembly was held that approved these changes income had dropped to approx-

imately 62 million and since then has slid precipitously to 53 million in October 2010. That 25% drop in eight years has resulted in dramatic contraction; much of it in the last year and a half. This past fall 65 positions were eliminated. At present, the ELCA has eliminated all program committees by church wide units and has presented a plan to move to triennial instead of biennial assemblies. Years ago it closed all church stores except a few on Seminary campuses, spun off Augsburg Fortress as a separate entity and redirected or eliminated many areas it formerly was deeply involved - especially in evangelicalism stewardship, youth and outdoor ministry. On a positive note - from my viewpoint - is a decision to suspend all future social statements until a better precedent can be in place. Find a way to include the Conference of Bishops much more in decision making and "prioritize congregational outreach, leadership development, global mission and new communication strategies while withdrawing from some kind of work." It is to be hoped that these latter changes will bring about a church much more in keeping with the priorities of most if its members.

While the ELCA contracts, CORE continues to grow rapidly. As was presented before, CORE is not a church body but a coalition connecting organization for orthodox, faithful Lutherans throughout the church. Its goals are to uphold the authority of the bible as the PRIMARY source and norm of faith and practice, to reassert Christ's great commission to bring the gospel to the whole world both locally and internationally, to insist upon the revealed name of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit in worship, prayer and teaching; to uphold the doctrine of marriage as between one man and one woman in the life long fidelity and to recruit and encourage leaders of the church to commit to these goals. CORE now has numbered over a thousand signatures to their commitment (many of them clergy), hundreds of congregations who have joined like us and a rapidly developing but lean set of activity and support. It's budget is very lean (only \$400,000) but with much volunteer labor and donated service much is achieved. It has already had two massive convocations in Indiana and Ohio with a third planned for this summer. Participants to there discussion have come from nearly all the states as well as several foreign countries. The last convocation I attended in Ohio was undoubtedly the best theological conference I have ever attended in my thirty-five years in the ministry.

CORE affiliates with many groups and entities to achieve its goals. While many name brand publishing houses print a number of CORE friendly authors especially Zondervan, Eerdmann's and Concordia (ALPB and Sola Publishing) do particularly fine work in providing printed materials, CORE is working on securing a relationship with several ELCA institutions as well as the Institute of Lutheran Theology in South Dakota to prepare a new generation of faithful pastors.



**E**sther Mowry will be beginning Easter program practice for the elementary aged Sunday school group following the end of Truth project schedule when Sunday school returns to the 9:30 AM time frame. In addition, we will continue our tradition of presenting our third graders with bibles from the John Fletcher Fund. Those participating in the program are asked to arrive at Sunday School at 9:10 AM that morning for final preparations.

**A**ll ninth graders that are prepared to join the church should mark **MAY 15TH** on their calendars, as that is the date for Confirmation Sunday. Prior to this, they are requested to submit a written explanation of their statement of faith and their personal definition of the Church. These should be turned into Jeff Moore by the end of April. They each should be receiving a letter giving further explanation of this exercise, but any questions can be directed to Jeff Moore.

**C**onfirmation classes for the month of April are on the **9TH** and the **23RD**, Saturday mornings, 9-10:30.

**T**he **30TH OF APRIL** is the annual rummage sale. Items are being accepted in the back basement area of the church. Please be careful to not block the exit, as it is a fire exit.



**MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:**

We are looking into a pizza and sub sale, to be announced.

Please watch your bulletins for the information on the annual Easter Egg Hunt!

The next Youth Planning Meeting is set for **APRIL 17TH**, Sunday evening, 6:30pm

# UNCOMMON LIFE EVENTS

- April 3 "Uncommon Life YG"
- April 10 "Uncommon Life YG"
- April 13 Sr. High 12:2
- April 17 "Uncommon Life YG"
- April 20 Jr. High 12:2
- April 24 No YG Easter Weekend
- April 30 Chicken BBQ Fundraiser



## OUR LIVING HOPE

Easter is a time to rejoice because of what God did for us in sending his Son, Jesus is our living hope. Read 1 Peter 1:3-4 (NIV) below! Then find the bold words in the crossword search.

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade — kept in heaven for you."



# WISHING ALL OF YOU A WONDERFUL BIRTHDAY AND/OR ANNIVERSARY!!

**BOLD REFLECT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>As we joyously celebrate Christ's resurrection, be assured that it means you have eternal life with him.</i></p>					<p>1 David Bell Jeffrey Brick Lorraine Woida</p>	<p>2 Eleanor Cober <b>Jim &amp; Esther Mowry</b> <b>Jack and Roxanne Weighley</b></p>
<p>3 Kerrie Broderick Charles Dunn Rachel Harmon Lori Holland</p>	<p>4 Joyce Hummel Alexis Konieczny</p>	<p>5 Linda Coleman Dale Leydig <b>Brad and Jessica McClucas</b></p>	<p>6 Tina Alvares Zane Horne <b>James and Sue Etris</b></p>	<p>7 David Custer</p>	<p>8 Emily Berkey Carter Durst Kevin Landis</p>	<p>9 Harry Rhoads Ginger Yeager</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>11 Richie Engleka William Mothersbaugh</p>	<p>12 Kelsey Athey Robert Mays Jr. Rick Zorn</p>	<p>13 Luke Fullard</p>	<p>14 Joyce Dively Marisa Schrock Gavin Konieczny</p>	<p>15 David Baker Judy Maust</p>	<p>16 Josephine Smith</p>
<p>17 Vanessa Coslic Tom Dively Jean Ferguson Lee Woida Sadee Straight</p>	<p>18 Gary Barton Jeffrey Gabrelcik Justin Gerber Mary Pritts</p>	<p>19 Doris Whipkey <b>Larry and Sandy Shober Rick and Tawyna Zorn</b></p>	<p>20 Riley Critchfield Jason Custer Brenda Riley <b>Stephen and Pat Kelley</b></p>	<p>21 Nancy Griffith Doris Saylor</p>	<p>22 Braden Gerber Justin Poorbaugh <b>Dorothy and Michael Brant</b></p>	<p>23 Morgan Broderick <b>William and Michelle Farber</b></p>
<p>24 Courtney May</p>	<p>25 Jessica Berkey John Dunn</p>	<p>26 Jamie Coleman Jay Ferguson Evelyn Ringler</p>	<p>27 Jay Berkey</p>	<p>28 Katherine Beam Nathan Pyle</p>	<p>29 Julie Leydig</p>	<p>30 Travis Hummel</p>

**ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS: IF YOU HAVE ANY  
ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE  
CHURCH OFFICE.**

**BOLD NAMES INDICATE ANNIVERSARIES**



Dear Holy Trinity Lutheran Church:

I was given a beautiful blanket done by the Knotty Knotters of your church at my visit at the Oncology Center. I'm doing treatment for bone cancer. I pray remission will come sooner or later. I attend the Mt. Oliver Church regularly. Other patients that left with their blanket that day had a smile too. It's a worthwhile project you are doing!

In Christ, Thank You,  
June Brick



A huge thank you to Dale Leslie for the new towel holders he made for the kitchen!

Sherry Noakes



Dear Holy Trinity Family,

Thank you for your prayers, cards, phone calls, and visits while I was in Somerset Hospital, at The Patriot, and now at home. I appreciated Rev. Harmon's visits and giving me communion. I am ready for spring to be here so I can go on my daily walks and tour the farm.

Your care and concern mean so much to me. God bless each one of you. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Bill Ringler and Family



To My Church Family

My sincere appreciation and gratitude for your love and support during this very difficult time. Your expressions of support, cards, telephone calls, visits, food - whatever the gift - meant so much to me and my family.

A special thank you to the Knotty Knotters for the very special fellowship meal. Each of you wearing a rose in memory of sister Rose added a beautiful poignant touch as the meal was served.

Thank you again to Pastor John and to my church family.

In Christian Love,  
Dot Dilling

Thank You notes may be sent to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church at 507 Main St., Berlin, PA 15530.



**RECEIVED  
MARCH 2011**

Current	7,514.28
Benevolence	1,600.00
Building	2,491.50
Other	1,811.30
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,417.08</b>

**EXPENSES  
MARCH 2011**

Current	12,716.72
Benevolence	1,574.31
Building	3,015.30
Other	319.63
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17,625.96</b>

**NEGATIVE \$4,208.88**

**APPENDAGE TO GIVING  
FOR THE MONTH**

Although the treasurer's report shows a negative balance for the month this needs to be put in the context of the larger financial picture. Last year from January - April giving was down and expenses left us with a negative figure for current and building - -\$17,000. In May things turned around and we enjoyed eight straight months of growth in giving so that by the end of December the balances for current and building was +\$18,000. Now we have had ten straight months of increased giving so that now the same balance is just over +\$16,000. We should expect higher costs in the winter. As I write giving forth 11 Sundays since the beginning of the year is up 14%. Attendance is also up 6.3%.

Thank you for your faithfulness!

**THE EASTER LILI**



The lily that blooms around Easter is a symbol of Christ's resurrection because it rises from a seemingly lifeless bulb decaying in the ground. It is also used as a symbol of Christ himself. The lily, a symbol of purity, is often used to represent the Virgin Mary.

**WHAT IS MAUNDY THURSDAY?**

What is Maundy Thursday, the Thursday of Holy Week all about? The word "Maundy" is a shortened version of the Latin word mandatum, which means commandment.

At the Last Supper, Jesus gave his friends a new commandment. He told the disciples, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another" (John 13:34, NRSV).

As Christians gather to eat and share Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday, we should make a special effort to exhibit our love and respect for one another. Let us seek out people whom we don't naturally have affection for and express our wish that the living Christ may dwell in them and bless them.

**CAMP SEQUANOTA UPDATES**

**SUMMER CAMP 2011:** The start of Summer Camp is less than 4 months away. Registration forms are arriving at the Camp office every week. Come to camp this summer and have a real blast. We will have a number of new staff and a good number of returning staff ready to fill you week with fun and excitement. Our Bible Study them "Jesus, Chooses us!" looks real exciting. Remember, we have summer camp opportunities for all ages. Check out our programs on our Website: [www.sequanota.com](http://www.sequanota.com).

**DINING HALL RESTROOM PROJECT:** If all goes as planned by July 15<sup>th</sup> our camper will begin to use our new restrooms. We need your help to finish paying for this project. Our goal is to have all the funds needed either on hand or promised by the July 15<sup>th</sup> completion date. We need to raise at least \$45,000 to complete this project that will cost \$82,000. Any funds above this goal will be used form pool repairs either this year or next. Mail gifts or promises of gifts to Camp Sequanota, P.O. Box 245 Jennerstown, Pa. 15547.

**DATE TO REMEMBER APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup>:** On April 9<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual 5K Run/Walk begins. Then at noon our annual Summer Camp Open House begins. At 3:30 PM our first Geo-Caching event will be held. Come to one or all of these events. We put them all on one day to reduce the number trips and gas needed to come to events at Sequanota. You can find more on these events on our website: [www.sequanota.com](http://www.sequanota.com).

**SEQUANOTA HORSEBACK ADVENTURE:** April 15-17, 2011 For Beginners, Advanced Beginners and Intermediate Riders. AGES 9-17 only. Register by April 8, 2011 and save.. Call Sequanota at (814)629-6627 or email [contact@sequanota.com](mailto:contact@sequanota.com) for registration materials and more information. Cost: \$129.00/person includes lodging, meals, adventure supplies and stable reservations. Include payment with registration. \$139.00 for registrations received after 4/8/2011.

**EASTER FLOWER INFORMATION**

Below are the prices on this year's Easter flowers.

**NO ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER APRIL 14TH**

**YOUR NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**IN MEMORY OF:** \_\_\_\_\_

**IN HONOR OF:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GIVE TO SHUT-IN** \_\_\_\_\_

Lilies - \$8.50

Hyacinths - \$8.50  Pink  Purple

Tulips - \$8.50  Yellow  Red  Pink

**\*Please note: Whatever type of flower you order is the kind you MUST pick up on**



# NEWS & Notes

**BIRTHS:** None.

**BAPTISM:** None.

**DEATHS:** Our sympathies go out to families of **VIRGINIA ROSE SAYLOR** who passed away on February 18th.

Our sympathies go out to families of **ROSALIND IDONA HARKCOM** who passed away on February 24th.



**VIRGINIA ROSE SAYLOR**  
09/23/1915 - 02/18/2011



**ROSALIND IDONA HARKCOM**  
03/23/1909 - 02/24/2011

**WEDDING: MEGAN AND LANCE HOPPERT** were wed on Saturday, March 5th. Carol and Jim are the grandparents of Lance and Megan.



**MEGAN AND LANCE HOPPERT WITH CAROL AND JIM BURCAW**

If you or a loved one have had a recent milestone (wedding, birth, etc.), please let us know by calling the Church Office at 267-5014 or email us at [htelc@verizon.net](mailto:htelc@verizon.net).

# MEMORIAL GIFTS

## MEMORIAL FUND

### In Loving Memory of Florence (Nan) Engleka:

- Sandra Baltzer
- Carl and Nancy Bittner
- First Summit Bank
- Lana Clemens
- G. Michael and Melody Harbor
- Carole Holland
- Marian Hittie
- Mary Landis
- Martha Lowery
- Karen and John Miltzer
- Wayne and Nancy Schrock
- Connie Slope
- Daniel & Heather Smith
- The Tataleka Family
- Ron and Luann Walker

### In Loving Memory of George Wisler:

- David and Paula Ganley
- Dorothy Bittner and Bill Hittie

### In Loving Memory of Mary Jane Johnson:

- Aleta Brougher
- Lois McMaster

### In Loving Memory of Nathan Barkley:

- American Legion
- Harry Fisher Post
- BBHS Class of 1954
- Christopher Barkley
- William an Amelia Coyle
- Engleka Auto Sales
- Gerald Walker Trucking

### In Loving Memory of Edith Shipley:

- Lana Clemens

## MEMORIAL FUND

### In Loving Memory of Louise Ream:

- Cynthia Coleman
- Jim & Jane Scurfield
- Ann Slifco & Frank Ream, Jr.
- Dale and Sheila Sweet

### In Loving Memory of Rose Saylor:

- Berlin Area Sr. Citizens
- Lana Clemens
- Judy & Steve Boyd Family
- Stephanie & Barry Cooney
- Reon and Sheron Engleka
- Robert Coughenour Family
- Barbara Croner
- Elizabeth Custer
- W. R. & Rose Dilling
- Betty Hay
- Mary Herr
- The Leydig Family
- William and Eric Logue
- Lucinda Reach
- Faye Saylor and Children
- Franklin D. Saylor
- Michael and Kimberly Saylor
- Stewart Saylor
- James & Celestea Tataleba
- Tony & Rena Tataleba
- Betty Wagner
- Daniel and Nancy Weighley
- Lois Wolfersberger

### In Loving Memory of Rosalind Harkcom:

- Barbara M. Croner

Memorial Donations may be sent to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 507 Main Street, Berlin, PA 15530. Please include your name and address with the donation, along with the name of the person for whom you are donating and the fund in which you want it placed.

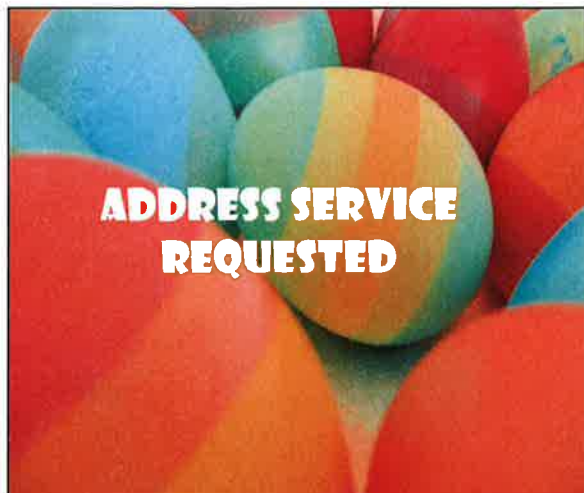
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**WORSHIP  
ASSISTANTS**



**IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO HELP WITH WORSHIP ON THE DAY  
YOU ARE ASSIGNED, PLEASE FIRST TRY TO FIND SOMEONE TO  
TRADE DATES WITH, THEN CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 267-  
5014 TO LET US OF THE SCHEDULE CHANGE. THANKS!**

**HEAD USHER:** Julie Leydig

**ALTAR GUILD:** Katie Bell & Shirley Largent

**\*C = Communion**

DATE	TIME	ACOLYTE	CHILDREN'S SERMON	Lead Opening	LECTOR/ WORSHIP ASST.	USHER
<b>Apr. 3</b> *C	8:00 AM	Devan Broderick	N/A		Darlene Beachley	Jim and Kerrie Broderick
	10:40 AM	Maeve Kreinbrook	Lee Woida	Pastor John	Shirley Adams	Homer and Andrea Kreinbrook
<b>April 10</b>	8:00 AM	Emily Philip	N/A		Bill Cober	Jim and Carol Burcaw
	10:40 AM	Brandon Rhoads	Jeff Moore	Dave Marker	Sue Clites	Tom and Jane Fisher
<b>April 17</b>	8:00 AM	Kane McKenzie	N/A		Stephanie Waydo	Ron and Kathy Yoder
<b>PALM</b>	10:40 AM	Logan Walker	Maria Mowry	David Meese	Bruce Landis	Jay and Emily Berkey
<b>April 21</b>	7:00 PM	Jon Pribelsky	N/A	N/A	Nita Swank	Tim and Sue Clites
<b>April 22</b>	7:00 PM	Emil Kiesnowski	N/A	N/A	Connie Slope	Jim and Esther Mowry
<b>April 24</b>	6:30 AM	Turner Paul	N/A		Joy Deem	Larry and Sandy Shober
<b>EASTER</b>	10:40 AM	Jessica Leydig	Pastor John	Maria Mowry	Carolyn Rastrelli	Dale Leydig Team