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HOLY TRINITY GEARS UP FOR AUTUMN EVENTS

As summer ends and fall activities resume, Holy Trinity returns to its regular Sunday worship times Sept. 4 at 8 and 10:40 a.m., with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.



CRUSADERS' HAM DINNER SEPT. 24

HTLC will be included in the Berlin Whiskey Rebellion celebration again this year with the annual Crusaders Class Ham Dinner from 3:30 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24. We will need volunteers and donations to make this meal a success (including our Apple Dumplin' Gang). A list for volunteers and donations will be on the church bulletin board, so please prayerfully consider what you can offer to assist us.

BERLIN C.A.R.E.S. SIDEWALK SALE

Berlin C.A.R.E.S. will hold a sidewalk sale September 9 and 10th.

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SEPTEMBER MEANS START OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

Now that summer vacation is coming to an end, we are looking forward to Holy Trinity's 186th year of Sunday school classes for all ages.

Attendance pins will be given out on Sept. 18, and Rally Day will be held Sept. 11. For more information, watch the Sunday bulletins.



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This past summer I spent a week at Camp Sequanota exploring God's word with young people. I was a chaplain with particular responsibilities for junior and senior youth. One day we were working on texts emphasizing "Jesus Speaks to Us" and one of the texts addressed was Luke 10:38-42. It is the well known story of the visits of Jesus with his disciples to the home of Mary and Martha. Often overlooked in this text is the assumption that Jesus **and his disciples** were invited into their home. Thus, the two sisters suddenly found themselves hostess's to at least 13, and possibly more, individuals. As Luke presents the story, Martha is frantically running around cleaning and, most likely, cooking for this large group. Mary, her sister, shares none of this labor.

Mary has, on the contrary, seated herself at Jesus' feet as a disciple would anxious to learn from her teacher. Martha, exasperated, complains to Jesus that he must not care that she is left to serve all alone. She begs Jesus to command Mary to help her. Tenderly, Jesus uses the double address of her name "Martha, Martha" - a sign of affection to gently prod her to a more productive course. First, he analyzes her predicament. "You are anxious and troubled about many things but one thing is necessary".

Then to nail his remark firmly into Martha's psyche "Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her." By this turn of phrase "good portion" Jesus implies that listening to Jesus intently is equivalent to eating a meal. John in his long report of the feeding of the five thousand in John 6 makes exactly the same observation. Both relentless activity doing God's work and listening intently to Jesus' word are helpful but **only one thing is needful - listening to him.**

It occurred to me and the students with me in this study that this is often what happens to us as we try to live out the Christian life. We let the "doing" strip away and neglect the "hearing". I think this relationship is precisely what is going on in the dispute between the ELCA hierarchy and its CORE critics. In my estimation the ELCA hierarchy is Martha and Lutheran CORE is Mary.

The ELCA is now, and has for a long time, provided itself on all the activity - particularly social action with

which it has been engaged. That many of us might question the wisdom and even the need of some of the social work is - for the moment- beside the point. Clearly Jesus and his inspired followers commanded that we must be about works of love (John 15:12). But as Carl Braaten, Robert Jenson and so many others have so definitively argued in numerous CORE presentations the ELCA leaders have forgotten the needful part - to listen to Jesus' word. And in particular his word in the form of his law. As he did with Martha so Jesus does I believe with ELCA leadership gently chastises its too frenzied activities and call it back to its most needful function. Without the word of God - all of it in its richness and glory - we cannot possibly carry out its meaning and mission. We will be doomed to fail. Jesus does not disown Martha and he hasn't disowned the ELCA - at least not yet - but he continues to plead with Martha "The ELCA" to listen to what Mary "CORE" is hearing. Only in putting the two dynamics of faith in the proper order can we possibly hope to be Jesus' faithful followers.

PS - On November 1 and 2 of this year all region 8 ELCA pastors are invited to come together at the Blair County Convention Center for a renewal event called "Moving Forward With Christ". It is to be an opportunity for all eight synods in region 8 and their pastors to be together for worship, study, reflection, conversation and fellowship. There are only two presenters - ELCA President Bishop Mark Hanson "Martha" and Dr. Wally Taylor from Trinity Seminary "Mary"). Dr. Taylor is one of the most able younger Lutheran scholars in CORE still teaching at an ELCA Seminary calling the ELCA back to its roots in the Word. I will be attending and am anxious to see how this ELCA sponsored event produces a new synergy in the ELCA as a whole. Stay tuned! 🍷

TAKING THE LONG WAY!

It's human nature to look for shortcuts. We want the quickest, surest route to our destination. Delays, detours and dead ends are frustrating and discouraging.

Consider this: "When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was nearer God led the people by the roundabout way of the wilderness toward the Red Sea" (Exodus 13:17-18, NRSV).

The Red Sea looked like a fatal wrong turn, but God was protecting the Israelites. He had a plan in place to lead them to the Promised Land.

When God seems to prefer delays and detours in your life, keep in mind that the long way just might be better.

SOMEONE WHO CARES

It's easy to become discouraged when we pause to consider the needs all around us. So many worthy causes and pressing concerns require action. What can one person with limited resources accomplish?

Theodor Geisel (a.k.a. Dr. Seuss) said: "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not."

We're most effective and fulfilled when we put our God-given talents and resources into areas he has uniquely shaped our hearts to be passionate for. Passion is the key. If you want to make a difference, find something you care a whole awful lot about and then dive in.



BLESS THESE STUDENTS

Dear Lord Jesus
 Bless the children and youth of this nation, returning to their schools and colleges. May your Holy Spirit enlighten their minds, purify their vision and strengthen their wills. Protect them as they learn in the classroom and participate in activities outside it. May they learn to follow in your steps, just as you grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.
 Amen.

SEPTEMBER SPECIAL DATES

- Labor Day**
September 5, 2011
- Rally Day!!**
September 11, 2011
- Patriot Day**
September 11, 2011
- National Grandparents Day**
September 11, 2011
- First Day of Autumn**
September 23, 2011



A Note from the Choir Director

I can't believe September is here, the summer has flown by. I want to say thank you to all of the people who provided special music this summer. Our church is truly blessed with musical talents and I appreciate the fact that so many of you are willing to share those talents with us.

Senior choir rehearsals are beginning on the 7th and as always anyone is welcome to come and sing, it would be great to see some new faces join in with the old. Adult bell practices are also starting on the 14th and our choir will be participating again in a combined Christmas Concert with the Brethren and UCC churches. We will begin practicing that music almost immediately so that we are well prepared for the concert. Anyone is welcome to play and if you are a new ringer, I am more than willing to give you extra help to get the swing of things. Joyful Noise band practices won't begin until October and the date and time will be announced in the bulletin. I look forward to leading our ensembles so that we can praise the Lord with song. Maria

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Information for the July & August issue of **THE VISITOR IS DUE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12.** Information received after that date may be held for the September 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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Youth Representative: Briana Leydig 267-5208

SEPTEMBER

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

EVENT KEY:

CV= Compassionate Visitors
 HC= Homebound Communion Committee
 HTLCB= Joyful Noise Band
 SC = Senior Choir
 UL = Uncommon Life
 YOGB = Youth Bells

EVENT KEY:

YPM - Youth Planning Meeting
 AB - Adult Bells
 WBS - Women's Bible Study
 YGC - Youth of God Chimes
 PC - Property Committee
 BSC - Berlin Sr. Citizens
 WC - Worship Committee

WORSHIP KEY:

W= Worship
 SS = Sunday School
 C = Communion
 W & A Worship & Anointing

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
 8:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.,
 MONDAY - THURSDAY**

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths. -- Proverbs 3:5-6

				1	2 9:00 AM Quilters	3
4 8:00 AM W & C 9:30 AM SS 10:40 AM W & C 4:00 PM W & C	5	6 9:00 AM Quilters & Knotters 7:00 PC	7 6:30 PM SC	8 12:30 PM BSC	9 9:00 AM Quilters 10-7 PM Berlin C.A.R.E.S. Sidewalk Sale	10 5:30 PM Evening Worship 10-3 PM Berlin C.A.R.E.S. Sidewalk Sale
11 8:00 AM W 9:00 AM RALLY DAY 10:40 AM W	12 VISITOR DEADLINE 7:00 PM YPM	13 9:00 AM Quilters & Knotters 7:00 Council	14 6:30 PM SC 7:30 PM AB	15	16 9:00 AM Quilters	17 5:30 PM Evening Worship (Communion)
18 8:00 AM W & A 9:30 AM SS 10:40 AM W & A	19 7:00 PM History Committee	20 9:00 AM Quilters & Knotters 6:30 PM WBS 7:00 PM CV	21 6:30 PM SC 7:30 PM AB	22 12:30 PM BSC	23 9:00 AM Quilters	24 Whiskey Rebellion Festival 3:30 PM Whiskey Rebellion Ham Dinner
25 8:00 AM W 9:30 AM SS 10:40 AM W Whiskey Rebellion Festival	26	27 9:00 AM Quilters & Knotters 6:30 PM WBS	28 6:30 PM SC 7:30 PM AB	29	30	



**CHURCH COUNCIL
HIGHLIGHTS
Minutes Submitted by
Nita Swank**

**COUNCIL MINUTES
JULY 12, 2011**

Present - Pastor John Harmon, Nita Swank, Joyce Meese, Julie Leydig, Brianna Leydig, Homer Kreinbrook, Rachel Prosser, John Yeager, Carolyn Rastrelli and Wayne Schrock.

Opening Prayer / Devotion

Meeting called to order by council president, Homer Kreinbrook

Minutes of prior meeting – A motion was made to approve last month’s meeting minutes by Nita Swank and seconded by Carolyn Rastrelli. The motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report – A motion was made by Joyce Meese to approve this report and was seconded by Julie Leydig. The motion passed.

ACTION ITEMS

Congregational / People concerns – none

From the suggestion box – Reviews of the first Saturday service were all positive. 31 were in attendance.

Correspondence – A letter was shared from Maeve Kreinbrook about her positive experience at Camp Sequanota.

OLD BUSINESS

Monthly meetings still held. Review musical variety for services.

CORE Western PA – The next meeting is in the fall. Pastor will be attending the National Convention next month in Ohio.

Alabama Tornadoes – No word yet on assistance. Carolyn reviewed CORE’s website and sent emails about getting us in touch with other CORE members on how to help. John Yeager heard information at Creation and waiting for additional information.

Camperships – The church sponsored three kids so far.

NEW BUSINESS

Youth Children’s Church – Rachel wants to give kids a break from service instead of nursery. Rachel will lead with Brianna assisting. Will focus on the same sermon and readings. Will accommodate up to 5th grade. Motion approved. First service will be on 9/18/11.

Brick and Stonework – Wayne talked to Brian Stanczyk about painting chimney above boiler room and fixing two sets of steps. Rear steel door also needs repaired. Cost is \$90 an hour for four men. \$3,600 will come from property use improvements. We also have \$5,300 in Thrivent and \$2,500 in endowment money. Work will be monitored for budget reasons. Motion approved.

Creation – John Yeager requested permission to purchase a block of 20 tickets in advance at a lower cost. Motion approved.

Dishwasher Repair – the dishwasher is not working at all. This needs repaired before the Whiskey Rebellion. Sherri Noaks will schedule a service call.

Faith Builders is planning a contemporary service on 8/14 with T. Pope leading the service. There will be no Sunday School and we will have one service beginning at 9:00 AM. Freewill donations will be taken for CityKidz program at Summers Best Two Weeks.

PASTOR’S TIME

The Allegheny Synod Assembly – we have no delegates at this council meeting.

Rally Day will be 9/11/11. Rachel will coordinate with Sunday School teachers as different ideas are being reviews.

A Sunday Youth Group is being talked about for our younger children.

MINISTRY REPORTS

1) Property – Previously reviewed repairs of dishwasher.

2) Deacons – None.

3) Finance – None. We will meet early October to review budget.

4) Publicity – An ad was placed in the Daily American for Saturday evening and a two day ad was placed in the New Republic. Website has yearly calendar.

5) Youth –The Youth Director position was previously discussed.

OTHER BUSINESS – none

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by John Yeager and seconded by Wayne Schrock to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed.

The meeting was closed with the Lord’s Prayer and sharing of the peace.

“Spread love everywhere you go; to show love for God and our neighbor we need not do great things. It is how much love we put in doing that makes our offering something beautiful to God.”
—Mother Teresa

RECEIVED FOR JULY 2011

Current	\$11,891.33
Benevolence	\$1,234.50
Building	\$3,632.00
Other	\$160.00
TOTAL	\$16,917.83

EXPENSES FOR JULY 2011

Current	\$9,782.46
Benevolence	\$1,365.58
Building	\$3,269.62
Other	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$14,417.66

POSITIVE \$2,554.17

**AUTUMN EVENTS
(CONTINUED)**

LABOR DAY AT THE GROVE:

The youth and mission groups are responsible for providing desserts at the Grove on Saturday, Sunday and Monday September 3rd, 4th and 5th. Desserts are needed.

RALLY DAY:

September 11th at 9:00 AM.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH:

Begins September 18th.

CAN YOU HELP??

PIES AND CAKES NEEDED:

The youth and mission group are looking for a donation of pies and cakes for the Bluegrass Festival at the Grove over Labor Day weekend which is September 3, 4 & 5 from 10 AM to 6 PM. Items needed are: 60-70 pies, 8 gob cakes, two angel food cakes and fruit. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the Sunday School room in the church. **THRIVENT FINANCIAL WILL BE MATCHING OUR FUNDS!**

ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS!

I am looking for all contact information for students attending college. Please contact the church office or myself at 490-9073. Thank you, Rachel Prosser.



It is hard to believe that the summer is coming to a close and this means that various music groups will begin meeting again.

Senior choir will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 7. Adult bells will begin Sept. 14 at 7:30 p.m. and Joyful Noise will not begin until October. Through the month of September bells will be every Wednesday with the first one on the 14th.



The next Ladies Bible Study will begin Tuesday, September 20th, beginning at 6:30, **note new starting time**, until 8:30. It will be held at Tracy Schrock's home. The study will be Beth Moore's "Believing God". The cost of a workbook will be \$20. Please register and have your money to Tracy no later than September 4th. All ladies are welcome and please bring a friend.



SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP HELPERS

September 3

NO SATURDAY SERVICE

September 10

Lector - Kay Ann Cober

Ushers - Homer & Andrea Kreinbrook

September 17

Lector - Pastor John Harmon

Ushers - OPEN

September 24

NO SATURDAY SERVICE



Church Memories

Each month we will be looking back on our church history and sharing excerpts from previous issues of "THE VISITOR". If you have any "memories" you would like to share, please email them to htelc@verizon.net or call the church office.

This month we are sharing some excerpts from the March 1962 edition.

Phone at Church

The Pastor had a telephone installed in the Church Parlor. The bell rings in the basement as well as the upstairs. Members may use it to contact others at the church for meetings or to call from the church. No toll or long-distant calls are permitted. The number is - 6175 Berlin.

CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS - OIL

In the Old Testament, oil symbolized consecration to God. The temple altar and king's heads were anointed with oil to set them apart as holy. In the New Testament, oil often represented the Holy Spirit. Jesus and his followers were anointed for their ministries.

(see Luke 4:18 and Acts 10:38).

CHILDREN'S CHURCH STARTING SEPTEMBER 18

The idea of children's church would be to give kids a break from the service and go downstairs for a short message, small snack and craft. This would be a good alternative for children too old for the nursery who have a tough time sitting through the service.

The kids will go down after the children's sermon and return before communion or during the hymn of the day. We would have a lesson for them aimed for their age level and understanding.

Children age 3 thru 5th grade will be included. This would be offered at the 2nd service only. I am looking for youth grades 6th thru 12th to assist with this on a weekly basis.

UNCOMMON LIFE EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2011

- 7 - Jr. High 12:2
- 9 - 5th Quarter
- 10 - Youth Leaders Meeting 6pm
- 14 - Sr. High 12:2
- 18 - **Kickoff Picnic,**
4PM Murray Home
- 25 - "Uncommon Life" YG
- 28 - **See You at the Pole**
- 30 - 5th Quarter

WHO:

You're Invited!

WHAT:

Top Secret!

MISSION:

Prizes, Activities, Refreshments
& Lots Of Fun!

SEARCHING FOR THE "KEY" TO HEAVEN

WHERE:

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

WHEN:

Sunday, 9/11/2011
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

2011 Rally Day!

HOW:

Bring A Friend And Get A Prize!

YOUTH EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

October 7th - Berlin @ Meyersdale Football - Rides will be provided - more details to come!

COMING SOON

Sunday afternoon Youth Group 4:00 - 5:00 PM in the church for first through sixth grade. We will have our first meeting on Sunday October 9th and meet every other Sunday thereafter.

T-SHIRT SALE!

Buy a Holy Trinity Lutheran Church T-Shirt, long sleeve t-shirt, crew sweatshirt or hooded sweatshirt. We will be taking orders September 11 through September 25th. All proceeds benefit our youth.



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

				1 Shirley Adams Suzanne Walker	2 David Berkey John Dunn	3 Elma Felten Jamie Makin Tim May, Jr. Jane Scurfield
4 Michael Brant	5 Susan Clites	6 Scott Coughenour Keegan Walker Michael & Carol Countryman Ray & Dianne Engleka Tim & Courtney May	7 Alleksi Engleka Jay Engleka Robert Stern	8 Beth Bittner Lori Klimchak Kevin & Lacey Landis	9 Jim & Carol Burcaw	10 Abraham Countryman Thelma Glessner Tracey Kiesnowski
11 Ken Baker Bruce & Carolyn Landis	12 Amber Gindlesperger Bradley Maust Susan & Greg Walker	13 Jana Glotfelty Devin Stern Michael & Kim Beam	14 Connor Hankinson Joyce Meese April Oakes Ron Yoder Shannon & Chad Lowery	15 Lani Holland Iam Hummel David & Joyce Meese	16 Patrick Broderick Joseph Pribelsky Nancy Schrock Wayne & Nancy Schrock	17 Bill Cober Carolyn Landis Jim & Patricia LaBute Michael & Michele Shuey
18 Joyce Beachley Aaron Blubaugh Michael Bowman April Carpenter Abigail Gindlesperger Robin Walker Tawyna Zorn	19 Tina Engle Matthew Kirk Alex Leydig Debbie & Harmon Custer	20 John Beachley II Mary Kreinbrook Arica & Steven Slope	21 Jim Broderick Blake Engleka Joseph King Christal Marker Jamie & Dale Makin	22 Virginia May Raeann Weyant Angela & Paul Yandora	23 David Antram Vincent Chalk Aliya Lipinski Braden Shober	24 Lucille Maust Jim & Stacey Broderick Andrea & Josh Milburn
25 Juliana Bonus John Ferguson Shane Hummel	26 Jeremy Brick Ray & Linda Coleman Keith & Denise Leydig	27 Luke Farris	28 Ryan Ferre Denail Fisher Madalyn Walker	29 Dennis Hainsworth Beth Walker	30 Josiah Antram Kay Cober Alex Coleman Jim & Kerrie Broderick Carole & Barry Holland Jim and Judy Little	



Thank you to everyone who helped prepare and cook the food for the Youth Luncheon on July 17th. Thank you to all who came to eat and also to those who donated food.

Youth Group



Dear Members of HTLC:

I am SO appreciative for the opportunity to serve you and look forward to the next time. Thank you as well for your love and support of what we do at Summer's Best Two Weeks. Grace and Peace.

T. Pope



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



A PRAYER FOR OUR YOUTH AS THE SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS

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"Forgive your brother or sister from your heart."
MATTHEW 18:35, NKJV

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MEMORIAL FUND

In Loving Memory of Flo Engleka:
Wilma Murphy

ENDOWMENT FUND

In Honor of Dale & Villa Leslie's 60th Wedding Anniversary:
Doug & Kathy Bell

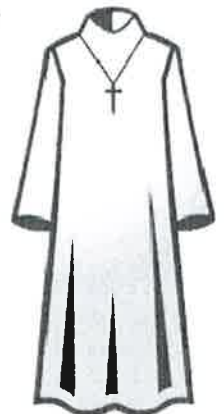
Memorial Donations may be sent to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 507 Main Street, Berlin, PA 15530.

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.

CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS - THE ROBE

Robe

A robe, specifically one that's new and white, symbolizes the righteousness we receive through Jesus' death and resurrection. Isaiah 61:10 speaks of the garments of salvation and the robe of righteousness. In Revelation 6:11, faithful martyrs each received a white robe. People who are being baptized or confirmed often wear white robes as a sign of purity.



**AS OF
AUGUST 22, 2011**



HOSPITALIZED:

None.

RECU PERATING AT HOME :

David Adams, Joyce Beachley, Janet Bender, Pauline Blubaugh, Esther Brooks, Nettie Brown, Tim Clites, Tom Dively, Mary-Alice Duckett, Ray Engleka, Tom Fisher, Joy Gardner, Faye Glessner, Dwight Maust, Geneva McVicker, Bill Mothersbaugh, Irene Mowry, Everett Nicklow, William Ringler, Alice Scheferson, Bill Shipley, Eddie Zorn, and Robert Zorn.

RESIDING IN NURSING/PERSONAL CARE HOMES:

Ray Adams, Trudy Baker, Isabelle Gonger, Lloyd Herwig, Ella Hittie, Catherine Maust, Jean Swanson.

PRAYERS REQUESTED:

Chad Barron, Lisa Bittner, Private Nicholas Bittner, Brittany (Sleasman) Brady, Joyce Brant, Kathy Jo (Knotts) Brant, Jim & Carol Burcaw, Bob and Joe Cawthern, Chad, Cpt. Aaron Chonko, SSGT Anson Chonko, LCPL Dustin Churchel*, Lillian Coughenour, Sharon Cugini, Dave Custer, Roger and Mary-Alice Duckett, Jackie Eubanks, Darcel Fahy, Bill Farber, Ryan Ferre, Cpt. Brian Fisher, CW2 John Fisher, David Fullard, AEC Carrie Gardner (Thomas), Donald Gardner, Joy Gardner, Jennifer, Ryan and Sarah Gardner, SSGT Jason Gerber, Tom & Dorothy Gerber, Nicholas Gerin, Phyllis Gladden, Marsha Grossman, Roger Hanson, Sadie Harmon, Kay Hochstein, SGT Bobby Hoffman, Edith Hoffman, Travis Hummel (USAF), Joann, Julie, Leon Knepper, Lila Koontz, Cpt. James Leister, Villa Leslie, Linda Leverknight, Nick Lorson, Kathy Lowes, Lou Ann, Mario & Mary Lombardo, Dawn Lynch, Sam Marker, Dave and Joyce Meese, Sonya Meyers, Eloise Miller, Mindy, Mary Nicklow, Betty & Frank Pannone, Beth Patt, Mjr. James Paxton, III, Cpt. John Paxton, Thayer Paxton, Larry Powell, Lloyd Purbaugh, Ruth Queer, Amelia Rhoades, Roger Sarver, Sam, Pauline Stone, Glenda Weimer, Peggy Woida, CAPT Scott Woida, Bob Younkin, David Yutzy.

* Serving in Afghanistan

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.

Dear Members, Family, Friends and Neighbors:

For me, summer sure has flew by fast. We still have ten of our hometown military in the ware zone. That's ten too many and more are getting orders to go. In spite of what our President says about bringing our troops home, I know because September 17th Jason leaves for Afghanistan. He's going to noeo of the worst places there. Please keep support our cause because we do need the help and lots of prayers. Think about this; what if a member of your family was there or had orders to go? Our book sale and side walk sale will be September 9 and 10th. That's all for now.

Love and Peace
Dorothy Gerber
Berlin C.A.R.E.S.



THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO B & LS CONCRETE FOR THE WONDERFUL REPAIRS MADE TO THE CHURCH RECENTLY. THE FRONT STEPS HAVE BEEN RAISED AND RESET, THE SIDE STEPS RESEALED, THE PROTRUDING STONE BLOCK HAS BEEN RESET AND THE CHIMNEY HAS BEEN REBUILT. THESE HAVE BEEN OVER DUE REPAIRS WE HAVE NOW ACCOMPLISHED!

THANK YOU!



ANGEL FOOD MINISTRY IS NOW IN BERLIN

Please watch your bulletin for Angel Food sign ups. All in person orders will be taken at Three Seasons Community Church ,500 South Street, Berlin. Payment is due when you order; cash, money orders, credit/debit cards and SNAP/Food Stamps are accepted. No personal checks. If you would like to place an online order for Angel Food, you may visit the new website at www.berlinAFM.org. Please contact Linda Karchner at 267-6554 if you have any questions.

NEWS & Notes

BIRTHS: BROOKE MARIE

FULLARD was born on May 3, 2011 in Somerset. Parents are Angi and Dave Fullard and grandparents are Rocky and Patti Ohler. Big brothers are Jacob and Luke.

BAPTISMS: NONE.

DEATHS: Our sympathies go out to families of **MARK GARDNER** who passed away on July 5.

Our sympathies go out to families of **NORMA J. STRAIGHT** who passed away on July 17.

Our sympathies go out to families of **FRANCES L.E. WOIDA** who passed away on July 17.

Our sympathies go out to families of **JAMES ZORN** who passed away on June 21.

WEDDING: Congratulations to **DALE AND VILLA LESLIE** who renewed their wedding vows on August 6th after celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on August 3rd!

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.



BROOKE MARIE FULLARD



DALE & VILLA LESLIE



He has given us ... an **inheritance** that can never

perish,
spoil
OR
fade

— kept in heaven ...

1 PETER 1:3-4, NIV



HOURS: 8:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.
MON. - THURS. 267-5014
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OFFICE HOURS

The office will be OPEN on Monday, Sep. 5, for Labor Day but closed on Sep. 6 for my daughters surgery.

VISITOR DEADLINE

The deadline for the October newsletter will be Monday, Sept. 12. Information received after that date may be held for the November *Visitor*.

CHURCH SEEKING NEW VOLUNTEERS

With a new Sunday School year beginning, it's a great time to consider how you can volunteer your time at Holy Trinity.

Volunteer forms are included in the Sunday bulletins monthly now for you. We are always in need of new people to assist with reading lessons, ushering, doing a children's sermon, helping in the nursery, assisting with the Sunday school classes or helping us decorate our church for the holidays.

Look at the form and think about what gifts and talents you'd like to share. You can also contact the church office to sign up. All help is welcomed and appreciated!

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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: Brian Waydo

ALTAR GUILD: Jay & Emily Berkey

***C = Communion**

DATE	TIME	ACOLYTE	CHILDREN'S SERMON	LEAD OPENING	LECTOR/ WORSHIP ASST.	USHER
Sep 4 *C	8:00 AM	Turner Paul	N/A	N/A	Kerrie Broderick	George & Susan Walker
	10:40 AM	Maeve Kreinbrook	Jeff Moore	David Meese	Connie Slope	Homer & Andrea Kreinbrook
	4:00 PM	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Brian Waydo
Sep 11	8:00 AM	Jon Pribelsky	N/A	N/A	Joy Deem	Bill & Kay Ann Cober
	10:40 AM	Brandon Rhoads	Pastor John	David Marker	Villa Leslie	Craig & Julie Leydig
Sep 18	8:00 AM	Connor Yost	N/A	N/A	Sandy Shober	Lynn & Lori Hoppert
	10:40 AM	Nicole Oaks	Susan Straight	Maria Mowry	Lani Holland	Chuck & Thelma Robb
Sep 25	8:00 AM	Jeremy Brick	N/A	N/A	Dorothy Gerber	Ron & Kathy Yoder
	10:40 AM	Kaylin Dunn	Maria Mowry	Susan Straight	Christine Blubaugh	Jay & Emily Berkey

The Authority of Scripture - Part Two of a Talk By Walter Sundberg, Professor of Church History, Luther Seminary, Given May 22, 2011

A long tradition exists in Lutheran church bodies holding a high view of scripture. 2 Tim 3:16 says that "all scripture is inspired". The great church father Augustine codified this view at the beginning of the fifth century. "I have learned to hold the scriptures alone inerrant". This basic tenant that the Holy Scriptures are the "inspired and inerrant" word of God in the canonical books of the Old and New Testaments and the only rule of faith, doctrine and practice has been upheld by successive Lutheran gatherings and church bodies in great meetings held in 1910, 1919, 1930, 1952 and 1960. The ELCA incorporated the same teaching in its constitution in 1988. It says that "the canonical scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the written word of God inspired by God's Spirit speaking through their authors" and that they are "the authentic source and norm of its proclamation, faith and life".

This trust that the Holy Scripture can be read, understood and trusted in the modern world has deep roots going back centuries and explicitly stated by a Scotch philosopher named Thomas Reid who preached Common Sense Realism. "What we see and what we sense is what is". It taught that humanity could readily discern true from false by the natural facility of intuition and act with prudence in the conduct of others. Reid stressed the credibility of human testimony across time. The phrase "perspicuity of scripture" that all matters relating to salvation are plainly and clearly unfolded in scripture so that unlearned believers who read with devotion and attention will understand them. Their conviction underlies all classic modern treatment of scripture truth. In the American context without state churches this means that the propagation of the faith needed neither establishment nor hierarchy but only proclaiming the biblical word to the believing individuals in the free market place of ideas. Truth is represented objectively in the biblical word.

Opposed to this view is a new form of Christianity called "liberal theology". It began in the 18th century in Europe, came to American in the 19th century and has as its defining characteristic the separation between the "essence" of Christianity and its traditional dogmatic "form". "Essence" means general ideas like "grace, love, freedom" and the "enduring" or "authentic" teaching of the "historical" Jesus such as the "fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man". "Form" means the cultural dress of the gospel including such things as the "supernaturalism" of the virgin birth or even the resurrection, the "apocalypticism" of the second coming and the "Hellenism" of the classical creeds of Nicea and Chalcedon. On the basis of the distinction between "essence" and "form" liberal theology permits Christians to resymbolize the dogmatic claims of Christian faith again and again according to the dominant cultural imperative of intellectual life.

This "new theology" called into question the basic Augustinian (Calvinist) avowel of both the electing God and human corruption. It was suspicious of bold assertions of biblical "facts" and inherited creeds.

Instead, it expended considerable energy separating the "idea" of faith from its human expression. For liberal theology, if God is to make sense then God must be explained in interpersonal and subjective terms. The relevance of the divine to the human had to be argued on the principle of analogy or it meant nothing.

In a lecture delivered at Yale in 1871 a preacher named Lyman Beecher rejected a pre-existing system of truth and proclaimed instead "a life school" which cares for "such portions of the truth as are required by the special needs of man". The way to God's nature is through human nature and "the factors of the past" are relevant only insofar as they become "factors of the life that now is". This new theology quickly took off and found its most fervent devotees in the Unitarian and Universalist movement but it quickly spread to all brands of progressive religious movements and denominations. Horace Bushnell's writing about the same time as Beecher said that "all doctrine should be held in a spirit of accommodation. They cannot be pressed to the letter for the very sufficient reason that the letter is never true". Frank Chamberlain Porter was able to write at the end of the 19th century "If Jesus never lived, the thinking Christian could nevertheless ascent to the gospel "as poetic truth embodies in imagined historical form."

This new theology produced the first major crisis in American Christianity. In 1929, Walter Lippman wrote that the fundamental nature of Christianity "is grounded in an historical narrative. To separate the idea and values of the faith from their history is to cut the nerve of Christianity. The great mass of humanity clings to faith because they believe that it has been enacted upon the public stages of history; it's creedal continuity embraces contents, empires and institutions. Now again the quotation from H. Richard Niebuhr "A God without wrath brought men without sin into a kingdom without judgment through the ministration of a Christ without a cross." Written in 1939 it still applies today to the dilemma of the crisis in the ELCA.

See Part III in the next issue of the newsletter.