



# The Visitor



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## Special Dates

- **Winter schedule:** beginning Jan. 7 worship will be held at 10:40 a.m., with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.
- **Communion** will be held Sunday, Jan. 1, at 10:40 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- **Souper Bowl** of Caring will be held all four Sundays in January.
- **'Debating the Da Vinci Code,'** a mini Alpha course, 7 p.m. Jan. 4 and 11.
- **ALPHA Series** 'How Should We Then Live' begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18

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### How to Reach Us:

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## Winter worship schedule changes Jan. 7

For the months of January and February Holy Trinity will hold Sunday worship at 10:40 a.m. only, with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. We will still hold



the 4 p.m. communion service on the first Sunday of the month.

Our regular schedule with the 8 a.m. service will resume in March.

## Souper Bowl of Caring begins in January

This January we will again be competing in our annual "Souper Bowl" Competition.

The four quarters of the competition will be the four Sundays in January. Food items should be taken to the basement entrance. Monetary donations should be placed in the offering plate in an envelope marked "Souper Bowl" (any checks should be made payable to HTLC).

One point will be awarded for each item donated and two points for every dollar donated to the Food Pantry. The winners will be the two churches with the most points.

This year there will be one trophy for the larger churches (over 100 families) and a second trophy for the smaller churches (under 100 families). Both trophies have been made by Don Custer from Trinity UCC.



Our local food pantry continues to grow. We are serving approximately 101 families from the Berlin and Shanksville school districts. We have a great group of volunteers that truly enjoy the fellowship at the food pantry. Nonperishable food, paper supplies, toiletries and monetary donations are always welcome.

## Holiday hours and deadlines for the Church Office

The Church Office will be closed Dec. 25, 26, and 29, 2006, and Jan. 1 and 2, 2007, for the

Christmas and New Year's holidays.

The bulletin deadline for the New Year's Eve

service will be **Thursday, Dec. 28**. Regular office hours are 9 a.m. to noon.

## 'Debating the DaVinci Code'

"The DaVinci Code" has been a huge literary and financial success for author Dan Brown. Now with the release of the movie version on DVD, it promises to be even bigger.

The book and the film freely interrelate assertions about the true nature of Jesus' mission and his explicit identity. Instead of the God-man founder of a great world religion, Jesus is depicted as a egotistic founder of a secret royal dynasty with no divine power whatsoever. The book and the movie so skillfully interweave misinterpretation and flat-out denials of historical truths that may have been misled on



both the nature of Jesus and the church he founded.

At 7 p.m. Thursday evenings, Jan. 4 and 11, I will offer a mini-Alpha course,

"Debating the Da Vinci Code," setting the record straight on both what the Bible says and implies as well as other historical nonsense drummed up by Brown. I encourage you to come and enjoy the debunking of this successful film and book with the real story of Jesus. Please call the Church Office to pre-register.

**Pastor John W. Harmon, D. Min.,** can be reached at the Church Office at 267-5014. He can also be emailed at [htelc@wpia.net](mailto:htelc@wpia.net).

## New Alpha Series: How Should We Then Live

Based on a massive lifetime of scholarship, the latest offering in the Alpha series, "How Should We Then Live," is a study of the last 20 centuries of Christianity.

With the moving presentation by noted pastor and teacher Dr. Francis Schaeffer, the author presents the great contributions made by Christianity and the church during the past 2,000 years. He also explores the same time the great challenges and grave crises the faith is presently facing. Arguing that we can learn from our own heritage.

I urge you to come and enjoy the heritage of our church and its resources for your Christian



Life. The program will begin at 7 p.m. each Thursday evening from Jan. 18 to March 22 and end at 8:30 p.m. Please call the Church Office to enroll. As with all Alpha offerings, you need not at-

tend every session to receive great benefit from coming. The program series is listed as follows:

- Jan. 18 - The Roman Age
- Jan. 25 - The Middle Ages
- Feb. 1 - The Renaissance
- Feb. 8 - The Reformation
- Feb. 15 - The Revolutionary Age
- Feb. 22 - The Scientific Age
- March 1 - The Age of Non-Reason

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Andrea Kreinbrook  
267-5014 [htelc@wpia.net](mailto:htelc@wpia.net)

### Church Office Closed

The Church Office will be closed Dec. 25, 26 and 29 for the Christmas holiday, and Jan. 1 & 2 for the New Year's holiday. Any items for the Dec. 31 bulletin must be turned in by Thursday, Dec. 28.

### Visitor Deadline

Please have all your information for February issue of the Visitor turned in no later than Monday, Jan. 15. Information received after that date may be held until March 2007 issue.

### Offering Envelopes

If you haven't picked up your 2007 offering envelopes, please call the Church Office and we will arrange for you to get them.

### Thanks

Thank you all for the great input on the newsletter and the new website. I'm glad to hear you're enjoying both of the church's resources.

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Dear Members,

It is hard to believe that Christmas is over and the new year is here.



I want to thank everyone who helped provide music during the holiday season. The special music was beautiful, the band made a joyful noise and as always I am thankful to the choir for the music they provided as well.

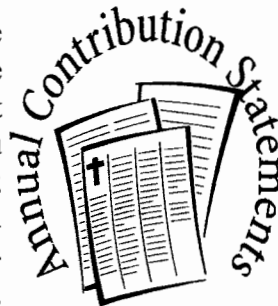
As we ring in the new year, consider joining one of the many choirs we have. All you need is a love for music and the willingness to participate and you will have a wonderful time. May God bless each of you.

**Maria Mowry**  
445-6742

## Annual Offering Statements Arriving Soon

At the end of January you will be receiving a statement of your annual contributions to Holy Trinity.

Please review the statement when you receive it; if you find any discrepancies, please call the Church Office at 267-5014 so we may make any necessary corrections.



## We need your help

Our ministry depends on people sharing their time, talent, and/or gifts for our ministry. Without willing people, lots of good ministry cannot happen.



Holy Trinity is seeking volunteers to help with the following ministries:

**Altar Guild** needs two people to help with the month of July. Duties involve preparing the altar for weekly worship and communion services.

We are also seeking a **piano player** to play during the lead opening for our Adult Sunday School. This is not a weekly responsibility; the volunteer would play once or twice a month on average.

Please take a moment to prayerfully consider how you might share your gifts with us. If you are able to volunteer for either of these positions, please let Pastor John know or call the Church Office at 267-5014.

## Flowers, bulletins may be donated

Altar or chancel flowers may be donated in memory of a departed loved one, in honor of someone or to recognize a special milestone (anniversary, birthday, etc.). The suggested donation for flowers is \$22. If you are inter-



*Altar Flowers*

ested, please contact Louise Ream at 267-4844.

Sunday bulletins may also be donated in someone's memory or honor. The suggested donation is \$20. If interested, please call the Church Office at

267-5014.

**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.**

Jay Berkey	267-3517	Alice Hummel	267-4977
Tracey Kiesnowski	267-7118	John Landis	267-5374
Shirley Largent	267-4255	Carol Leydig	267-3869
David Long	279-3014	Dave Marker	634-8563
Larry Shober	267-4042	Jim Suder	267-4825
Lenora Virtue	267-6486		
Youth Representative: Courtney Custer			

## New Alpha series

*(Continued from page 2)*

- March 8 - The Age of Fragmentation
- March 15 - The Age of Personal Peace
- March 22 - Final Choices

## Birthdays - January

- 1 Marie Bender, Jim Black, McKenna Broderick, Missy Miller
- 2 George Walker, Robert Bittner
- 4 Burton Baker, Joseph Bonus, Colleen Maust
- 5 Cameron Bell, Ray Engleka, Lee Hoffman
- 6 Sheree Blubaugh, Dwight Maust
- 7 Joy Gardner
- 8 Krista Spear, Rebecca Woida
- 10 Dave Countryman, Mildred Countryman
- 11 Betsy Stern
- 12 Lauren Lapinski, Edie Shipley
- 13 Bryan Schrock
- 14 Linda Leverknight, Carline Mitchell
- 15 Breanna Fisher, Korina Kralik
- 16 William Baker, Carolyn LaBute, Violet Zorn
- 17 Chelsea Amert, Leanne Heiple, Judy Little
- 18 Adam Barton, Max Dull, Winona Farber, Katie Fisher
- 19 Debbie Custer, Melissa Suder
- 20 Troy Glotfelty, Don Noakes, Rocky Ohler
- 21 Emily Farber, Natoli Farber, Tracy Schrock, Scott Woida
- 22 Robert Glessner, Cliff Horner
- 23 Scott Marker, Leah Kreinbrook, Pastor John Harmon,



- Wendy Morgan, Bill Shipley
- 24 Brett Bittner
  - 25 Mary Borg, Wesley Coleman, Patricia Smiley, Zack Vena
  - 26 Jackie Bowman
  - 27 Lindsay Ohler, Gerald Johnson
  - 28 Bonnie Beeman, Landon Hoppert, Turner Paul
  - 29 Eric Berkey, Rodney Crites, Brentson Harding
  - 30 Josana Baraniak
  - 31 Jennifer Gardner

## Anniversaries - January

- 1 Dave & Trudy Baker
- 3 Tim & Karen Konhaus
- 20 Brian & Selina Critchfield
- 21 Dave & Linda Countryman
- 25 Jim & Lynn Suder
- 26 Gerald & Ethel Walker
- 28 Norman & Carol Croner

## Additions/Corrections

If you have any additions or corrections, please call the Church Office at 267-5014.

## Prayer List

As of December 12, 2006

**RECUPERATING AT HOME:** Douglas Blubaugh, Betty Croner, Carol Croner, Faye Glessner, Rosalind Harkcom, Mary Kreinbrook, Carol Leydig, Paul Pritts, John Ream, Shirley Riley, Nancy Schrock, Edie Shipley, Larry Shober, Don Trent, Doran Walker, Don Weaver, Dot Weaver, George Wisler

**RESIDING IN NURSING/PERSONAL CARE HOMES:** Trudy Baker, Ferne Brant, Eleanor Brick, Emma Carver, Phyllis Cober, Marie Countryman, Paul Glass, Cary Harmon, Ella Hittie, Lee Hoppert, Kit Kuhlman, Marie Moore, Jane Schrock, Betty Smith, Mary Zorn

**PRAYERS REQUESTED:** Ann, LCpl. Michael Ashbrook, LCpl. Chad Bittner, Travis Black, Spc. Chad Boburchock, SGT Allen Brick, SSG Justin Broadwater, Owen Caton, Andrew Chonko, Charlotte Chonko, Sharon Faidley, Bill Farber, AE 2 Carrie Gardner, SSG Jason Gerber, George, Karen & Andrea Glessner, Katharine Harmon, Richard Hay, SSG Ron Helm, Alec Hillegass, SFC Scott Hoffman, A1C Travis Hummel, Sonya Hyatt, Isabelle, John, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. James Leister, Mom & Dad, Delores Maul, Rev. Jim McCormick, Maria Mowry, Gabrielle and Logan Muzina, Robbie Patterson, Cpt. John Paxton, Betty Petro, Cliff Pile, Ruth Ringler, Alice Scheferston, Chaplain George W. Shaffer, Private Nathan Shaffer, Jon Shultz, Holly Smith, Patty Spangler, Tracy Stahl, Kim Staybrook, Dirkje Stellingwerf, Tim & Family, Tom, Don Trent, Nancy Weighley, Scott Woida (127 MP Co.), 699<sup>th</sup> Maint. Co. (from Fort Irwin, Calif., in Iraq)

## 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.

## News in our Congregation

**BAPTISM:** John Michael Dunn, the son of John & Michelle Dunn, was baptized Nov. 26, 2006.

**DEATH:** Our sympathy goes to the family and friends of John Bender, Blaine Smiley and Don-

ald Cober, who passed away in November and December.

If you or a loved one has had a milestone lately, please let us know by calling the Church Office at 267-5014 or emailing us at [htelc@wpia.net](mailto:htelc@wpia.net).

# JANUARY

Office Hours 9 AM to noon, Monday – Friday

• Office 267-5014 • Church 267-4795 • Parsonage 267-6255

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

	New Year's Day Office Closed <b>1</b>	Office Closed <b>2</b> Needlepoint, Quilters and Knotty Knotters 6 PM Brownies 7:30 Prop. Use	6 PM - PG <b>3</b> 6:30 PM - SC 7 PM- Youth Planning 7 PM - HTLCB 8 PM -AB	<b>4</b> 7PM - Debat- ing the Da Vinci Code	<b>5</b>	Epiphany <b>6</b>
Baptism of Our Lord 9:30 AM - SS 10:40 AM - C 4 PM - C 6:15 - YOGB 7 PM - UL <b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 6 PM Brownies 7 PM -Cub Scout Pack Committee	<b>9</b> Needlepoint, Quilters and Knotty Knotters 7 PM Council	6 PM - PG <b>10</b> 6:30 PM -SC 7 PM - HTLCB 8 PM - AB	<b>11</b> 7PM - Debat- ing the Da Vinci Code	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
9:30 AM - SS <b>14</b> 10:40 AM - W 6:15 - YOGB 7 PM - UL	<b>15</b> Martin Luther King Jr. Day Visitor Info Due	<b>16</b> Needlepoint, Quilters and Knotty Knotters 6 PM Brownies	6 PM - PG <b>17</b> 6:30 PM -SC 7 PM - HTLCB 8 PM - AB 8 PM - Board of Managers	<b>18</b> 7PM - ALPHA	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 9:30 AM - SS 10:40 AM - W 6:15 - YOGB 7 PM - UL	<b>22</b> 6 PM Brownies	<b>23</b> Needlepoint, Quilters and Knotty Knotters	6 PM - PG <b>24</b> 6:30 PM -SC 7 PM - HTLCB 8 PM - AB	<b>25</b> 7PM - ALPHA	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 9:30 AM - SS 10:40 AM - W 6:15 - YOGB 7 PM - UL	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	6 PM - PG <b>31</b> 6:30 PM -SC 7 PM - HTLCB 8 PM - AB	<b>Event Key</b> AB = Adult Bells      PG = Prayer Group HTLCB= Church Band      SC = Senior Choir TOP = Tongues of Praise      UL= Uncommon Life YOGB = Youth of God Bells  <b>Worship Key</b> W= Worship      SS = Sunday School      C = Communion		

## Rev. Walter Brandau, former HTLC pastor, dies Dec. 7

The Rev. Dr. Walter L. "Wally" Brandau, 76, St. Petersburg, Fla., formerly of Berlin and Johnstown, passed from this life due to complications of pneumonia and Alzheimer's disease Dec. 7, 2006, at Hospice House Woodside, Pinellas Park, Fla.

Born March 19, 1930, in Hazleton, he was the son of the late Martin E. and Dorothy (Richards) Brandau. His wife of 55 years, Shirley Welker, formerly of Sunbury, Pa., is living in St. Petersburg.

Wally graduated from Sunbury High School with the Class of 1947, Susquehanna University in 1951, Gettysburg Theological Seminary in 1954 and Chicago Seminary in 1966. He was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity from Susquehanna University in 1981. He ministered within the parishes of St. John's Lutheran, Espy and joint parish of Hidlay Lutheran, Bloomsburg, 1955-1959; Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Berlin, 1959-1967; Trinity Lutheran Milton, 1967-1977; Mount Calvary, Johnstown, 1977-1985; and Saint Mark's, Williamsport, 1985-1995, where he retired.

Shortly after retirement, Wally was called upon by the Synodical Bishop to serve as an interim minister over the next several years at the following Lutheran churches in Elysburg, Jersey Shore, and Quiggleville, and Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Deerfield Beach, Fla.

Wally was a member of vari-



**Rev. Dr. Walter Brandau**  
1930-2006  
Served HTLC 1959-1967

ous synodical committees and served on Tressler Lutheran Social Services' Board. He was a member of the Rotary International and was their group study leader to India. He was a Boy Scout leader in the various communities. He organized recovery efforts after several hurricanes and floods. Notably hurricanes Agnes, Hugo and Andrew, and the Johnstown Flood of 1977.

He loved to spend time with his family, travel, camp and hike, paint, quilt and enjoyed wild flower photography. Wally also, along with Clyde Peeling, owner of Reptileland, Williamsport, traveled to Equador to study reptile habitats in the Amazon rain forest. He was a pianist and organist. In addition to his wife, Shirley, he is survived by daughter and son-in-law, Rebekah and Robert K.

Miller, Jr., Florida; four sons and daughters-in-law: Lee Brandau, Milton; Mark and Pat (Mauger) Brandau, Hagerstown, Md.; Tim and Karen (Mowery) Brandau, Paxinos; and Edward and Amy (Kocis) Brandau, Johnstown; 12 grandchildren: Robert K. III and Michelle (Driscoll) Miller, Hamburg; Benjamin and Susan (Romanowsky) Miller, Swoyersville; Rachael Brandau, Johnstown; Johnathan Brandau, Milton; Jennifer Brandau, Memphis, Tenn.; Hannah and Jeremy Brandau, Hagerstown; Melissa and Matthew Brandau, Paxinos; and Emylee, Jacob and Kaitlyne Brandau, Johnstown; six great-grandchildren: Robert K. IV and Patrick Miller, Hamburg; and Austin, Noah, Collin and Elliot Miller, Swoyersville; brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Edith (Carter) Brandau, Charlotte, N.C.; and sister, Shirley Tyler, St. Petersburg; along with several nieces and nephews and their families.

Preparations for cremation have been arranged through Anderson-McQueen. Celebration of Life Services will be held at the Lutheran Church of the Cross, St. Petersburg, where he was a member, and St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Williamsport, at a later time. Anderson-McQueen Funeral & Cremation Center-NE St. Petersburg. An online guestbook can be viewed at [www.andersonmcqueen.com](http://www.andersonmcqueen.com).

Dear Members of Holy Trinity:  
Over my sudden by-pass surgery, your prayers, cards, calls, and genuine concern for my well being uplifted me. I don't think I can explain the power that these gestures bring with them. Being part of a caring congregation brings a special measure of comfort that is so important at times like these. Thank you, Larry Shober

Dear Church Family: Thank you for all of your support during our recent loss. Your care and concern through the gifts of food, the many visits and the beautiful cards has been amazing! Your words of comfort and encouragement are greatly appreciated as well. God bless you all. Janet Bender, Dave & Joyce Meese, Jackie & Craig Bowman, Jane & Rob Hondal and their families



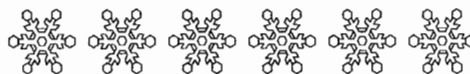
I would like to thank you for all of the cards, phone calls and prayers over the past two months during my surgeries and ongoing recovery. It is such a comfort to have a loving and caring church family. Thank you, Paul E. Pritts

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the members of our staff team here at Sequanota, I am happy to write this letter of thanks for your recent gift. Please keep the Sequanota ministry at a special place in your

daily prayer life. -- Pastor George Mason, Interim Director

Dear Church Members: Thank you for your congregation's gift for counseling in Somerset. We are sincerely grateful for your generosity and support of the services we provide. Sincerely, Pat Savage, President/CEO ALSM

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

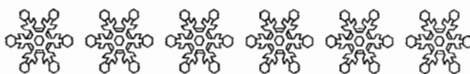


**GREETINGS**

From: Tucson, Arizona  
To: My Former Congregation of Friends, Neighbors and Relatives

I'm sending my sincerest wishes for a blessed holiday and peace, hope and love in 2007.

*Jean Lafferty*



Jean Bush  
Lorraine Bradley, Mollie & Monika  
Mr. & Mrs. Frank DeMartino  
Jayne & Elizabeth Wesley  
John & Dorothy Kovacik

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.

**Our Church By The Numbers**

**Treasurer's Report**

	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>BUILDING</u>
Balance 11/1	\$10,982.40	\$7,048.83
Receipts	\$8,091.12	\$3,893.00
Expenses	\$8,702.73	\$5,423.19
Balance 11/30	\$10,370.79	\$5,518.64

**Attendance Average**

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Worship	148	77
Sunday School	146	81

**MEMORIALS**

**Endowment Fund**

**In Memory of Donald Cober:**

Paul Pritts  
Dolly Leydig and Jim & Jean Ferguson  
Norman & Gynyth Landis

**Memorial Fund**

**In Memory of Donald Cober:**

Gerald, Martha, Michael & Amanda Boyd  
Keith & Denise Leydig & family  
Dale & Carol Leydig  
Craig & Julie Leydig and family

**Current Fund:**

**In Memory of John Bender:**

Adult Day Care Center  
Pat Saylor  
Mike & LaVerne Leach and Geraldine L. Meador  
Billy Joe, Carol & Steven Tatalaba  
James & Shirley Smith  
Theodore & Judy Risch  
Administration, BBEA and Support Staff at Berlin Brothersvalley School District  
James & Celestea Tatalaba

## Dear members, family, friends and neighbors,

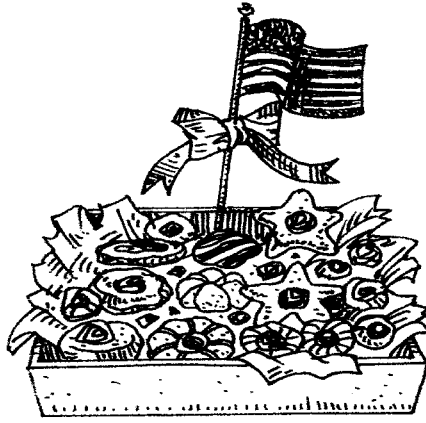
The first thing I want to let everyone know is how grateful I am for everything and everyone who helped our cause in 2006.

There were so many times that our church family came through with help and support that it truly overwhelmed me and touched my heart.

I've said it before and I'll say it again: until they all come home, Berlin C.A.R.E.S. will keep doing what we're doing.

We must always remember how bitterly our freedom was won, and the price that must yet be paid for our liberty. If we as a nation have to stand alone for the rights of all men, women and children, so be it. We must not

## Berlin



## C.A.R.E.S.

be afraid to do so.

We still have 8 of our hometown military in the war zone and I spoke with Bill Chonko, and his other son will be going to Iraq also. As of this writing I don't have an address,

but he said he'd call me to let me know.

Pastor John, your sermon "Care Package from Home" on Dec. 10 really got to me. I have felt all alone and very lonely before, so I could really relate. We can only imagine how our military feel, even the ones we don't know personally. That's why anything we can do for ours and for others there, we must continue to do. They are the best of the best.

I want to leave with everyone my hope for 2007. That we somehow find peace. It is truly my hope and joy for all.

Love and Peace to  
You and your Families,  
**Dorothy Gerber**  
Berlin C.A.R.E.S.

## Give a Little and Care a Lot: Items for Soldiers

### FOOD STUFFS

Canned fruit — small ones with flip tops  
Cereal bars, granola bars, etc.  
Trail mix  
Pre-sweetened powder drinks, instant coffee, tea bags  
Beef jerky  
Bag nuts, potato sticks, cans of chips  
Snack cakes, packs of gum, bite-size chocolates

**No homemade food** — This is due to the concern and safety of the soldiers. Also no pork products.

### PERSONAL HYGIENE

Baby wipes, small packs of tissues  
Travel size toothpaste, deodorants, shampoo  
Eye drops, adhesive bandages, cough lozenges,  
Flip flops/shower shoes  
Anti-fungal products for feet (creams, powders)  
Combs, lip balm, cotton swabs, nail clippers  
Writing paper, envelopes (no postage stamps)  
Air fresheners

AT&T Universal Phone Cards

**No aerosol products**

## Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends

Make 2007 the year to put that bright sparkle back into your relationship! Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends are designed as enrichment for all marriages!

Weekends run from 8 p.m. on Friday evening to 5 p.m. on Sunday. All costs for 2 nights lodging, food for the weekend, and all supplies are covered by a \$45 per couple registration fee plus a confidential contribution of whatever amount you choose that you are given the opportunity to make at the end of the weekend. Dates for the 2007 Western PA Lutheran Marriage Encounter weekends are: April 20-22 at the Four Points Sheraton Pittsburgh Airport; Sept. 21-23 at Sequanota Retreat Center in Jennerstown; and Oct. 19-21 at The Avalon Hotel in Erie, PA. Registrations are limited, so request your informational brochure and registration form now by contacting Fred & Julie Schamber, Western PA Chair Couple at e-mail: [schamber@adelphia.net](mailto:schamber@adelphia.net); phone: 724-325-3166 or website: [www.ilmeone.org](http://www.ilmeone.org).



Congratulations to our youth for their contribution to the Uncommon Life m&m container sale. HTLC youth filled 48 tubes for a total of \$648.21, with a grand total from our church and Berlin Brethren of \$1,945.61. This money will be used for the youth ministry program.



Uncommon Life will continue to meet at 7 p.m. Sunday nights. On Jan. 28 the group plans to go snow tubing at Hidden Valley. The following Sunday, Feb. 4,

## The Year

The Year is closed, the record made,  
 The last deed done, the last word said.  
 The memory alone remains  
 Of all its joys, its griefs, its gains.  
 And now with purpose full and clear,  
 We turn to meet another year.  
 —Robert Browning



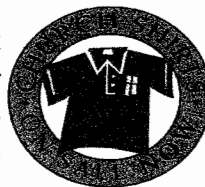
there will be a Super Bowl Party. Come to one of our meetings for more information.

### Super Bowl fundraisers

The youth will do a Super Bowl pizza and hoagie sale from Jan. 14 to 28 for fundraising for the snow tubing trip. Delivery will be Saturday, Feb. 3.

The Jr. & Sr. High Youth will have a Super Bowl Lunch on Sunday, Feb. 4, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to help with expenses from Winterfest.

**HTLC Shirts**  
 If you didn't get your shirt or sweatshirt ordered before Christmas, you still have a chance to order. If interested, call Lorrie Shaw at 267-6541.



## Youth Bells



Youth of God Bells, including kids in grades 1 and up, continue to meet at 6:15 p.m. Sunday nights.

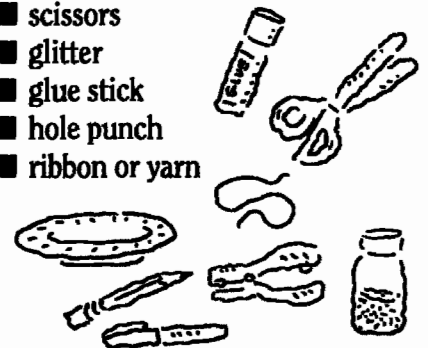
If you haven't tried the bells yet, join us and see if you like it. For more information, call Lorrie Shaw at 267-6541.

## Fancy Flakes

*Make a snowflake as unique and as special as you are in God's eyes.*

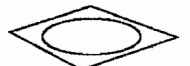
### What you need:

- paper (plain white or glittery wrapping paper)
- round plate or saucer (about the size you want your snowflake)
- pencil, crayon or marker
- scissors
- glitter
- glue stick
- hole punch
- ribbon or yarn



### What you need to do:

1. Draw a circle on a piece of paper by tracing around the plate or saucer.
2. Cut out the circle.
3. Fold the paper in half three times. (If the paper is thick, fold it just twice.)
4. Use your scissors to carefully cut out shapes from the folded paper.
5. Unfold your paper.
6. On one side, write some things that are special about you.
7. Decorate the other side using the glue stick and glitter.
8. When the glitter is dry, punch a hole in the snowflake.
9. Put ribbon or yarn through the hole, and tie it to make a hanger.



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\*C = Communion

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Jan. 7 *C	10:40 AM	*C Paul Bonus	Katlin Musser	*C Andrea Kreinbrook	*C Tim Konhaus, Ron & Kathy Yoder
	4 PM	NA	NA	NA	*C Larry Shober
Jan. 14	10:40 AM	Katie Bowman	Ashley Pribelsky	Lani Holland	Norman Croner and Charles Maust
Jan. 21	10:40 AM	Lindsey Leydig	Lee Woida	Sue Clites	Don & Joy Gardner
Jan. 28	10:40 AM	Josh Riley	Dorothy Gerber	Bruce Landis	Dave & Mary Ann Marker