

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

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Newsletter/ Fall 2023

Ecclesiastes 3:1 “There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven...”

As the summer breezes turn into autumn winds with leaves swirling through the air, we say good-bye to summer and hello to autumn. Autumn has a joy and beauty all its own. I love the colors of autumn, especially when you have a chance to see a tree with extra bright leaves. Of course, there are the great tastes of autumn – fresh apples, apple cider, pumpkin this-and-that everywhere.

The winds of autumn feel different than any other season. Autumn wind makes the air seem cleaner and refreshing. That saying, “a breath of fresh air,” really fits.

In the Bible, God gave Adam life with a breath of fresh air. “Then the Lord formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.” (Genesis 2:7) The word for breath, wind, and spirit in the Bible is the Hebrew word, “ruah”.

This autumn, ruah – the wind, spirit, and breath of God is flowing through Holy Trinity. We will come to life with many activities.

It is exciting to welcome Cub Scout Pack 142! The Pack is for boys and girls in kindergarten through fifth grade. They will certainly be a burst of energy and a breath of fresh air here at Holy Trinity.

We are also excited about having Confirmation classes return to Holy Trinity. Currently, we have four eager students ready to begin soon.

Worship will soon celebrate the return of our wonderful choir. Our music enhances the spirit and joy of our worship experience. We are thrilled to welcome back the magnificent music outreach ministry – Agape – on Reformation Sunday.

We are looking forward to a new season of WELCA, our Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. It is related to the national church, but has the warmth of our local church.

And, there is so much more! Stay glued to your emails and notices for news and information on our new Stewardship theme and Harvest Home Sunday.

Ruah! The exciting wind, spirit, breath of God is blowing and flowing through Holy Trinity!

Pastor Nancy Truscott

WORSHIP LIFE

In Person Worship

We continue to hold in-person worship. If you cannot attend in person, we continue to offer the Zoom/Phone-In/Facebook Live option; the information is located on our website at www.htlcnutley.org:

Join Zoom Meeting Video Conferencing:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82552194898>

Phone Call for Voice Only: 1-929-205-6099

Meeting ID is: 825 5219 4898

Facebook: www.facebook.com/htlcnutley/

Worship Assistants Needed

We are in need of Assisting Ministers & Lectors for in-person worship. You will be scheduled to serve approximately once or twice a month (less if we

have enough people scheduled for each position). Please see Pastor Nancy, a council member, or contact Tina in the office if you are interested OR if you're interested in assisting with our Zoom (remote) worship. Thanks.



Choir resumes October 1st!

Altar Flowers



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If you would like to honor or memorialize someone or a special date with altar flowers, the cost is \$35; the sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the front entryway, or you may call or email the office. We have many available dates.

Whole Wheat Communion Bread

All are welcome to make bread for communion here at Holy Trinity. Here is the recipe we use. This recipe is courtesy of Jay Rochelle and takes less than 45 minutes from start to finish. If you prefer to make yeast bread, please bake a basic white or wheat loaf. Pastor Nancy has a single-rise, round loaf recipe if you would like to try it.

Ingredients:

1 ½ cups whole wheat flour

½ cup white flour

¼ teaspoon salt

¾ teaspoons baking soda

2 heaping teaspoons oil

¾ cup cold water

3 tablespoons molasses or honey or a mixture



Mix dry ingredients. Add oil and blend well. Add water and honey/molasses and mix. Knead about 2 minutes. Flour pastry board/sheet and hands. Hand knead first until dough does not stick to surface. With floured rolling pin, roll out to ¼ inch thick. Cut or hand-form into 6-7-inch rounds (making 3-4 flat loaves). Bake about 15 minutes at 350° on an ungreased cookie sheet.

Worship and Music Committee



Welcome to Autumn (almost)!

First, sincere thanks to everyone who provided special music while the choir was on break over the Summer! The musicianship of our volunteers continues to enrich our worship together.

In addition to ongoing planning for weekly worship, HTLC's Worship and Music Committee has scheduled some special festivities for the upcoming months, and we look forward to your participation. Choir rehearsals will resume after worship on September 23 and 30 (new

singers always welcome!), with the first anthem on October 1. Saturday, October 14, will be the next HTLC Game Night, where we enjoy a very informal evening of snacks and board games for all ages from 4-8pm. Of special note, Agape will be joining us again and blessing us with their musical talents during worship on Sunday, October 29. We are very excited to welcome them back to HTLC!

The committee is also working to maintain all of the church's instruments, but especially the organ. We had a specialist visit the church, and his repairs addressed a number of maintenance concerns. There are still a few bugs to work out, so some additional repairs may be needed to get everything running as smoothly as possible again. We're aware of a few glitches during worship in recent weeks, and we appreciate your patience as we work toward solutions.

Especially as we approach the holiday season, if you have ideas for worship or events in the upcoming months, it's always a good time to let us know! We welcome your input.

In His Service,
Jeremy Boyer, Committee Chair

WELCA

The next WELCA (Women of the ELCA) Meetings will take place here at Holy Trinity at noon on: October 12th, November 9th and December 14th. All Thursdays.

Reformation Sunday, October 29th

Please join us on Reformation Sunday, with special musical guests, *Agape Music Outreach*.

**Reformation Moment --
Are You Holy?**

Most people would say, "Heck no! Not me!" Well,



think again... In Luther's explanation of the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed, Luther reminds you that you are indeed "made holy":

"I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him, but instead the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, made me holy and kept me in the true faith, just as he calls, gathers, enlightens, and makes holy the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one common, true faith... This is most certainly true!"

Agape Music Outreach, established in October 2018, is a multi-generation, non-denominational group of church musicians who participate once a month in services at different churches in northern NJ and who also give concerts within the community. Agape Music Outreach is committed to following Jesus's command: "*Love One Another.*"

For more information, visit the Agape Music Outreach website:

via link: <https://tinyurl.com/berxf67e>

All Saints Sunday, November 5th



On All Saints Sunday, we remember all those who have gone before us and showed us the way of faith. As part of our celebration, we will read the names of those who

have died and display their pictures in the sanctuary during worship. Please print clearly the names of those to be remembered in the Book of the Saints to be located in the entryway. Photos can be brought to the office **through Sunday, October 29th**. Please bring only one photo per person to remember, preferably framed. Photos will be returned.

SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Cub Scouts Pack 142

Cub Scout Pack 142 welcomed BOYS and GIRLS in Kindergarten through 5th grade to their Open House on Friday, September 15th, here at Holy Trinity. They also plan to hold a virtual Zoom meeting, 7pm on Sunday, September 17th; for the link to the Virtual Open House, Please email cubpack142nutley@gmail.com. Cub Scouts is a year-round program that combines fun and adventure with personal fitness, character development and leadership skills. They are a nonsectarian Family (coed) Pack.

Serving at the Vincent Care Kitchen

The Community Care Kitchen at Vincent United Methodist Church serves hot meals to the community. Holy Trinity donates 75 packs of desserts on the last Saturday of the month. Each sandwich/snack pack has cookies, cake, candy, etc. Bags must be delivered by 9:30am on your scheduled date and delivered to Vincent Church, 100 Vincent Place, Nutley. We need 3 volunteers to donate 25 dessert packs each, per date. If you'd like to help, there is a sign-up sheet at church or you may contact the office.



From Rev. Dave: *"We are deeply grateful for Holy Trinity's partnership in this important ministry. Please extend our thanks to your team!"*

A word of thanks to *Ruth & Greg Sekula* for coordinating desserts to the Vincent Care Kitchen! Another word of thanks to all the volunteers who graciously provided delicious desserts!

Nutley Family Service Bureau Pantry



Any Nutley resident who is experiencing food insecurity is eligible for NFSB Pantry enrollment. For more info: The Nutley Family Service Bureau Pantry

169 Chestnut Street, Nutley, NJ 07110

Phone: 973-667-1884 Ext. 2

www.Nutleyfamily.org

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

CROP Walk

The Nutley CROP (Communities Responding to



Overcome Poverty) Hunger Walk will be held on **Sunday, October 15 starting at Vincent Church (100 Vincent Place). Registration will begin at 12:30 with the walk beginning at 1:00 with a welcome and an interfaith prayer.**

Walkers will walk south through Yanticaw Park to Centre Street over to Franklin Avenue up to Vreeland Avenue and then south through Memorial Park back to the church for 2:00. Shorter and longer routes are welcome according to each person's ability. As walkers return to the church, they will be appreciated for their effort to end hunger and enjoy fellowship and refreshments.

Walkers are encouraged to visit the general CROP Walk website (www.crophungerwalk.org) to find fundraising tips, activities for children, youth and adults. The walk is sponsored by the Nutley Clergy Fellowship. **For local information and sponsor forms, contact:** Rick DeKovessey (jdekovessey@aol.com) or Lisa Feraco (teemof8@aol.com). Your efforts will help the hungry around the world with 25% of it providing food for our neighbors in need through the Nutley Family Service Bureau Food Pantry and the Vincent Church Care Kitchen.

Nutley Thanksgiving Service



The Nutley Community Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be held on **Monday, November 20th, 7:30pm, location TBD.** The Nutley Clergy Fellowship

cordially invites the entire community to join them in lifting thanksgiving to God for our many blessings.

Game Night!

Join your Holy Trinity friends for our next Game Night on Saturday, **October 14th, 4 - 8pm**, bring your snacks and board games for all ages!



Daylight Saving Time



Sunday, November 5th is the end of Daylight Saving Time. Be sure to set your clocks back one hour.

Thank you!

Thanks to *Jay Mascola* for once again overseeing our Community Garden!

Thanks to those of you that have helped in any way since our last Newsletter. We could not do it all without you!

KEEP IN PRAYER

Bruce, Howard, Annie, Judy, Susan, Christians being attacked and persecuted in Pakistan, Angelika, Amir, Mitra, Barbara, Bonnie, Constance, Robert, Steve, Margaret, Ginny, Scott, Sean, great-nieces/nephews of the Sekula's, family of George Andersen, Leona, Evelyn P., Sally, Keith, victims of gun violence, natural disaster, war and political unrest, Jeff, Anthony, Jean, Pat, thanks for Morgan Elise Thomsen, Reilly Family, Sylvia, Heerwig Family, Paul, Penelope, Jon, expectant mothers, Eileen, Arlyn, Tammy.

To add someone to the list, please fill out the form in the entryway, notify Pastor Nancy or contact the office. People are kept on the list for 3 months.

There are hard copies of this newsletter available; pick one up during worship or please contact the office if you'd like one.

