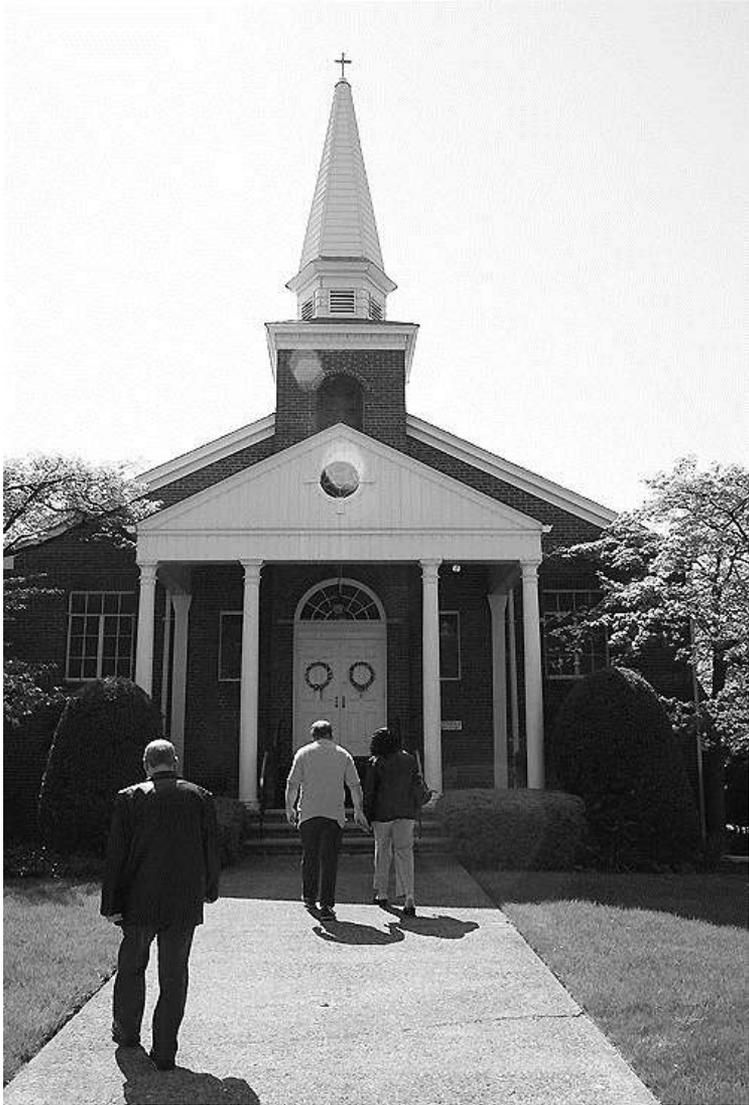


Season of Pentecost
September 2016



Newsletter

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

From Pastor Kathryn...

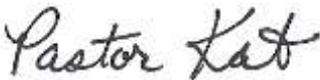
My Beloved Siblings in Christ,

We are in a season of beginnings. I *began* my ministry among you not long ago on August 16th. My children, as well as many others, *began* their school year a week or two ago around Labor Day. Pumpkin Spice has *begun* its annual invasion of every foodstuff imaginable. The choir has *begun* singing in Sunday worship again. We, as a congregational community, are *beginning* a few new things as you'll see in this newsletter.

Beginnings are often times of great excitement and joy, but they can also be times of anxiety or unease. There's an old pop song I can't really remember that has a line in it that has stuck with me over the years: *Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end*. So even when we are happy or excited about a new beginning, it may be tinged with a sense of sadness or mourning.

Whatever our reactions to these beginnings in our lives, it is my prayer that as we begin to build our relationship together, we engage with each other as siblings in Christ on the difficult days as well as on the easy days. I look forward to the weeks and months ahead of us, as we *begin* to get to know each other and *begin* to discern the ways God is calling us to be the Church in Nutley and the world.

May God's Peace be with you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Kat". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and personal.

Pastor Kat

Worship & Music

Pastor Kathryn's Installation - October 30th, 3:00pm

Pastor will be officially installed as the spiritual leader of our congregation on October 30th at 3:00pm. This is an exciting event for the congregation and for Pastor as we formalize our relationship and look ahead to the journey we have to take together. The Reverend Erin Hayes-Cook, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Rahway, will be our guest preacher.



Blessing Of The Animals

On Sunday, October 2nd, at 3:00 pm we will have a brief service of blessing for animals in honor of St. Francis of Assisi's saint day (October 3rd). All animals are invited to attend, and bring their people with them.

Worship Assistants Needed

Would you like to help in worship? We are looking for people to assist in all areas but are especially in need of Assisting Ministers, Communion Assistants and Altar Care. There are "Holy Trinity Worship Assistants" guides on the table in the entryway that explain, in detail the responsibilities of each worship area. You will be trained for the position you sign up for and will be scheduled to serve approximately once a month (sometimes less if we have enough people scheduled for each position). If you cannot serve your assigned date, we ask that you please find someone to serve in your place and to notify the office. Please see Pastor Kathryn or Scott Jones if you are interested. Thanks.



Choir Rehearsal Begins Again



Our choir is back and we are trying something new this year. We will rehearse most Sundays for 30 minutes, right after worship. This may be in the chancel or downstairs and replaces our normal Thursday evening rehearsal.

(Schedule will be noted in the bulletin and on the calendar.) Before Christmas or Festival services, we may need to add an evening rehearsal. New singers are welcome—please speak to Cantor Scott Jones for more information. Play an instrument? Let Scott know. music.htlcnutley@verizon.net

Baptismal Birthdays

Baptism is our birth into the Body of Christ, the Church. As brothers and sisters in Christ, let us celebrate these anniversaries with each other. *If you haven't already done so, please let the office know of your date of baptism so that we may celebrate your baptismal birthday.*



It's Time For Coffee And Tea!



Approximately every other Sunday, you are invited to stay after worship for Coffee & Tea Time. Share your life, your faith, and enjoy a cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate with your sisters and brothers downstairs in

the Fellowship Hall. Hosts make the coffee/hot water and are welcome to provide a snack. (Holy Trinity provides the coffee/tea/hot chocolate) Notify the office or see the clipboard in church to sign up. Most weeks are still available.

Thank you also to those who hosted Summer Lemonade Time!

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Worship & Faith

Faith in Action

Hear from New Jersey community leaders and legislators at this event taking place from 11:00am to 2:00pm on Saturday, October 8th, at New Brunswick Theological Seminary, 35 Seminary Place, New Brunswick, NJ.

The New Jersey Clergy Coalition for Justice (of which Pastor Kathryn is a member) is calling on people of faith from around New Jersey to be fearless and get more involved in the political process. As Christians we are called to be a voice for the voiceless and to give hope to the hopeless. Please join us, elected officials, labor leaders, and policy experts, including Larry Hamm and Chris Hedges, as we stand for the dignity and worth of every human life so that all people may have hope that someday the sacredness of life is upheld everywhere.

Altar Flowers



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If you would like to honor or memorialize someone or a special date, we have many dates available to sponsor altar flowers; all of October, November (except 11/6) and December. The cost remains \$30. The sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the front entryway, or you may call or email the office.

Our Florist, *A Personal Touch Florist* located at 343 Franklin Avenue, (973) 661-4414, www.apersonaltouchflorist.com. The owner is John, and he has been giving us our arrangements at cost; please consider him for your own floral needs.

Mobil Faith

We keep our web and *facebook* pages up to date for you and your loved ones to nurture your faith and connect with Holy Trinity *no matter where you are*. To see pictures of ministry, read this newsletter and to stay updated, etc. go to htlcnutley.com or [facebook.com/htlcnutley](https://www.facebook.com/htlcnutley).

Cantor Attends Indiana Conference

Cantor Scott Jones attended the regional conference of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians in July. ALCM celebrates 30 years in 2016! Trinity English Lutheran in Fort Wayne, Indiana hosted the event. (Donald and Bernice Rasley had been members there before moving to NJ!) The conference theme was “Let All the People Praise You: Singing Through the Generations.” It was three full days of worship, workshops, hymn festivals and concerts. There was an excellent workshop on Global music and another on hymn playing by organist John Ferguson, who recently retired from St. Olaf College. Fort Wayne is called the “city of churches” and Scott also participated in an organ crawl the morning before the conference began. Five church organs were demonstrated and heard. On the last night of the conference there was a special performance by “The King’s Singers.”



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Faith Formation shaped by God



Bible & Beer

Beginning **Tuesday, September 20th**, you can join Pastor Kat along with Pastor Ignaki Unzaga from St. John's in Passaic at 6:00pm at *The Shannon Rose* in Clifton Commons for Bible study, dinner, and drinks (optional). We will be going through the people of the Bible.

Animate: Bible

We will be combining Confirmation and Adult Education opportunities into an intergenerational schedule of courses on a three-year cycle on

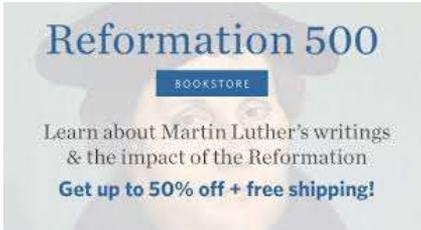


Thursday evenings. Part of learning about our faith is learning how to be community and getting to know our brothers and sisters in Christ, so we will join together from traditional confirmation age youth through our most experienced siblings to learn about the Bible, Lutheran theology, and the Sacraments. Once all the courses have been completed, those interested in affirming their baptism (commonly called "Confirmation") will be eligible to do so. Pastor is also looking for some brave souls to assist in leading these courses.

The first course will be **Animate: Bible, beginning on Thursday, September 29th, at 6:30**. Animate: Bible is designed to reinvigorate and deepen our understanding of the Bible. We will share a simple supper (sign up to bring soup or bread as you feel called), watch a short video, and engage in discussion around the topic of the night. It is best to sign up early, as materials must be ordered beforehand. Student books are \$14.99.

To sign up, contact Pastor or sign up on the sheet during/after worship.

Reformation 500 Bookstore



Holy Trinity will be hosting a Reformation-themed bookstore from Augsburg Fortress for the weeks leading up to Reformation Day this October. **Starting Sunday, October 9**, you can browse a selection of books

about the Reformation and Martin Luther on display outside the church office. Augsburg Fortress, the publishing house of the ELCA, is offering an amazing sale on these books of 50% off the cover price and free shipping if they are purchased through this special bookstore. Don't miss this chance!

Advent Conspiracy

This Advent, join Pastor on Thursday evenings (December 1, 8, 15, 22) at 6:30 for soup and study around the book



Advent Conspiracy. Learn about how we can engage our faith and have a different Advent experience by considering the four tenets of the Advent Conspiracy movement: Worship Fully, Spend Less, Give More, Love All. For more information or to sign up, contact Pastor. Books must be purchased beforehand, and can be found on Amazon.com. It is available in both paperback and Kindle versions, for under \$10.

Community in Christ living as one through Christ



CROP Walk

The Nutley CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) Walk will be held on **Sunday, October 23rd**. A point-person is needed for our congregation. Please see Pastor if you are willing to take responsibility for our congregation's involvement in this important event.

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Food & Care For Us Who Are Hungry

Jesus said that when you feed the hungry and the outcast, you feed me. You are encouraged to add **1 food and 1 care item** to your grocery list each month. Items can be placed in the blue bin in the front entryway. *You are welcome to donate other food and care items.*



September Food Item: Canned Beans/Stews

September Care Item: Laundry Detergent

October Food Item: Soup

October Care Item: Soap

December Food Item: Canned Vegetables

December Care Item: Towels & Wash Cloths

Items are distributed through the Nutley Family Service Bureau & Vincent Care Pantry.*



*If you or someone you know (Nutley resident) could benefit from being a recipient of food contributions, please contact Caitlin Peterson, the Social Services Director of the *Nutley Family Service Bureau*, at (973) 667-1884.

Serving at the Vincent Care Kitchen

Holy Trinity has pledged to help serve at the Care Kitchen the last Saturday of every month. If you would like to serve at Vincent Care Kitchen, please talk with Julie Franchino or Greg Sekula. The Care Kitchen provides a nutritious meal and caring conversation every Saturday (except the first Sat. of the month) at Vincent United Methodist Church in Nutley. Everyone is welcome.

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Thank You! God's Big Table Garden

Thank you to everyone who helped to plant and tend God's Big Table Garden this summer. The tomatoes & herbs grown in the garden are given to the Vincent Care Kitchen.



In Our Community

Updated Directory

We are in the process of updating our Church Directory. There is a white binder that will be circulating in worship. Please follow the instructions to check your entry. Thank you



Farewell & Godspeed for The Mueller's

On Sunday, September 25th, we will be saying farewell to Martin & Sally Mueller as they prepare to start a new adventure on the West Coast. Please join us on this bittersweet day to pray for them on their new journey and to join in a time of fellowship with a pot-luck luncheon after worship. Sign up on the clipboard in church or contact the office.

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Congratulations!

Congratulations on the birth of *Amelia Joy Carmona*, born July 20, 2016. Amelia is the **child of Nicole and Jason Carmona and the grandchild of Nancy Duhm.**



Congratulations on the birth of *Sawyer L'Heureux*, born August 4, 2016. Sawyer weighed 7lbs, 4 oz. and was 22 inches long. Sawyer is the **child of Leslie and Sona McNeill.**

Congratulations to **Catherine Rubens** on graduating from 12th grade and to **Monica Rubens** on her 8th grade graduation. Catherine and Monica are the **children of Aida & Alex Rubens.**



Emily Jones, daughter of Scott and Debbie Jones, is engaged to Austin Thomsen. They will be married at Holy Trinity on Friday, June 30, 2017. Austin is head of IT for the Montville Public Schools and Emily is an elementary music teacher in Jefferson Township.

In Memoriam

Chris Siclari passed away on June 7, 2016. She was a long-time member of Holy Trinity as served as the administrator of our Endowment Fund. She was the wife of the late Frank Siclari and daughter of the late John Ryan, and is survived by her mother, two daughters, five grandchildren, four sisters and three brothers.

Her funeral was held at Holy Trinity, presided over by Rev. Jeffrey Miller.

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