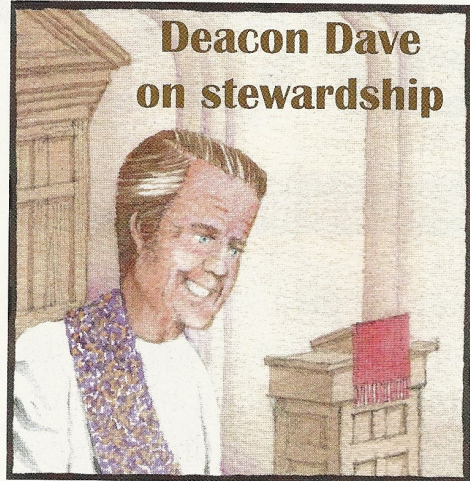


*Think of life as something God has given you to manage or take care of. Everything, after all, comes from God. You may use your talent or ability to achieve material goods; but the talent or ability is a gift from God to begin with. Total commitment involves giving of what you are as well as what you have.*



**Deacon Dave on stewardship**

Some time ago, I overheard some anonymous soul saying:


*"I sought to hear the voice of God and climbed the topmost steeple; But God declared, "Go down again — I dwell among the people."*

Precisely! Jesus basically said the same thing when he said that whoever fed the hungry, gave drink to the thirsty, and welcomed the stranger, gave clothes to the naked, and visited the sick and the prisoner, well, that person, would one day hear the words, "Come! Come receive what God has prepared for you." And why? Because to do service to the least and neglected is the same as serving the Lord.

If we properly glorify God, we will find ourselves doing what Christ said we would do. Jesus indicated clearly that to glorify God we needed to bear fruits of goodness, love and justice, which gave evidence that we were believers working on behalf of God's kingdom. We will prove our discipleship by bearing good fruit.

The Lord surrounds us with so much to be done, including some time to the church. All of us tend to give time at our convenience, whenever we can fit it into our busy schedules. Yet the time

with the greatest value is that given when the church most needs it.


Of course, the challenge is for each of us to examine ourselves. Are we bearing much fruit? Are we serving the Lord? 

A man decided to get rid of a dog he owned. When he drove to the city he stopped near the outskirts, put his pet out, and drove away.

Late that night, he headed home. As he neared the edge of the city, he saw his dog sitting just where he had left him. As the car approached, the dog lifted his ears, stood up, and wagged his tail. The man drove on past.

At home he confessed to his wife that his conscience was hurting him; yet he did nothing about it.

This true story is a realistic illustration of spiritual errors made by God's children when they hope that someone else will assume their responsibility. The man had hoped that someone else would take the dog and look after it. Christians often think, "Oh, someone else will do it."

The work of Christ is not something that someone else performs or funds. It is an effort we all need to support. It is everyone's responsibility. 



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The June newsletter is in honor of the birthdays of our daughter Robin Fatzinger and granddaughter MacKenzie Fatzinger by Frank and Carole Nacci.



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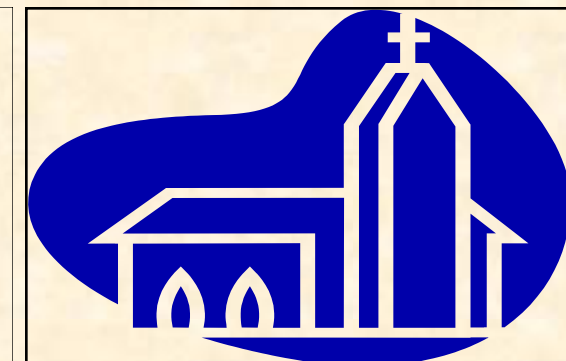
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**JUNE 23RD**



HOLY TRINITY MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

GOOD THINGS HAPPEN HERE



We recently have finished our Matthew bible study and now at the demand of many members, I will present Mark's gospel and you need to read it fast. I have gleaned this background from lectures of Rikk Watts, from various N.T. Wright writings and other books in my New Testament library. Mark's gospel was long neglected because it was thought to be incomplete. Many, beginning with Augustine in the late fourth century, thought it was a summary of Matthew, an abridged version. Today the opposite is the case, because it is now believed that Mark was the earliest of the four gospels, thus the original gospel story. It was in fact, a source document for the other two synoptic gospels, Matthew and Luke.

Mark's gospel was written in Rome, most likely in the years immediately following the death of Peter. It is the shortest gospel, with only 661 verses, and the most action-packed of the gospels. One of the peculiarities of Mark's gospel is that it has two endings. The oldest manuscripts stop at verse 16:8. The longer ending concludes at 16:9-20, which was added to complete Mark's sudden ending at 16:8, which has no resurrection appearances.

As mentioned, most scholars believe that Mark was the first gospel to be written. Some reasons for this are as follows: Matthew includes 90% and Luke 50% of Mark in their gospels, in some places word-for-word. They also follow Mark's storyline, whereas in their use of common non-Markan stories they often disagree with one another. Matthew and Luke are more systematic in telling their stories; they are more polished than Mark (they smooth out his grammar and choppi-ness, they soften his statements about the disciples, and they clarify difficult passages and they speak more reverently about Jesus - all of which argues for Mark coming before Matthew and Luke, rather than the other way around.

According to tradition, the author of the first gospel was Mark, also called John Mark (Acts 12: 12, 25), John being his Hebrew name and Mark or Marcus his Greco-Roman name. He was the son of Mary, a widow of some means who lived in Jerusalem, whose house was a center for the early church in Jerusalem (Acts 12: 12). If Mary's house was the location of the Last Supper, Mark could have followed Jesus and the disciples into the garden of Gethsemane and may have been the "young man" in the garden in Mark 14: 5 1-52, which some surmise was his 'secret autograph.' Mark was the cousin of Barnabas (Col. 4:10) and together they accompanied the apostle Paul on his first missionary journey in the late 40s. For some reason, at Perga, Mark "left them and returned to Jerusalem" (Acts 13 : 13). Mark and Paul were later reconciled (see 2 Tim. 4: 11). Mark ended up in Rome with Peter and his gospel has a definite Peter influence. Peter is the first disciple to be called, he is mentioned more often and more prominently than the other disciples, and he is the one who 'confesses' Jesus as the Messiah (8:29). Mark became Peter's interpreter and wrote down accurately all that he remembered of the things said and done by the Lord. There is no reason to suppose that Mark did not write the gospel that bears his name, because it is unlikely that it would have been attributed to someone who was neither a disciple nor an apostle unless he was, in fact, the author.

## ***Holy Trinity's Ninth Annual Victorian High Tea***

The hall was filled with the delightful "sound of music"; actually Tia and Ainsley Hart played the flute and guitar respectively as the 96 women entered the church hallway. The gentle sounds set the tone for the afternoon.

This year's English theme was highlighted in the names of the foods that were served. British Banana Bread, Lord Waldorf Chicken Salad, Piccadilly Tuna Salad, Harrold's Ham Wrap, Knight's Egg Salad, Queen's Coconut Cake, Princess Swirl Cheesecake, Geor's Mini-Chocolate Cupcakes, English Tea Cakes and Royal PB Fudge. Liz Burda, our caterer, and her crew prepared the delicious sandwiches and brewed the tasty blended teas to perfection. The Tea Team supplied the tea breads, scones and desserts.

Trinity's lovely tea china again graced the tables. This year lovely lace table runners made by BJ Kunkel, special chocolates and folded napkins adorned each table. Tea cups with spring flowers which Jean Decker created were the centerpieces and then served as door prizes.

Thank you to our handsome and efficient servers who wore their black bowties, white shirts, and black slacks proudly. Tim Gogal, George Zacharda, Mark Fried, Rick Martston, Ben Becker and Chris Shadle led an elegant touch to the tea.

The following sponsors, who were not from Trinity, generously supplied either gift certificates, monetary donations or products for our raffle. The sponsors included Applebee's, Borderline Restaurant, Crazy Cone, Daku Auto Body, Fairview House, Friendly's, Garden City Greenhouse, Giant Markets, Meera Salon & Day Spa, Oasis Restaurant, Paulie's Family Restaurant, Pie's On Pizzeria, Poletalian Deli, Wegmans's, Weis Markets, Willow Tree Salon, Jane Missimer, Ann Marie Charvala, Carol Dennis, Jean Decker, Mary Alice Hartranft, Donna Ogden, Liz Ondush, Liz Burda, Joanne a server at Paulie's, Bob Amiano and David & Melissa Gillette.

A very special thank you to Trinity's members who contributed gift certificates, flowers, unique items and baskets. In total there were 109 items in the Basket Raffle; 24 gift certificates and 85 unique baskets, pictures, art work and spring flowers. The Tea Team received many compliments on the size and quality of the offering and the set up.

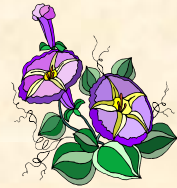
This year, the High Tea raised \$3,580 which is a new high. \$2,130 was put into Trinity's Sidewalk Fund. The remaining \$1,700 was sent to *Service Dogs by Warren Retriever* which helped reduce the balance left from the cost of Zuker, Matthew Globosits' alert dog.

Thanks for your support!

Linda Ettl, Pat Kincaid, Cheryl Kneiss, Barb Fister,

Sande Gillette, Dorianne & Madison Gogal,

Janis Charvala, Carol Hartranft, Nancy Miller



**Trinity Morning Glories**

We are a daytime women's group here at Holy Trinity. Our focus is on the spiritual and service to others. Along the way, we share food, work, laugh, chat and pray together! Please join us!

**Note: Our meetings will always be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 10:00 (exception: June's time will be 11:30).**

On Monday, May 19, 2014, 19 women began their time together with a delicious Breakfast Brunch. "How to Become Rich" was the theme of Lois McAllister's devotions; we were reminded that we were already rich with all of God's blessings. Nancy Miller and MaryAnn Farrand shared women's heart facts and how important it is listen to our own bodies. We earmarked \$200 to be the seed money for a "Take a Seat!" fund which will be used to replace the chairs in the Alice Storch Room. Karen Frankenfield will be the liaison person with Act I Productions which will present the "Murder by Shoo Fly Pie" murder mystery dinner theater in September 2015. Linda Heiberger is the liaison person with Without A Cue Productions which will present "Deadly Housewives" at a murder mystery dinner theater on Saturday, September 27, 2014. Proceeds will benefit Trinity's Sidewalk Fund and Central Appalachia's Health Wagon. Four laundry baskets were filled with Bathroom items for Lutheran Congregational Services Refugee Resettlement Program; Cheryl Frantz will deliver the baskets.

**Future dates**

**Monday, June 16, 2014 – 11:30:** Devotions – Mary Ann Farrand; Picnic at Kneiss'

Special Sandwiches: Nancy Miller, Chicken: Brenda Ondush, Chicken Rice Casserole: Bodil Rasmussen

Broccoli Slaw Salad: Janis Charvala, Potato Salad: Sara Jensen, Strawberry Spinach Salad: Sandy Svitana

Deviled Eggs: Pat Kincaid, Chocolate Trifle: Linda Wiland, Cream Puff Cake: Trish Adam

Cheese/Crackers: Judy Spaits, Quinona/Zucchini Bites: Lois McAllister,

Drinks: Lucy Lynn/Ruthann Reinsmith; Just for Fun: Karen Frankenfield/Janis Charvala

Everyone Bring a Joke to Tell and canned food for the Catasauqua Area Food Bank.

**Monday, July 21, 2014 – 10:00;** Devotions; Appetizer Array;

Sandwiches: Cheryl Kneiss, Spinach Balls: Pat Fried, Dessert: BJ Kunkel

Fruit: Brenda Ondush, Homemade Rye Bread & Pate: Linda Wiland

MOW Tray Favors, Sixth St. Shelter Supplies Project;

Plan August 2014 thru and including January 2015

**Monday, August 18, 2014 – 10:00;** Devotions: Sue Marakovits

"Deadly Housewives" Checklist – September 27, 2014 – 5:30

Ticket Sales: Sandy Svitana/Judy Spaits

Paper Products: Cheryl Kneiss; Table Decorations: Trish Adam; Cupcakes: Sandy Svitana;

Drinks: 2 Diet Ice Tea (no caffeine): Suzanne Webb; 2 Decaf Iced Tea: Lois McAllister;

2 regular Iced Tea: Lucy Lynn

## Church Council Members

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Paul Gillette: 610-262-7934  
Rick Martson: 484-661-5183  
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Term Ending Dec. 2015

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Carole Nacci: 610-264-8785

Term Ending Dec. 2016

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RuthAnn Reinsmith: 610-264-4346  
Carol Cunningham:  
Mark Fried: 610-262-2645

### OFFICERS

President: Barbara Fister

Vice President: Arden Strickland

Secretary: (Rotating)

Financial Secretary: Olin Webb

Treasurer: John Marakovits

### \$ FINANCIAL UP-DATE \$

This year's Lent and Easter seasons ended up being one of the best ever. In April of this year, we ended the month with a whopping year-to-date budget surplus of \$7,372.26. The budget surplus at the end of April of 2013 was \$3,004.01— \$4,368.25 less.

In 2014, our "Easter" giving envelope generated total receipts of \$12,820.00. In 2013, the "Easter" envelope generated total receipts of \$8,862.00. We took in almost \$4,000.00 more this year vs. last year. That's a truly outstanding result.

Needless to say, all of our bills are paid current at the present time, including our monthly commitment to the synod for benevolence which is actually paid through May, next owing for June. That's always a good feeling.

Our gas heater loan with the Mission Investment Fund in Chicago was paid off in full on April the 28th. We paid this 5 year loan off in only 1 year and 11 months. By doing so, we saved about \$1,850.00 in interest expense. This was a major financial accomplishment that we should all be very proud of.

During April, the following contributions were received for the following special causes:

\$35	Pastor's Discretionary Fund
\$5	Wish List
\$105	"Morning Glories" Fund
\$100	Sidewalk Fund (from the pork and sauerkraut dinner)
\$454	Paul Frantz Memorial Scholarship Fund
\$100	Heating Fund
\$120	Numan Orphanage Fund
\$50	Al Creyer Memorial Fund

Thank you to everyone who contributed to these "special" causes.

A special thank you to everyone who contributed generously to Holy Trinity during this year's Lent and Easter seasons.

As the temperatures finally start to heat up, we hope to see you in church.

John Marakovits, Treasurer

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# HOLY TRINITY NEWS



**THANK YOU TO** Frank Chimics for taking time and tinting the office windows.



Tina Wargo, daughter of John and Robin Wargo, graduated from Hofstra Univ. with a B.A. degree in Film Studies and Production. Congratulations!!!

CATASAUQUA'S OLD HOME WEEK 100TH ANN. CELEBRATION (1914-2014) at Catty Park, Sunday, 6/29. Art/craft vendor spaces avail. Email: zacharda@verizon.net for info & application.



About the 3rd week of June, you should be receiving your offering envelopes for July & Aug. in the mail. If you do not receive them, please call Robin in the Church office 610-264-2641.



Holy Trinity is a member of the Blood Bank Program. If you give blood, you may designate it as Holy Trinity. Also, if you ever need blood, tell them you're a church member.



At any time, you can give donations to the "Pastor's Discretionary Fund". This fund is used to give temporary financial assistance to people of our congregation and community when a sudden need arises. You may send contributions to the church or place them in the offering plate on Sunday mornings. Please mark your checks or envelopes "Pastor's Discretionary Fund".



Three of our students will be confirmed on **Sunday, June 8th**: Jack Wetzel, Rachel Held and Gabriella Link. A reception will be held in the Alice Storch Room following worship.

## "Simply Giving"

"Simply Giving" allows you to share first fruits through planned giving. Activate your stewardship into an on-going automatic withdrawal of your tithes and offerings. Holy Trinity benefits by having a steady income no matter what the season or weather. To learn more, call the church 610-264-2641. **"As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." I Peter 4:10 – RSV**



**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:** We thank all of our dedicated staff and our enthusiastic students for another successful Sunday School year. And thank you to the parents for your cooperation this past year.

We also want to thank all those members who visited with us and shared their stories of family and faith during closings each week. You were challenging and inspiring. **DON'T FORGET VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IN JULY- AND SEE YOU ALL IN SEPTEMBER FOR ANOTHER EXCITING SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR (2014-2015)**  
Rick Minnich, Sunday School Super.



**Kelly Medence**, granddaughter of Rita Medence, will graduate from Hempfield High School in Mountainville, Pa this June. Kelly plans to attend Penn State Univ., Berks Campus this fall. **Ainsley Hart**, daughter of Pastor and Tia, will graduate from Southern Lehigh H.S.. Ainsley will be attending Temple University this fall. Congratulations!!

## 2014 Monthly Fellowship and Refreshments

*Future 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month Fellowship and Refreshments:*

June 1 (1st Sunday) – Linda & Lester Ettl (Music Sunday)

July 13 – Carole Nacci/Wendi Thomas

August 10 – Pat Fried/Sue Marakovits

Sept 14 – Cheryl Kneiss, Barb Fister, Sandy Svitana

October 26 – Intention to Give: Sherry Creyer/Karen Faust/Vickie Chimics

Nov 9 – Jill & John Sutter

December 14 – Janis Charvala/BJ Kunkel

April 12, 2015 – Diane Czar and the Youth

Want to host a Fellowship & Refreshments in 2015? Contact Janis Charvala, 610 440-0073.

See you after church on Music Sunday, June 1st!

## September Murder Mystery

Back by popular demand is the Morning Glories' Murder Mystery Dinner Theater. *Without a Cue Productions* will again stage a "Who Done It??" mystery here at Trinity.

*"Deadly Housewives" will be presented on Saturday, September 27, 2014 at 5:30.*

Clean the house, clean your car, clean your ... gun?! That's right! All is no longer perfect on Hysteria Lane as the housewives – Summer, Chastity and Janet discover their neighbor has been murdered in her own basement! These housewives are in need of so much help, they're practically desperate! They're going to need more than the police to uncover this mystery – they're going to need YOU! They may even discover an audience member who looks just like Mary Ruth and use her to contact their deceased friend from beyond the grave! Never underestimate a housewife, she may be deadly!

Bad Bones BBQ will again be catering our event. The menu will be their incredible Cheesy Baked Ziti – loaded with 5 cheeses, salad, rolls, dessert and beverage.

Proceeds will benefit Trinity's Sidewalk Fund and Central Appalachia's Health Wagon.

Tickets are \$30/person and can be ordered now. Contact Judy Spaits (610 264-7037) or Sandy Svitana (610 433-0327). **CAUTION:** for this play, we can only sell 85 tickets so be sure to place your order as soon as possible so you won't be disappointed.

## June

ANNOUNCING MUSIC SUNDAY, JUNE 1ST

*Invite your family and friends!!*

After we enjoy the music during 10:30 worship, we will share in fellowship and refreshments in the Alice Storch Room.



**CONFIRMATION  
PENTECOST  
SUNDAY, JUNE 8TH**



**FIRST COMMUNION, SUNDAY JUNE 15TH**



Begins June 22 : 9:00a.m. Worship/Communion

Sunday, June 29th, 11:00 a.m. at church

What to bring: - A DISH TO SHARE

- LAWN CHAIRS - DON'T FORGET THE CAKE  
WALK AND THE GUESSING JARS

*(The church will provide hot dogs and drinks.)*

Enjoy fellowship with church friends, good food, games and fun for the whole family!!



### "Joyful Giving Circle"

Help further the ministry of Holy Trinity...Don't wait for a special occasion to make a contribution in honor or in memory of someone. Fill out the enclosed form, place it in the offering or mail it with your check in any amount. We will print your dedication in our next newsletter.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Lorraine Wagner who went home to be with our Lord on May 11th.



### Bring Your Own Bible



Study with Pastor Hart on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. Join us and increase your Bible knowledge. All adults are welcome. The studies are always very interesting.

**IF HOSPITALIZED, BE SURE TO SIGN A  
RELEASE CARD AND USE OUR  
HOSPITAL CODE #244.  
WE ARE A HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE  
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### To all the wonderful people of Holy Trinity Lutheran,

Thank you so much for your on going support of and dedication to the Catasauqua Food Bank. The enthusiastic participation of your youth is a true blessing as well as your monetary and material contributions. Thank you and God bless. Catasauqua Food Bank

### Dear Friends,

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to you of your generous donations of diapers to the Sixth Street Shelter. A great deal of our support comes from the local community. Without support from our donors, we would not be able to continue providing for the residents who participate in the Shelter's program.

Thank you for being a part of the effort to aid these families in their transition from homelessness to self-sufficiency.

Thank you again, Dawn Godshall, Director



### Remember or Honor Loved Ones

#### Altar Flowers

TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

- June 1 In loving memory of John Medence by his wife Rita.
- June 8 Pentecost ~ Individual geranium plants  
Altar: In honor of our daughter, Robin, to celebrate her birthday by Frank and Carole Nacci.
- June 15 Father's Day  
In loving memory of Joseph Baragone by Sandy and Erich Svitana.
- June 22 Open
- June 29 In honor of our granddaughter, Mackenzie to celebrate her birthday by Mam Maw and Pop Pop Nacci.

#### Bulletins


TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND:

- June 1 Open
- June 8 Open
- June 15 Open
- June 22 Open
- June 29 Open

#### "Trinity Tidings"

*All dedications are taken for 2014. Thank you.*

**Please Note:** To reserve a flower date, fill in the Flower Chart in the narthex and call Suzanne Webb 610-264-4880 with your dedication. **If you do not call Suzanne, the dedication will read "To the glory of God by (your name)".** To dedicate a Sunday bulletin, call the church secretary (610-264-2641). Bulletins are \$10, altar flowers are \$35. Please pick up your flowers or have someone pick them up for you.



## H.T. YOUTH NEWS

It's been a busy couple of months, so final figures and the kids' thoughts on the 2014 30-Hour Famine will have to be included in the July/August *Tidings*. But rest assured, your checks are on their way to World Vision, so watch for them to clear soon - and thank you for your patience, as well as your generosity in sponsoring us as we fasted to raise money to fight hunger and related issues. It's about saving kids' lives!

Here's what we've been up to since the Famine:

- Your support of our shopping event on May 4th at Ten Thousand Villages helped us raise \$244.66, which will pay our \$35/month sponsorship of Nohla for seven months!! We hope that, if this was your first visit to TTV, you have found a new spot to shop for gifts that give twice - you'll support artisans in developing countries through fair trade, and you or whomever you are shopping for will receive a beautiful, hand crafted item. Enjoy! (BTW, congrats to Becky Held, who won the coloring contest at TTV in May!)
- May 10th - shelving at the Catty Food Bank for the mail carriers food collection. Unfortunately, no youth were available to go with me to shelve - but the donations were about half of what was collected May 2013, so we were able to keep up with fewer volunteers. Seems like distributing cards instead of bags for the collection resulted in a much smaller response this year. When I left the Catty Food Bank, the shelves were not even close to full, so let's keep our Holy Trinity food table at the top of our grocery lists!

Remember the new dismissal that the youth added at the end of the worship service on Easter Sunday, and at the end of our segment of the Easter program? "God's not dead...He is surely alive!" followed the usual "Christ is risen...He is risen indeed!" The new words start the refrain of the Newsboys song by the same name. The song was the featured message of the movie, *God's Not Dead*, which played at the Roxy in May. Five youth from Holy Trinity attended a special showing on May 18th, and left the theater with more than popcorn butter on their fingers and gummy candy on their molars. *God's Not Dead* involved a college freshman's defense of his Christian faith, challenging his philosophy professor's atheist views. This theme was woven into a parallel story that showed how the freshman's bold affirmation of his faith touched the lives of others on and off the university campus. Our group of 12 included 6 non-HT attendees: Rachel and Zack Held each brought a friend, which spread to four more siblings and friends coming. God surely is alive!

Speaking of affirmation of faith - it's with sadness that our confirmation class says goodbye to our 9th-graders. I know I'll miss them! Please join us on Sunday, June 8th as they affirm the vows made for them by their parents at baptism. Just as "graduation" is more correctly called "commencement", "confirmation" is better phrased as "affirmation of baptism", when our youth say "yes" to continuing in their faith and in their church family. We're preparing a special presentation that reflects Christ's call to "Do Something" - to live out our baptism.

Our laundry basket for gently-used pillowcases (Ten Thousand Villages) and old blankets and towels (Peaceable Kingdom no-kill animal shelter) will disappear soon. Before it does, please clear those forgotten items from your linen closets and blanket chests. Thank you!

Where did our display of Nohla mail go? We condensed it into the green scrapbook that you can browse through in the narthex or at second-Sunday refreshments. The album houses the letters from our South African sister, her envelopes with beautiful stamps from her homeland, copies of our letters to Nohla...then look farther for our 2014 Famine photos, and pix from our TTV shopping event.

In case you missed the temple talk by 5 of our youth on May 18th: "What's this older generation coming to?" Well, we're proud of our Holy Trinity adults, and we thank you for your continued and generous affirmation of our activities!

## SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS

Thank you to the 22+ families and individuals who contributed to the \$5 Blanket Appeal in honor of or in memory of their mothers and other special women in their lives. \$325 was received by Mother's Day. Thank you for your generous gifts, which will purchase a summer- or winter-weight blanket for a refugee or disaster victim or homeless child of God. You did Mom proud!

And now, how about Dad? June brings the opportunity to honor our fathers and other men in our lives who have provided shelter for us and seen us through the "disasters" in our lives (flat tires, broken pipes, lawn mowers that won't start...). Lutheran Congregational Services provided funds and hands-on help to victims of natural disasters. For example, LCS was there to help with relief and rebuilding after Hurricanes Katrina and Sandy. You can donate any amount and, by using the flyer (in the worship bulletin, on Holy Trinity's website, and in the June *Tidings*), you can dedicate your donation to Dad and other special men in your life. Dedications must be received by the church office by June 8th to be included in the bulletin on Father's Day, June 15th. Cards are available on the Food Table in the back of the sanctuary to convey your special thoughts to your honoree.

## SCRIP GIFT CARDS FUNDRAISER

As of May 20, 2014, we have submitted 4 orders for this awesome fundraiser! 21 individuals have placed orders since the program started in early April. This included 6 non-members - family or friends - so thanks for spreading the word! We'd like to see more orders coming in not only from those who have already placed orders, but from other Holy Trinity members as well. To date, the fundraiser has netted \$305.47 to support Holy Trinity's Christian Education program. Think what we can raise if more of us join in! Our profit has remained unaffected by shipping costs, since our Scrip coordinator has generously donated the cost of shipping for our orders.

Regular deadlines to place your order will be the second Sunday each month. We hope to receive enough orders on an ongoing basis to also place an interim order each month. Our Scrip coordinator, Joe Schwindenhammer, deposits checks in our Christian Education checking account the day after the order deadline, and submits the order electronically on Tuesday. The cards arrive on Friday, and are available for pickup at church the Sunday after the order deadline! If we have your email, we can notify you that the cards have arrived, and can make arrangements for you to get the cards on Friday evening or Saturday if you want the cards ASAP - so please write your email address on your Scrip order form.

We have used the initial profits to establish a stock of commonly-requested cards. As of this writing, the cards are still available for immediate purchase from the following retailers:

Giant Weis Home Depot Lowes Starbucks Cabela's  
Sheetz Burger King Chipotle Bed, Bath, and Beyond

See Diane Czar after worship any Sunday to tap into this stash! You can also call (610-739-6006 - no texts) or email Diane ([czarmom45@aol.com](mailto:czarmom45@aol.com)) to purchase stock cards or to place an order.

So think ***Father's Day, graduation, and summer vacation***, as well as your regular grocery, gas, and dining needs - and think ***Scrip Gift Cards!*** Orders turned in by Sunday, June 8 will be available on Friday, June 13 for Father's Day gift-giving and grilling or dining out on Sunday, June 15th! Let Dad pick out his own tools or fishing lures this year with a gift card!!! (And yes, we can get cards for Bass Pro Shops, even though it's not on the list. Ask us about other retailers that you are interested in.) Thank you for your continued support.