

THE BEACON

September 18, 2024

SERVANT OUTREACH PROJECT

Our **September** outreach project is collecting supplies for **The Free Clinic of Central Virginia**. Needed are the following products that will be given to patients: toothbrushes, dental floss, toothpaste, deodorant (both men's and women's formulas), combs, hair brushes, bath soap bars, and shampoo and conditioner (brands for all ethnicities). All items must be new and unopened. Please place items in the narthex outreach basket.

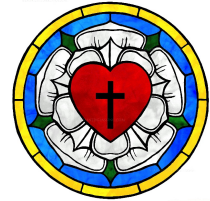
SERMON DISCUSSION GROUP

The next Sermon Discussion Group will meet Thursday, September 19, at 11:00 a.m., in the Parlor. We will discuss several previous Sunday sermons, copies of which will be provided in advance. Please make reservations in the narthex or contact the church office to receive the reading material.

PASTOR'S INFORMATION CLASS

Sunday, September 22, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
in the Parlor

This class is designed for those who would like to learn more about Martin Luther and the Lutheran Church. Join us for an overview of Lutheran Church history, theology, liturgy, the church year, ecclesiology, and life at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Please speak with Pastor Roberts for additional information.



CONFIRMATION MINISTRY

Our 2024-2025 Confirmation Ministry for youth in grades six through eight gets underway Sunday, September 22. During the Fall Term, confirmation classes will be held from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. on Sundays, September 22, September 29, October 13, November 3, and December 15. Please speak with Pastor Roberts for additional information.

TABLE TALK BOOKS HAVE ARRIVED

The next session of *Table Talk* will be held Tuesday, October 1, from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., in the Parlor. In keeping with the tradition of Martin Luther when he would gather around the table for theological discussions, participants may bring their beverage of choice to enjoy during the class. *Signs of Belonging: Luther's Marks of the Church and Christian Life* is our theme this year and the next class explores "The Word: The Story Where We Belong." Books are available for purchase in the church office for \$9.00 each.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

We will have our annual Blessing of the Animals Friday, October 4, at 5:30 p.m., on the lower lawn, weather permitting. October 4 is the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, a thirteenth century renewer of the Church who was very attuned to the care of the poor and needy and all of God's creation. Participants are asked to bring pets caged or restrained appropriately.

OKTOBERFEST

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, at 4:00 P.M.

at the home of Barb and Ted Garman, 1177 Spring Mountain Road
(Take Boonsboro Road (US 501 North) to Coffee Road.
Turn left on Coffee Road and then right on Walnut Hollow Road at Trinity Church.
Proceed on Walnut Hollow Road for .7 miles.
Turn left on Spring Mountain Road [private drive].
The Garman's house is the second one on the right.)

Enjoy the tastes, sights, and sounds of a festive evening,
including live oompah band,
a delicious catered meal by Steve Royer and Debra and Tom Schwab,
Gisela Pest's handmade *Apfelstrudel*,
and tastes from a number of Holy Trinity's *Braumeisters*.

Bring your lawn chairs. Invite your friends and neighbors.

Please make reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall or call the church office.

This fellowship event is sponsored by our Program Development Fund. A donation of \$15 per person is requested.





EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 22, 2024

The Lessons: Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 54; James 3:13 – 4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37

The liturgical color for the Season of Pentecost is green.

A coffee hour follows each service.

8:30 A.M. - SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

9:30 A.M. - SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

ADULT EDUCATION
BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
(Parlor)

Impossibilities

Chapters Twenty-one - Thirty-two

10:30 A.M. - SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION with LIVESTREAM

12:00 P.M. - SENIOR YOUTH (grades nine - twelve)

2:00 P.M. - PASTOR'S INFORMATION CLASS

4:00 P.M. - JUNIOR YOUTH (grades six - eight)

6:00 P.M. - CONFIRMATION CLASS (grades six - eight)

THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 22 - 28

<u>MONDAY,</u>	9:00 A.M.	- STRENGTH AND BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS
	9:30 A.M.	- CHAIR YOGA CLASS
	5:30 P.M.	- YOUTH BIBLE STUDY (Youth House)
	7:00 P.M.	- CONNECTING WITH GOD - <i>An Enneagram Study</i> (via Zoom)
<u>TUESDAY,</u>	5:40 P.M.	- HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
	<u>WEDNESDAY,</u>	12:10 P.M.
7:00 P.M.		- ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL
<u>THURSDAY,</u>	9:00 A.M.	- PARISH NURSE in office (until 10:00 a.m.)
	<u>FRIDAY,</u>	9:00 A.M.
9:30 A.M.		- CHAIR YOGA CLASS
11:00 A.M.		- BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP - <i>American Nations</i>

IN THE CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

Hospitalized at Lynchburg General are **Jim Rodman** and **Jim Page** (husband of Kitty Page). . . . Congratulations to **Lauren & Nik Weinmeister** on the birth of Aubrey Jane. Proud grandmother is **Teresa Weinmeister**. . . . Our sympathy to **Karen & Eric Kenny** on the death of Eric's father. . . . Our sympathy to **Janet & Ross Romanzak** on the death of Janet's brother.

TAYLOR & BOODY ORGAN WORK CONTINUES

Work continues on our Taylor & Boody organ as preparations are made for the installation of two new ranks of pipes, which are under construction in the organ builder's shop in Staunton. In addition, all of the existing organ pipes will be removed, cleaned, and re-tuned. We are utilizing the Klop continuo organ during this time when the Taylor & Boody is not available.

NEW MEMBERS TO BE RECEIVED

We will welcome new members into Holy Trinity in the coming weeks.

Please speak with Pastor Roberts if you are interested in joining our church family.

MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION

each Wednesday, from 12:10 - 12:30 p.m.

Join us for a time of spiritual nourishment as we gather for quiet reflection, prayer, the Word, and the Meal.



CONTINUING EDUCATION

Pastor Roberts will be participating in a clergy continuing education conference in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, from September 24 to 27. The event is sponsored by the Lutheran Association of Larger Churches. The theme this year is, "How Can Our Faith Bring Healing, Hope, and Grace for the Good of All in Our Divisive Culture?"

THANK YOU

Thanks to **Lucy Slagle**, coordinator; **Barb Hatin**, **Tama Howell**, and **Ann Kreft** for preparing and serving our Third Sunday Program supper; and, to **ALL** who assisted with cleanup afterwards.

CHILDREN'S and YOUTH MINISTRIES THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 22



Sunday, September 22

9:30 a.m. - Sunday Church School (age three - grade five)

12:00 p.m. - Senior Youth (grades nine - twelve)
"Getting to Know You Better"

*Let's learn more about each other. It's a great time to invite friends.
Devotion and lunch provided. Meet at the Youth House.*

4:00 p.m. - Junior Youth (grades six - eight)
"Getting to Know You"

*Ready to have some fun? Lets learn about each other.
It's a great time to invite friends. Wear shoes for running (but not too far).
Devotion and a snack provided. Meet at the Youth House.*

6:00 p.m. - Confirmation Class (grades six - eight)

Monday, September 23

5:30 p.m. - Youth Bible Study (Youth House)

BABY SUPPLY DRIVE

Thanks to all who have supported Drew, a member of Girl Scout Troop 676 which meets regularly at Holy Trinity. Drew has earned her Bronze award, which is the highest award a Junior Girl Scout can achieve, by creating a baby supply pantry at the Mother Baby Clinic at Johnson Health Center. Drew will continue to collect supplies for the pantry over the next several months. If you would like to continue to support this project and provide valuable resources for mothers and babies in the community, please place your donations of diapers, wipes, formula, and pacifiers in the box in the Fellowship Hall.



HOLY TRINITY OFFICE and STAFF EMAIL ADDRESSES

All are asked to update email address books and contact lists
to reflect the following addresses for staff and parish-related inquiries:

office@holytrinitylynchburg.org - emails for Carol Dee Robertson or for general office and administrative matters
susan@holytrinitylynchburg.org - emails for Susan Williams and all inquiries regarding youth and children's events
greene1204@comcast.net - emails for Organist-Choirmaster Bill Greene
luther.church@icloud.com - emails for Parish Nurse Gail Midkiff
dennis@holytrinitylynchburg.org - emails for Pastor Roberts

COLUMBARIUM & SCATTER GARDEN

The final phase of landscape plantings has now been completed in our columbarium renovation and scatter garden construction projects. We thank the Memorial & Fine Arts Committee for shepherding these projects through planning and execution to completion.

The Church Council has approved the following fee structure for the columbarium, memorial plaques on the base of the columbarium cross, and the scatter garden to reflect price increases in recent years for plaques and stonemason fees. Going forward, the fees are:

columbarium - \$2,000 per niche

(each niche holds the ashes of two people; cost includes containers for the ashes, plaques, stonemason fees for each opening and closing, and maintenance care)

memorial plaques - \$600 per person

(plaques on the base of the columbarium cross for people interred, inurned, or scattered elsewhere;
cost includes plaque, stonemason fee, and maintenance care)

scatter garden - \$800 per person

(cost includes plaque, stonemason fee, and maintenance care)

Please contact the church office for additional information and/or to make a purchase.

ONLINE GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Thanks to ALL for their generous, faithful, and ongoing stewardship. Please be reminded that opportunities are available through our online giving portal to make gifts to the general fund and the Rivermont Area Emergency Food Pantry. In addition, memorial gifts, challenge gifts, altar flower payments, disaster relief, world hunger relief, gifts to the Personal Hygiene bags fund, and special seasonal offerings may also be designated through the online portal. Options are available for a one-time gift or a recurring donation through either a bank transfer or a credit card. You may access the portal through our website or by downloading the VANCO Mobile app on your smart phone. Please contact Parish Administrator Carol Dee Robertson with any questions.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

Please email the church office with your current email address if you are not receiving church communications and worship links electronically. In addition, our monthly EDU.NET adult education newsletter is distributed via email. Also, there is the option to receive *The Beacon* each week via email, which helps reduce postage expenses.

THOMAS MASS

Our next *Thomas Mass* will be held Sunday, October 20, at 5:00 p.m. This service of Holy Communion is in the context of a meditative liturgy which has its roots in the Finnish Lutheran tradition. Included in this worship experience is the opportunity for informal movement between various stations for meditation and prayer. Join us for this special worship experience, especially if work, sports, or travel schedules prevent your participation on Sunday morning.



THIRD SUNDAY PROGRAM

October 20, at 6:00 p.m.

Memory Wars: Myths from Two Sides of the Atlantic

Guest Speakers:

Mallory Noe-Payne, public radio journalist

Michael Paul Williams, Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist, *Richmond Times-Dispatch*

Join our speakers as they examine how societies confront their difficult histories and sins. In particular, they consider how Germany confronted its horrific past in the wake of the Holocaust, while the U.S. still grapples with its original sin of human enslavement. Our speakers will explore “the struggles it takes for a society to change its narrative, face up to an uncomfortable past, and pave the way for atonement.”

We begin with a light supper at 6:00 p.m., followed by the program at 6:30 p.m.

Please make reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall.

2024 ALTAR FLOWERS and CANDLE TRIBUTES

The 2024 Altar Flower calendar is available on the hallway bulletin board next to the church office. Please note that no dates are reserved from previous years. **There is one remaining open date for flowers on October 27.** The cost of altar flowers is \$90 per week for two vases. Payment for altar flowers is requested *before the selected date* and should be made payable to *Holy Trinity*. There are no delivery fees or sales tax. Please contact the church office with any altar flower questions you may have.



The 2024 Candle Calendar is available in the hallway next to the church office. All are reminded of the opportunity to dedicate the candles used in worship each week to the glory of God in memory or in honor of loved ones or in celebration of special events (birthdays, baptismal anniversaries, wedding anniversaries, etc.). The tribute dedication is printed in the Sunday worship bulletins along with the altar flower dedication. Included are the altar candles, the sanctuary lamp, and candles for the *Globusleuchter*. The cost is \$20 per week, with checks made payable to *Holy Trinity*. Open dates are **November 17**; and, **December 1, 8, and 15**. Please note “Candle Fund” on the memo line. Please contact the church office with any questions.

MEALS ON WHEELS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Reception with light hors d'oeuvres

5:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 22

The Academy Center for the Arts, 600 Main Street
Short presentation in the Historic Theater at 6:30 p.m.

RSVP by October 10

434-847-0796

info@mealslynchburg.org

Ample free parking available in the parking deck across the street from the Academy.

*Half a century of nourishing our neighbors –
made possible by YOU!*

ADDITIONAL HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS NEEDED

Additional home communion ministers are needed to take the Sacrament of the Altar to our homebound members. Those interested are asked to please speak with Pastor Roberts.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY CAN HOUSE

The Can House, located in the courtyard outside of the Fellowship Hall, is a great place to deposit your crushed *aluminum* cans. The cans are taken to a recycling center for money which is designated for our next Holy Trinity Habitat for Humanity house. **Please place cans in a single bag. Do NOT put bags of cans inside bags. Do NOT put aluminum pie plates in the Can House.**

RESERVATIONS FOR CHURCH EVENTS

We are reminded that it is very important to make reservations for church events at which food will be served. In addition to helping with food purchasing and preparation, it also helps us have sufficient seating pre-set and ready in the Fellowship Hall for luncheons, suppers, etc. Reservation forms for events are available in the narthex and Fellowship Hall, or one may call or email the church office. It is also helpful to make reservations in advance rather than wait until the day of the event.

Ministers: *The People of Holy Trinity*

Organist-Choirmaster: *J. William Greene*

Parish Nurse: *Gail Midkiff*

Parish Administrator: *Carol Dee Robertson*

Director of Youth and Campus Ministries: *Susan H. Williams*

Pastor: *Dennis S. Roberts*

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