

Plantings

March 2020

Tree of Life Lutheran Church



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Office Hours: M-Th 8:30am – 1:00pm

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The forty day season known as Lent is upon us. Traditionally, Lent is seen as a time of contrition and a time of baptismal preparation. We pray, "Create in us clean hearts, O Lord." Those preparing for Easter baptisms go into a time of preparation. And the weekend scripture readings provide an amazing array of stories that instruct us in how to live "faithfully into the mind of Christ." (Sundays and Seasons 2020)

From the contrast between the hypocrites who love to be seen in public at prayer to those who pray in secret, to the woman at the well overwhelmed by the presence of one who knew her story without even asking, to the blind man who received sight from the Light of the World ... time and time again, we are reminded of our brokenness and of God's amazing grace.

I hope you'll be in worship with us to hear these amazing stories about the God "who so loved the world!"

Lenten Blessings!

Pastor Richard

Our Stewardship of Time and Treasure

Date	Sat 5 PM	Sun 8:30	SCS Att	Sun 11	Offering
1/26	84	95	101	179	\$11,613
2/2	101	89	63	188	\$11,597
2/9	85	94	68	169	\$ 8,173
2/16	84	96	47	174	\$11,793
2/23	118	91	63	177	\$ 8,832

Ash Wednesday: Noon- 65 7 PM- 170 Offering: \$958 (Hanna Pantry)

Thanks To

The children and parents who helped make and serve the Souper Bowl Soup lunch! Over \$400 was collected to support ELCA World Hunger Fund and 20 bags of food for the Ecumenical Food Pantry!

Wendy Harrison for organizing acolytes for the busy Lenten-Holy Week-Easter cycle!

The Hospitality Committee for organizing funeral luncheons following services for Michelle Peterson and Martha Parker, especially Brenda Zimmerman and Jane Seidel who took the lead!

Amy Groff for sharing her lovely children's story about a missing baby Jesus!

The Youth Group and the Fellowship Committee for a fun, fun, fun Bingo and Pizza Night!

Recent Adult Sunday School teachers- Seminarian Barnes, Dave Atkinson and Chelle Huth!

John Shutika for organizing our congregational outing to the Hershey Bears!

Jim Sommer for continued building repair efforts!

Randy McPherson for gathering up bids on future property improvement work jobs!

Benedict Dubbs for providing architectural services for bathroom renovation job!



Pastoral Acts

Holy Baptism

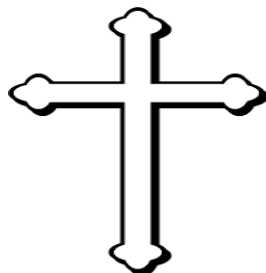
2/23/20 Olivia Steele, infant daughter of Ryan and Samantha Steele

*Let Your Light So Shine Before Others That They May See Your Good Works
and Glorify Your Father in Heaven!*

Burial of the Dead

2/19/20 Michelle Yvonne Peterson

2/21/20 Martha L. Parker



Rest Eternal, Grant Them, O Lord!

Congratulations To

Our High School Thespians ...

Harmoni McElhatten, East Pennsboro, "Sister Act"

Alex Watkins and Cassidy Lowman, Central Dauphin, "Chicago"

New Member

In February, we welcomed Samantha Steele into membership. Samantha is married to Ryan Steele and is the daughter in law of Pete and Randi Steele. She is a teacher in the Central Dauphin School system.

Thanks to TLC

Thank you for your recent gift to help Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania. Your support allows us to advocate for policies that address hunger, poverty, human dignity and the stewardship of our common home. Yours in Christ, Tracey DePasquale, LAMPa Director

Thank you for your generous gift for the ministries of ELCA Global Church. Your support enables us to send missionaries to foreign countries and provides scholarships to international women leaders. With gratitude, Rahel Mwitula Williams, Director, ELCA Global Mission Funding, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Thank you for supporting the work of Lutheran World Relief to help those affected by natural disasters. Please accept our thanks for your gift and all that it will do. God Bless! Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhard (ret). President and CEO, Lutheran World Relief

Thank you for helping change lives in 2019. Your support was felt by people in need around the world. We even sent quilts and blankets overseas. None of this would be possible without your support. Blessings, Carla Blakley, Director of Community and Donor Relation, Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Social Ministry Request

Do you crochet and have some spare time? If you answered yes, please consider crocheting prayer shawls for our Social Ministry Committee to distribute to anyone in need. Please contact Debbie Clark by email dmyersclark@gmail.com or by phone 717-608-2847 leave a message or text.

Pet Ministry

The Pet Ministry would like to thank everyone who donated items for the 2nd Chance for Life Ranch Animal Rescue. We dropped off a huge amount of dog beds, dog and cat toys, food, blankets, cleaning supplies, gift cards and more. The Rescue asked me to thank the congregation for their generosity. You can check out the donations on the Church Facebook page.



Manna Food Pantry

Manna Food Pantry supplies food, clothing and personal care items to anyone who is low income or in poverty in three areas of Harrisburg. They are in need of canned vegetables and fruits (no glass containers) such as corn, green beans, carrots, sauerkraut, red beets, tomato puree, paste, or sauce, or any type of fruit. Please put the items into the Date Crate box in the Narthex under the bulletin board. Thank you for your generosity.

VBS 2020

VBS 2020 will be here in a flash. June 8-12, 9-noon. We are reprising *Marketplace AD 29*, or if you prefer CE 29! for the first time in 18 years. Nathaniel the Disreputable Camel Trader will be back...and he is sneakier and shiftier than ever! And he's older than dirt. The twelve tribes of Israel will wander the marketplace for games, and crafting, and singing and dancing, storytelling, and of course, feasting on the fare of the Marketplace cooks. There will be a carpenter, maybe basket weavers, claymakers, and sightings of the disciples of Jesus. All of this will happen June 8-12, 9-noon. WE NEED LOTS OF HELP! LOOK FOR SIGN-up sheets soon. WE NEED ADULT AND YOUTH HELPERS, AND WILL HAVE REGISTRATION FORMS FOR KIDS, age 2- Grade 5. **LET THE GAMES BEGIN!!!!!!**



Feeding the 5000

Feeding the 5000 is a program that was started at TLC in July 2015 and is run through the Social Ministry committee. Once a week, on Thursday morning at 5:30 AM a group of dedicated volunteers prepare meals for approximately 400 people. They are delivered to some of the local homeless shelters or soup kitchens in the area including Bethesda Mission and Downtown Daily Bread. The original program goal was to feed 5000 hungry people a year. In 2019, we prepared approximately 20,425 meals. Our goal in 2020 is to prepare another 20,000 meals. We can always use more volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, please contact LuAnn Wilkinson-Doyle at luashopper72@gmail.com. If you would like to donate food, we can always use the following: (#10 Cans/ 105 oz.) diced or crushed tomatoes, tomato sauce, and any vegetable: diced potatoes, green beans, peas, great northern beans, black beans, etc. Also 1 pound boxes of penne pasta or rotini pasta and 10 pound bags of parboiled rice are appreciated. Thank you.

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Mission Statement

Welcome in love to Tree of Life Lutheran Church, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America! We Affirm that we are a community called and empowered by God through Word and Sacrament. We Believe that Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, sends us into the world to share God's love through our words and actions. Though we are a community shaped by diverse traditions, we affirm one Lord, who is revealed as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and one Faith, that brings all peoples together. We Commit ourselves to a life of worship, service, fellowship, education and witness in this place, in the world, and to each other. To this purpose we pledge our time, talent, and treasure, and invite all persons to share in the growth of the Christian ministry of Tree of Life Lutheran Church.