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TRINITY TRUMPET

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

WHAT'S NEW?

Bonhoeffer Lunch

October 6 @ 11am

Tapping into Theology

October 9 @ 6:30pm

Youth Bowling

October 13 @ 11am

Confirmation

October 20 @ 12pm

LutherFest

October 27 @ 11am

Turning a new leaf

As we begin to welcome back some of those who have fled to the North for the summer, and those that will be escaping the snow, we look to a new season at Holy Trinity.

People at our church have been taking time to look around this summer. They have looked into three areas: people, technology and economics. The council and ministry team leaders will be reporting to the

congregation in the next few months about how they see the Spirit moving in and among us, and how we are being called to make God's love known in our community and around the world.

So keep your eyes open, because God's spirit is stirring among us, calling us to be a witness to God's love and grace in the world.

-Pastor Chris

"One stitch at a time"

The prayer shawl ministry has been picking up dropped stitches at Karen Ewart's house since 2010.

"Normally we just do shawls," says Karen as she lays out colorful hats and scarves for the Frontera Mission. "They go to anyone that needs one."

Gathering in Karen's living room every Thursday night, people pick their favorite chair and set down to chatting and diligently crocheting.

If there isn't enough yarn from donations, they bring it themselves. Paulina Ulmer sat crocheting a shawl using yarn in a bag that she, herself, had previously crocheted.

"One of the reasons why I joined this church is because I learned they make prayer shawls," says Frances Kinder.

Karen declares that anyone (men included) would enjoy receiving a shawl. "It doesn't matter who you



► Getting ready for the Frontera Mission (above). Paulina Ulmer crocheting a prayer shawl (left).

are," she says.

While some nights see more people than others, the work goes on "one stitch at a time," says Dorothy Biewer.

HT Heroes: A greener garden

Like many Holy Trinity congregants, Jeff and Rita Karsten visited our campus one day and quickly found their 'niche'.

"I plan out the design and purchase the materials and Jeff implements it," Rita says.

The couple has been tending the plants in the Memorial Garden since 2009. A lover

of gardening, Rita waters and trims the Elephant Bush, lantana shrubs, snake plants, and oleander most weekend mornings.

While Rita works, Jeff ensures the fountain continues to flow. His experience with his at-home koi pond has found a place here for the past six years.

Knowing they can always do more, the Karstens volunteer to clean up folks' yards every time our Day of Service comes around.

They also serve on the property committee, and Jeff serves on council. "We love to give back to our community," they said.



▶ Jeff and Rita Karsten sit among the lantana flowers near the Memorial Garden.

Know an HT Hero?

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New Liturgy

All this talk of Dietrich and schnitzel, gese and oompa has led me down the *Kaninchenbau* (rabbit-hole) of German folk song in my effort to capture the local culture that I imagine Pastor Chris experienced during her sabbatical.

In between teasing my ears with the hollers of yodelers and the belches of bandoneons, I've taken to arranging a new musical liturgy for worship this month.

Don't worry; I left out the yodeling (mostly).

The liturgy—which I'm calling "Folkwise"—uses language I adapted from our cranberry ELW hymnals set to tunes from across centuries of the German folk music tradition.

While the melodies are mostly new to us, the character is jovial and familiar. I hope you enjoy singing them with me this October! *Prost!*

-Charles

HT Events: New Bible Study

The Life and Ministry of St. Paul

Rev. Annemarie Burke, instructor

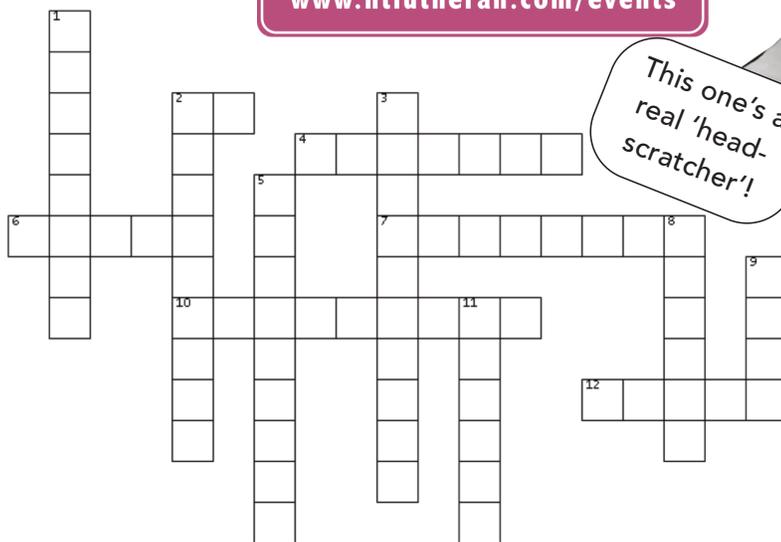
When: Wednesday nights at 6:30pm

Where: Youth Room and on Zoom



Did you know?

You can sign up for events at www.htlutheran.com/events



ACROSS

- 2. O'Doul's
- 4. The food that the Holy Trinity staff subsists on
- 6. A German drink

DOWN

- 7. A shiny instrument
- 10. A friendly time to discuss issues and enjoy a beverage
- 12. Cheers

DOWN

- 1. The "A" in "HAT"
- 2. The lectionary we're using
- 3. A German Lutheran pastor
- 5. Martin Luther wrote a small one of these
- 8. Where's Pastor Bernie?
- 9. Don't call this a hot dog
- 11. A great place to travel to with Cheryl Jones this year