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TRINITY TRUMPET

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



Welcome back, Pastor Chris!

This was followed by my trip to Amsterdam and Germany. Two places I had never been! My time in Berlin was especially meaningful as I learned about Dietrich Bonhoeffer while sitting in the house where the conspiracy to assassinate Hitler was being formed.

the phone calls, but not to be away from the community I love. I am happy and excited to be back! Let's see what the next chapter brings.

-Pastor Chris

It is good to be back with you all! Three months seemed like a long time to be away, but I am thankful for this time to reconnect with family and friends.

My sabbatical time began with my annual trek to Lutheridge Camp in Asheville, NC with grandson Oliver. We have been making this trip to Grancamp for the last four years.

This was followed by cousin time where Oliver and Chance got to spend time at Hilton Head. Just watching them reconnect (since they live on different coasts) was exciting.

I also had a chance to see where Bonhoeffer went to school, his childhood home and where he was held in prison. I now have a deeper meaning of this time period.

A final trip up the coast to see my parents, sisters and friends on the East Coast with Oliver topped off the sabbatical.

Again, I want to thank you for my time to be renewed. As someone said to me, "I was prepared for my pastor to be away, but not my friend"—I feel the same way about you all. I was prepared to be without

WHAT'S NEW?

New Members Class
September 15 @ 11am

Kids Water Day
September 15 @ 11am

Confirmation Orientation
September 15 @ 12pm

CLC Repainting
September 23-26

Bonhoeffer Lunch
October 6 @ 11am

What is "HAT"?

Since its inception in 2012, Holy Trinity's Homeless Advocacy Team (HAT) ministry has served and hosted thousands of people experiencing homelessness.

The HAT ministry acts as a part of Chandler's Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program (I-HELP), which provides over 6,700 emergency shelter nights to homeless adults. Nearly 50% of clients are supported to employment and over 30% to housing.

Outside organizations often partner with HAT to assist in serving food and cleaning up. The Kiwanis Club spent a Thursday night in August joining our regular HAT ministry members.

When asked why she participates

in the Kiwanis Club, Diane Schal said, "I feel I need to give back because I have been so blessed with everything I've gotten in my life."

"These people are wonderful," said Schal, referring to the guests.

"They've hit hard times and I need to give back to them."

Regular volunteers like Karen Ewart and Mary Larsen can be spotted preparing food and talking with participants in the program. The meals are simple; spaghetti with meatballs or pizza and salad. This time, participants were able to enjoy a slice of cake in honor of Karen's birthday.



Members of the Kiwanis Club, who volunteer once a month alongside Holy Trinity's HAT members.



Karen Ewart, enjoying some cake for her birthday.

Street Light Saga

The north parking lot street light has been fixed! Thank you, Emil and APS.



Ken Salwitz.

Each month, we're taking time to recognize one of the unsung people who works to make our community better: our "HT Hero." This month's hero is Ken Salwitz.

HT Hero of the Month

"You must be talking about my wife," Ken said when approached about being nominated.

"I'm just humbled and overwhelmed. It feels so good to be recognized."

Holy Trinity members since 2006, Ken and his wife, Lee, have been serving food and taking care of people experiencing homelessness since 2015 as volunteers in

our Homeless Advocacy Team (HAT) ministry.

"I'm passionate about helping others that are less fortunate," says Salwitz.

Next time you see Ken, ask him how you can get involved serving meals to guests in our CLC or taking home sheets to be washed.

Do you know an HT Hero?

Scan the QR code below to nominate the next HT Hero!



www.htlutheran.com/heroes