



# *TRINITY HIGHLIGHTS*

## *JANUARY 2022*

*The monthly newsletter of  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
Greencastle, PA*

Dear Family,

It's hard to say good-bye. We have worked hard these last three years in ministry together and accomplished much. Reformation Sunday, the R3 Renewal Team unveiled a display celebrating the amazing foundation Trinity has built.

We formed a vision statement which hangs prominently in the narthex. **TLC Renews.** Trinity is a congregation continuing to **T**rust God, **L**ove and **C**onnect with God and one another **R**eaching out to all God's children. This vision is what "Sharing Christ in Word and Deed" looks like which is God's mission for Trinity.

In conversation with one another, we created 4 principles to guide our ministry moving forward. At our best, Trinity is passionate about God; feeds the hungry emotionally, physically, and spiritually; is open, welcoming and friendly; and has the courage to use our gifts in the community.

We have learned to care and support one another when we're struggling. We've learned to open our holy huddles and embrace each other in fellowship. We've learned the importance of coming together in worship to be fed and nourished by God so that healed and made whole we can move out with Christ into our neighborhood.

Our ministries to feed the hungry emotionally, physically and spiritually have been far reaching. We have collected food for the food pantry, school supplies for needy children and turkeys for the Thanksgiving give away. The last two Christmases we adopted two families who wouldn't have had a Christmas otherwise. We were the site for a suicide prevention training and hosted two health fairs. During Covid we were the only congregation supporting the food pantry with food donations. Since March 2020 we have been a presence on-line with worship services downloaded to Facebook, YouTube and our website. Amazing!

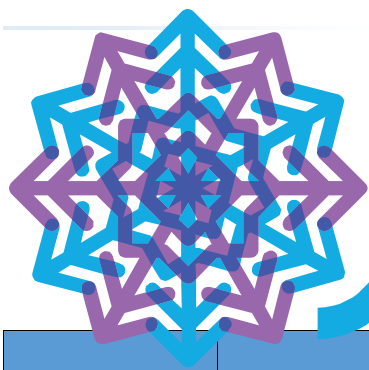
Now, as we turn our calendars to a new year, the Lord is doing yet another new thing. Trinity is called to step up and take greater ownership of the ministries of the church. This will be a time where all hands are needed on deck. Everyone's gifts are needed to keep the wheels of ministry turning, building on the foundation already in place.

Transitions are hard! Yet, it's in the struggle that we grow spiritually because we learn to lean in and trust God more completely. As I move out into my call to interim ministry and you move out into your call to continue to be passionate about God, care for one another and minister to your neighbors in Greencastle, may we all open our hearts, sense God's presence, and listen for God's direction. We don't walk alone. God walks with us into the unknown. We can trust God's promises.

God bless you on your journey,

*Pastor Barb*





# JANUARY 2022

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| 2<br>Sunday School<br>9AM<br><i>Worship in<br/>Sanctuary and<br/>Facebook Live<br/>10 AM</i>                      | 3<br><br>AA 7PM  | 4<br><br><i>Young Adult<br/>Zoom 7PM</i>                  | 5                     | 6   | 7<br><br>AA 7PM  | 8   |
| 9<br>Sunday School<br>9AM<br><i>Worship in<br/>Sanctuary and<br/>Facebook Live<br/>10 AM<br/>Fellowship Time</i>  | 10<br><br>AA 7PM | 11<br><br><i>Finance 7PM<br/>Young Adult<br/>Zoom 7PM</i> | 12<br><br>Council 7PM | 13  | 14<br><br>AA 7PM | 15  |
| 16<br>Sunday School<br>9AM<br><i>Worship in<br/>Sanctuary and<br/>Facebook Live<br/>10 AM</i>                     | 17<br><br>AA 7PM | 18<br><br><i>Young Adult<br/>Zoom 7PM</i>                 | 19                    | 20  | 21<br><br>AA 7PM | 22  |
| 23<br>Sunday School<br>9AM<br><i>Worship in<br/>Sanctuary and<br/>Facebook Live<br/>10 AM<br/>Fellowship Time</i> | 24<br><br>AA 7PM | 25<br><br><i>Young Adult<br/>Zoom 7PM</i>                 | 26                    | 27  | 28<br><br>AA 7PM | 29  |
| 30<br>Sunday School<br>9AM<br><i>Worship in<br/>Sanctuary and<br/>Facebook Live<br/>10 AM</i>                     | 31<br><br>AA 7PM |   |                       |     |                  |     |

# January Worship Assistants

|                     | JANUARY 2           | JANUARY 9         | JANUARY 16        | JANUARY 23     | JANUARY 30          |
|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Liturgist           | Dave Wolfe          | Scott Valentine   | Don Swart         | Dave Wolfe     | Scott Valentine     |
| Ushers              | Donna Wolfe         | Alan Shank        | Charlie Ford      | Darrell Swart  | Donna Wolfe         |
| Singer              | Hannah Ruffner      | Matt Cessna       | Hannah Ruffner    | Matt Cessna    | Ella Swart          |
| IT Ministry         | IT Team             | IT Team           | IT Team           | IT Team        | IT Team             |
| Communion Preparers | Charlie & Beth Ford | Bud & Donna Wolfe | Don & Carol Swart | Sue Wunderlich | Charlie & Beth Ford |

## COVENANT OF CLOSURE

For the health and well being of congregations, pastors are required to sign a Covenant of Closure. A summary of the covenant Pastor Barb signed with Darrell Swart, acting president of council is below:

*When the Holy Spirit leads a pastor to a new call or into retirement, relationships, however strong, must change for the future health of both the congregation and the pastor. For the congregation to move forward, its members need to accept fully the authority and guidance of succeeding pastors, both interim and called, even as they cherish the memory and leadership of the former pastor. For former pastors to live into their new lives of service or retirement, they need to surrender pastoral authority and sever pastoral ties with their former congregations and their people.*



## HOMEBOUND MINISTRY TEAM

A homebound ministry team has been formed. It is important that our homebound family not get lost in the transition. Until an interim is called the team, Charlie Ford, Alice Marsh, Carol Swart and Donna Wolfe, will visit those homebound who can receive visitors and call the others once each month. Deacon Phyllis McCullough will call each homebound member monthly as well so there are two contacts each month.

Please take time to pray for the team that God will bless their ministry with gifts for compassion and comfort. Please pray that the homebound might experience God's love, peace and comfort.

## EMERGENCY PASTORAL CARE

Pastor Martin and Pastor Denise Horn have agreed to provide pastoral care for hospital visits and funerals until an interim pastors is called to Trinity. If you have a pastoral emergency and need care they can be contacted at 717-593-0924.



## THURSDAY PRAYER CONTINUES

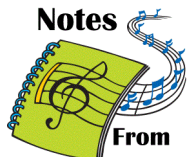
Please continue to set your alarm for 6PM on Thursday evenings and take an intentional moment to hold your Trinity family of faith in prayer. Praise God for providing you with what you need to do God's work in Greencastle. Our God is a God of Abundance. Ask for God's help and guidance during this transition. Ask the Holy Spirit to set the congregation on fire, remove complacency and soften hearts to listen and notice what God is doing. Ask God to continue to raise up leaders to move the congregation to ever deeper relationship with God and one another.



## Please stay after the Epiphany Service January 9th

to take down the Christmas decorations.  
Many hands make light work!

## Notes



From  
Saundra

## MUSIC NOTES

As we embark on a new year, I am prayerfully and earnestly asking what the Lord wants to do in the hearts and lives of those who name Trinity as their church home. We have seen God provide - Jehovah Jireh, a reflection of His name declared by Abraham in Genesis 22:14! He called Pastor Barb out of a comfortable situation to be our pastor at a lower salary than she was making before, and she has been faithful to make time to listen to God's voice and declare His word to us. The partnership in ministry with her has been an amazing privilege and one which I am going to miss! God provided funds through various generous people! God helped shuffle personnel and service times when these were difficult decisions to make! God provided the free gift of Zak Reynolds' organ playing and Brandon Sidoli's tech expertise when these were needed! I am sure we can rely on His ongoing provision as along as we continue to place our faith in Him and make ourselves available to Him! I believe God's words in Isaiah 44:21 apply: "Remember these things. . . I have formed you, you are My servant. . . . You will not be forgotten by Me."

I will continue to strive to keep the music fresh and worshipful with plenty of variety. I am grateful, as always, for the involvement of volunteers in Sunday morning ministry. Hannah Ruffner will be with us most of January. Ella Swart is excited about singing regularly. Matt Cessna remains a faithful part of the music ministry, even as Scott Valentine steps away from singing for a time to preach sometimes and fill the role of assisting minister other times. He, along with James Thomas and Ivan Wingert, remain committed to the Media Shout ministry. And Beth Ford, Tom Sidoli and Darrell Swart will continue to take turns acting as sound and Facebook Live techs. The service just wouldn't be the same without each and all of these folks!

I also would like to express my thanks to the congregation for the very generous end-of-year gift I received as presented by Darrell Swart at Pastor's farewell luncheon Dec. 26!

I will close with the verse I shared in the November newsletter because it is such a hopeful promise for 2022: "Behold I am making all things new," declares the Lord as recorded in Revelation 21:5!!!



### ALTAR FLOWER CHANGES

The first silk arrangement has been donated and placed on the altar for the Christmas/Epiphany season. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive so that there is no need for a survey.

- For the present, 4 more sets of flowers will need to be purchased for the major Church seasons:  
Advent, Lent, Easter and Pentecost.
- Live flowers can still be used. Ordering, pick up, cleaning up the flowers after the service and notifying the office so the information can be in the bulletin are the responsibility of the person sponsoring them.
- Each set of 2 silk flower arrangements will be \$150. If you are interested in donating a set for one of the other Church seasons, please contact the office at 717-597-9348 or [tlcsecoffice@gmail.com](mailto:tlcsecoffice@gmail.com)

### FELLOWSHIP TIME

Fellowship Hour is now the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month after worship. Everyone enjoys staying after the worship service, having conversation and getting reacquainted. Plan to stay!



### WORSHIP AT TRINITY

Worship is an important ministry at Trinity. It may be a month or two before an interim is called. God has blessed Trinity with three competent pastors who will lead worship until an interim is called. Special thanks to Don

Swart, Scott Valentine and Dave Wolfe for answering God's call to share their gifts with the congregation.

During the Communion worship service on December 26, Pastor Barb blessed the box of pre-packaged Communion Kits. Those kits will be stored in the sanctuary and used over the coming Sundays for Communion. The words of Institution will reflect that blessing.



### HYMN SING JANUARY 30

The worship team has scheduled a hymn sing as part of the Worship Service on January 30. Please send in the name of your favorite hymn to the office [tlcsecoffice@gmail.com](mailto:tlcsecoffice@gmail.com).



Dear Family,

Today, December 26, we celebrated our time of ministry together and prayed good-bye and God speed for one another. We have spent several years building a firm foundation through the R3 program. Now, God is calling me away and the congregation has a chance to step up and own the ministry. You will be in my prayers daily as you pray for direction and guidance from the Holy Spirit. Everyone's gifts will be needed in this time of transition.

I appreciate the privilege of serving as your pastor. It has been a pleasure walking with you as we explored who we are and whose we are as a family of faith. Anchored in God's love, you have everything you need to move forward in ministry.

Thank you for all of the cards, gifts, and money I received the past few weeks. I appreciate the love and well wishes as God calls me to a new form of ministry. We both will be learning new skills and deeper trust.

The lunch after the service today filled my heart as we celebrated ministry with wonderful food and spirited conversation. You could feel the crackle of the Holy Spirit in the room. Thank you for the gift of a garment bag for my Alb and stoles. I have been using a trash bag. The garment bag is not only classic and lovely; I will look a bit more professional.

Please know I will be holding Trinity daily in prayer as I covet your prayers.

God bless you on your journey!

*Pastor Barb*



*Farewell Lunch  
Sunday, December 26, 2021*





## FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Barbara Graine at the Greencastle Food Pantry is asking for our help to stock the shelves for fall and winter. To help us focus our efforts, each week we'll assign a food item. Please bring the assigned item when you come to worship to place in the box in the narthex or place it in the box by the front door anytime.

- January 2 – Peanut butter
- January 9 – Pancake mix and syrup
- January 16 – Ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise
- January 23 – Vegetable oil
- January 30 - Cereal

## WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN GOD?

The Renewal Team continues to invite our family to notice God active in our lives. The more we notice God in our lives; the more we'll see God as the anchor on which we stand both personally and as a family of faith. **Send us your God moments and we will share them next week in the Parish News.** *Here are some ways our congregation saw God this week:*

- Holding the lighted candle and singing *Silent Night* during the service on Christmas Eve.
- I saw God this week when I sat and prayed with a friend who is dying of cancer. We talked about what is to come – God's loving arms holding her.
- Having fellowship with my friends for breakfasts and birthdays. Nice time by all!

***Send us your God moments and we will share them each week!***



*Adopt A Family Gifts  
2021*

*Heritage  
Christmas Stand  
2021*



God has blessed Trinity with an abundance. Many of our family give time, talent and supplies behind the scenes so our work as the people of God can happen. Each month we will take some time to say thank you. You are appreciated!

If you know of someone who should be on this list, call the office.

- The members of our Trinity family who faithfully support the ministry of Trinity with their tithes stopping by the office, mailing in their donations or using Simply Giving or the on-line Give button on the website.
- The members of our Trinity family who generously donated Christmas gifts and food for the family we adopted for Christmas. The family was grateful!
- Donna Wolfe for coordinating the Adopt A Family project
- Tru Precision Lawn Care donated materials and labor to trim the trees and weed and mulch the flower beds for the winter. The grounds look lovely!
- Sandra Wingert who tirelessly plans music to fit the themes of worship and coordinates singers, musicians and the sound room schedule and, in addition, has learned to play the organ.
- Worship, especially Christmas Worship, isn't possible without committed faithful disciples helping with the details.
  - \* Communion preparers
  - \* Assisting Ministers
  - \* People who stayed after worship to put up decorations and assemble the pew candles and candleabras.
  - \* People who changed the paraments and hung the banners
  - \* People in the sound room working with the screen, sound, and camera
  - \* People lighting the pew candles before worship Christmas Eve and for Lessons and Carols
  - \* Readers for Lessons and Carols
  - \* Singers
  - \* Gather and Marie Deans provided the handheld Christmas candles

## THANK YOU!

I want to thank everyone for the surprise Christmas gift. It is hard to believe that I've worked here at Trinity for 5 years. You have all been so very kind and supportive and I appreciate your help. These next few months will be a new adventure but I know that God will be there with us to see us through.

Thank you again!  
*Carol Hughes*



The formal R3 Renewal program is completed. However, the work is just beginning! Trinity's task is now to build on the foundation laid these past few years. Everyone's gifts are needed for Trinity to continue God's ministry.

The renewal team will be meeting regularly to discover new ways for the congregation to move out in ministry. Please keep the team in your prayers and most importantly join in the work and the excitement of serving. Vital, dynamic, growing congregations serve, play and worship together.

### **JANUARY SPECIAL APPEAL**

The Special Appeal for January is the Franklin County Homeless Shelter and the Cold Weather Drop-In Shelter. If you desire to make a donation, please mark your envelope for "Special Appeal".

### **2022 SPECIAL APPEALS**

The following is a list of the Special Appeals for 2022:

January - Franklin County Homeless Shelter and Cold Weather Shelter  
February - Habitat for Humanity  
March - Waynesboro Area Community and Human Services  
April - Project Big Love  
May - Hospice - Spiritual Trust  
June - Youth Education  
July - Companion Congregation  
August - ELCA World Hunger  
September - Greencastle Food Bank  
October - Lutheran World Relief  
November - Greencastle Exchange Club  
December - Women in Need

### **2022 CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Darrell Swart - President  
Donna Wolfe - Secretary  
Don Swart  
Matt Cessna  
Tom Sidoli  
Beth Ford  
Dr. Robin Witmer-Kline  
*Not Voting Council Members*  
Pam Arnold - Financial Secretary  
Carol Swart - Treasurer



### **WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE**

The Worship and Music Committee would like to thank Doris and Ralph Burdick for their leadership of the committee over the past several years. They have completed their move to Chambersburg and will be attending a church in the Chambersburg area. We hope to see them on occasion when the weather turns warmer. Sue Wunderlich and Doug McCullough will be co-chairs of the committee.

### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 12-12-2021**

Congregational Meeting was called to order by President Darrell Swart. There were 21 voting members present and 4 members on Zoom.

James Thomas made a motion to call to order, seconded by Dave Wolfe and others.

A motion was made by Keith Arnold and seconded by James Thomas to accept the agenda regarding adoption of the budget and council members.

Pastor Barb led devotions, Romans 8 and prayer.

#### Adoption of Council members:

Matt Cessna – Renewed for second three year term  
Dr. Robin Witmer-Kline and Beth Ford for first three year term.

A motion by James Thomas and seconded by Dave Wolfe to accept.

Budget – Pam Arnold gave a presentation on where we stand regarding the budget. Pastor was to receive a \$200 increase in salary. Nothing extra in budget only expenses. Income - \$154,164. Deficit - \$26,447 for a total of \$180,611.

Motion by Council to accept budget. Seconded by James Thomas. Question was asked as to how we can overcome deficit. Currently \$18,000 deficit. No where to cut anything more.

Accepting budget for 2022. Motion carried. Trinity cash flow YTD: General - \$3,633; Spiritual home - \$14,790.

Consistent givers 32-41.

Covid PPP Loan Forgiven

Received two large gifts - \$87,862.71 Tithed 10% of gift  
Expense - \$21,200 to replace two heating units.

#### 2022 Planned Changes:

Combine General Fund and Spiritual Home Fund. Combined and reported as a single unit. Benevolence and Special Appeal remains the same.

#### Future Outlook:

Roof - \$26,000

Parking lot repairs - \$38,000

Organ repairs - \$3,000

Savings and checking expected to last approximately 5 years. Pray what God's plans for us!

**GOD WILL BE GOD. Let us not become weary.**

-Galatians 9.

Pastor submitted resignation, waiting to hear from Synod.

A motion to adjourn was made by Doug McCullough and seconded by Don Berger.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Wolfe, Secretary