



TRINITY HIGHLIGHTS

FEBRUARY 2022

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

Dear Family in Christ,

I am Pastor Denise Horn, your Interim Minister. I will be working with you for a time until either a new pastor is called, we extend my 1-year contract, or we decide another arrangement is necessary.

I am married to Pastor Martin Horn who serves ELC, Greencastle. We have three adult children: Michael, who resides in Springfield, IL, and Rachel and Tim who both reside in Greencastle. We also have two elderly cats, Milo and Leo.

As to my schooling, I have a Bachelor's degree in Sociology and History from the University of Connecticut, and I studied at the Lutheran Seminary in Philadelphia and Gettysburg Seminary. I have been pastoring at Salem, Marion for the last 19 years, 4 months.

I was born and raised Lutheran, growing up at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Torrington, CT, and felt called to ministry as an adolescent.

I am from Northwestern Connecticut and yes, I am a dyed in the wool New Englander, and YES, I love the winter especially if it snows! I keep an ear to Sports. I follow the New England Patriots, Pittsburgh Steelers, and sometimes even the Eagles. I've been a Red Sox fan since I was a child. I follow Premier League Football (soccer) mainly Arsenal FC, as well as the New England Revolution and the Midnight Riders. I also keep an ear to Wales, Rugby. I do this to keep up with my sons.

Some of my hobbies include gardening with my daughter, growing trees, music, mainly classical, but also folk and I don't mind a bit of Beatles now and then. I am an amateur Astronomer as well, and Pastor Martin and I have a telescope that we pull out on occasion. I like to build jigsaw puzzles, read British mysteries and occasionally crochet.

My devotional practice is journaling and in my time of journaling I write out prayers for various folks and other concerns I have. I will be praying with you and for you, and ask that you pray for me, for Trinity, and for one another.

I look forward to meeting all of you and walking with you on this journey. I wish you all God's blessings, and don't hesitate to call or email me.

In Christ,

Pastor Denise





FEBRUARY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>Young Adult Zoom 7PM</i>	2 Worship & Music 7PM	3	4 AA 7PM	5
6 Sunday School 9AM <i>Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM</i>	7 AA 7PM	8 <i>Finance 7PM Young Adult Zoom 7PM</i>	9 Council 7PM	10	11 AA 7PM	12
13 Sunday School 9AM <i>Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM Fellowship Time</i>	14 AA 7PM	15 <i>Young Adult Zoom 7PM</i>	16	17	18 AA 7PM	19
20 Sunday School 9AM <i>Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM</i>	21 AA 7PM	22 <i>Young Adult Zoom 7PM</i>	23	24	25 AA 7PM	26
27 Sunday School 9AM <i>Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM Fellowship Time</i>	28 AA 7PM					

February Worship Assistants

	FEBRUARY 6	FEBRUARY 13	FEBRUARY 20	FEBRUARY 27
Assisting Minister	Dave Wolfe	Don Swart	Scott Valentine	Don Swart
Ushers	Donna Wolfe	Alan Shank	Charlie Ford	Darrell Swart
Singer	Matt Cessna	Ella Swart	Ella Swart	Matt Cessna
IT Ministry	IT Team	IT Team	IT Team	IT Team
Communion Preparers	Bud & Donna Wolfe	Don & Carol Swart	Sue Wunderlich	Charlie & Beth Ford



PLANS FOR LENT

Lent begins this year on Ash Wednesday, March 2. Trinity will be joining with the members of Salem, Marion and Evangelical, Greencastle for weekly Wednesday evening services. Location of the services will rotate between the churches. The theme for the services will be *Open My Life, Lord*.

More information will be shared about schedules and locations in the coming weeks.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY TEAM

A homebound ministry team has been formed. It is important that our homebound family not get lost in the transition. Charlie Ford, Alice Marsh, Carol Swart and Donna Wolfe, will visit those who are 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.

FELLOWSHIP TIME

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



WORSHIP TIME HAS CHANGED!

Sunday morning worship services will now begin at

10:15 AM!

The later time will allow Pastor Denise time to travel from Salem in Marion to Trinity. Worship will continue to be streamed at 10:15 AM on Facebook Live and then on YouTube.

Sunday School for all ages will continue to be held at 9AM. Fellowship Time will be held following worship on the second and fourth Sundays of the month.

Pastor Denise Horn is serving as Trinity's Interim Pastor. Pastor Denise serves at Salem Lutheran Church in Marion. Pastor Denise will be with us beginning February 1st on a third time basis.



Thursdays will be her office day here at Trinity.

MUSIC NOTES FROM SAUNDRA



As I have keenly felt the loss of Pastor Barb - the depth of her spiritual walk, the strength of her leadership - I keep my verse for the year in front of me: "Behold, I make all things new." (God's words from Revelation 21:5) As we

welcome Pastor Denise Horn as Interim and the search for a new pastor begins, it seems appropriate that we declare in song from Jeremiah 32:17, "Ah, Lord God. . . *NOTHING* is too difficult for Thee!!!"

My sincere thanks continues to go out to Carol Hughes and to the volunteers who enhance the music ministry at Trinity: Matt Cessna and Ella Swart as they alternate Sundays singing; James Thomas and Ivan Wingert as they man Media Shout which Scott Valentine prepares every week; Beth Ford, Tom Sidoli and Darrell Swart serving as technicians during services; Hannah Ruffner and Brandon Sidoli as they shared their talents while home on Christmas break; and to those who were excited to be part of the choir for Lessons and Carols - Matt Cessna, Gaither and Marie Dean, Sally Funk, Phyllis McCullough, Hannah Ruffner, Ella Swart, Scott Valentine and Sue Wunderlich!

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



Christmas at Trinity with new altar arrangements

ELCA YOUTH GATHERING

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) has announced that the 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering has been canceled due to the ongoing pandemic, the recent COVID-19 surge and public health considerations. The Gathering pre-events — the Multicultural Youth Leadership Event (MYLE) and the tAble, the ELCA gathering for youth with disabilities — have also been canceled.

An announcement today from the ELCA Youth Gathering states: "We know there are thousands of young people who will not get to experience the Gathering, and our hearts break for them. This was not an easy decision, and we ask for your prayers and your grace. We understand the impact this decision will have on our youth, volunteers and planning teams, and we hope to return to Minneapolis for a future Gathering."

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.

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.

February 6 - Dry pasta or noodles

February 13 - Pasta Sauce in plastic jars or cans

February 20 - Pancake mix and syrup

February 26 - Canned chicken

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:

- This week when one of my students narrowly missed being hit by a school bus.
- In the gift of life.

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

FEBRUARY SPECIAL APPEAL

The Special Appeal for February is Habitat for Humanity. Families in need of a decent place to live build safe and affordable homes in partnership with Habitat for Humanity. In Franklin County, Habitat builds decent affordable houses in partnership with participant families, then sells those homes with very affordable mortgages.

DISCOUNT CARD FUNDRAISER IS BACK!

The SpiriTrust Lutheran Chambersburg Auxiliary is currently selling discount cards featuring a variety of local merchants. The cost of each card is \$5.00. A copy of the card

is on the bulletin board in the Lobby so you can see which businesses are included. To purchase cards, please see Sue Snyder or call 717-264-0737.



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.
- All those who chose favorite hymns to be included in the hymn sing service on January 30.
- Doris Burdick, Donna Wolfe and Bud Wolfe who helped plan and serve the lunch for Pastor Barb on December 26.
- All who stayed and helped undecorate the church on a cold January day.
- Scott Valentine, Dave Wolfe and Don Swart for leading worship services and giving the message on the Sundays in January.
- Doug McCullough and Sue Wunderlich for agreeing to lead the Worship and Music Committee.
- Bud and Donna Wolfe for changing banners and tending to the poinsettias. Scott Valentine for changing the hymn board each week.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Greencastle-Antrim Christian Women's Fellowship will meet on February 22 at 9:30 AM in the Memorial Fellowship Hall of Evangelical Lutheran, Greencastle. The speaker will be Pastor Mike Carey from Grand Point Church. His topic is *God's Faithfulness/Christians Being All In*.

CHANGE IN FINANCE PROCEDURE

Beginning in January 2022, we are combining the giving from the General Fund and the Building and Mortgage (Spiritual Home) Fund into a single reporting category. These funds represent Trinity's income which can be used for the expenses of the church (salaries, utilities, mortgage, etc.). There is no need to separate or designate offerings to these funds. Whether you are giving by using offering envelopes or electronic giving, we will automatically combine the giving for these funds during the counting. Envelopes will reflect the change in 2023. There are no changes to the Benevolence or Special Appeal funds. If you have any questions, please reach out to anyone on Council or the Finance Committee.



From Women In Need: We would like to thank you for the generous gift of \$285.00. Your willingness to help victims of abuse during times of uncertainty makes all the difference for women, men and children whose world has turned upside down.

From Waynesboro Area Community and Human Services: On behalf of the neighbors we serve, thank you! We were able to distribute 252 Thanksgiving meals (208 turkeys and 48 chickens). Our clients were very grateful to provide their families a delicious holiday meal.

From Lutheran World Relief: Thank you for your recent gift of \$519.00 given through the Lower Susquehanna Synod. We are proud to carry your love—and God's love—to the places it's needed most.....until your love reaches every neighbor.

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Love Yourself as Your Neighbor

Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."—Matthew 22:37-39

Does this happen to you? When I make a mistake or do something dumb, I mentally beat myself up. But when OTHER people mess up, I'm Mr. Understanding and Forgiveness. Clearly, I've got work to do, but doesn't everyone struggle to balance love of neighbor and love of self?

If we are to be good stewards of our lives, we have to get this right. That's the genius of the second- greatest commandment – that we have to love our neighbor AND ourselves if we are to become the people God wants us to become and have the lives God wants us to have.

This "month of love" provides an opportunity to focus on loving ourselves, which is too often the forgotten side of the "love thy neighbor and self" equation.

We live in a culture of criticism, so many of us fall into the trap of downplaying and denigrating ourselves, leaving us restless, discontent, depressed, empty, forever searching. The secret is learning to love ourselves so we can love everyone and everything else, too. Here are some ideas.

- Pray! Ask God to help and guide you (Psalm 139:23-24).
- Pray! Ask God for friends who will walk with you (Proverbs 17:17).
- Remember that nothing can separate us from God's unconditional love (Romans 8:38-39).
- Strive to treat yourself with the tenderness and care you want to give others (Luke 6:31).
- Find a counselor who can help you work through past hurts and ingrained ways of thinking. It may be hard to walk at first, but the prayerful path of greater self-love will enrich your life, open you to new people and experiences, and help you truly to follow Jesus' second greatest commandment: Love your neighbor as yourself.

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