

TRINITY HIGHLIGHTS

JANUARY 2023

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

At our most recent meeting of the Chambersburg Conference, we were reminded that in assembly this summer the ELCA voted to restructure. On January 1, 2023, the present ELCA will be 35 years old. A great deal has changed since 1988. A great deal of change happened with Covid 19. I still hear folks wondering when things will go back to normal, get back to the way they used to be. They really won't. We are living into a new reality. We all get nostalgic from time to time. We all like to reminisce about "the good old days." We all like to see the looks on the faces of young children when you answer their question, "What kind of videos did you watch when you were a kid, grandma?" "None. We didn't have videos."

Times are changing, and with Covid things have changed pretty quickly out of necessity. We have experienced some of the fallout from changes that happened due to Covid. Our in-person attendance has not rebounded. We now have an online presence which it would be nice for us to get to know. What might we do to better reach out to the online crowd? How might we be more aware of and attentive to those who have not come back?

The ELCA is putting together a commission for the Renewed Lutheran Church to study the present structure, documents and things to see how ELCA might better serve God in these changing times. If you would like more information, go to the synod webpage, www.lss-elca.org and check out the video by Bishop Dunlop.

Times change. We all change on a daily basis, but the word of the Lord will stand forever. Don't be afraid of change. In faith we will go on with the help of God.

In Christ,

Pastor Denise





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Sunday School 9AM <i>Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM</i>	2 AA 7PM	3	4 Worship & Music 7PM <i>Cub Meeting 7:30</i>	5	6 Den Meeting 6PM <i>AA 8PM</i>	7
8 Sunday School 9AM <i>Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM</i> Congregational Meeting	9 AA 7PM	10	11 Council 7PM	12	13 <i>AA 8PM</i>	14
15 Sunday School 9AM <i>Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM</i>	16 AA 7PM	17	18	19	20 <i>AA 8PM</i>	21
22 Sunday School 9AM <i>Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM</i>	23 AA 7PM	24	25	26	27 Den Meeting 6PM <i>AA 8PM</i>	28
29 Sunday School 9AM <i>Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM</i>	30 AA 7PM	31				

January Worship Assistants

	JANUARY 1	JANUARY 8	JANUARY 15	JANUARY 22	JANUARY 29
Assisting Minister	Dave Wolfe	Charlie Ford	Scott Valentine	Don Swart	Dave Wolfe
Communion Assistants	Darrell Swart Mary Thomas Rob Marsh	Wendy Hall Don Swart Sue Wunderlich	Carol Swart Dave Wolfe Robin Witmer-Kline	Mary Thomas Rob Marsh Donna Wolfe	Sue Wunderlich Wendy Hall Darrell Swart
Communion Cups	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas
Ushers	Donna Wolfe	Darrell Swart	Don Swart	Alan Shank	Charlie Ford
Singer	Matt Cessna		Choir		
IT Ministry	IT Team	IT Team	IT Team	IT Team	
Communion Preparers	Charlie & Beth Ford	Donna Wolfe Sue Wunderlich	Don & Carol Swart	Charlie & Beth Ford	Donna Wolfe Sue Wunderlich
Media Shout	Scott Valentine	James Thomas	Ivan Wingert	Scott Valentine	James Thomas

Congregational Meeting Rescheduled



The congregational meeting scheduled for December 11 had to be postponed for lack of a quorum. A quorum is needed to do business, such as elect council members, and pass a budget.

In our Congregation Constitution a quorum is 25% of our voting membership. Voting membership is defined as members who have been confirmed and have communed in the last calendar year as well as having made a "contribution of record" in the past calendar year.

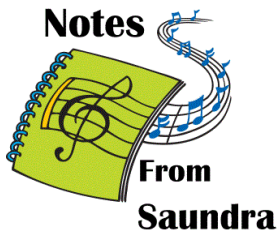
Trinity is listed by the State as a 501 c 3 tax exempt entity defined as "Religious organization." We must track active membership to be in compliance with state law.

Please be certain you have communed and made a contribution of record in the last calendar year and please be certain to attend the congregational meeting on January 8, so that we may transact business and elect council for the coming year.

In addition to electing new council members and adopting a budget, we will act upon a recommendation of our synod, namely, to amend our constitution and to change the 25% of voting members needed for a quorum to 15% of our voting membership. Our voting membership is down and getting the 25% needed is near impossible for us now. Lowering the percentage of voting members needed for a quorum should help.

Please make every effort to be at the meeting on January 8th. If the meeting must be postponed for any reason, we will reschedule for the following Sunday.

God bless us as we walk faithfully into the future.



MUSIC

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make for worshipful experiences in Advent and for the two Christmas Eve and the Christmas morning service of Lessons and Carols!

January may seem slower after all that, but plenty of music is still being planned. Remember the choir will be the singers for the third Sunday, Jan. 15. We will meet at 9:15. All singers welcome!

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS



Barbara Grane at the Greencastle Food Pantry is asking for our help to stock the shelves for cold weather. 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 to the church on

Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings.

January 1 - Peanut Butter and Jelly

January 8 - Cereal

January 15 - Canned meats like Spam or tuna

January 22 - Canned fruit

January 29 - Rice and pasta mixes

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".

2023 SPECIAL APPEALS

The following is a list of the Special Appeals for 2023:

January - Franklin County Homeless Shelter and Cold Weather Shelter

February - Habitat for Humanity

March - Waynesboro Area Community and Human Services

April - Chambersburg Conference Furniture Ministry - Storage Fee

May - Hospice - Spiritual Trust

June - Local Animal Shelter

July - Companion Congregation

August - ELCA World Hunger

September - Greencastle Food Bank

October - Lutheran World Relief

November - Greencastle Exchange Club

December - Women in Need

ATTENDANCE

We are once again including a Member Connection card in the bulletin for each worship service. This card helps us keep track of our in-person attendance as well as who is communing.

One side of the card is for visitors to fill out so that we can contact them following the service.

Please fill the card out each Sunday and place it where the offering envelopes are placed.

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I MAY NOT BE A "WISE MAN," BUT AT
LEAST I NEVER GOT SO LOST I HAD TO ASK
HEROD FOR DIRECTIONS.

