



*TRINITY
HIGHLIGHTS
January 2024
The monthly newsletter of
Trinity Lutheran Church
Greencastle, PA*

Dear Family in Christ,

The Christmas season is not over yet as it runs through January 6, the day of Epiphany. January 6 is on a Saturday this year. We will be joining with the folks at Evangelical on that evening at 5pm for a special service. They came and joined us on Christmas Eve, and I would like to encourage you all to show them the same support and come out for this special service. This service will be before their Interim Pastor, the Rev. Katie Yeats Brungraber starts. I anticipate that Pastor Katie and I will be in touch about some of our joint efforts, especially with Ash Wednesday coming up so early in the year (Feb. 14).

In the meantime, enjoy your celebrations of this Holy Season. I am personally still listening to Christmas music from my vast collection. I think I will have to start early next year to get through it all.

In the New Year, I wish for you all great happiness, and a great and deep connection with our Savior Jesus Christ. May your lives be blessed in Him. If you have not been with us in a while, join us for worship. You are always welcome here.

Peace,

Pastor Denise



**WINTER WEATHER SEASON IS
HERE!**

In case of inclement weather this winter if the worship service is canceled, it will be announced on our website www.tlccgreencastle.org and the Facebook page. If worship is held with some snow, the parking lot will be plowed by 8AM.





JANUARY 2024

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 AA 7PM | 2 | 3 Worship & Music 7PM Cub Mtg 7:30 PM | 4 | 5 Den Mtg 6PM AA 7PM | 6 Epiphany Service @ ELC 5PM |
| 7 Sunday School 9AM Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM | 8 Outreach 7PM AA 7PM | 9 | 10 Council Mtg 7PM | 11 | 12 AA 7PM | 13 |
| 14 Sunday School 9AM Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM | 15 AA 7PM | 16 Women's Bible Study 1PM | 17 | 18 | 19 AA 7PM | 20 |
| 21 Sunday School 9AM Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM | 22 AA 7PM | 23 Women's Bible Study 1PM | 24 | 25 | 26 AA 7PM | 27 |
| 28 Sunday School 9AM Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM | 29 AA 7PM | 30 Women's Bible Study 1PM | 31 | | | |

January Worship Assistants

| | JANUARY 7 | JANUARY 14 | JANUARY 21 | JANUARY 28 |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Assisting Minister | Scott Valentine | Don Swart | Charlie Ford | Scott Valentine |
| Communion Assistants | Robin Witmer-Kline Sue Wunderlich | Carol Swart Wendy Hall | Rob Marsh Mary Thomas | Robin Witmer-Kline Mary Thomas |
| Communion Cups | Josie Thomas | Josie Thomas | Josie Thomas | Josie Thomas |
| Greeters | Rob and Alice Marsh | Sue Wunderlich | Norra Swart | Sally Funk |
| Ushers | Charlie Ford | Alan Shank | Alice Marsh | Charlie Ford |
| Singer | Phyllis McCullough | Matt Cessna | Hannah Ruffner | Ella Swart |
| IT Ministry | IT Team | IT Team | IT Team | IT Team |
| Communion Preparers | Donna Wolfe Sue Wunderlich | Don and Carol Swart | Charlie and Beth Ford | Don and Carol Swart |
| Media Shout | Ivan Wingert | Scott Valentine | James Thomas | Scott Valentine |

WOMENS BIBLE STUDY



All women are invited to join us as we begin a study on Angels. We will be meeting in January beginning on Tuesday, January 16 from 1pm to 2pm in the Adult Sunday School Room. Plan to join us and feel free

to bring a friend. If you have any questions please see Phyllis McCullough.



CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL 2024

Members of the Congregational Council for 2024 will be installed during the worship service on January 7. They were elected at the Congregational Meeting in December. Council officers will be elected at the January 10, 2024 meeting.

Members for 2024 are:

Matt Cessna
Beth Ford
Wendy Hall
Sue Snyder
Darrell Swart
Mary Thomas
Robin Witmer-Kline

Non-Voting Members:

Pam Arnold - Financial Secretary
Carol Swart - Treasurer

MUSIC MINISTRY

MUSIC NOTES

My heart is full of praise and thanksgiving for how we could worship our Savior together on Christmas Eve and then New Year's Eve with *Lessons and Carols!*

Thank you to all the volunteers who made these services possible - those who decorated the sanctuary so beautifully, the Ushers, Greeters, Communion Assistants and Assisting Ministers who took care of so many logistical details, Mary Thomas and Scott Valentine for behind-the-scenes planning, those in the tech room as there were different sound challenges with a Chimes Ensemble and Choir, those who played in the Chimes Ensemble from both ELC and TLC, those who sang in the choir from both ELC and TLC, Ella Swart and Hannah Ruffner for leading singing with me, Matt Cessna for directing the Chimes Ensemble and playing organ for the one anthem. If I missed anyone, just THANK YOU!

I keep coming across Isaiah 43, parts of verse 19 and verse 21: "Thus says the Lord your Redeemer. . . 'Behold I will do something new. . . The people whom I formed for Myself, will declare My praise.'" May we be those people in 2024 and praise our Redeemer in our services at Trinity and in our daily lives!



*Christmas Eve Hand Chime Ensemble
Members of Trinity and Evangelical*

The Worship and Music Committee would like to thank everyone who assisted with the Christmas Eve Services. Decorating the Church, Special Music, Chimes, Solos, Choir, Ushers, Greeters, and everyone who participated in the services. THANK YOU!

WE STILL WANT THOSE SOCKS



We will continue to collect new socks of all types and sizes to support the homeless in our area. Socks are a valuable and much-needed item in the shelters. We will be collecting the socks through the month of January. Look for the big "Boot" and drop those socks!

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS



Barbara Grane at the Greencastle Food Pantry is asking for our help to stock the shelves. 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 7 - Pasta sauce in cans or plastic jars
- January 14 - Dry pasta
- January 21 - Canned meats like SPAM or tuna
- January 28 - Rice and pasta mixes

JANUARY SPECIAL APPEAL

The Franklin County Homeless Shelter located on S. Main Street, Chambersburg is a low barrier emergency shelter which serves mainly individuals who are experiencing homelessness. Families are also served as space is available. An individual or family's stay is brief, typically 14 - 30 days and those staying at the shelter will be focused on finding affordable housing. The shelter is run by the South Central Community Action Program (SCCAP). If you desire to make a donation, please mark your envelope for "Special Appeal".



Lent begins early this year. Ash Wednesday will be on February 14. Please watch the Parish News for information about special services for that day and services during the season of Lent.



THANK YOU!

- From Waynesboro Area Community and Human Services; Thank you for contributing to our Thanksgiving turkey/chicken distribution. Thanks to your generous donation we were able to provide a turkey/chicken to 258 families who otherwise would not have been able to provide their own.
- From Greencastle-Antrim Food Pantry:
Thank you on behalf of our patrons for your generous donation of \$160.00 to the food pantry. Your donation will help keep our shelves stocked and allow us to purchase meat and other proteins for our patrons. May God bless your church community for the commitment they show to our local pantry.

2024 SPECIAL APPEALS SCHEDULE

January - Franklin County Homeless Shelter
February - Habitat for Humanity
March - Waynesboro Area Community and Human Services
April - Chambersburg Conference Furniture Ministry
May - Spiritrust Lutheran Hospice
June - Local Animal Shelter/K.C. & Friends
July - Companion Congregation in Tanzania
August - ELCA World Hunger
September - Greencastle Food Bank
October - Lutheran World Relief
November - Greencastle Exchange Club
 Christmas Appeal
December - Women in Need

DECEMBER ATTENDANCE

In-sanctuary: 38
 Christmas Eve 5PM: 50
 Christmas Eve 7PM: 62
Website: 19
YouTube: 7



Preparing reindeer food and popcorn balls for Heritage Christmas

