



TRINITY HIGHLIGHTS

FEBRUARY 2025

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

Family in Christ,

I am amazed at times how we do not think before opening our mouths. Martin's dad was a pastor. Years ago, his congregation did an educational thing called "Weekday Church School." They met after school until 5pm. One time a child told on another child. He said, "So and so didn't have his eyes closed during the prayer." The pastor responded, "How would you know? Your eyes must have been open too."

It is so easy to point out the faults, the sins of others, but not see our own. I see and hear of this so many times today on the news as accusations fly. I heard the story one time about a pastor who was invited to a Sports banquet to pray. Seated next to him was a man who asked what he did for a living. The pastor told him. The man said to the pastor, "I don't go to church, but I live my life by the Ten Commandments. So, what's the problem with that? Perhaps he forgot the Third Commandment "Remember the Sabbath Day and Keep it Holy."

I hear people use the Bible to call what someone else does a sin. The Bible is really good about pointing out sins. The problem comes when we point out the sins of others but do not look at our own. Did you know that according to the Bible, wearing a shirt that is a blend of materials (like cotton and polyester) is a sin? It's a sin to sow two different kinds of seeds in your field or garden. It's a sin to clean all of a crop out of a field, it is a sin to breed together two different kinds of animals, it's a sin to cut your skin, trim your hair and beard, and have tattoos. We could all be in real trouble here! If you plant a fruit tree, you cannot take fruit from it to eat until the 5th year. I couldn't wait that long!

We all sin and fall short of the glory of God. We are forgiven when we truly are sorry, and we confess and repent. Remember that when you point an accusatory finger at someone, three fingers are pointing back at you. Rejoice that you are loved and forgiven by God, but remember, others are too!

In Christ,

Pastor Denise



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 <i>Scout Sunday</i> Sunday School 9AM <i>Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM</i>	3 Scouts 6:30PM <i>AA 7PM</i>	4 Women's Bible Study 1PM	5 Scout Mtg 7:30PM	6 Soccer 5:20 PM	7 Den Mtg 6PM <i>AA 7PM</i>	8
9 Sunday School 9AM <i>Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM</i>	10 Scouts 6:30PM <i>AA 7PM</i> Outreach 7PM	11 Women's Bible Study 1PM <i>Operations 7PM</i>	12 Council Mtg 7PM	13 Soccer 5:20 PM	14 AA 7PM	15
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February Worship Assistants

	FEBRUARY 2	FEBRUARY 9	FEBRUARY 16	FEBRUARY 23
Assisting Minister	Don Swart	Charlie Ford	Ella Swart	Scott Valentine
Communion Assistants	Sue Wunderlich Mary Thomas	Wendy Hall Carol Swart	Mary Thomas Donna Wolfe	Darrell Swart Wendy Hall
Communion Cups	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas
Greeters	Alan Shank	Sue Wunderlich	Norra Swart	Alice Marsh
Ushers	Alan Shank	Don Swart	Norra Swart	Rob Marsh
Singer	Wendy Hall	Hannah Ford	The Choir	Matt Cessna
IT Ministry	IT Team	IT Team	IT Team	IT Team
Communion Preparers	Donna Wolfe Sue Wunderlich	Charlie and Beth Ford	Alice Marsh	Donna Wolfe Sue Wunderlich
Media Shout	Scott Valentine	James Thomas	Ivan Wingert	James Thomas

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.tlcgreencastle.org and the [Facebook page](#). If worship is held with some snow, the parking lot will be plowed by 8AM.



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.

- February 2 Canned fruit or applesauce
- February 9 Baked beans
- February 16 Toilet Paper
- February 23 Cake mixes



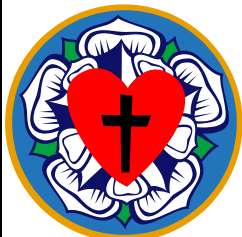
WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study is taking a look at The Books of Revelation. We meet on Tuesdays, from 1-2PM in the Adult Sunday School Room. Plan to join us and feel free to bring a friend. If you have any questions please speak with Phyllis McCullough.

MEN IN MISSION

The ELC Men in Mission (MIM) Group will be meeting on February 1 at 6 PM in the Hospitality Room at ELC. We invite men from Trinity to join us for prayer, fellowship, and Bible study. Refreshments will be served and we will adjourn no later than 7:30. All are welcome!

THE LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS



“Who is my neighbor? In the gospel of Luke, Jesus has an exchange with a teacher. They agree on the scripture of the two top laws – love God; love neighbor. However, this was not enough, the teacher needed this filled out more fully and asked the question, “Who is my neighbor?” (Lesson comes up this summer – July 13 – Luke 10:25-37 – be there or miss the answer!)

What do we believe as Lutherans? Our congregational constitution’s first chapters lay this out. Of course, scripture and the creeds are cited. However, just as that teacher before Jesus, we often need our Biblical faith filled in more fully. As Lutherans we have additional resources, also listed in Chapter 2. As a group, these are called the “Lutheran Confessions”. They help fill in our faith and identifies us as Lutheran. They are available in a single book called the “Book of Concord” and most pastors have the copy they read in seminary.

A look at the list in chapter 2 of our own congregation’s constitution contains one of these documents that may well ring a bell: The Small Catechism, which to this day is the center of Confirmation Classes. A catechism is a learning device in question/ answer format. Lutherans are not the only ones with catechisms; there are Catholic versions as well. Over the years, I have had many people think they are being funny by asking, “Oh, is there a big catechism too?” The answer is “Yes”, but I will talk about that at a later time.

The Small Catechism is written as a type of quick reference for the ordinary person. It was to take central teachings of the church and put them into everyone’s hands. It deals with the Ten Commandments, the (Apostles’) Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, the Sacraments, and some other subjects, such as Confession and the Office of the Keys, depending on the edition. It was deliberately small so that it could be memorized, especially by those who could not read. If you would like a refresher, the Small Catechism is in your ELW hymnal, starting at page 1160 in the back. Be forewarned: to keep the size and expense of the hymnal down, they set it in annoyingly small print, adding to its “Small” nature.

Look for other Lutheran Confessions in future newsletters.

- Martin Horn

2025 SPECIAL APPEALS

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



CHRISTMAS GIVING REPORT Thank you for your help!

Our Giving Tree family was appreciative of the great generosity of our congregation. The tags were claimed quickly, giving not only the kids but the family gifts to increase the joy of the season.

The holiday Sock Drive was again a great success! Thanks to your generous hearts, and those of the community at Heritage Christmas, we were able to drop of two large bags worth of new socks to the shelter in Waynesboro. They were appreciative to have new items for their residents.

It is a great joy to see the generosity of our church members!

THANK YOU!

Thank you for your financial gift of \$462. We appreciate your generosity in supporting the furniture ministry of the Chambersburg Conference. This donation is being used to pay the rent for a furniture storage unit.

*-Rev. Jane Nicholson
Chambersburg Conference Dean*

FEBRUARY SPECIAL APPEAL

The Special Appeal for February is the Waynesboro Area Human and Community Services' Backpack Program. At risk school age children in Waynesboro and Greencastle receive lunches and breakfasts at school but often do not have enough to eat on the weekends. WCHS provides weekend food to these students year-round.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

SAVE THE DATE

Trinity is planning to host a Community Blood Drive at the church on April 12. All blood collected will stay in the local area and with enough donations, we can support hosting a regular donor event in Greencastle. If you would be willing to participate, please speak with Beth Ford or contact the Church Office at 717-597-9348 or tlcsecoffice@gmail.com.



CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

Members of the Congregational Council for 2025 are:

Darrell Swart
Beth Ford
Wendy Hall
Sue Snyder
Mary Thomas
Don Swart
Ella Swart (Youth Representative)

Non-Voting Members:

Pam Arnold - Financial Secretary
Carol Swart - Treasurer



Game Night at ELC on January 18