



*TRINITY HIGHLIGHTS*  
*JANUARY 2025*  
*The monthly newsletter of*  
*Trinity Lutheran Church*  
*Greencastle, PA*

Family in Christ,

Christmas Day is past and now we work our way through the 12 days of Christmas. That's right. The season Christmas has 12 days. So, Christmas will not be over until Twelfth Night, January 5<sup>th</sup>, which is the Eve of Epiphany.

We tend not to celebrate Christmas after Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>, and I find that sad. We tend to just "move on" with our lives. The decorations that we labored on are gone, the food is wasted, the cookies thrown out or frozen for another time. The trees, if real, are set on the side of the road for trash pickup or hopefully are taken to a recycling center. We work ourselves into a frenzy of preparation for the four weeks of Advent, and then the day after Christmas we are through. Done. Over for another year. We do not take the time to enjoy it.

Well, I'm not done with Christmas. Not yet. I still have Christmas Cd's to play, and I have quite the collection of them. It gets harder every year to go through them. I also have quite a collection of Christmas music on records. Those I don't get the chance to listen to anymore, but maybe one day....

I am not done with Christmas yet, because I really want to take the time to remember why Christ came in the first place. I want to remember the age-old sin of Adam that we all carry with us, the sin that Jesus came to save us from. I want to remember the blessings that God has given us in Jesus. I want to remember the love God has for me and all people and I want to live with the Christmas spirit awhile longer.

One of my very favorite songs of Christmas is *This Is the Truth Sent From Above*, which relates salvation history and all that we believe. I also love *On Christmas Night All Christians Sing to Hear the News the Angels Bring*. Some of the Carols are recent, like those of composer John Rutter, and others date back to Medieval times. Whatever they are they keep Christmas and its spirit inside of me. How do you remember Christmas? Remember Christmas throughout the year. Live in the light of Christ's birth.

*In Christ,*

*Pastor Denise*



# JANUARY

# 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 AA 7PM	4 Men in Mission @ ELC 6PM
5 Sunday School 9AM <i>Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM</i> Undecorate	6 Scouts 6:30PM AA 7PM	7	8 Council 7PM Scout Mtg 7:30PM	9	10 Den Mtg 6PM AA 7PM	11
12 Sunday School 9AM <i>Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM</i>	13 Scouts 6:30PM AA 7PM	14	15 Worship & Music 7PM	16 Soccer 5:20 PM	17 AA 7PM	18
19 Sunday School 9AM <i>Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM</i>	20 Scouts 6:30PM AA 7PM	21 Women's Bible Study—1PM	22 Bible & Brew 6:30 PM	23 Soccer 5:20 PM	24 AA 7PM	25 Game Night @ ELC 6PM
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# January Worship Assistants

	JANUARY 5	JANUARY 12	JANUARY 19	JANUARY 26
Assisting Minister	Don Swart	Charlie Ford	Ella Swart	Scott Valentine
Communion Assistants	Carol Swart Dave Wolfe	Wendy Hall Donna Wolfe	Mary Thomas Carol Swart	Darrell Swart Wendy Hall
Communion Cups	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas
Greeters	Norra Swart	Alice Marsh	Sally Funk	Shirley Freeman
Ushers	Norra Swart	Rob Marsh	Darrell Swart	Donna Wolfe
Singer	Ella Swart	Hannah Ford	The Choir	Matt Cessna
IT Ministry	IT Team	IT Team	IT Team	IT Team
Communion Preparers	Alice Marsh	Donna Wolfe Sue Wunderlich	Charlie and Beth Ford	Alice Marsh
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](http://www.tlcgreencastle.org) and the [Facebook page](#). If worship is held with some snow, the parking lot will be plowed by 8AM.

## THANK YOU!

The Worship and Music Committee would like to thank everyone who assisted in the Christmas Eve Services.



Christmas at  
Trinity 2024



## GAME NIGHT

There will be a Game/Bunko Night at ELC on Saturday, January 25. Come for the 5 PM Worship Service and stay for an evening of fun and food. If you aren't planning to attend worship, join us at 6 PM for a soup and sandwich meal followed by games for children and adults and fun playing bunko for those who are interested.

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study will be taking a look at The Books of Revelation. We will begin our study on Tuesday January 21, 2025 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.

## SOUP CONTEST

State Line United Methodist will hold a Soup Contest Fundraiser on Saturday, January 25 from 4 to 5:30 PM. You are invited to sample soups and vote on your favorite. Soup will be available to purchase. More information is available on the Lobby Bulletin Board.



I will sing to the LORD,  
because he has dealt  
bountifully with me.



Psalm 136, NR8V

**THANK YOU** so much for the very generous gift Darrell Swart presented to me Christmas Eve! It is a privilege to serve the Lord as music director at Trinity! Recently I heard on the radio, "No one leaves church humming the sermon." Now that is absolutely no dispersion on the pastor because we trust that the Word of God will not return void but will accomplish that for which He sent it (Isaiah 55:11). But it is my prayer that God will use the music to draw your heart closer to Him as He causes a tune to keep running in your mind. Meanwhile in 2025, we will continue to have choir each third Sunday. Anyone is welcome. We gather at 9:15 AM for warm up, and "I will sing to the Lord, because He has dealt bountifully with me." (Psalm 13:6)

### **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".



### **BIBLE AND BREW**

Bible and Brew are meeting on January 22 at B-street at 6:30PM. Please text or email Dave Wolfe at 717-658-1538 or Blair

Boscola Kinkade on FB instant messenger if you are planning on attending so that we can have an accurate head count.



### **CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL**

Members of the Congregational Council for 2025 were elected at the Congregational Meeting in December 2024.

Members for 2025 are:

- Darrell Swart
- Beth Ford
- Wendy Hall
- Sue Snyder
- Mary Thomas

Non-Voting Members:

- Pam Arnold - Financial Secretary
- Carol Swart - Treasurer



### **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 5 Soup
- January 12 Rice and pasta mixes
- January 19 Brownie mixes
- January 26 Pasta sauce in cans or plastic jars

### **MEN IN MISSION**

The ELC Men in Mission (MIM) Group will be meeting on January 4 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!



*Christmas at Trinity  
2024*



*To Our Trinity Family:*

At Trinity, we have many things for which to be thankful and one of those is you! We gratefully acknowledge your gifts to Trinity Lutheran Church in 2024.

As part of God's Kingdom, we constantly strive to reach into the lives of people to make a positive difference. Your gifts allow us to be the hands and feet of Jesus both in our own community and beyond. This work would not be possible without every single member and friend of our congregation.

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to serve and support our community in the following ways:

- Holding a blood drive (collecting enough to save thirty-three local lives).
- Weekly donations to the local food pantry.
- Providing a local family with gifts and food for their Christmas celebration.
- Sharing our worship services through our Facebook Live, YouTube and website presence.
- Making calls and sending cards and letters to our Trinity family.
- Serving our community with the baked potato bar and s'mores nights.
- Donating to Synod Charities through our Benevolence offerings.
- Collecting socks for the homeless.
- Participating in Greencastle's Heritage Christmas.
- Monthly Special Appeal offerings supporting fourteen local community and Synod charities.
- Welcoming two Scout troops and a chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous to use our building.