



TRINITY HIGHLIGHTS

December 2025

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

Dear Family in Christ,

Here we are in the season of Advent already. Advent is the season of expectation, the season where we await the fulfillment of prophecy and the birth of the redeemer. Before long it will be Christmas. In the meantime, though, we must get through Advent. We must wait, be patient, and wait for light of God to dawn in our hearts and in our lives.

It is sometimes difficult for us to be patient. We want things and we want them now. We don't want to wait for them. God's time, however, isn't always our time. So, we must wait. We must wait even though the merchants around us are pushing us to Christmas earlier and earlier every year. We still must wait.

We will begin our Advent discipline of hopeful expectation and waiting. We will be prayerful, asking God to send the redeemer, to send God's Light into the world to scatter the darkness around us. The Light which will dispel gloom and sadness. The Light which will bring us forgiveness, life and salvation. How we hunger and thirst for God's Word made flesh to come and live among us! How we long for his coming and how we long for him to come again and be with us!

So, we wait. We wait with anticipation, with hope and with confidence that the Lord our God hears our prayers and our cries and will come and be born anew in our hearts. God be with us.

In Christ Jesus,

Pastor Denise





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Renee' Swart

Nancy Osbaugh
Sue Wunderlich

- 6 - Carolyn Clark
- 13 - Chuck Wunderlich
- 18 - Carol Swart
- 19 - Gust Barbuzanes
- 20 - Sarah Heredia
- 26 - Mary Thomas



31 - Charlie and Beth Ford

PLEASE REMEMBER

There are some folks from Trinity who are not able to be with us on Sundays at the present time. We ask that you would remember them with a card - and always - in prayer.

- Jake Johns
204 S. Washington St. Apt. 1
Greencastle, PA 17225
- Carolyn Clark
7075 Kuhn Road
Greencastle, PA 17225
- Sue Deardorff
Providence Place Room #310
1085 Wayne Road
Chambersburg, PA 17202
- Terry Ellis
1218 Briarbend Way
Greencastle, PA 17225
- Mary Shatzer
Comfort Care
235 Franklin Street
Fairfield, PA 17320
- Nancy Freshman
2062 Shinham Road
Greencastle, PA 17225
- Marie Dean
8507 Mapleville Road, Apt 1106
Boonsboro, MD 21713

PASTOR HORN'S CONTACT INFORMATION

Pastor Denise Horn is Trinity's Interim Pastor. She can be reached by phone at the Church Office on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 717-597-9348. Her home number is 717-593-0924 and her cell number is 717-496-5372. You may also reach her via her email address: hornfamily3803@comcast.net

COUNCIL CORNER Congregational Council Meeting November 12, 2025

- The Christmas Eve service will be held at 7PM.
- Henry's Floor Covering did a consult regarding the tile floor. They are suggesting the removal, prep and reset of new tiles. Kevin Dagliano is taking the lead for the project. Old tile stock from church construction is in the attic.
- Considering changing lights to LED in hallways and entryway by office.
- Planning to repeat Trunk or Treat next year.
- Will collect grocery gift cards to support local families over the holidays.
- We will have a stand at Heritage Christmas on Dec. 12.
- Letters with Intent Cards will be mailed to the congregation.
- Matt Cessna and Sue Snyder have agreed to serve a second term on Council.
- Budget for 2026 approved to send to congregation.
- Approval of Brian Hall as Financial Secretary will be sent to congregation.
- Adjustments being made to Mission Site Profile.



On November 9 we welcomed these new members to our congregation:

- Barbara Arnold and her children, Autumn, Christian and Ophelia.
264 Dani Brook Drive, Mont Alto, PA 17237
bgoehres@gmail.com; 717-329-9602
- Trenton Morgan
4844 Steele Ave, Lemasters, PA
trentonj321@gmail.com; 717-830-1452
- Rena Wilson
735 Merriweather Drive, Chambersburg, PA 17201
rrmusser01@gmail.com; 717-446-1981



NEW ADDRESS

Alan and Sandy Shank have moved. Their new address is: 424 Sunharvest Lane, Union Trail, NC

DECEMBER **2025**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 AA 7PM	2 Women's Bible Study 1PM	3 Scout Mtg 7:30PM	4	5 Den Mtg 6PM AA 7PM	6
7 <i>Advent 2</i> Sunday School 9AM Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM Congregational Meeting	8 Scouts 6:30 PM AA 7PM	9	10 Council 7PM	11	12 Heritage Christmas AA 7PM	13
14 <i>Advent 3</i> Sunday School 9AM Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM	15 Scouts 6:30 PM AA 7PM	16	17	18	19 Pack Mtg 6PM AA 7PM	20
21 <i>Advent 4</i> Sunday School 9AM Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM	22 AA 7PM	23	24 Candlelight Service 7PM	25	26 AA 7PM	27
28 <i>Lessons & Carols</i> Worship in Sanctuary and Facebook Live 10:15 AM	29 AA 7PM	30	31			

December Worship Assistants

	DECEMBER 7	DECEMBER 14	DECEMBER 21	DECEMBER 28
Assisting Minister	Scott Valentine	Ella Swart	Charlie Ford	Don Swart
Communion Assistants	Dave Wolfe Darrell Swart	Donna Wolfe Carol Swart	Sue Wunderlich Kevin Dagliano	Wendy Hall Carol Swart
Communion Cups	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas	Josie Thomas
Greeters	Sally Funk	Norra Swart	Kevin Dagliano	Shirley Freeman
Ushers	Don Swart	Norra Swart	Darrell Swart	Rob Marsh
Singer	Ella Swart	Matt Cessna	Ella Swart	The Choir
IT Ministry	IT Team	IT Team	IT Team	IT Team
Communion Preparers	Charlie and Beth Ford	Don and Carol Swart	Donna Wolfe Sue Wunderlich	Alice Marsh

Holiday Schedule

10:15 AM	Sunday, November 30
11:30 AM	First Sunday of Advent Worship
10:15 AM	Sunday, December 7
	Second Sunday of Advent Worship
	Congregational Meeting
5:30-8:30 PM	Friday, December 12
	Heritage Christmas Booth
10:15 AM	Sunday, December 14
	Third Sunday of Advent Worship
10:15 AM	Sunday, December 21
	Fourth Sunday of Advent Worship
	Decorate for Christmas Eve
7:00 PM	Wednesday, December 24
	Traditional Christmas Eve Candlelighting Service
10:15 AM	Sunday, December 28
	Service of Lessons and Carols

HERITAGE CHRISTMAS

Trinity will be at Heritage Christmas on December 12. We will be collecting new socks and handing out cookies and reindeer food. Please stop by our display and say hello!



SPONSORED BY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEW SOCK DRIVE

Friday Dec 12

Benefiting our local shelters.

Bring new socks to the
Dec 12th Greencastle
Heritage Christmas Night.
Look for the big boot!

www.tlccgreencastle.org

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The annual Congregational Meeting will be held after the worship service on Sunday, December 7. The agenda will include the election of new Congregational Council members and acting on the 2026 congregational budget. In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be held on December 14.

From the Constitution:

- 15% of the voting members shall constitute a quorum.” .
- Voting members are confirmed members. Such confirmed members, during the current or preceding calendar year, shall have communed in this congregation and shall have made a contribution of record to this congregation. Members of this congregation who have satisfied these basic standards shall have the privilege of voice and vote at every regular and special meeting of the congregation as well as the other rights and privileges ascribed to voting members by the provisions of this constitution and its bylaws.



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. *These are only suggestions! Any non-perishable food item you can donate is needed and would be appreciated.*

December 7 – Salad dressing
December 14 – Cereal
December 21 – Canned chicken or tuna
December 28 – Pasta and rice mixes

DECEMBER SPECIAL APPEAL

The Special Appeal for December is Women In Need (WIN). Over the past 40 years WIN has made it possible for countless victims and their children to take steps to move beyond the violence in their lives and to not only survive but thrive. Services are provided to both Franklin and Fulton County, Pennsylvania. If you desire to make a donation, please mark your envelope for "Special Appeal".



MORNING OF MUSIC

The Greencastle-Antrim Women's Christian Fellowship invites you to join them for a *Morning of Music* on Tuesday, December 9 at 9:30 AM at the Greencastle Presbyterian Church. This special morning of Christmas music will help to get you in the Christmas spirit as you listen to beautiful piano and organ music, enjoy vocal solos and duets, as well as share in joyful Carol singing.

THANK YOU !

Pastor Denise and Trinity, Greencastle:

Thank you for letting me use the church for the "Bless Your Neighbor" mini retreat on November 15. The eleven participants expressed their appreciation and really seemed to be nurtured in their faith. Here is 10% of what was collected toward building use \$35.

Shalom,
Pastor Katy





*Trunk or Treat
October 2025*



CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

Members of the Congregational Council for 2025
are:

Darrell Swart - President
Matt Cessna - Vice-President
Beth Ford - Secretary
Wendy Hall
Sue Snyder
Mary Thomas
Don Swart
Ella Swart (Youth Representative)

Non-Voting Members:

Pam Arnold - Financial Secretary
Carol Swart - Treasurer