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*"Light dawns on a weary world
When eyes begin to see
All human dignity.
Light dawns on a weary world;
The promised day of justice comes.
~E.L.W. 726*



The cool thing about light is, it only grows as we share it. The brighter the light shines, the more shadows are cast; in fact, the brightest of light cast no shadows at all.

That's good news!

That moment on Christmas Eve, as the light grows from the altar to the back pew, and the nave grows from shadows into brightness, is one of my favorite moments of the year. As worship leaders, we have the privilege of being able to look out upon the whole community gathered in song and light.

Blowing out the candles always feels a little anticlimactic to me. I mean, I know it's done for practical reasons, for safety reasons, but I don't want to blow out my candle so quickly. Can we just pause, just a moment, in the glow?

Or better yet, take that light out with us.

That certainly is our baptismal calling.

We do not snuff out our Christ-light the way we toss the ol' tree on the sidewalk.

This light is ours to share. It grows all the more the more we let it shine, and by God's light – shining through us – shadows of death disperse, and grace takes hold in a weary world.

Thanks be to God for the light which continues to shine – through you and me!

That's my view from here, in this new year!

Pastor Lee



HOLY TRINITY
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What Can't Wait

As this year winds down and we complete the 12 days of Christmas, I can't help but still be moved by the Advent series we did for Advent. A Sanctified Art, "What Can't Wait". The creators of What Can't Wait describe the theme as follows

Advent is a season of waiting, but is idle waiting what God wants of us? In preparation for the coming Messiah, we wonder together—what things can't wait? What demands our immediate attention? What requires our work and preparation? What is it that God can't wait for? Is it our praise, reconciliation, and proclamation? Is it the end of suffering, isolation, and fear? This Advent, we invite you to join us in imaging, prioritizing, and preparing.



The weekly themes still followed the traditional Advent weekly themes of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love, but A Sanctified Art put a twist on these themes and we heard about just what couldn't wait... God's Promised Day Can't Wait, Repentance Can't Wait, Delight Can't Wait and Courage Can't Wait. There was even a theme for Christmas Eve, What Can't Wait with the premise being that God Couldn't Wait.

As I reflect back on the following 4 weeks, the following few days, it feels as if this message of What Can't Wait will be just as relevant throughout the new year as it has the last 4 weeks leading up to the birth of Jesus.

The reflections throughout Advent pointed to a world where suffering and war were no more, where justice and reconciliation prevailed over oppression and marginalization. We could start to imagine what a world of grace and mercy could look like, culminating to the promise of a God who wouldn't, couldn't wait for these things to be in place before coming to earth in the form of a newborn baby.

After yet more violence; one at a Hanukkah celebration outside of New York City, the other during Eucharist at a Church of Christ congregation in Texas. The themes of love and mercy can't come soon enough and yet we are stuck in this season of hopeful anticipation that love and grace will win out, born from a baby in a manger.

Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton responds to the anti-Semitic incident by stating "This will require more of us than repeated statements. It will require building bridges of inter-religious understanding in our communities...In different ways, and for different reasons, this is a time of year when Jews and Christians celebrate the miracle of light. In our prayers and actions, may we be a living presence of God's sacred light that rouses us all to resistance and righteousness."

As heard time and time again, the Christmas story is a story of resistance. This new year, what can't wait? What practices, intentions and habits do you want to adopt in this next year? Where is God actively creating hope, peace, joy and love in your life?

Pastor Brenda

Angel and Mitten Tree

Once again, Holy Trinity showed overwhelming generosity to the students of Public School 17. There were so many gifts that we needed three vehicles (including the church van) to transport them!

As well as gift giving, volunteers from Faith In Action visited the school, and read holiday picture books to the classrooms.

Because of YOU, these wonderful children had a brighter holiday season.

Thank you!

Keep up the good works, HT!



From our Music Directors



We are so proud of the work the Chancel and Chapel Choirs shared with us this Advent and Christmas Season. Truly, the level of dedication and musical contribution our singers exhibit at Holy Trinity is second to none. On Christmas Eve, we were able to feature each of our lead soloists and resident instrumentalists who all spent many outside hours prepping for rehearsal and services. We couldn't be more proud to work with these talented individuals week in and week out, for truly, they are the ones that have the talent and expertise to maintain the rigorous weekly musical schedule. Throughout the season, the Chancel Choir presented more than ten new works to their repertoire, all of which require a significant investment of time and energy to learn from scratch. Certainly, we hope that you enjoyed and were touched by their offerings.

Looking beyond the Christmas season, we have so much to look forward to.

March 6th: We welcome **The Genevans**, the touring student's choir from Geneva College of Pennsylvania. Conducted by Dr. David Kenneth Smith, The Genevans engage audiences while glorifying God and ministering with important spiritual truth. Founded in 1938, the choir continues a rich heritage of choral singing dating from the early years of the college over a century and a half ago. Over the course of their long history, The Genevans have acquired a reputation for choral excellence, musical variety and spiritual impact. We will be needing host families and helpers to assist in this special event.

March 29th: We welcome internationally acclaimed composer/conductor **Jake Runestad** to Holy Trinity as we present "Into the Light," a five movement cantata with chamber orchestra. The work uses texts that Mr. Runestad interpreted as extensions of Reformation ideology. Jake Runestad is an award-winning and frequently-performed composer of "highly imaginative" (Baltimore Sun) and "stirring and uplifting" (Miami Herald) musical works. Steeped in a belief that music has the power to initiate positive change, Jake creates musical works that are socially conscious and explore authentic human emotions and experiences. Considered a "choral rockstar" by American Public Media, Jake is one of the most frequently performed and commissioned composers of choral music in the world having "...a particular knack for marrying powerful music to texts that speak to some of the most pressing and moving issues of our time" (Star Tribune).

From Kristen Pomietlarz, organist

I wanted to share with the congregation that I have taken a leave from my teaching position at West Seneca East Middle School, where for the past twelve years I have served as the director of Instrumental Music to over 200 students making up three Concert Bands and two Jazz Ensembles. My leave began November 8th and I will return to West Seneca Central in September 2020.

From our Music Directors cont.

The time away from public school teaching has afforded me the opportunity to work towards my musical objectives for Holy Trinity. The additional practice time has allowed me to study more regularly with Stephen Kennedy at the Eastman School of Music, and delve into the more substantial repertoire on my list. Additionally, I have had the opportunity to attend a number of masterclasses and seminars at Eastman on topics ranging from hymn playing and composition, organ accompanying skills, and choral repertoire.

Though this decision comes at a significant cost, this leave is also enabling me to plan and practice for Holy Trinity during daytime school hours and spend quality evening time with family, rather than negotiating the demands of both jobs which generally necessitate practicing late into the evening. Lillian is now nearly five years of age, and the time with her through these formative years is the most precious investment of all.

Faithfully yours,

Justin and Kristen Pomietlarz



What's Happening in LYO?

The LYO will be leading worship on Sunday, January 26th. They will help to serve as readers, ushers, greeters, and will help lead the liturgy. This LYO Sunday will be similar to Youth Sunday held each May, but will allow our older kids to participate more in the leading of worship and faith formation.

Upcoming Events:

January—Tubing Overnight, we will travel to Holiday Valley for an afternoon of tubing. Date to be determined and more details will follow.

February—Ice Skating Overnight, we can't seem to get enough of skating in the winter. Skating will most likely take place at Canalside. Date to be determined and more details will follow.



Annual Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting will take place on Sunday, January 12, 2020 following each service. Immediately following the 10:30 meeting, we will be holding a potluck dinner. Please bring your favorite dish to pass and join us for fun and fellowship.

Stewardship Corner

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as your self."

Matthew 22:37-39



Thank you to everyone who has returned the commitment card!!

Kudos to those of you who not only made a formal pledge but also increased the weekly giving!!!!

Today I want to share a story on how your offering [the part that is donated to the SYNOD every year] becomes mission support.

The following is taken from the "Stories of Faith in Action" publication from the ELCA:
Witness at the border

"Energy flows to a congregation when it's involved in an invaluable ministry among God's people. That's the case for *Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey*, El Paso, Texas. Situated near the border with Juarez, Mexico, the congregation has found purpose in accompanying Latin American migrants and offering visitors border immersion experiences, said Rose Mary Sanchez-Guzman, its pastor.

Their Lutheran faith inspires their work. "[The migration crisis] is what I believe Christ is putting in front of us," she said. "This is urgent."

For two Tuesdays each month, *Cristo Rey* opens its doors to receive migrants. The congregation feeds them and provides them with overnight shelter and an opportunity to call their families so they can buy a bus or plane ticket to get to their court date on time. By Friday, most visitors are gone. In the interim period, the congregation works to educate its community about immigration issues and migrant rights. "Asylum seekers are legal in [this] country... they have the right to ask for asylum," Sanchez-Guzman said. "They are legal until the court decides [otherwise] for them." Immersion program participants meet undocumented migrants, U.S. Border Patrol officers, immigration lawyers and others involved in border culture. Through the chain-link fence at the border, they listen as their Mexican neighbors share their joys and challenges.

Stewardship Corner cont.

“Spiritually, it has changed our congregation,” she said, adding that although *Cristo Rey* is small and its members aren’t wealthy, they’ve generously opened their hearts to their migrant neighbors. *The congregation receives an annual grant, funded by Mission Support from the Rocky Mountain Synod and the churchwide organization, to bolster outreach.*

Cristo Rey also finds support as a member of the ELCA Welcoming Congregations Network, an initiative of the ELCA’s AMMPARO strategy (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities). There are 112 ELCA congregations involved.

“Jesus told us to help,” said Sanches-Gyzman of *Cristo Rey*. “He didn’t say just help people with documents. He just says feed the hungry and clothe the naked.” *To find a video story about Cristo Rey, visit ELCA.org/SOFIA.*”

I hope it makes you feel good to know that your generosity has such an immense impact on our fellow brothers and sisters in need.

As always, if you have comments, ideas or want to help but are not sure where you fit in, contact me at ucarlino@buffalo.edu or see me at church..

May the Lord God bless you with love, joy and a peaceful heart and may the Holy Spirit move you in ways that you never dreamed possible!

Yours in Christ,
Uli MacDonald



Fellowship and Hospitality Committee

Thank you to all the donators, food organizers, and packers for another successful Christmas food basket campaign. Ten baskets were filled with an assortment of non-perishable items, a \$50 gift certificate, prayer shawls from the Holy Trinity Needlers, and a Holy Trinity shopping bag. The committee is deeply grateful for the congregation’s yearly support.

Watch your Sunday bulletin or the Holy Trinity website for the date of the next meeting when we will begin to plan the spring and summer events.



Holy Trinity Needlers Prayer Shawl ministry will celebrate the 15th anniversary of the group on Tuesday, February, 4, 2020 beginning at 5:30pm. Bring a dish to share, beverages will be provided. We will resume our regular meetings on March 3, 2020. (there is no meeting in January)

SAVE THE DATES!

Plans are in the works for *Spring Assembly* at Holy Trinity on Saturday, *May 9*, 2020 and *Fall Assembly* on Saturday, *September 19*, 2020. More information will be provided in the bulletin, church paper and flyers on bulletin boards as it becomes available

FAITH IN ACTION

This committee continues to support Family Promise with donations of food for the families in residence. If you'd like more information on Family Promise, check out their website (fpwny.org) or contact Linda Schmidt or Barb Wozniak.

The Clothesline project continues to provide 20 items each week from mid-October to mid-March. (socks, hats, scarves, gloves and mittens) A Thrivent grant provided funding to supplement the generous support of items from the congregation and friends. Thanks to all who have donated to this ministry.

Many donations of food have also been made to the Network of Religious Communities food pantry. Several members donate time to stock shelves and prepare bags of groceries. More information can be obtained through a conversation with Donna Leiser.

Pastor Brenda is working on programming for Sunday Forum in the spring regarding advocacy.

Joyful Noise program is "on hiatus" for this year while some discernment is made as to the viability and service to the community and congregation.

WINTER TIPS 2020

I decided to repeat my winter tips from last year. I know I need reminders every year, and I thought it would be good for all of you also.

Winter comes on us, it seems, faster every year. As a nurse, I have experienced many people falling and breaking hips, arms, legs etc. So below are the winter tips again. Please read them slowly and please put them into practice.

1. Before you go out the door, put on your gloves first. Many of us start to put them on as we are going out the door and start to walk. This is not a good habit because your mind is distracted and not paying attention to your steps. This can result in a fall.
2. Wear boots or winter shoes that have soles that are for winter snow. Many have little treads that are like your snow tires. They grip the snow and prevent sliding and falling.
3. Take small steps when walking on snow or ice. My husband use to say “Baby steps, Judy, Baby steps, Judy”. He was right and I try to remember his words when walking in winter.
4. When getting out of your vehicle, look before you put your feet down and start to stand. “Black Ice” is a killer and you will find it more in plowed or shoveled driveways and parking lots. More falls are on black ice in winter.
5. Please always wear appropriate clothing, a warm jacket or coat, hat or gloves. If you are not warm, you may start to shiver and start to walk fast and again be distracted in your walking.

Always take care of your overall health, this may lower your chances of falling. Most of the time falls just do not happen, there is always an under lying reason. If you're older, ask your doctor for a mineral and bone density test. It will tell you if your bones are weak. If it shows your bones are weak, your doctor will advise you on steps to take.

Stay physically active. Plan an exercise program that is right for you. Regular exercise makes you stronger and improves muscles. It also helps keep your joints, tendons, and ligaments flexible. Mild weight bearing activities, such as walking or climbing stairs, may slow bone loss from osteoporosis

Have your eyes and hearing tested often. Even small changes in sight can put you at risk for falling. When you get new glasses, take time to get use to them. Always wear your glasses if you need them. If you have a hearing aid, be sure it fits right and wear it.

Find out about the side effects of any medicine you take. If a drug makes you sleepy or dizzy, tell your doctor.

Get enough sleep. If you are sleepy, you are more likely to fall. And if you do not feel well, stay home.

Winter Tips cont.

Limit the amount of alcohol you drink. Even a small amount can affect your balance. In winter, more people like to drink wine because of the warm feeling going down.

Lastly, as we get older, an emergency monitoring system is very important for one's safety. Get the one that can be used outside. If you go out shopping and are in a parking lot and fall, it can be a life saver.

I do hope these tips will help you stay safe this winter.

Judy Reifsteck

Faith Community Nurse



A Day in the Life

Membership News

Special Birthdays

Below is a list of our members whose birthdays are in January and February, and are in nursing homes or homebound. We have included addresses if you would like to pass along a birthday message to them. Also, if you know of a member whose birthday we may have missed, please call the church office.

January 6	Merriejann Miller 179 Lafayette Avenue Buffalo NY 14213
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January 20	Regina Goodell 92 Kail Street Upper Buffalo NY 14207
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Nuptials

November 23, 2019 Caitlin Judith Knight and Thomas Jeffrey Fendrick, III

Welcome

to our new members who were received on December 8, 2019: Jessica, Chloe and Eli Coram, Susan Cosentino, John Georger, William Johnston, Ellen Kelly, Kelly Mahoney, Ann Nessa and Julie Tunstall.

HTLC

Read-the-Bible-in-a-Year Plan

Day	Date	1st Reading	2nd Reading	3rd Reading	4th Reading	5th Reading	6th Reading	7th Reading
113	30-Dec	2 Sam 6:12	1 Chron 15:1-28	2 Sam 6:13-16	1 Chron 15:29	2 Sam 6:17-19	1 Chron 16	2 Sam 6:19-23
114	31-Dec	2 Samuel 7:1-17	1 Chron 17:1-15	2 Sam 7:18-19	1 Chron 17:16-27	2 Samuel 8:1-14	1 Chron 18:1-13	Psalms 60
115	1-Jan	2 Sam 8:15-18	1 Chron 18:14-17	1 Chron 6:16-30	1 Chron 6:50-53	1 Chron 6:31-48	2 Sam 9-10	1 Chron 19
116	2-Jan	1 Chron 20:1	2 Sam 11, 12:1-1	Psalms 51	2 Sam 12:15-25	2 Sam 5:14-16	1 Chron 14:3-7	1 Chron 3:5-9
117	3-Jan	2 Sam 12:26-31	1 Chron 20:2-3	2 Samuel 13	2 Samuel 14			
118	4-Jan	2 Samuel 15	2 Samuel 16	2 Samuel 17:1-14				
119	5-Jan	2 Sam 17:15-29	Psalms 3	Psalms 63	2 Samuel 18	2 Samuel 19:1-30		
120	6-Jan	2 Sam 19:31-43	2 Samuel 20	Psalms 7	2 Samuel 21	1 Chron 20:4-8		
121	7-Jan	2 Samuel 22	Psalms 18					
122	8-Jan	2 Sam 24:1-9	1 Chron 21:1-6	2 Sam 24:10-17	1 Chron 21:7-17	2 Sam 24:18-25	1 Chronicles 22	
123	9-Jan	1 Chronicles 23	1 Chronicles 24	1 Chronicles 25				
124	10-Jan	1 Chronicles 26	1 Chronicles 27	1 Chronicles 28				
125	11-Jan	1 Chron 29:1-22	1 Kings 1					
126	12-Jan	1 Kings 2:1-9	2 Sam 23:1-7	1 Kings 2:10-12	1 Chron 29:26-30	Psalms 4, 5, 6	Psalms 8, 9, 11	
127	13-Jan	Psalms 12, 13, 14	Psalms 15, 16, 17	Psalms 19	Psalms 20	Psalms 21		
128	14-Jan	Psalms 22	Psalms 23	Psalms 24	Psalms 25	Psalms 26		
129	15-Jan	Psalms 27	Psalms 28	Psalms 29	Psalms 30	Psalms 31	Psalms 32	
130	16-Jan	Psalms 35	Psalms 36	Psalms 37	Psalms 38			
131	17-Jan	Psalms 39	Psalms 40	Psalms 41	Psalms 53	Psalms 55	Psalms 58	
132	18-Jan	Psalms 61	Psalms 62	Psalms 64	Psalms 65	Psalms 66	Psalms 67	
133	19-Jan	Psalms 68	Psalms 69	Psalms 70	Psalms 86	Psalms 101		
134	20-Jan	Psalms 103	Psalms 108	Psalms 109	Psalms 110	Psalms 122	Psalms 124	
135	21-Jan	Psalms 131	Psalms 133	Psalms 138	Psalms 139	Psalms 140	Psalms 141	Psalms 143

HTLC

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136	22-Jan	Psalms 144	Psalms 145	Psalms 88	Psalms 89		
137	23-Jan	Psalms 50	Psalms 73	Psalms 74			
138	24-Jan	Psalms 75	Psalms 76	Psalms 77	Psalms 78		
139	25-Jan	Psalms 79	Psalms 80	Psalms 81	Psalms 82		
140	26-Jan	Psalms 83	1 Chron 29:23-25	2 Chron 1:1	1 Kings 2:13-46	1 Kings 3:1-4	2 Chron 1:2-6
		continued:	2 Chron 1:7-13				1 Kings 3:5-15
141	27-Jan	1 Kings 3:16-28	1 Kings 5	2 Chronicles 2	1 Kings 6:1-13	2 Chron 3:1-14	1 Kings 6:14-38
142	28-Jan	1 Kings 7	2 Chron 4:15-17	2 Chron 4			
143	29-Jan	1 Kings 8:1-11	2 Chron 5	1 Kings 8:12-21	2 Chron 6:1-11	1 Kings 8:22-53	2 Chron 6:12-42
144	30-Jan	1 Kings 8:54-66	2 Chron 7:1-10	1 Kings 9:1-9	2 Chron 7:11-22	1 Kings 9:10-14	
145	31-Jan	2 Chron 8	1 Kings 9:15-28	1 Kings 10:1-13	2 Chron 9:1-12	1 Kings 10:14-29	2 Chron 9:13-28
146	1-Feb	1 Kings 4	Psalms 72	Psalms 127			2 Chron 1:14-1
147	2-Feb	Proverbs 1	Proverbs 2	Proverbs 3	Proverbs 4		
148	3-Feb	Proverbs 5	Proverbs 6	Proverbs 7			
149	4-Feb	Proverbs 8	Proverbs 9	Proverbs 10			
150	5-Feb	Proverbs 11	Proverbs 12	Proverbs 13			
151	6-Feb	Proverbs 14	Proverbs 15	Proverbs 16			
152	7-Feb	Proverbs 17	Proverbs 18	Proverbs 19			
153	8-Feb	Proverbs 20	Proverbs 21	Proverbs 22:1-16			
154	9-Feb	Proverbs 22:17-29	Proverbs 23	Proverbs 24			
155	10-Feb	Song of Songs 1	Song of Songs 2	Song of Songs 3	Song of Songs 4-8		
156	11-Feb	1 Kings 11	2 Chron 9:29-31	Ecclesiastes 1:1-11			
157	12-Feb	Ecc 1:12-18	Ecclesiastes 2	Ecclesiastes 3-6			
158	13-Feb	Ecclesiastes 7	Ecc 8	Ecc 9	Ecc 10	Ecclesiastes 11:1-6	

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159	14-Feb	Ecc 11:7-10, 12	1 Kings 12:1-20	2 Chronicles 10	1 Kings 12:21-24	2 Chron 11:1-4	1 Kings 12:25-33	2 Chron 11:5-1
160	15-Feb	1 Kings 13, 14:1-2	2 Chron 12:13-1	2 Chron 11:18-23	2 Chron 12:1-12	1 Kings 14:25-28	2 Chron 12:13-1	1 Kin 14:29-31
	con't	1 Kings 15:1-5	2 Chron 13	1 Kings 15: 6-8	2 Chron 14:1-8	1 Kings 15:9-15	1 Kings 14:19-20	1 Kin 15:25-34
	con't	2 Chron 14:9-15	2 Chronicles 15					
161	16-Feb	1 Kings 15:16-22	2 Chron 16:1-10	1 Kings 16	1 Kings 15:23-24	2 Chron 16:11-14	2 Chronicles 17	1 Kings 17:1-7
162	17-Feb	1 Kings 17:8-24	1 Kings 18	1 Kings 19	1 Kings 20:1-22			
163	18-Feb	1 Kings 20:23-43	1 Kings 21	1 Kings 22:1-9	2 Chronicles 18:1-8			
164	19-Feb	1 Kings 22:10-28	2 Chron 18:9-27	1 Kings 22:29-35	2 Chron 18:28-34	1 Kin 22:36-40,51-53	2 Chron 19	2Chron 20:1-3
165	20-Feb	2 Kings 1, 3	1 Kings 22:41-49	2 Chron 20:31-37	1 Kings 22:50	2 Chron 21:1-4	2 Kings 8:16-22	2 Chron 21:5-7
166	21-Feb	2 Kings 2	2 Kings 4					
167	22-Feb	2 Kings 5	2 Kings 6	2 Kings 7	2 Kings 8			
168	23-Feb	2 Chron 21:8-20	2 Kings 8:23-29	2 Chron 22:1-7	2 Kings 9	2 Kings 10:1-17	2 Chron 22:8-9	2 Kin 10:18-31
169	24-Feb	2 Kings 11:1-3	2 Chron 22:10-12	2 Kings 11:4-12	2 Chron 23:1-11	2 Kings 11:13-16	2 Chron 23:12-15	
	con't	2 Kings 11:17-21	2 Chron 23:16-21	2 Kings 12:1-16	2 Chron 24:1-22	2 Kings 10:32-36		
170	25-Feb	2 Kings 13:1-11	2 Kings 12:17-21	2 Chron 24:23-27	2 Kings 13:14-25			
171	26-Feb	2 Kings 14:1-14	2 Chron 25:1-24	2 Kings 13:12-13	2 Kings 14:15-16	2 Kings 14:23-27	2 Chron 25:25-28	
		2 Kings 14:17-22	2 Kings 15:1-5	2 Chron 26:1-21	Jonah 1	Jonah 2	Jonah 3	Jonah 4
172	27-Feb	Amos 1	Amos 2	Amos 3	Amos 4	Amos 5	Amos 6	
173	28-Feb	Amos 7-9	2 Kings 14:28-29	2 Kings 15:8-29	2 Kings 15:6-7	2 Chron 26:22-23	Isaiah 6	
174	Feb-29	2 Kings 15:32-38	2 Chronicles 27	Micah 1	2 Kings 16:1-9	2 Chron 28:1-15	Isaiah 7	
175	1-Mar	Isaiah 8	Isaiah 9	Isaiah 10	Isaiah 11			



Join Pastor Brenda for Sunday Forum on January 26 as she kickoffs the planning and preparation for the 2021 ELCA Youth Gathering. She will be sharing the theme, the schedule, tentative trip plans, as well as sharing past experiences of previous youth gatherings!



Our Church Paper

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Memorial Bricks Still Available

The Garden Veranda at Holy Trinity is a new space that has been built into our North lawn alongside Main Street. The Veranda provides a gathering space for the community all around us – a place to sit and rest, a place to enjoy lunch outside, a place to connect again with God and others.

We hope to gather as a congregation in the Veranda for special occasions and small, outdoor worship opportunities. There will be a fountain in the center of the Veranda where we may celebrate the gift of Baptism.

Memorial Bricks may now be reserved and dedicated in the memory of, or honor of, a loved one.

The Details:

Small Bricks \$45.00 2 Lines, 12 characters per line (including spaces)

Example:

In Memory of John Smith

Large Bricks \$60.00 3 Lines, 12 characters per line (including spaces)

Example:

In Honor of Grandpa We love you

Please complete the form below and return to the Church Office with your **check made payable to Holy Trinity** with “Memorial Brick” marked in the subject line, or call the Church Office if you have any questions. It will be nice to give God thanks and praise from our Garden Veranda! Space is limited, order your Memorial Bricks today! Please use one order form per brick.

Your Name: _____

Email: _____


Phone Number: _____

Circle One: Small Brick 2-lines \$45


Large Brick 3-lines \$60

Complete Dedication Message:

JANUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <i>Second Sunday after Christmas</i> 8:30 Service of Holy Communion 10:30 Service of Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School/Nursery 11:45 Degreening of the church/Coffee Hour			1 <i>Happy New Year</i> CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	2 7:00 AA/AL-ANON	3	4
5 <i>Second Sunday after Christmas</i> 8:30 Service of Holy Communion 10:30 Service of Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School/Nursery 11:45 Degreening of the church/Coffee Hour	6 9:30 Bible Study	7 5:00 Burrito Project 6:30 Community Music Chorus	8 7:30 Brewed Faith 10:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 BNYC rehearsal 6:30 Wednesday Evening Worship	9 6:00 Chapel Choir 7:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 AA/AL-ANON	10	11
12 <i>Epiphany of Our Lord</i> 8:30 Service of Holy Communion 9:30 Annual Meeting 10:30 Service of Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School/Nursery 11:30 Confirmation Class/Annual Meeting 11:45 Potluck Luncheon 2:30 Worship to Go at Wedgewood	13 9:30 Bible Study	14 12:00 Women at the Well 7:00 Community Music Chorus	15 5:30 Sue's Supper 6:00 BNYC rehearsal 6:30 Wednesday Evening Worship	16 6:00 Executive Meeting 7:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 AA/AL-ANON	17	18 7:00 Community Choral Concert
19 <i>Second Sunday after Epiphany</i> 8:30 Service of Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday Forum 10:30 Service of Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School/Nursery 11:45 Coffee Hour 2:30 Worship to Go at Wedgewood	20 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED <i>Martin Luther King Jr</i> <i>Day Observed</i>	21 7:00 Community Music Chorus	22 10:00 Staff Meeting 5:00 BNYC rehearsal 6:30 Wednesday Evening Worship	23 6:00 Chapel Choir 7:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 AA/AL-ANON	24	25 2:00 Birthday party
26 <i>Third Sunday after Epiphany</i> 8:30 Service of Holy Communion/chapel choir 9:30 Sunday Forum 10:30 Service of Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School/Nursery 11:45 Coffee Hour 4:00 BNYC Concert	27 9:30 Bible Study 11:00 Worship Meeting 7:00 Personnel Meeting	28 7:00 Community Music Chorus	29 6:30 Wednesday Evening Worship	30 7:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 AA/AL-ANON	31	

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<u>Fourth Sunday after Epiphany</u> 8:30 Service of Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday Forum 10:30 Service of Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School / Nursery 11:45 Coffee Hour 12:00 Faith in Action Meeting	3 9:30 Bible Study	4 5:00 Burrito Project 5:30 WELCA/ Needleers 6:30 Community Music School rehearsal	5 7:30 Brewed Faith 6:00 BNYC rehearsal 6:30 Wednesday Evening Worship	6 6:00 Chapel Choir 7:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 AA/AL-ANON	7 ----- Council ----- Retreat -----	8
<u>Fifth Sunday after Epiphany</u> 8:30 Service of Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday Forum 10:30 Service of Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School / Nursery 11:45 Coffee Hour 12:00 Confirmation Class 2:30 Worship to Go at Wedgewood	10 9:30 Bible Study	11 12:00 Women at the Well 6:30 Community Music School rehearsal	12 10:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 BNYC rehearsal 6:30 Wednesday Evening Worship	13 6:00 Chapel Choir 7:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 AA/AL-ANON	14 Valentine's Day	15
<u>Sixth Sunday after Epiphany</u> 8:30 Service of Holy Communion w/Chapel Choir 9:30 Sunday Forum 10:30 Service of Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School/Nursery 11:45 Coffee Hour 2:30 Worship to Go at Wedgewood	17 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED President's Day	18 6:30 Community Music School rehearsal	19 5:30 Sue's Supper 6:30 Wednesday Evening Worship	20 7:00 AA/AL-ANON	21	22
<u>Transfiguration of Our Lord</u> 8:30 Service of Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday Forum 10:30 Service of Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School/Nursery 11:45 Coffee Hour	24 9:30 Bible Study	25 6:00 Council Meeting 6:30 Community Music School rehearsal	26 Ash Wednesday 7:30 Ashes on the Run 12:00 Worship Service 12:30 Lenten Lunch 6:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 Worship Service	27 7:00 AA/AL-ANON	28	29

Changes to Our Church Paper in 2020

We will continue to publish our Church Paper every other month. However, **beginning in January 2020**, we will no longer be mailing paper copies without a print subscription (see below). You will be able to find the newsletter on our website, or you may sign up to receive it via email. **Please know that copies are always available on the tables at the church or chapel entrance ways or at the church office.** This transition is directly related to our increased readership through electronic means and a decrease in print readership which now has fallen below bulk mail requirements.

You will have the option of subscribing to a paper edition. The cost would be \$10 per year and you will need to call the church office to sign up for this delivery.

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