

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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January 2025



ANNUAL
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

Sunday, January 26
9:30 am
Family Life Center

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

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Office Hours:

Monday through Friday
7:30am-3:30 pm

Holy Trinity Staff:

Interim Pastor: Barbara Bartholomew
Choir Director: Robin Whitacre
Praise Team Leader: Jolene Moody
Secretary: Stacy Lake
Custodian: Julie MacKim

Mission Statement

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church exists to:
HEAL – Through Word and Sacrament,
TEACH – Through Word and Deed,
LOVE – Through being Sent to Serve,
In **CHRIST JESUS**

Please turn in your articles for the Trinity Trumpet by the third Sunday of every month.

E-mail your articles to htlc.canton@gmail.com

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:30 am – Sanctuary & Livestreamed (link will be e-mailed)

**bulletins will be e-mailed & snail mailed to those that do not have email

10:00 am – Family Life Center

**Holy Communion at both services

10:00 am – Sunday School



Thank you for the generous Christmas gift. It was much appreciated. Many blessings for the New Year!
Julie MacKim

Thank you to the congregation for all the Christmas cards and gifts! I enjoy playing for you every week. Blessings to you in the New Year!
Linda Shaheen

Thank you so much for the cards, gifts, and generous Christmas gift. I am so blessed and look forward to what amazing things are in store for Holy Trinity in 2025.
Stacy Lake

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,
Thank you so much for the generous gift this Christmas. I love making music to God's glory and pray that it is a blessing to you as well. May 2025 bring us all comfort and joy.
Love, Jolene Moody

Thank you so much for the incredible Christmas gift I received from the congregation. I am having such fun directing the choir! I appreciate all the support you all have given me.

Thank you also to the choir for the kind Christmas gift you presented to me. I truly appreciate all of you. You always work so hard and are a joy to direct!
God Bless, Robin Whitacre

Thank you to everyone for all the cards and prayers during the time of our son's death. They were greatly appreciated.
Sincerely, Earl & Sonja Hickman

Thank you to everyone that prepared boxes for Operation Christmas Child and donated money for Community Christmas. We collected 14 shoeboxes for children and delivered a check for \$1045 to Community Christmas.

Thank you to everyone who helped decorate the church in preparation of the birth of our Lord.

Thank you to everyone who continues to help feed our Plain Twp. Community by donating money and food to fill our Food Box.
God is good! Council Social Ministry Committee

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Please contact the church office at 330-492-0072 if we have missed your birthday, anniversary, or have the incorrect date.



1/04 – Nicole Boord Athena Glover Evan Leckie-Ewing Graham Leckie-Ewing	1/18 – Angelina Aikens 1/20 – Joyce Hunt 1/22 – John Knapski 1/24 – Bob Hartenstein Brenna Leon
1/06 – Barb Turner Jay Moody Howard VanOrman	1/25 - Elaine Hayes Pam Towns Preston Slater
1/09 – Klara Gibson	1/27 – Patty McMichael
1/10 – Lois Trauger Milania Glover	1/28 – Lilly Sedon
1/13 – Bruce Patterson	
1/16 – Frank Towns	

forever & always

1/23 – Jay & Jolene Moody

ALTAR FLOWERS & CANDLE CHART

There are still many dates available on the charts which are posted on the bulletin board by the Library. The cost for the altar flowers is **\$40 for one vase or \$80 for both vases**. The cost of the sanctuary candle is \$3.50, and it burns all week. Please sign your name on the chart next to the date you would like, and the office will contact you for more information. Please make checks payable to Holy Trinity and mark “flowers” or “candle” in the memo.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



“Look, I have set before you an open door...” Revelation 3:8

In the season of Christmas, we have opened our doors to welcome family and friends and invited them in love and joy to cross the threshold and enter our homes and hearts. Perhaps, we have been the ones for whom doors have been opened and we have been welcomed in love and joy to cross the threshold to enter the home of a family member or friend.

The New Year presents us with an open door and threshold to enter into new beginnings, a fresh start, leaving what was behind. Doors, both open and closed, beckon with an invitation to approach. Much of our lives are about crossing one threshold after another, leaving and entering in.

Each threshold offers an opportunity to open our hearts to the next invitation, even if it means stepping away from what is comfortable and familiar and stepping toward what feels unknown.

Yet, there is One who goes before us and Christ invites us to step in and through the open doors God presents in our lives. Christ promises to walk with us and beside us, to be ever with us.

With each New Year, God places before us a threshold to cross – from the old into the new. God invites us into new opportunities to serve, to live, to grow in faith. God invites us into an exciting adventure, full of promise and possibilities, some not even yet imagined, that bring us life and bring us to new life.

Mary Oliver, the poet, writes, “I want to step through the door full of curiosity.”

Do we approach the open doors God provides full of curiosity or full of suspicion, full of expectation or full of doubt? Do we enter with confidence, with faith or fearfully and cautiously? How do we enter and cross the threshold of this New Year God has gifted us?

Take some time to ponder how you cross the threshold of a New Year, how you enter into the open doors God provides.

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Pray for doors that God may open to you or to Holy Trinity in the New Year and the courage and boldness to enter in and through. Pray that the doors of Holy Trinity are open and welcoming to a new pastor to serve with you. There is so much that awaits us, awaits you, that God longs and desires to bring us, if we are but bold enough to risk and cross the threshold.

Always, Christ invites – Peter to step out of the boat, the disciples to throw out their nets just one more - to follow him into new life.

This New Year is an invitation from God to enter into new life and into fresh adventures to serve, to live and to grow in faith with a new pastor. May you do so with confidence and boldness, knowing Christ goes before you to show you the way, and ever with you offering you his strength and encouragement.

“And now let us welcome the New Year, full of things that have never been.” Rainer Marie Rilke.

Crossing the threshold of the New Year with you in faith,
Pastor Barbara

STAMPING GROUP

We will meet on Monday, January 6
at 6:30pm at Holy Trinity. The cost is \$3.



UN-DECORATING HOLY TRINITY



Volunteers are needed to help take down **CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS** (except the trees) on Tuesday, January 7 at 9:00am.

Volunteers are then needed to help take down the **CHRISTMAS TREES** on Tuesday, January 7 (same day) at 6:00pm. Thank you all for your help.



WEDNESDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We gather on Wednesday mornings from 9:00-10:00 at the church. We will be using a study guide based on writings in "Matthew" entitled "Matthew – Heaven On Earth". This study delves deeper into what it means for heaven to come to earth: studying Jesus' words, his way of life, and the manner in which he loved. Discover how we are the change agents Jesus is calling forth to make the Kingdom of heaven a reality on earth! Our Bible study moves at an easy, relaxed pace. All men are welcome. If you are free on Wednesday mornings, we would be honored to have you join us.

SATURDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

We will not meet in January and February. We will resume on Saturday, March 1 at 10:00 AM in the library. We will continue our video series "You Are Never Alone". Please join us...all are welcome!

Women's Bible Study

We will not meet in January.



Our next meeting will be Wednesday, February 5 at 10:00am in the library. We will continue our study using "Understanding Temptation". This study will use a study guide and our study Bibles. We look forward to seeing you!



We will meet on Monday, January 13 at 7:00pm at New Berlin Brewing Company. We will be discussing the first 3 chapters of John. Join us for good food and good discussion!

Look forward to seeing you and BYOB (Bring your own Bible).

JANUARY FOCUS GIVING

In January, Holy Trinity will be collecting winter clothing for children at Warstler, Middlebranch, and Barr Schools. Many children, due to family circumstances, may come to school with only the clothes on their backs. Items needed are:



- Boys and Girl's socks & underwear size 4 - 14 or x-small to x-large
- Girl's leggings 4 -14 or x-small to x-large
- Boy's sweatpants 4 - 14 or x-small to x-large
- Hats and gloves for boys and girls

There will be containers in the main hall for donations.



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Sunday, January 26 – 9:30 a.m. Family Life Center

The Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 26, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center.

The purpose of this meeting is to approve a Budget for Mission and Ministry for 2025, presented by the council after review.

We will also offer prayers of thanks for the previous year and seek God's blessing for our life and ministry in the new year.

All confirmed members in good standing are encouraged to attend.

SASSY SCISSORS

Weather permitting, we will meet

Monday, January 11 – 10AM-2PM

Thursday, January 16 – 10AM-2PM



COUNCIL NOTES December 10, 2024

During this joyous holiday season, devotions were based on the Christmas story in Luke, and what it teaches us about ministry and sharing love and His light to the world. We are reminded to follow the example of the Savior regarding inclusion because all are alike unto God. Christ said, "I am the Good Shepherd, and I know my sheep." We should keep watch over our own "flocks" and reach out to our fellow mankind in compassion and mercy.

As we reflect on the past 12 months, we are reminded of the enormous blessing bestowed on us by the devotion of Interim Pastor Barbara Bartholomew and the many gifts she continues to share with us. In a time of transition and uncertainty, she has been a beacon of light and hope and will continue to be with us until our new pastor is secured.

That process is moving along very well, thanks to Chairman Larry Robenstine and all members of the Call Committee who have worked so diligently in collaboration with the Synod. We are making good progress, and we ask that you continue to pray and to remain faithful and trusting in the process as the Holy Spirit guides us to exactly where we're supposed to be!

Finally, a reminder that our **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held on **SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025, AT 9:30 AM IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER**. Attendance is encouraged and will be appreciated as we will be seeking adoption of a budget for mission and ministry for 2025. The full report will be in your church mailboxes two weeks prior, so please take time to review it in advance so you are aware of all the wonderful accomplishments our church family has made in the past year. Thanks be to God for each and every one of you who do so much to make Holy Trinity Lutheran Church a place of worship, friendship, and service.

Your HTLC Council hopes that you and your families experience (and spread!) great joy throughout the holiday season and continue to do so in the new year.

"Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you saying, "This is the way; walk in it." (Isaiah 30:21)



2024 Budget Update

	INCOME	EXPENSES	REMAINDER
NOVEMBER	\$72,953.29	\$65,984.59	\$6,968.70
YEAR TO DATE	\$365,974.10	\$346,404.47	\$19,569.63

***This includes a new HVAC unit for the FLC (funded from UBS)

<p>\$33,801 (monthly amount needed to meet 2024 expenses of \$405,630) Thank you for your faithful support of our many ministries!</p>
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Men's Breakfast Fellowship

**Saturday, Jan. 11
8:30 a.m.**

Bring a friend!

Join the men of Holy Trinity for breakfast, spiritual conversation, and prayer. See the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.



CROCHET/KNITTING GROUP



We meet On Thursday, January 9 and Thursday, January 23 from 5:30-7:00pm in the Conference Room.

If you already know how to knit or crochet that's fabulous! Our hope is that the experienced crafters could also share their knowledge with those that would like to learn.

WORSHIP IN JANUARY

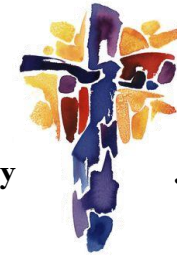
The season of Epiphany celebrates God's incarnation and how Jesus is made known to us and to the world. We are also inspired to share the good news of Jesus with the world.

January 5 – Epiphany

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

January 12 – Baptism of Our Lord

Isaiah 43:1-7
Psalm 29
Acts 8:14-17
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22



January 19 – 2 Epiphany

Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalm 36:5-10
1 Corinthians 12:1-11
John 2:1-11

January 26 – 3 Epiphany

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Luke 4:14-21

JANUARY 5 – Epiphany Sunday

Greet the new year as the Magi greeted the new born Savior and be overwhelmed with joy!

As the Magi followed the star to where the Christ child was, so star words will be available to all who want them. Star words contain a word for you to be with for the year. Find it in the Bible, if it is there. Look up its meaning in the dictionary. Pray with your word. Look for opportunities God places before you to practice or live into that word. Let the word draw you closer to God and deepen your faith – it will take the year to do so. Place the word where you see it every day – on your fridge, on your nightstand, on your Bible, on your dashboard, etc. Experience all God longs to bring you with this word. These star words will be available the first few weeks of January.

JANUARY 12 – The Baptism of Jesus

We celebrate the baptism of Jesus and remember our own baptism and to live into our baptismal call.

JANUARY WORSHIP SERVERS

Date	Service Time	Lector	Comm. Assistant	Sound/Live Stream/Slides
January 5	8:30 AM	Don Carley	Ken Groves	Sound: Darlene Fast Stream: Crystal Fast
	10:00 AM	Kari Sparkman	Linda Ramsell	Chad Sinkovich
January 12	8:30 AM	Linda Allende	Paul Feaser	Sound: Darlene Fast Stream: Crystal Fast
	10:00 AM	Linda Ramsell	Joanne Murray	Matt Halvorson
January 19	8:30 AM	Darlene Bailis	Tim Bailis	Sound: Darlene Fast Stream: Crystal Fast
	10:00 AM	Kari Sparkman	Linda Ramsell	Chad Sinkovich
January 26	8:30 AM	Carolyn Perlog	Larry Robenstine	Sound: Darlene Fast Stream: Crystal Fast
	10:00 AM	Gretchen Leckie-Ewing	Joanne Murray	Matt Halvorson

JANUARY 2025

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<p>1</p> <p>CHURCH CLOSED</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>4:00-5:30 p.m. Urban Ark</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Noon AA Meeting</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p> <p>8:30 W/CM 10:00 Sunday School 10:00 CPS/CM</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Stamping Group</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Take down Christmas decorations 11:00am-1:00pm Urban Ark 6:00 p.m. Take down Christmas trees 6:30-8:30 p.m. Peer Conn. Group</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:00-10:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Choir Practice</p>	<p>9</p> <p>4:00-5:30 p.m. Urban Ark 5:30-7:00 p.m. Crochet/Knitting 7:00-8:00 p.m. Boy & Cub Scouts</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Noon AA Meeting</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast</p>
<p>12</p> <p>8:30 W/CM 10:00 Sunday School 10:00 CPS/CM</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Sassy Scissors</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Bibles & Brews</p>	<p>14</p> <p>11:00am-1:00pm Urban Ark 6:30 p.m. Council Meeting 6:30-8:30 p.m. Peer Conn. Group</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:00-10:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Choir Practice</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Sassy Scissors 4:00-5:30 p.m. Urban Ark 7:00-8:00 p.m. Boy & Cub Scouts – Carnival/Cake Bake</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Noon AA Meeting</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p> <p>8:30 W/CM 10:00 Sunday School 10:00 CPS/CM</p>	<p>20</p> <p>CHURCH CLOSED</p> 	<p>21</p> <p>11:00am-1:00pm Urban Ark 6:30-8:30 p.m. Peer Conn. Group</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:00-10:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Choir Practice</p>	<p>23</p> <p>4:00-5:30 p.m. Urban Ark 5:30-7:00 p.m. Crochet/Knitting 7:00-8:00 p.m. Boy & Cub Scouts</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Noon AA Meeting</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <p>8:30 W/CM 9:30 Cong. Mtg 10:00 Sunday School 10:00 CPS/CM</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>11:00am-1:00pm Urban Ark 6:30-8:30 p.m. Peer Conn. Group</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:00-10:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Choir Practice</p>	<p>30</p> <p>4:00-5:30 p.m. Urban Ark 7:00-8:00 p.m. Boy & Cub Scouts</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Noon AA Meeting</p>	