

TRINITY

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Chambersburg, PA

COMING UP:

January 7
Epiphany Sunday

January 14
Baptism of Our Lord

January 21
Third Sunday
after Epiphany

January 28
Fourth Sunday
after Epiphany

"Come ye after me,
and I will make you to
become fishers of men."
Mark 1:17



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From the Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This December, Trinity proved the church is counter cultural. Our congregation stepped away from Christmas to truly celebrate the season of Advent. We explored what it meant to wait for Jesus focusing most on His most important coming – in our lives right now. I hope that taking time to flex your spiritual muscles has given you new eyes to see Jesus everywhere.

Now, in January, we turn the pages of the calendar to a new year. It's time for those pesky New Year's resolutions. Except... Jesus isn't interested in resolutions. Instead, in all the stories in the gospels, Jesus is focused on transformation, changing our directions and our hearts from the inside out.

This focus on transformation isn't the same as the self-improvement programs that begin every New Year. Every year we make resolutions to be and do something better only to give up by the middle of February. Let's make our resolution this year not to make a resolution. Instead, let's put our hope in God who guides us gently with love to become our best selves.

Rolling up our sleeves and getting to work changing this or that does work for a time. At some point, though, we run out of steam. That's the moment we realize that grace – God's unconditional love, care, and forgiveness – is essential for lasting growth. God gives us what we need to move forward. God provides the guidance and the tools. Opening our hearts to receive the gifts is our response.

Consistent spiritual practice is the way we nurture our souls and nourish our spirits. It is vital for each of us to take time to be in God's presence and intentionally allow God space to "get at us."

Vital dynamic congregations are spiritually growing. Each of us must make time to be still and know God is among us. It matters that you take the time. The specific practices depend on your personality, life responsibilities and how God is challenging you to be present. What IS important is that the practice you choose to begin or deepen gives you an opportunity for an intentional encounter with the One Who Loves Us. If at the end of the year, we aren't changed, we're not paying attention.

May God grant us all a felt sense of presence that leads to deep and authentic transformation.

God bless you in your journey this New Year!

Pastor Barb

KEEPING UP WITH TRINITY

NOVEMBER ATTENDANCE

DATE	IN-PERSON	STREAMED
11/05	90	98
11/12	97	120
11/19	100	110
11/26	81	60

NOVEMBER INFORMATION

NOV	Income	\$32,292.50
NOV	Expenses	\$25,415.10
YTD	Budget Underspent (Overspent)	\$6,877.40

In case of Inclement Weather

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<https://trinitylutheranchambersburg.org>

GO TO TRINITY'S FACEBOOK PAGE
@trinitychambersburg

GO TO TRINITY'S INSTAGRAM PAGE
@trinitylutheranchburg

WGAL - News 8 Closings & Delays

Trinity's Garden Group

Trinity's garden group spent a fun afternoon making Christmas arrangements. Let us know if you want to join us on our next adventure, possibly exploring a local dahlia garden in warmer weather.



A BIG Thank You to the Garden Group for making the Christmas Urns look so beautiful!



COMING UP @ TRINITY



The church office will be **CLOSED** from *Monday, December 25, 2023* and will reopen *Tuesday, January 2, 2024*

Church Office will be **CLOSED** *Monday, January 15, 2024* to observe *Martin Luther King Jr. Day*

ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Due Thursday, January 2, 2024

CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 28, 2028 after worship



SEWING GROUP

Jan 31, 2023 @ 11 AM
@ Helen W's home.
For more info call/email



Welcome Monica Crider, new communications secretary, to the office. There are now three new people in the office, two secretaries and the pastor. The learning curve is steep. Please be patient as we learn new systems while addressing the needs and wants of the congregation. It will take time.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

*February 14, 2024 * 12PM & 7 PM*

ADULT GROUPS



A Spiritual Direction Book Club

Wallace Whitworth and Jim Druckenbrod would like to restart the Christian reading book club. Books to read shall be volunteered by the membership. Anyone can join in for any book that seems interesting.

We shall meet the 3rd Wednesday of the month, beginning January 17, in the lounge at Trinity, at 7 PM.

I offer as the first reading, "Radical Optimism" by Beatrice Bruteau. It highlights many of the themes we covered before: living in the present moment, safety in God's Unconditional Love and that we all belong. And there is great adventure for us ahead in her discussion on leisure (Sabbath rest), cultivating imagination in our spiritual meditation and/or scripture reading, and her concept of God's radical optimism (once it percolates into us) allowing us to become radically optimistic about ourselves, each other, and the fate of God's world.

This year I am going to encourage participants to buy their own copy of the upcoming book. I purchase used books on-line at a fraction of their cost, even after shipping.

Contact either Wallace or myself if you have any questions or suggestions.
Jim Druckenbrod

THANK YOU



Thank you for the Christmas cards and gifts

I am so grateful to be part of the Trinity Family.

You are in my thoughts and prayers

Pastor Barb

Dear Trinity Church Family,

Thank you so much for your prayers and best wishes for my 90th birthday. I truly appreciated all the cards that I received. Thank you ever so much for your kindness.

Love and Blessings,
Ann Wagner

SERVICE TEAM

Thank You for Your Baking Response

The Service Team thanks the congregation for their remarkable response to our request for baked goods to honor our 'Saints Among Us.' We were able to distribute 122 bags of baked goods to our state and local police departments, Chambersburg area fire departments, ER and medical emergency workers, emergency communication center, and sanitation department workers. All recipients were most appreciative to receive the baked goods. We were blessed by your generosity. We also thank G.R and Brianne Parham, Sharon Emmons, Helen Wlazlowski, Mary Jo Frey, Libby Felix, Judy Tinberg, Sandy Knoll, Debbie Hile, Jim and Jean Druckenbrod, and Dave and Louisa Etter for distributing the baked goods. The Service Committee.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing



This year Trinity committed to be bell ringers for the Salvation Army at Sunnyway Foods on December 9 for 8 hours. The response for bell ringers was greatly appreciated. Thank you to those accepting one hour responsibilities. Bell ringers were the Vogal Family (Eric, Laurie, Jenna & Carley,) the Barkman Family (Travis, Janell, Brooklyn, & Izzy,) Shirleen Engle, Linda Hins, Debbie Hutsler, Brianne & G.R. Parham, Ken & Sherry Saylor, and Lynn and Lynnette Fisher. Others who offered but

were unable to ring the bell for a variety of reason were Jim & Jean Druckenbrod, Sid Strayer. and Libby Felix. \$622.55 was collected. Major Chris Mauk of the Salvation Army was "VERY pleased with the collection from a great group people."
Louisa Etter, Service Committee Chair



Soup and Vegetable Cans Continually Needed

10 ¾ oz. soup, 14.5 oz. vegetable, and 15 oz. fruit cans are need for daffodil arrangements. Each year the third week in March the Service Team makes and gives the arrangements to Meals on Wheels for delivery to the meal recipients. Please place clean cans in the marked bin in the church office. Thank you.

SEASONS GREETINGS

Dear friends,

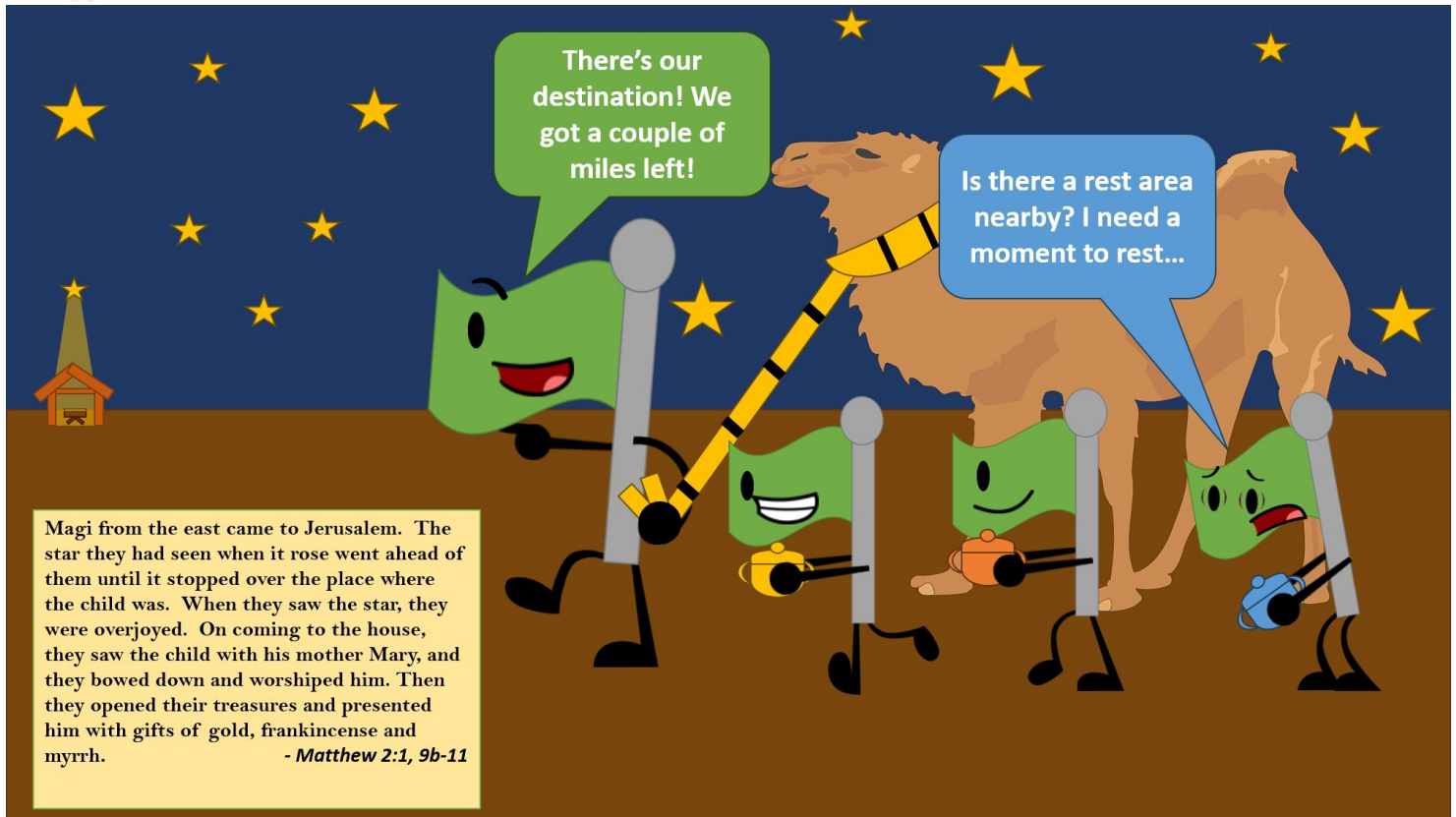
Lee and I take this opportunity to extend our best well wishes to you all this Christmas season.

May the holy Child that was born long ago, grow and live in your hearts, and may you all be blessed.

Pastor Neal and Lee Hively

KID'S CORNER

Pass The Faith
With Flag Washington
By Nathan Wadas



YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!

"THE WAY" WINTERFEST 2024

LOWER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD SR. HIGH YOUTH EVENT
JANUARY 5TH-7TH, 2024 AT THE WYNDHAM RESORT IN LANCASTER

If you are interested in attending or volunteering,
please contact Mary Jo Frey or the Church Office.



SUNDAY SCHOOL TIMES

SCRIPTURE & COFFEE

Follows Lectionary Readings

*Sundays @ 9:00 AM
The Lounge @ Trinity*



Confirmation

Where My Journey Can Begin...

SUNDAYS - 9 AM - CLOUD 9

SUNDAYS @ 9 AM

JOIN US FOR

Sunday School!

**2nd to 5th Grade - LIBRARY
Preschool to 1st Grade - Nursery**

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



1 Christine Newell
2 Loriann Smith
3 Darlene Dixon
 Shirlene Engle
 Stephen Nicola
 Alison Ross
 Hannah Ross
4 Macy Coder
6 Bishop Christman
 Richard Morrisette
 Doug Newman
 Stevi Bowman

10 Evan Shreffler
13 David Gniewek
 Alexander Lensbower
14 Debra Hutsler
15 Joan Bellows
 Ray Brindle
 Sydney Fischer
 Mary Royce
18 Robert Hardsock
19 Patrick Upham
24 Jeanine Hocker
 Bradley Keefer

25 Brian Barrows
27 Margaret Etter
 Corinne Morrisette
28 Sage Brown
30 Nikki Aurand
 Mary Jo Frey
31 William Fochtman



READ THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

JANUARY BIBLE READINGS

Jan 1	<i>Matt 1-4</i>	Jan 12	<i>Matt 26</i>	Jan 23	<i>Luke 2-3</i>
Jan 2	<i>Matt 5-6</i>	Jan 13	<i>Matt 27-28</i>	Jan 24	<i>Luke 4-5</i>
Jan 3	<i>Matt 7-8</i>	Jan 14	<i>Mark 1-3</i>	Jan 25	<i>Luke 6-7</i>
Jan 4	<i>Matt 9-10</i>	Jan 15	<i>Mark 4-5</i>	Jan 26	<i>Luke 8-9</i>
Jan 5	<i>Matt 11-12</i>	Jan 16	<i>Mark 6-7</i>	Jan 27	<i>Luke 10-11</i>
Jan 6	<i>Matt 13-14</i>	Jan 17	<i>Mark 8-9</i>	Jan 28	<i>Luke 12-13</i>
Jan 7	<i>Matt 15-17</i>	Jan 18	<i>Mark 10-11</i>	Jan 29	<i>Luke 14-16</i>
Jan 8	<i>Matt 18-19</i>	Jan 19	<i>Mark 12-13</i>	Jan 30	<i>Luke 17-18</i>
Jan 9	<i>Matt 20-21</i>	Jan 20	<i>Mark 14</i>	Jan 31	<i>Luke 19-20</i>
Jan 10	<i>Matt 22-23</i>	Jan 21	<i>Mark 15-16</i>		
Jan 11	<i>Matt 24-25</i>	Jan 22	<i>Luke 1</i>		

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING



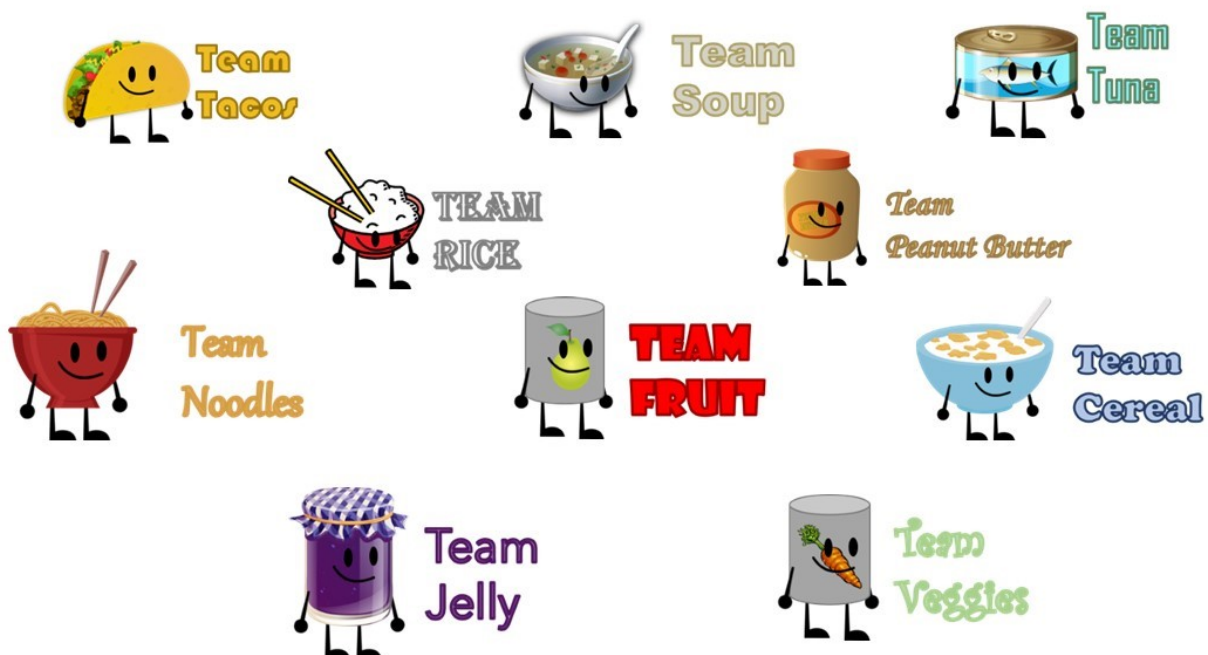
Are You Ready For Some Football?
Super Bowl 58 is right around the corner.

While we don't know which teams will be playing, we can still get ready for the big day, and help with another big challenge we face every day...

Help contribute to our neighbors who are hungry!

As last year, the event will be in a marathon format instead of weekly races. It will run from January 14^h – February 11th. Donations for any of the teams can be brought in at any time during the race. Current standings may be announced after each "lap" (week), but the winner will be announced after the last week.

Let's meet the teams!



Voting for the Super Bowl winner with monetary donations will take place after services on February 11th !

All donations will go to local efforts to fight hunger.
Thank you for your support!

HELPING HANDS

SpiriTrust Lutheran Chambersburg Auxiliary
\$5.00 • Expires 9/1/2024
*These offers cannot be combined with any other discounts and excludes all alcohol purchases.

B&H, Inc. Lawn and Floral Shop 10% OFF Floral Purchase 717.762.2439 7620 Anthony Hwy, Quincy	BLACK & BLUSH 10% OFF Total Purchase 717.504.8466 54 S. Main St, Chambersburg	KMJ DINER 10% OFF Total Order 717.300.3232 487 E. King St, Shippensburg	MAPLEWOOD \$2 OFF \$25.00 or More 717.532.8973 8564 Old Scotland Rd, Shippensburg
10% OFF Total Order Waynesboro only 717.762.1477 11119 Buchanan Tr E, Waynesboro	Carotti's Pizza 10% OFF Dine-in or Pick-up Excludes Other Offers 717.263.9553 2625 Philadelphia Ave	PAPA JOHN'S 10% OFF Total Order 717.352.3071 4550 Lincoln Way E, Fayetteville	LA Cameras 10% OFF 4x6 Photo Processing & Photo Gifts 1019 Wayne Ave • Chambersburg
15% OFF Total Order 717.502.2372 120 S. Main St, Chambersburg	FUDDRUCKERS 10% OFF Total Order 717.263.9011 • 442 Gateway Ave	PANDA BUFFET 10% OFF Dine-in Buffet Only 717.261.9893 • 1009 Wayne Ave	Perkins 10% OFF Total Order 717.263.1112 • 1324 Lincoln Way E
HICKORY RIDGE 10% OFF Total Order 717.552.2734 • 3875 Philadelphia Ave	Kenny's 10% OFF Total Order 717.264.8351 • 2342 Philadelphia Ave	POPEYES 10% OFF Total Order Non-special items only. 717.709.9688 1332 Lincoln Way E, Chambersburg	PRINTaway 29c Color Copies 717.263.1839 170 Mill Rd, Chambersburg
		Stoner's Family Restaurant 10% OFF Total Order 717.263.2008 • 615 Wayne Ave	10% OFF Total Order 717.655.7621 7888 Anthony Hwy, Quincy

NEW DISCOUNT CARDS ARE HERE!
Please see your SpiriTrust Lutheran Chambersburg Auxiliary representative, Sharon Emmons to get yours at
mysunni@comcast.net /
or 717-264-3977.
The sale benefits
Luther Ridge Community--residents.



TRINITY'S BLESSING BOX

ONLY NEW BOXES & CANS NEEDED
Have you noticed?
It is new – replaced by the church on the Square!
Have you added food to it?
Hungry people use it daily!

6 ways to give at Trinity

TEXT	WORSHIP	MAIL	MOBILE	AUTOMATIC TRANSFER	ONLINE
 Text STEWARD and the amount to 73256. Click the link you receive in the text message response. Follow the prompts to give. Text giving saves your payment info so you can quickly give again.	 Give in-person each Saturday or Sunday and place your tithe in the offering plate.	 Mail it directly to the church: Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church 431 Philadelphia Ave. Chambersburg, PA 17201	 Search Connect - Our Church Community in app store. Download the free app and sign in. Tap the Giving icon at the bottom, tap Make a Gift and follow the prompts to give. Need an account? Contact the office.	 Automatic contribution from a checking or savings account. Contact the Financial Secretary for more information.	 Give online at https://trinitylutheranchambersburg.org/give/ Enter the amount, fund, frequency, & email. Click Continue and enter your payment information to complete the transaction. If you have a Realm login, you can login when prompted to use your saved payment info.

HELPING HANDS



Prayer Requests

In need of prayers or know someone who is?

We have a
"Prayer List" and a "Prayer Chain"

Contact the church office
and let us know your request.
717-263-8156 or office@trinitychbg.org



@trinitychambersburg

If you are a member and would like to
be part of Trinity's Church Members
Group to get the latest news, go to

* Trinity's Facebook page

* Groups

* Request to join the Members Group.



GO GREEN TO GET GREEN

**TRINITY PAPER DAY
JANUARY 28**

The best vessel to put
your recycled paper
(including junk mail and magazines) in is
a paper grocery bag or a cardboard box.
Please do not tape or tie anything closed.
This benefit helps people to stay warm.
Thanks so much for your participation.

NewsLetter
DEADLINE
Sat., January 20, 2024

Be a Sponsor

SPONSORS NEEDED

Sign-up on
bulletin board in hallway
or call the church office.

Altar Flowers \$40+

Children's \$3
Bulletins

Join us Sundays @ 10 AM

Watch us on YouTube™

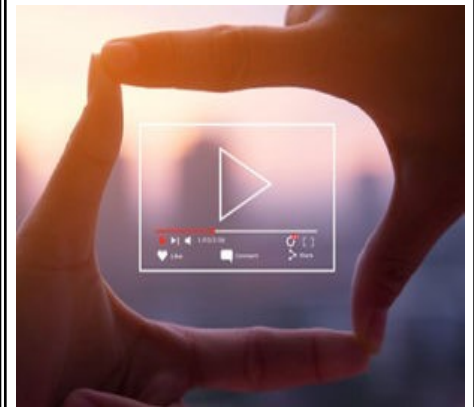
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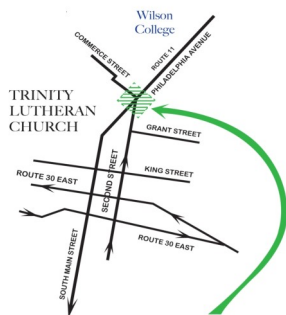
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Sunday Worship

10 AM - Traditional
(in-person & streamed)



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and I will make you

fishers of men.



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