

# Trinity's Trumpet



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*"Assembled in God's Grace  
to worship, to teach, to serve."*



## **Christmas on Main December 7th 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm**



Come to Fellowship Hall and our Education Wing. Enjoy Christmas Music performed by our Trinity Handbell Choir. Light refreshments will be served. Come enjoy all the nativity displays. There will also be a craft for young children.

## **Poinsettias**

Sponsor forms for poinsettias are available in the Narthex, through Sunday, December 8th. The poinsettias will be red in color and potted in a 6-1/2" pot with five or more bracts for a price of \$7.00 each. Please return the completed form and money to the Church Office, or place it in the offering plate during Sunday worship, no later than Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. The poinsettias will be used to decorate the church on Christmas Eve and may be taken home at the conclusion of the 10:30 p.m. service. Plants not removed from the sanctuary after the service will be placed in the Narthex for pick-up.



## **ELCA World Hunger**



Our Sunday School classes are participating in the ELCA World hunger, "Until All Are Fed" Program. We have chosen the Family Farm Project, where our contributions can help buy a cow, goat, pig, chicks, or bees. Each child has been given a God's Global Barnyard box. Every Sunday, from now until Christmas, we are asking the children to add some coins to their box.

This is not a contest, just a fun way to give and to teach our children the importance of sharing what we have, and helping those who are not as fortunate. On Christmas, we will combine the contributions and purchase an animal. A cow is \$500, a goat is \$50, a pig is \$30, chicks are \$10, and honeybees are \$20. You will have an opportunity to support our project by putting any extra change in the Barnyard Box in the Narthex.

## **Congregational Meeting**

Trinity's annual congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, December 8, 2019, immediately following the worship service.



## **Beer and Carols**



December's Beer and Carols night will be on Thursday, December 12, at 5:00 p.m. at Palermo's Pizza and Italian Restaurant.



**The Reverend Doctor Charles Oberkehr — Pastor  
202.573.1282**

**Linda Krick — Music Coordinator & Choir Director  
Linda Binder — Organist**

**Classee Gehman — Office Administrator  
Carl Hartman — Office Bookkeeper  
Lloyd Sensenig — Sexton**

**Church Office Hours  
Monday through Thursday — 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

## Requests from the Office



Please call the church at 354.4976 when:

- You are in the hospital or prior to going to the hospital (or have a relative call for you);
- You are going to a rehab center or a nursing home;
- You are confined to your home for an extended period of time because of illness or accident;
- There is a change in your family status (birth, death, marriage, or divorce);
- You move to a new home, move out of the area, or go away to college or graduate school.
- Please inform the Church Office if your mailing address and/or telephone number have been changed or you have moved to a new address. The church is charged a fee of \$.75 for each piece of mail that is returned.
- As you schedule a meeting or an event of a group, committee or task force of Trinity, please inform the Church Office. In an effort to be open and communicative with everyone, we would like to include all scheduling on the Church Calendar and in the Weekly Bulletin. Changes to the routinely scheduled meetings should also be shared with the Church Office. We want everyone who checks out our newsletter or bulletin to see our activity.

### Parking Notice



Please observe the marked **handicap** parking spaces. These are for persons with disabilities, etc. and who have proper permission to use these spaces.

Trinity members, friends, and visitors have been given permission by M & T Bank and the Stauffer Pharmacy to use their lots for parking

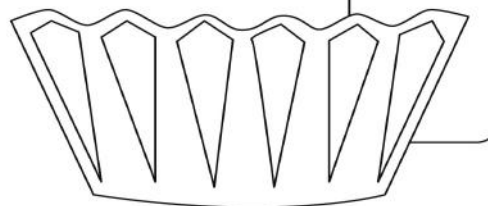
on Sunday mornings.

There are three "visitor only" spaces located on the south end of the middle island of the church parking lot.

# Light the way



Make some Christmas candles to remember Jesus, the Light of the world.



### What you need:

- Unlined white notecards
- Hot glue (and adult help)
- Yellow tissue paper
- Mini muffin liners
- Clothespins

### What you do:

1. Roll a notecard from side to side into a "candle" tube. Secure with glue.
2. Insert a piece of tissue paper "flame" in one end.
3. Glue the other end to a muffin liner. Then glue the liner to a clothespin.
4. Repeat to make many paper candles. Pin them to the branches of a Christmas tree.

### Worship Schedule

**Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend**  
Worship with Holy Communion - 9:30 a.m.

**Sunday after Labor Day until the Sunday before Memorial Day Weekend**  
Sunday Church School - 9:00 a.m.  
Worship with Holy Communion - 10:30 a.m.

**After Worship Refreshments in Fellowship Hall**



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## QUILTS

On Sunday, October 6, you saw, touched and blessed 88 mission quilts made by Trinity's Quilters this past year. They were packed in boxes, then taken by trailer to Bergstrasse Lutheran Church in Ephrata to join the other thousand plus quilts that were collected that day from over 35 Lutheran churches in the North Lancaster district of the ELCA. From there they were trucked to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse in New Windsor, MD. Last year about half a million quilts were sent out by Lutheran World Relief throughout the world. Another warehouse is in Minneapolis, MN.

At the New Windsor warehouse the quilts will be unpacked, refolded and placed in a large plastic bag in a device that compresses 25 quilts into a bale. These bales are packed into a shipping container, taken by train to the Port of Baltimore, then shipped throughout the world. Many non-profit organizations in various countries request quilts for those in need. When they arrive the organizations distribute them. They might be used as room dividers, roofs, carrying bags as well as blankets. Last year our quilts went to Mali and Iraq.



On Oct. 6 we took a special "noisy offering" to help with shipping cost of the quilts. We collected over \$500, which qualifies us to get our third specially engraved brick at the LWR headquarters in Baltimore in the brick quilt plaza there.

A big thank you goes out to the 16 people who worked on making these quilts and to you who supported the project with the noisy offering and by donating fabric and money so that we can continue this project. One reminder – any quilt is available to you for a donation of \$50 or more, payable to Trinity. There are some Christmas-themed quilts on the quilt rack in Fellowship Hall. Money will go to purchase more fabric, batting, thread, etc.

Those who worked on the quilts are Kathy Ashcroft, Ralph Bitler, Jean Brown, Martha Cressman, Brenda Dagan, Andrea Dukeman, Karin Freimuth, Peg Friday, Carol Hagan, Doris Hunsberger, Kathy Lindman, Nancy Middlekauff, Sharon Sheaffer, Jean Tressler, Theona Waxbom, and Elaine Wright.

There are pictures of the New Windsor warehouse and other information on the bulletin board in the hallway outside of Fellowship Hall.

## *The Manger Project*



Trinity's Manger Project is going on right now! If you haven't already, please pick a star. The gifts need to be back to the church by Sunday, December 8th. Thank you to everyone for making Christmas a little brighter for those less fortunate. Your thoughtfulness is so greatly appreciate.

## *Altar Flowers*

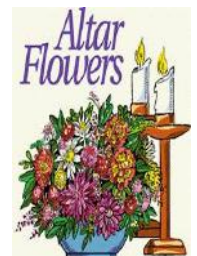
Beginning in January, the cost to sponsor a vase of flowers will increase to \$25.00 It has been a couple of years since we have had an increase in this pricing.

We thank you for your understanding as this was a difficult decision to make.

We also thank you for your continued willingness to sponsor our altar flowers. Whether you take them home with you after the service or allow them to be taken to someone unable to attend worship, the small burst of color on our altar is a very meaningful part of the service.

Thank you.

Trinity's Worship and Music Committee



## *The Lancaster Chamber Singers*

Come and join The Lancaster Chamber Singers for a concert of Christmas Joy and Carols for the Holiday Season. You'll enjoy beloved favorites and new arrangements accompanied by local guitarist, rusty Banks, and flutists, Erin Hershey and Phoebe Harnish, both LCS members. Concerts will be held on Saturday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran church, New Holland and Sunday, December 15, at 3:00 p.m. at St. Edwards Episcopal church, 2453 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster. Tickets can be purchased from Nancy Middlekauff before the concert for \$10, tickets at the door are \$15. They can also be purchased online at [www.LancasterChamberSingers.org](http://www.LancasterChamberSingers.org). Join us for this concert with audience participation that will fill you with Christmas joy!

### Gift Fund Committee Update

The purpose of the Trinity Gift Fund is to make available monies for benevolent purposes using the income from the Endowment Fund investments. The Gift Fund Committee evaluates requests and suggestions from congregation members for use of the funds and makes disbursements of the funds.

A few years ago the committee approved the establishment of a Trinity Student Scholarship Fund, offering scholarships to assist with funding continuing education for individuals of all ages who are active in the congregation at Trinity. The committee also agreed to assist youth in the congregation who need financial assistance to attend confirmation/church camp, if funds are available.

This year the committee approved disbursement requests for family financial assistance, rental of medical equipment, a loan to pay taxes, a donation to CrossNet Ministries, and financial support to the North Lancaster Disaster Response Team for their trip to Puerto Rico. If you or someone in the congregation you know has a financial need that Trinity can help with, please contact one of the committee members with a written request. Names of recipients receiving assistance will be kept confidential upon request.

Committee members are Elizabeth Clark, John Freimuth, Alice Geib, Fred Groff (Chair), Vicki Hartman, and J.B. Martin.



Thank you to Pastor Oberkehr for the hospital visits, your prayers and your time with us. Also, the home visits helping us at this time.

To Trinity members, we say thank you for all the cards, calls, and flowers.

Gordon Best

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Dear Trinity:

Thank you so much for hosting the Boundary Workshop in September. Things couldn't have been more perfect. We were so appreciative of the kitchen crew.

Blessings,  
Rob Blezard

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This is a note of thanks for the offering in the amount of \$512.69 given at our recent concert at your church. These funds will go toward the expenses of the concert and to our charity project, Ag Connect. May the Lord bless you as you continue to serve Him.

James R. Charles  
Treasurer, The Gap Male Chorus

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On behalf of the Coatesville VA Medical Center patients and staff, we would like to extend our appreciation to you for your donation of one box of men's clothing and assorted toiletries, for the benefit of hospitalized veterans.

Thank you for your continued support.  
Jennifer Lilly, Chief, Voluntary Service  
Coatesville VA Medical Center

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Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$424.67 to Luthercare! Because of you, we're able to come together in community to help families throughout Lancaster and Lebanon Counties.

Thanks again for your support.  
Ryan Fisher, Director of Philanthropy  
Luthercare

*From the Pen of Linda Krick*  
*Music Coordinator/Choir Director*



*Silent Night*

73,048 silent nights have passed since the first one in 1818, marking the 200th anniversary of one of the most beloved Christmas songs of all time. We may never know the exact details of that cold night. However legend has it happening this way. On Christmas Eve of 1818 the young priest of St. Nicholas parish church in Obendorf faced disaster. The organ had been incapacitated by mice. The chance of fixing the instrument before the evening service was nil. Father Joseph Mohr was not a man to just give up however. He pulled out a poem he had written several years before called "Stille Nacht". Mohr took his poem to the schoolmaster and organist of a nearby town, Franz Xaver Gruber. He asked that Gruber write a melody to accompany the poem on guitar. In several hours, Gruber had the music done and the carol was played for the first time that night at the Christmas Eve service. Rarely is the historical backdrop painted in the retelling of this tale, maybe because it's gloomy. The people of Europe had been ravaged by war in recent years and congregants were tired and longing for peace. Most of the worshippers in attendance that night were poor fisherman and dock workers who were affected by a frozen river which meant even colder wages. By the end of the Christmas Eve service in 1818, the entire congregation was singing Silent Night by candlelight, accompanied by Father Joseph Mohr's guitar which was a natural fit since Mohr was often found singing and playing the guitar in the local tavern with his friends, fishermen who spent long hours on river barges. While the fishermen and their families may have gone home humming the tune, how did Stille Nacht travel all over the world? According to Gruber, the organ was broken and needed repair. When Karl Mauracher, an organ technician arrived, he learned the new song from Franz Gruber. Silent Night made its way across the countryside because of an organ master who shared it from town to town. Over the years, because the original manuscript had been lost, Mohr's name was forgotten and although Gruber was known to be the composer, many people assumed the melody was composed by a famous composer, and it was variously attributed to Haydn, Mozart, or Beethoven. However, a manuscript was discovered in 1995 in Mohr's handwriting and dated by researchers as c.1820. It states that Mohr wrote the words in 1816 and shows that the music was composed by Gruber in 1818. The song was not translated into English for another 50 years. Episcopalian bishop John Freeman Young published the English translation that is most frequently sung today in 1859. The writing of the song is unique enough but one other interesting fact makes this carol special. In 1914, during the Christmas truce, the song was sung in French, English and German simultaneously. It was apparently the one song that all the soldiers on both sides knew. Come and sing Silent Night by candlelight on Christmas Eve either at the 7:30 service (prelude at 7:20) or the 11:00 service (prelude at 10:30.)

Linda Krick

*Pathways at Trinity*

Thank you to our Trinity family for your donations of toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, laundry detergent, and dish detergent. We appreciate your support by reaching out to help others in our community.

Thank you so much,  
 Trinity's Outreach Committee

*Library News*

Recently, The Reverend Lisa Shuster and Martha Cressman donated a total of 36 books to the church library. Their generosity is greatly appreciated. There are children's books to help learn the 23rd Psalm and the Lord's Prayer. Some other books of interest are titled:

**On the Glorious Hill**, which is a short history of Gettysburg Seminary.

**Pastors and Patriots: the Muhlenberg Family of Pennsylvania.**

**The Story of Christian Music From Gregorian Chant to Black Gospel.**

**The European Reformations.**

These are a few of the books that have been added. Our library now houses 1,586 volumes in various categories. Come and spend some time reading and relaxing in our second floor library.



Kathy Ashcroft  
 Eric Corneilson  
 Andrea Dukeman  
 Marge Hollinger  
 Lois Kirkpatrick  
 Faye McCarty  
 Pete Orfanella  
 Kay Spritzer  
 Jean Tressler  
 Kim Walls



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**November Council Meeting Update**



The audit committee presented their recommendations for the 2018 completed audit. Council appreciates their time in completing this task and will implement the recommendations as deemed appropriate.

The 2020 budgets for the general operations and cemetery were approved and will be distributed to the congregation for review and approval at the congregational meeting.

The 2020 nominating committee has been formed. Thank you to everyone who will be serving on this committee.

Discussions will continue involving the use of the first floor classrooms for the Head Start program. A committee has been formed to work out the details regarding this important program.

The new mutual ministry committee has been formed. Thank you to those who will be serving on this committee.

The congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, December 8 immediately following worship.

The next Council meeting will to be held on **Tuesday, December 10, 2019** at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Council meetings are open to all members of Trinity. Members welcomed!

**The Deadline for the  
 January 2020  
 Newsletter is  
 Sunday,  
 December 15, 2019**



***Help For Our Veterans***

Let's show our appreciation to the Veterans for the courage and many sacrifices they made to keep us safe and free. Please remember that the complimentary shampoos, body creams, soaps, etc. from hotels, inns, resorts, etc. are greatly appreciated. Please place these items in the Veterans box in the Narthex. For many Veterans, their battles are far from over. Stricken with health problems and knowing that they are not forgotten makes a big difference. This is a small way for us to make a difference in their lives. We thank you for your support of this ongoing outreach project.

There is also a box under the Veterans table to collect **GOOD CLEAN MEN'S** suits, jackets, trousers, shirts, sweaters, hats and belts. Please remember the men and women who fought for the freedom of speech, freedom of worship and freedom from want and fear. This was their hope and goal for mankind. **PLEASE NOTE: NO WOMEN'S CLOTHING UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**



# Trinity Lutheran Church

## Sunday Morning Ministers

### December 2019



	December 1, 2019 1st of Advent 10:30 a.m.	December 8, 2019 2nd of Advent 10:30 a.m.	December 15, 2019 3rd of Advent 10:30 a.m.	December 22, 2019 4th of Advent 10:30 a.m.	December 24 Christmas Eve Early Service 7:00 p.m.	December 24 Christmas Eve Late Service 10:00 p.m.	December 29, 2019 1st Sunday of Christmas 10:30 a.m.
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Eric Cornelson	Jim Cox	Catherine Huegel	Jim Creek	BJ Zimmerman	Eric Cornelson	Deanna Cornelson
<b>Lector</b>	Catherine Huegel	Chuck Hagan	Lois Kirkpatrick	Chet Laskoski	Eric Cornelson	JB Martin	Sharon Sheaffer
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Lois Kirkpatrick Bob Tressler Kim Walls	Trish Cox Karin Freimuth Julie Henry	Andrea Dukeman JB Martin Sharon Pickel	Chuck Hagan Marty Reifsnnyder Bob Tressler	Julie Henry	Jim Cox Trish Cox Karin Freimuth	Eric Cornelson Doris Hunsberger John Sheaffer
<b>Acolyte</b>	Bill Seitzinger	Elise Krock	Bill Seitzinger	Alan Krock	Elise Krock	OPEN	Bill Seitzinger
<b>Head Usher</b>	Harry Zimmerman	Harry Zimmerman	Harry Zimmerman	Harry Zimmerman	Harry Zimmerman	Harry Zimmerman	Harry Zimmerman
<b>Lead Usher</b>	Harry Zimmerman	Harry Zimmerman	Harry Zimmerman	Harry Zimmerman	Harry Zimmerman	Harry Zimmerman	Harry Zimmerman
<b>Ushers</b>	Jonathan and Patricia Heisse Bob and Dottie Winegardner	Ralph Bitler Jim Cole Bill Kassinger Scott Zimmerman					
<b>Greeters</b>	Steve and Sharol Farmsworth	Bill and Theona Waxbom	Julie Henry	JB and Shelly Martin	George and Faith Ebright	Mario and Barbara DeLaurentis	Jeffrey and Cindi Knauer
<b>Altar Care</b>	Alta Nolt Stephanie Smith	Alta Nolt Stephanie Smith	Alta Nolt Stephanie Smith	Alta Nolt Stephanie Smith	Alta Nolt Stephanie Smith	Alta Nolt Stephanie Smith	Alta Nolt Stephanie Smith
<b>Flower Sponsors</b>	Dottie Winegardner (2)	OPEN OPEN	Jeff and Gwen Gast Julie Henry	Jeff and Gwen Gast Terry and Joyce Gehman			Jeff and Gwen Gast (2)
<b>Offering Tellers</b>	BJ Zimmerman Peg Friday Nancy Wile	Marge Hollinger Sharon Hackman Bob Weaver	John Freimuth Karin Freimuth Ilene Schnader	Doris Hunsberger Ralph Bitler Ron Harris	Doris Hunsberger Ralph Bitler Ron Harris	Doris Hunsberger Ralph Bitler Ron Harris	BJ Zimmerman Andrea Dukeman Bob Tressler
<b>After-Worship Refreshments</b>	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	Cookie Sunday	N/A	N/A	OPEN

# DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 9:00 a.m. — Sunday Church School 10:30 a.m. — Worship 11:45 a.m. — Refreshments	<b>2</b> 6:00 p.m. — Eat and Meet Group 6:00 p.m. — Boy Scouts 6:30 p.m. — Girl Scouts	<b>3</b> 10:00 a.m. — Quilters	<b>4</b> 7:00 p.m. — Choir Rehearsal  <b>Claresse on Vacation</b>	<b>5</b> 7:00 p.m. — Handbell Practice  <b>Claresse on Vacation</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 2:30 p.m. — Handbell Choir Performing During Christmas on Main
<b>8</b> 9:00 a.m. — Sunday Church School 10:30 a.m. — Worship Annual Meeting 11:45 a.m. — Refreshments	<b>9</b> 6:00 p.m. — Boy Scouts 6:30 p.m. — Girl Scouts  <b>Claresse on Vacation</b>	<b>10</b> 10:00 a.m. — Quilters 7:00 p.m. — Council Meeting  <b>Claresse on Vacation</b>	<b>11</b> 7:00 p.m. — Choir Rehearsal  <b>Claresse on Vacation</b>	<b>12</b> 1:00 p.m. — Brief Holy Communion at Garden Spot Village 5:00 p.m. — Beer and Carols at Palermo's 7:00 p.m. — Handbell Practice	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 11:00 a.m. — Parents Day Out 7:00 p.m. — Lancaster Chamber Singers Concert
<b>15</b> 9:00 a.m. — Sunday Church School 10:30 a.m. — Worship 11:45 a.m. — Refreshments <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	<b>16</b> 6:00 p.m. — Boy Scouts 6:30 p.m. — Girl Scouts	<b>17</b> 10:00 a.m. — Quilters	<b>18</b> 7:00 p.m. — Choir Rehearsal	<b>19</b> 7:00 p.m. — Handbell Practice	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:00 a.m. — Sunday Church School 10:30 a.m. — Worship 11:45 a.m. — Refreshments	<b>23</b> 6:00 p.m. — Boy Scouts 6:30 p.m. — Girl Scouts	<b>24</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b>  7:30 p.m. — Early Christmas Eve Service 10:45 p.m. — Late Christmas Eve Service	<b>25</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:00 a.m. — Sunday Church School 10:30 a.m. — Worship 11:45 a.m. — Refreshments	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b>				