

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear Trinity Lutheran Church Family,

As 2023 begins, we also begin the church calendar season of Epiphany. The 2022-2023 church calendar started in 2022 with Advent and then Christmas. The 12 days of Christmas started 25 December and go to Epiphany (6 January).

Then, we are in the Epiphany Season until Lent. "Epiphany" comes from the Greek *epiphaneia*, meaning "manifestation" or "appearance." In 2 Timothy 1:9-10, the word is used to refer to the manifestation of Jesus Christ: *This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel (NIV)*. In the context of the Church year, Epiphany refers to the appearance of Jesus Christ as the Savior of the world—of Israel and the Gentiles. For this reason, Epiphany is commonly associated with the visitation of the Magi (or "wise men"), who were almost certainly Gentiles, in Matthew 2:1-12. The scope of the Epiphany Season also includes all of Jesus' childhood events, his baptism by John and the wedding at Cana. During Epiphany we focus on the mission of the Church to reach all the peoples of the earth, and the great gift of God's grace in revealing healing truth and light to the world.

Next comes Lent. Ash Wednesday on 22 February begins the Lenten Season this year. We Christians receive ash on our foreheads in the sign of the cross and hear words based on Genesis 3:19, "Remember that you are dust, and unto dust you shall return." Lent is 40 days long (not including the Sundays) representing the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness. It is a season of repentance to prepare us for Easter.

God's blessings to you and yours during Epiphany and Lent.

In Christ,
Chaplain Prince



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 am
Adult Bible Class

10:00 am
Worship Service

Holy Communion
Every Sunday

OUR MISSION

*United in Christ we will
proclaim the Gospel,
administer the Sacraments,
and provide Christian
education to children and
adults in a supportive and
nurturing environment.*

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TRINITY'S MINISTRY TEAM

Pastor

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Rev. Timothy Utton

Chaplain Matthew Prince

Church Secretary

Anne Combes

Director of Music

Carroll Smith

Bookkeeper

Lynn Hubert

Sexton

Bill Sontag

Custodian

Antonio Tutt

Chairman of Deacons

Sharyn Leiding – Zone 3

Deacons

Sharon Plawin – Zone 1

Craig Scott – Zone 4

Ken Leiding – Zone 5

Roger & Mary Ann Medlin – Zone 6

Bud & Lynn Hubert - Zone 7 & AG

Council 2023

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MOVING TRINITY FORWARD

As announced at our last Voters' Assembly, the Board of Stewardship has started a new building improvement fund raiser entitled – MOVING TRINITY FORWARD FUND. This will be a 5-year campaign beginning January 1, 2023 with a goal of \$250,000. This fund will help support a renovation of our heating and cooling systems, support updates to the building to cover safety and security, a renovation of our playground, and updates to our roof and wiring throughout the building. Mark your donation for the MTF Fund!

Pastoral Visits

Chaplain Prince has offered to make Pastoral visits to anyone who would request that he visit with them at their home. These visits will be limited to ½ hour or less and will include a time of prayer and brief discussion on how to use your time and talents to serve our Lord Jesus. We have set up a schedule of two Sundays a month with two timeframes each Sunday following services at Trinity. This opportunity will begin on Sunday January 15th. The Sundays include January 15th and 29th; February 12th and 26th; March 12th and 26th; and April 16th and 30th at 1:30 pm and 2:30 pm. There is a signup sheet in the Welcome Center, or you may call the Church Office at 757-489-2551 to find out times available. We pray that you will find this opportunity helpful, and we thank Chaplain Prince for this added outreach of care to our Trinity Family.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

Words cannot begin to express my gratitude for all the cards, gifts and especially prayers during the recent illness and passing of my mother.

As always, my Trinity family stepped up the plate to help during this time of stress and grief. Kevin and I are most humbled by your generosity. Thank You for ALL you have done and given.

In Christ's Love, Anne



In the event of inclement weather please visit our website at www.trinitylutherannorfolk.org and our Facebook page at TLCNorfolk for announcements concerning any cancellations. Notifications will also be sent by email to those with an email address on file and by phone to those who do not.

Board of Stewardship

Craig Scott

Your Past Does Not Define Your Future

New Year's is a celebration of the past and the future. We take stock of the past with thanksgiving and sometimes even relief (that it's over), and we look to the future in hope and anticipation, and perhaps with some worry, for what it holds.

The point is that New Year's celebrations remind us of who we are as opposed to who we would like to be, what we have done in comparison to what we want to do. It reminds us of our accomplishments, but mostly it reminds us of our failures. What we've lost. Who we've lost.

New Year's is our own version of Charles Dickens' classic, *A Christmas Carol*. And we all play Scrooge. We are visited by the ghosts of our pasts, presents and futures.

St. Paul writes: "The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. As it is written, 'He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.' He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for all your generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God" (2 Cor. 9:6–15).

St. Paul tells us that the Lord will both supply and increase what we need to give to the church for its work in the world. He tells us that this work God does in us will enrich and bless us in every way, and through this, will produce thanksgiving to God. With this in mind, here is some practical advice to help you take stock of your giving in years past and change what needs to be adjusted, improved, or done away with altogether.



First, attend the Divine Service to receive God's gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. If you've not been faithful in attending worship to hear the preaching of God's Word, to receive forgiveness and feast on the rich food of our Lord's body and blood for the eternal benefit of your body and soul, then repent and come to receive the gifts God freely gives. God doesn't want your money. He wants you — all of you (Matt. 22:20–22).

Second, pray for the Lord's help. Your right as a Christian is to speak with your Father, the King of all creation, freely through His Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Go to the throne of grace and ask for strength and wisdom to follow His bidding faithfully (John 15:1–16).

Third, consider what the church is and what the church does. The church is a place of mercy. It inhales the mercy of the Father by the death, resurrection and ascension of His Son through the preaching of the Gospel and the Sacraments. It exhales this mercy in love toward neighbors. You are a member of the church, of God's family. Thus, you are not only a recipient of God's mercy, but a bearer of that mercy for the life of the world. You spread that mercy through the generous giving of your income to support the work of the church in the world, as the Israelites did in the Old Testament (Lev. 27:1–34).

Fourth, take stock of your current giving in light of the New Testament's teaching on supporting the work of the church. Are you giving of your first fruits, taking it out of your paycheck first, or does God get what's left over? Are you giving voluntarily and cheerfully? Are you giving proportionally and generously? The Old Testament required a tithe, or ten percent. The New Testament gives freedom to be generous, to give more for the Church's work. Are you relying on God's promise to provide and increase what you need to do His work? If your answer is no to any of these, repent. If God gave you His only Son, will He not provide for you all things, even physical things? Trust Him, His Word, and heed it.

So, don't let your past define your future. Rather, commit for the year a generous proportion of your income, which is God's gift to you for this body and life.

- LCMS Stewardship Ministry:
lcms.org/stewardship

LWML

Sharon Knorr

I would like to thank the following people of the Altar Guild for helping with Altar Duty last year – Cathy George, Flo Ball, Lynn and Bud Hubert, Errol Jennings (the candle man), Anne Starke, Anne Combes and anyone else who has helped the altar guild in any way.

A reminder that all women of Trinity are automatic members of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. We do not require dues, but we invite you to participate in our four yearly meetings – March, May, September and November and support our fund raisers by donating your time or baking. To support our league treasury, we ask you to donate any amount of money to the fund as your "Birthday Blessings". As a league member, you can donate your time with another member by dusting the sanctuary and narthex and organizing pew cards (a monthly schedule has been created and posted on the LWML Bulletin Board in the office hallway).

The Welcome Center is a great place to meet after service on Sunday mornings and enjoy fellowship as well as some treats. The treats are made possible by volunteers who sign up to be host/hostesses on a particular Sunday. The sign-up sheet can be found on the Welcome Center Volunteer Board. On the first Sunday of each month the LWML serves as the hostess and celebrates that month's birthdays with a special treat!

LWML Events – Jan/Feb/Mar

Epiphany Luncheon Out – Saturday,

January 7, 2023, Surf Rider Restaurant 12:00 Noon

LWML Love Box Packing – Saturday,

February 4, 2023, 10:00 am

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - Tuesday,

February 21, 2023, 5:30 pm

Lenten Soup Suppers – Wednesday,

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. Held before our Lenten Mid-Week Services each week. A sign-up sheet can be found in the Welcome Center for those donating soup and bread and helping to set-up and clean-up.

LWML Meeting – Saturday, March 11, 2023,

10:00 am in the Conference Room. Brunch will be supplied with devotions and business meeting to follow.

(April - LWML Cleaning of the Sanctuary for Easter – Saturday, April 1, 2023, 9:00 am)

Love Boxes for our deployed military and college students will be packed on Saturday February 4th at 10:00 am. Please notify the church office of any address changes for your military family member or college student. God bless you and thank you for all of your assistance with this project over the years. It has truly become a tradition of the Women's League since its inception.

We have five college students and one missionary to pack Love Boxes for this year. If you would like to purchase an item to be included in the Love Box, please consider one of the following:

Pocket Tissue Packs

Paper/Note Cards

Postage Stamps

Highlighters

Pens – Black Ink

Pencils - mechanical

Post-It Notes

Monetary donations would be greatly appreciated so the LWML can purchase smaller food items (that can easily be mailed) to be included in the boxes. A collection box can be found in the Welcome Center for monetary donations as well as purchased donations. God bless you for your support!

LWML Officers for 2023

Sharon Knorr – President.

Patty Malone – Vice President

Lynn Hubert – Recording and Financial Secretary

Sharyn Leiding – Christian Growth

Janice Gwin - Networker

If you have any questions, please contact one of these ladies for assistance.

A blessed New Year to all – Sharon Knorr

Christian Growth

Judy Sykes

We are excited to be in the hands of a new director - Lisa Otero!

Have you seen the new LENDING LIBRARY on the Church Playground? Thank you to Ralph George for building and installing this for our community children. Cathy George and I put stickers on the books for lending!

Board of Deacons

Sharyn Leiding

Your deacons have been active during the Advent and Christmas season. The highlight was caroling to Trinity's homebound members on December 18th. We enjoyed a light lunch in Belvedere Hall before venturing to several homes and serenading folks with familiar Christmas hymns. It was truly a rewarding ministry.

Poinsettias that adorned the sanctuary and were designated for donation, were delivered by deacons to homebound members.

There was deacon presence at the funeral of Jane Neill, mother of Anne Combes, on December 12th.

Communion visits to the homebound are being conducted by Bud Hubert, Ken Leiding and Roger Medlin; usually their wives accompany them.

Cards and telephone calls from deacons are reminders to members and guests that they are missed when they are not present in worship service.

Contact your deacon if you have questions or concerns pertaining to your spiritual life at Trinity.

Board of Worship

Janice Gwin

The Board of Worship will be holding an Usher Training in January. There is a sign-up sheet on the Volunteer Board in the Welcome Center. Please let us know that you are interested in serving as an usher for our Worship Services. With many volunteers we can establish a schedule so that the same people are not asked to serve every week. Watch your bulletin for more details.

We are soon approaching Lent!

LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday, 2/22	Worship Service 7:00 pm
Midweek Lent 1, 3/1	Worship Service 7:00 pm
Midweek Lent 2, 3/8	Worship Service 7:00 pm
Midweek Lent 3, 3/15	Worship Service 7:00 pm
Midweek Lent 4, 3/22	Worship Service 7:00 pm
Midweek Lent 5, 3/29	Worship Service 7:00 pm
Palm Sunday, 4/2	Worship Service 10:00 am
Maundy Thursday, 4/6	Worship Service 7:00 pm
Good Friday, 4/7	Worship Service 7:00 pm
Easter, 4/9	Worship Service 10:00 am

We will have a palm march on Palm Sunday that will include all ages. Watch the bulletin for details.

Church Council Notes

Lynn Hubert

Trinity's Church Council looks forward to leading Trinity into a New Year.

Some highlights from our last meeting and moving forward -

- **Church Properties** – The Board will be looking at replacing our kitchen floor. A line item has been added to the 2023 budget to help cover this building improvement. The playground will also be receiving a facelift including a new border and new swing set. With the implementation of a new building fund entitled Moving Trinity Forward, we will see a renovation of our heating and cooling systems, updates to the building to cover safety and security, a renovation of our playground, and updates to our roof and wiring throughout the building.
- **Call Committee** – After receiving a list of 9 candidates from our District President. The committee ended up with a list of their top 5 candidates. Following interviews and not finding the Pastor they felt the Lord was leading to Trinity, they requested a new list of candidates from the District President. They are currently waiting for this new list and plan on continuing the Call Process as soon as this list arrives! It was noted that Trinity is blessed with our two Vacancy Pastors and that we have a schedule set through June 2023.
- **Safety and Security Committee** – Continues to look into the safety and security of our building and hopes to have a recommendation to present to the Church Council at the January meeting,
- **Cleaning out the building** – We are now collecting boxes to help with the packing up for saving, donating and discarding items in. Look for work parties will be held in 2023.

Special Ministries –

- 320 sandwiches were made for St. Columba Ministries. As well as 69 Health Kits.
- Food drive in November for the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia was very successful.
- Thank you for all your continued support. Without you none of our ministries would be possible!

Christian Growth, LWML, Deacons and Stewardship – Look for articles in this newsletter.

Next Council Meeting – Sunday, January 22, 2023

Next Voters' Assembly – Sunday, March 26, 2023



Birthdays

January

- 2 Doug Sulak
Janet Gould
- 5 Hannah Kuenzli
- 8 David Chadwick
- 10 Sarah Prince
- 11 Ralph Knorr
- 15 Paul Diehl
Scott Thieman
- 17 Alexander Gwin
- 20 Linda Loper
- 28 Cesar Sabillon

February

- 2 Douglas Wolvin
- 3 Kevin Combes
- 7 Ralph George
- 17 Lorraine Othmer
- 19 Sharyn Leiding
- 21 Craig Scott
- 27 Anna Carter
David Sontag

March

- 1 Zach Kuenzeli
- 4 Paul Lass
- 6 Julie Locklear
- 8 JoNell Chadwick
- 10 Brenda Christy
- 11 Jeanne Greif
Donald Adams
- 13 Olga Robertson
- 14 Jack Carter
- 15 Talma Butcher
- 18 Mary Ann Medlin
- 20 Jean Boyette
Lisa Otero
- 22 Anastasia Gwin
- 23 Jacquelyn Czipinski
- 26 Emma Studer



January

- 11 Flo ♥ Richard Ball

HAPPY Anniversary

March

- 16 Jeff ♥ Terry Ingmire

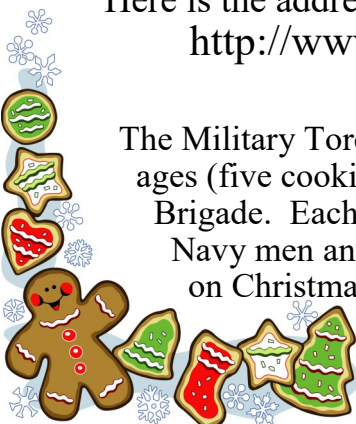


Operation Barnabas

Here is the address for the latest Warning Order -
<http://www.lcms.org/operationbarnabas/resources>



The Military Torch Ministry is extremely thankful to the LWML for the over 155 packages (five cookies per pack) of home baked cookies they produced for the Cookie Brigade. Each and every Christmas bag was handed directly into the hands of our Navy men and women on watch at every pier on the Naval Station Norfolk on Christmas Eve.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Circumcision and Name of Jesus 10am Communion Worship Service New Years Day	2 <i>New Year's Day Holiday</i> Office Closed 6:30pm Bowling League	3	4	5 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	6 Epiphany of Our LORD	12:00 Noon LWML Epiphany Luncheon
8 The Baptism of our Lord 9am Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship Service Undecorating of the Church	9 6:30pm Bowling League	10	11	12 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal	13	14
15 Second Sunday after the Epiphany 9am Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship Service	16 <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i> Office Closed 6:30pm Bowling League	17	18	19 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	20	21
22 Third Sunday after the Epiphany 9am Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship Service	23 6:30pm Bowling League	24	25	26 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal	27	28
29 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany 9am Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship Service	30 6:30pm Bowling League	31				

JANUARY WORSHIP SERVER SCHEDULE

	January 1	January 8	January 15	January 22	January 29
Lector	Boyd Sylvester	Sharyn Leiding	Judy Sykes	Scott Thieman	Cathy George
Communion Assistant	Dave Petri	John Knickelbein	Roger Medlin	Bill Sontag	Bill Sontag



FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	3	4 10am LWML Love Box Packing
5 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany 9am Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship Service	6 6:30pm Bowling League	7	8	9 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal	10 LWML Winter Retreat	11 LWML Winter Retreat
12 Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany 9am Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship Service LWML Winter Retreat	13 6:30pm Bowling League	14 <i>Valentines Day</i>	15	16 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	17	18
19 The Transfiguration of our Lord 9am Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship Service	20 <i>President's Day</i> Office Closed 6:30pm Bowling League	21 5:30pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Sup- per	22 Ash Wednesday 7pm Worship Service	23 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal	24	25
26 First Sunday in Lent 9am Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship Service	27 6:30pm Bowling League	28				

FEBRUARY WORSHIP SERVER SCHEDULE

	February 5	February 12	February 19	February 26
Lector	Boyd Sylvester	Sharyn Leiding	Judy Sykes	Scott Thieman
Communion Assistant	Dave Petri	John Knickelbein	Roger Medlin	Bill Sontag



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 5:30pm Lenten Soup Supper 7pm Lenten Service	2 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal	3	4
5 Second Sunday in Lent 9am Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship Service	6 6:30pm Bowling League	7	8 5:30pm Lenten Soup Supper 7pm Lenten Service	9 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal	10	11 10am LWML Meeting
12 Third Sunday in Lent 9am Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship Service <i>Daylight Saving Time Begins</i>	13 6:30pm Bowling League	14	15 Trinitarian Deadline April/May/ June 5:30pm Lenten Soup Supper 7pm Lenten Service	16 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal	17	18
19 Fourth Sunday in Lent 9am Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship Service	20 6:30pm Bowling League	21	22 5:30pm Lenten Soup Supper 7pm Lenten Service	23 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal	24	25
26 Fifth Sunday in Lent 9am Adult Bible Class 10am Communion Worship Service 11:30am Voters' Assembly	27 6:30pm Bowling League	28	29 5:30pm Lenten Soup Supper 7pm Lenten Service	30 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal	31	

MARCH WORSHIP SERVER SCHEDULE

	March 5	March 12	March 19	March 26
Lector	Cathy George	Boyd Sylvester	Ken Leiding	Judy Sykes
Communion Assistant	Dave Petri	John Knickelbein	Roger Medlin	Bill Sontag

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If your mailing information or
email address has changed,
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Thank you!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper February 21, 2023 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS
and please join us!**
Free-will offering

Worship Service with
Imposition of Ashes
Wednesday, February 22, 2023
7:00 pm

ASH WEDNESDAY

Each Wednesday evening during Lent,
a meal of soup/bread will be offered
from 5:30 to 6:30pm,
followed by a Lenten Worship Service
starting at 7:00 PM.



Sign up sheets for soup and bread
will be posted on the
Volunteer Board in the
Welcome Center.