

# THE BEACON

January 14, 2026

## WEDNESDAY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Our monthly Wednesday Children's Ministry will be held January 14, from 5:30 - 6:45 p.m. A light supper and a variety of learning and creative activities are provided for children from age three through grade five.



## **HOLY TRINITY BLOODMOBILE**

Saturday, January 17, from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767)  
or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter HTLC to schedule an appointment.

Streamline your donation experience and save time by visiting  
[RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass)  
to complete your pre-donation reading and history questions on the day of your appointment.

## INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Church Council members and officers for 2026 will be installed Sunday, January 18, during our morning worship services.

## SERVANT OUTREACH PROJECT

Our January outreach project is a school supply drive for enCircle's Lynchburg Minnick School in downtown Lynchburg. The enCircle (formerly Lutheran Family Services of Virginia) Minnick Schools help students ages five to twenty-two who have experienced challenges in public schools reach their academic, behavioral, vocational, and developmental goals. Minnick Schools are licensed by the Virginia Department of Education as private day schools and now serve students in the Bristol, Grundy, Harrisonburg, Lynchburg, Roanoke, Wytheville, and Wise regions. The following supplies are needed: pencils, notebooks, crayons, construction paper, inexpensive calculators, glue sticks, hand sanitizer, paper towels, and facial tissues. Please place items in the narthex outreach basket.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The 2026 Altar Flower Calendar is available on the hallway bulletin board next to the church office. Flowers are needed for **January 18, February 1, February 22, March 1, March 8, March 22, and March 29**. The cost of altar flowers is \$100 per week for two vases. Payment for altar flowers is requested *before the selected date* and should be made payable to *Holy Trinity*. There are no delivery fees or sales tax. Please contact the church office with any altar flower questions you may have.

## THOMAS MASS

Our next *Thomas Mass* will be Sunday, January 18, at 5:00 p.m. This service of Holy Communion is in the context of a meditative liturgy which has its roots in the Finnish Lutheran tradition. Included in this worship experience is the opportunity for informal movement between various stations for meditation and prayer. Join us for this service, especially if work, sports, or travel schedules prevent your participation on Sunday morning.

## **THIRD SUNDAY PROGRAM**

January 18, at 6:00 p.m.

### **Prokudin-Gorskii and the World's First True Color Photography**

Speaker: Lynn Brooks  
Retired from Library of Congress Information Technology and Digital Scan Center

At the beginning of the twentieth century, there were two world-wide obsessions: learning to fly and true color photography. Coincident with the Wright Brothers success at Kitty Hawk, true color photography was achieved in the Imperial Russian Empire by Sergei Mikhailovich Prokudin-Gorskii, providing a time capsule of pre-Revolution Russia in color. His existing glass plate negatives ended up at the Library of Congress. Let's see how he worked and samples of that work.



We will begin with a light supper at 6:00 p.m., followed by the program at 6:30 p.m.

Please make reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall.



# THE CONFESSION OF SAINT PETER

January 18, 2026

*The Lessons: Acts 4:8-13; Psalm 18:1-7, 17-20; 1 Corinthians 10:1-5; Matthew 16:13-19*  
*The liturgical color for The Confession of St. Peter is white.*

**8:30 A.M. - SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**9:30 A.M. - SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL**

**ADULT EDUCATION**  
**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**  
(Parlor)

***I've Got Questions***

Avoidance Tactics and Other Games Our Brains Play

**10:30 A.M. - SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION with LIVESTREAM**

**11:45 A.M. - INTERMEDIATE YOUTH** (grades three - five; meet at Youth House to go to Lynchburg AMF Bowl)

**4:30 P.M. - MISSION TRIP YOUTH**

**5:00 P.M. - THOMAS MASS**

**6:00 P.M. - THIRD SUNDAY PROGRAM**

## THE WEEK OF JANUARY 18 - 24

<u>MONDAY,</u>	9:00 A.M.	- CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED - Martin Luther King Day
	9:30 A.M.	- STRENGTH AND BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS
	9:30 A.M.	- CHAIR YOGA CLASS
<u>TUESDAY,</u>	7:00 P.M.	- CONNECTING WITH GOD - <i>Know God - Know Self</i> (via Zoom)
	1:00 P.M.	- BIBLE STUDY - <i>Romans</i>
	5:40 P.M.	- HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
<u>WEDNESDAY,</u>	7:00 P.M.	- CHURCH COUNCIL
	12:10 P.M.	- SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
	7:00 P.M.	- ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL
<u>THURSDAY,</u>	9:00 A.M.	- PARISH NURSE in office (until 10:00 a.m.)
	11:00 A.M.	- DISCUSSION GROUP - <i>Living the Questions</i>
<u>FRIDAY,</u>	9:00 A.M.	- STRENGTH AND BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS
	9:30 A.M.	- CHAIR YOGA CLASS
	11:00 A.M.	- BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP - <i>Miracles and Wonders</i>

## **IN THE CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY**

Hospitalized at Lynchburg General is **Jeanene Southard**. Hospitalized and released is **Gisela Pest**. Hospitalized and released to Forest Health and Rehab is **Paul Kluender**. . . . Our sympathy to **Susan** and **David Barney** on the death of Susan's brother Richard Wright; and, to **Ruth Belcher** on the death of her brother Ron Nilsen.

## **2025 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

Contribution statements for 2025 have been mailed. We are asked to please review the statements for accuracy, contact **Parish Administrator Carol Dee Robertson** with any questions, and file the statements with other financial and tax records. Anyone needing a corrected or replacement statement is asked to contact the church office before **January 31**.

## **SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR ANIMAL CLINIC**

The Lynchburg Humane Society Spay/Neuter Clinic is in need of old newspapers and old top sheets and towels. Items may be placed in the "Animal Clinic" basket in the narthex. Please speak with Mary Beth Thompson (993-2596) for additional information.

## **BRUNSWICK STEW FOR SALE**

There is still Holy Trinity Brunswick Stew available. The cost is \$12.50 per quart. Proceeds support our Program Development Fund. Please pay in the church office.

## **OFFERING ENVELOPES**

We are reminded that regular use of offering envelopes assists the financial secretaries with their record keeping. Those who give electronically are reminded of the special offering envelopes throughout the year. All are encouraged to use the \$5.00 initial offering envelope to help defray the cost of the envelopes.

## **NEW MEMBERS TO BE RECEIVED**

We will welcome new members into Holy Trinity in the coming weeks. Please speak with Pastor Roberts if you are interested in joining our church family.

## CHILDREN'S and YOUTH MINISTRIES THE WEEK OF JANUARY 18 - 24

**Sunday, January 18**      9:30 a.m. - Sunday Church School (grades one - five)  
11:45 a.m. - Intermediate Youth (grades three - five)

*We're Going Bowling!*  
*We'll leave from the Youth House with pickup  
at AMF Bowl (across from the mall).*  
*The cost is \$15 and extra for lunch (but come even without).*  
*Let Susan know by Saturday at 6:00 p.m. if you are able to join in.*



4:30 p.m. - Mission Trip Youth

### CANDLE TRIBUTES

The 2026 Candle Calendar is available on the hallway bulletin board next to the church office. Candle sponsors are needed **February 1, February 8, February 15, March 8, March 15, March 22, and March 29**. The cost is \$20 per week, with checks made payable to *Holy Trinity Lutheran Church*. Please note "Candle Fund" on the memo line. Please contact the church office with any questions.

### PASTOR'S INFORMATION CLASS

Sunday, January 25  
1:00 - 3:00 p.m., in the Parlor  
*(Please note new time.)*



This class is designed for those who would like to learn more about Martin Luther and the Lutheran Church. Join us for an overview of Lutheran Church history, theology, liturgy, the church year, ecclesiology, and life at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Please speak with Pastor Roberts for additional information.

### HOLY TRINITY CHOIR TO PARTICIPATE IN SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE

An Epiphany Procession will be presented on Sunday, January 25, at 4:00 p.m., at St. John's Episcopal Church, 205 Elmwood Avenue. Sponsored by the Lynchburg Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, this beautiful and historic liturgy will showcase choirs from St. John's Episcopal Church, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, and St. Paul's Episcopal Church, with lessons and music for the season of Epiphany.

In addition to beautiful choral works—including a piece written by Holy Trinity Organist-Choirmaster Bill Greene—the program will feature several organ pieces performed by Peggy Haas Howell, including an exciting work by Garth Edmundson.

A vibrant service recalling the journey of the Magi, the baptism of Jesus, and Jesus' first miracle at the wedding in Cana, the procession serves as a visual and musical retelling of Jesus the Christ's manifestation to the world. Through pageantry, sacred readings, and congregational participation, worshipers are invited to reflect on the meaning of Epiphany: God's light revealed in the Christ for all people. This moving service offers a powerful worship opportunity during the Epiphany season, joining music, scripture, and ritual in a proclamation of the Christ's glory. All are welcome—this service is free and open to the public.

### INTERNATIONAL DINNER

Sunday, January 25, at 6:00 p.m.

Join us for an evening of great congregational fellowship and delicious food!

Dust off the cookbooks and prepare a dish – or purchase prepared food – for this smorgasbord of international cuisines. Participants are asked to bring appetizers, salads, entrees, breads, and desserts representative of other countries. You may also bring beverages of your choice. Punch will be provided.

Please make reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall.



### FRIDAY BREAKFAST SERIES

A light breakfast is served at 7:00 a.m., followed by the program from 7:15 - 7:45 a.m.

*The Bible With and Without Jesus:  
How Jews and Christians Read the Same Stories Differently*  
with Amy-Jill Levine

Esteemed Bible scholar Amy-Jill Levine takes us on a guided tour of popular stories in the Hebrew scriptures that are referenced in the Christian Testament to explore how Christians, Jews, and scholars read these ancient texts differently. By understanding the depth and variety of reading these passages, we not only enhance our knowledge of each other, but also see more clearly the beauty and power of Scripture itself.

**January 30** - Isaiah's Suffering Servant  
**February 6** - The Sign of Jonah  
**February 13** - "My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?"

Matins (Morning Prayer) follows at 8:00 a.m.

## ANNUAL REPORTS

Committee and Task Group chairs are asked to submit their 2025 annual reports to the church office by **January 31**.



### MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION

each Wednesday ✝ 12:10 - 12:30 p.m.

*Join us for a time of spiritual nourishment as we gather for quiet reflection, prayer, the Word, and the Meal.*

## THANK YOU

- Thanks to the following **Altar Guild** and **Usher Association** members for undecorating and removing the Chrismon tree from the nave, removing and storing candles and cleaning the hurricane globes, and storing the Chrismons: **Wilma and Les Beebe, Elizabeth Clarke, Chris Elbrecht** and employees of **MH Masonry, Kim Hall, Cindy Kauppi, Ann Kreft, Margie Lippard, Maria Roberts, Mike Rooney, Bruce Royer, and Teresa Weinmeister**.
- Thanks to **Carole Royer** for sorting Can House cans; and, to **Nancy and Mitch Overstreet** for transporting the cans to the recycling center.

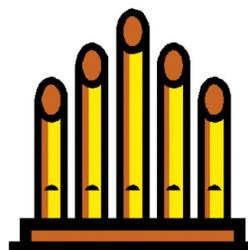
### ORGAN RECITAL

Sunday, February 1  
4:00 p.m.

#### *Neglected Gems*

J. William Greene  
Organist

Music of Lübeck, Karg-Elert, Bach, Mendelssohn/Lutz,  
Weinberger, Liszt, and Ginastera



## WORLD HUNGER APPEAL

All are encouraged to make a contribution to the Lutheran World Hunger Appeal in the coming weeks. The World Hunger Appeal responds to poverty in the United States and around the world by addressing root causes through relief, development work, education, and advocacy. Approximately 75% of funds are distributed internationally and 25% domestically. Please indicate *World Hunger Appeal* on your check or envelope.

## KICK OFF A HEALTHY NEW YEAR AND JOIN THE FUN!

We are currently offering two exercise classes twice weekly on Monday and Friday mornings. Each class is led by Christine Euhus, a registered yoga teacher through Yoga Alliance and an instructor at the YMCA for over ten years.



**Strength and Balance** class meets from 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. and focuses on strengthening the body core and improving balance and overall well-being.

**Chair Yoga** class meets from 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. and focuses on practicing a gentle form of yoga done sitting in a chair or standing using the chair for support. Everyone is welcome, but it is especially appropriate for those with limited mobility. Benefits of yoga include improved flexibility, better concentration, increased strength, and reduced joint pain.

The cost for either Strength and Balance OR Chair Yoga is \$20.00 per month.  
The combined cost for both classes is \$35.00 per month.

Join one or both of these enthusiastic groups and begin improving your strength, balance, and flexibility AND enjoy the fellowship and support of your fellow exercisers!

## INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

We are reminded of the following information in the event of inclement winter weather.

- ✧ Please call the church office for the latest schedule information. Any changes or cancellations will be available on the church voice mail system and at [www.holytrinitylynchburg.org](http://www.holytrinitylynchburg.org).
- ✧ Weekday education activities at Holy Trinity are canceled any day that Lynchburg City Schools are closed because of the weather. Music rehearsals may be held if road conditions improve later in the day. Participants in music groups will be notified if a rehearsal will be held.
- ✧ Sunday cancellations will be determined by 7:00 a.m. that morning. Wednesday cancellations will be determined by 9:00 a.m. that morning. The information will be shared by email, placed on the church voice mail system, at [www.holytrinitylynchburg.org](http://www.holytrinitylynchburg.org), and communicated to Lynchburg/Roanoke television stations. Please consult the "Closings" listings on the television station web sites.

Ministers: *The People of Holy Trinity*

Organist-Choirmaster: *J. William Greene*

Parish Nurse: *Gail Midkiff*

Parish Administrator: *Carol Dee Robertson*

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