

# THE BEACON

January 25, 2023

## INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL AND OFFICERS

Church Council members and officers for 2023 will be installed Sunday, January 29, during our worship services.

### **JEWISH-CHRISTIAN TEXT STUDY**

Sunday, January 29  
from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall

Join Rabbi Michael Gillette and Pastor Roberts for an exploration of some of the archetypes present in the scriptures. These recurrent motifs are woven into the textual narratives of both the Hebrew and Christian testaments. How do the two traditions interpret these motifs? What are the similarities and differences?



## WORLD HUNGER APPEAL

All are encouraged to make a contribution to the Lutheran World Hunger Appeal in the coming weeks. The Lutheran 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.

### **INTERNATIONAL DINNER**

Sunday, January 29, 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.

## SERVANT OUTREACH PROJECT

Our January outreach project is a canned food drive for the Rivermont Area Emergency Food Pantry. Grocery bags, complete with an attached suggested shopping list, are available in the narthex. We are asked to please fill and return the bags during the month of January. Monetary contributions are also encouraged. Special envelopes are available on the narthex desk.

### **2023 ALTAR FLOWERS and CANDLE DEDICATIONS**

The **2023 Altar Flower Calendar** is available on the hallway bulletin board next to the church office. Flowers are needed **February 5, 19, and 26**, and **March 5, 19, and 26**. Please note that no dates are reserved from previous years. The cost of altar flowers is \$90 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.



The **2023 Candle Calendar** is also available on the hallway bulletin board next to the church office. All are reminded of the opportunity to dedicate the candles used in worship each week to the glory of God in memory or in honor of loved ones or in celebration of special events (birthdays, baptismal anniversaries, wedding anniversaries, etc.). The tribute dedication is printed in the Sunday worship bulletins along with the altar flower dedication. Included are the altar candles, the sanctuary lamp, and candles for the *Globusleuchter*. 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.

## ANNUAL REPORTS

Committee and Task Group chairs are asked to submit their 2022 annual reports to the church office by January 31.

### **2022 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

Contribution statements for 2022 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.



# FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 29, 2023

*The Lessons: Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12*  
*A coffee hour follows each service.*  
*The liturgical color for The Season of Epiphany is green.*

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

**9:30 A.M. - SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL** (age three - grade five and adults)

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

***Wholehearted Faith***

Beginning Again with Love ~ From Death to Life

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

**2:00 P.M. - JEWISH-CHRISTIAN TEXT STUDY**

**5:00 P.M. - HOLY TRINITY YOUTH** (meet at AMF Lanes)

**6:00 P.M. - INTERNATIONAL DINNER**

## THE WEEK OF JANUARY 29 - FEBRUARY 4

<u>MONDAY,</u>	9:15 A.M. - STRENGTH AND BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS
	9:50 A.M. - CHAIR YOGA CLASS
	7:00 P.M. - BIBLE STUDY - <i>The Extraordinary Women Who Shaped Our Faith</i> (via Zoom)
<u>TUESDAY,</u>	5:40 P.M. - HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
<u>WEDNESDAY,</u>	12:10 P.M. - SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
	5:30 P.M. - WINTER SEMINAR - <i>The Four-Gospel Journey</i>
	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>The Challenge of Jesus</i>
<u>FRIDAY,</u>	7:00 A.M. - BREAKFAST SERIES - <i>The Difficult Words of Jesus</i>
	8:00 A.M. - MATINS (Morning Prayer)
	9:15 A.M. - STRENGTH AND BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS
	9:50 A.M. - CHAIR YOGA CLASS
	11:00 A.M. - BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP - <i>The Meaning of Mary Magdalene</i>
<u>SATURDAY,</u>	10:00 A.M. - ALTAR GUILD

## **IN THE CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY**

Hospitalized and released are **Conrad Kauppi**, **Bill Belcher**, and **Patricia Mickley**.  
Released from Guggenheimer Health and Rehabilitation Center to home is **Mary Lightle**.

## **THE REVEREND DR. GLENN BUSCH**

1945 - 2023

Our sympathy to his family.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, February 4,  
at 11:00 a.m., at St. John's Episcopal Church, Lynchburg.

## **FUNERAL SERVICE**

A funeral service for Stuart Bowler will be held at Holy Trinity on Saturday, January 28, at 1:00 p.m.

## **BLOODMOBILE REPORT**

Thanks to all who helped make last Saturday's Red Cross Bloodmobile a success. Forty-one units of blood were collected, which has the potential to impact 123 lives! Our appreciation to **Cindy Kauppi**, coordinator; and, to the following for donating blood and/or working at the bloodmobile: **David Barney**, **Les Beebe**, **Wilma Beebe**, **Rod Camden**, **Elizabeth Clarke**, **Joe Fedeler**, **Barb Garman**, **Ted Garman**, **Diane Hetzel**, **Tama Howell**, **David Jones**, **Esther Keene**, **Lisa Krueger**, **Sheila Krull**, **Susan Manion**, **Lynn McBride**, **Mary McCarthy**, **Kay Nunley**, **Gisela Pest**, **Maria Roberts**, **Steve Royer**, **Susan Royer**, **Jeff Schneider**, **Sally Schneider**, **Tom Schwab**, **Lucy Slagle**, **Julie Taylor**, and **Dane Thompson**.

## **THANK YOU**

Thank you to all the "soup makers" and those who attended the Youth Soup Luncheon. Over \$575 was raised for youth missions!

**CHILDREN'S and YOUTH MINISTRIES  
THE WEEK OF JANUARY 29 - FEBRUARY 4**

**Sunday, January 29**

9:30 a.m. - Sunday Church School (age three - grade five)

5:00 p.m. - Holy Trinity Youth Bowling Party (until 7:00 p.m.)

Drop off and pick up at AMF Lanes.  
Cost to bowl is \$15.00 per person - but don't let the cost keep you from coming!  
Bring your friends!



**OFFERING ENVELOPES UPDATE**

Blank offering envelopes are currently available in the pews. Feel free to use these as we await the next shipment of our regular envelopes. After experiencing delays due to supply chain issues and the inability to add employees at a sufficient rate, the company that supplies our envelopes has informed us we will receive March envelopes before the first Sunday in March, with regular quarterly mailings resuming in April. Please indicate on your replacement envelope or in the memo line of your check if your gift is designated for anything other than your general offering.

**WINTER SEMINAR**

Wednesdays, 5:30 - 6:45 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall

***THE FOUR-GOSPEL JOURNEY: Revealing the Path of Transformation & Deepening Love***

How do we face change? How do we move through suffering? How do we receive joy? How do we mature in service? Join us as we spend time with Alexander John Shaia who uses the great map of the four Gospels to guide us on the Christ journey - one of love, growth, and transformation.

- February 1** - *Receiving Gifts: Resting in John's Glorious Garden*
- February 8** - *Maturing Through Service: Walking Luke's Road of Riches*
- February 15** - *The Essential Practices of the Journey*

A light supper will be served. 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 DIFFICULT WORDS OF JESUS***

by Amy-Jill Levine



Jesus of Nazareth provided his disciples teachings for how to follow Torah, God's word; he told them parables to help them discern questions of ethics and of human nature; he offered them beatitudes for comfort and encouragement. But sometimes Jesus spoke words that followers then and now have found difficult. He instructs disciples to hate members of their own families (Luke 14:26), to act as if they were slaves (Matthew 20:27), and to sell their belongings and give to the poor (Luke 18:22). He restricts his mission (Matthew 10:6); he speaks of damnation (Matthew 8:12); he calls Jews the devil's children (John 8:44).

In *The Difficult Words of Jesus*, Amy-Jill Levine – a professor of New Testament who is Jewish – shows how these difficult teachings would have sounded to the people who first heard them, how they have been understood over time, and how we might interpret them in the context of the Gospel of love and reconciliation.

**February 3**  
*Nowhere Among the Gentiles*

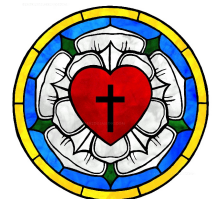
**February 10**  
*Outer Darkness*

**February 17**  
*Your Father the Devil*

**PASTOR'S INFORMATION CLASS**

Sunday, February 5  
2:00 - 4:00 p.m., in the Parlor

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.



**FOOD FOR SALE**

Brunswick Stew and assorted soups and jams are still available for purchase.  
Proceeds support our Program Development Fund. Please pay in the church office.



**MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION**

each Wednesday ☩ 12:10 - 12:30 p.m.

**SERMON DISCUSSION GROUP**

The next Sermon Discussion Group will meet Thursday, February 9, at 11:00 a.m., in the Parlor. We will discuss several previous Sunday sermons, copies of which will be provided in advance. Please make reservations in the narthex by **February 5** or contact the church office to receive the reading material.



**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**  
(in-town members and students)

- 1 - Emerson Kelly
- 2 - Tyler Miller
- 3 - Greg Farmer
- 4 - James Bost  
Chuck Hybl
- 5 - Thomas R. Schwab
- 6 - Cindy Kauppi  
Lindsay Maddox
- 7 - Christy Lose

- 9 - Sharon Johnsen
- 10 - Jeff Fleck
- 11 - Kathy Moreland
- 12 - Colin Adams  
Hazel Francis  
Mary Ann Lippincott  
Jenifer Massie
- 13 - Jacob Tyree
- 14 - Leslie Morris
- 16 - Sally Schneider
- 17 - Kris Owen
- 18 - Bob Bashore  
Chris Kelly  
Tom Schuler
- 19 - Bruce Cheatwood  
Bob Howell

- 20 - Maria Roberts
- 22 - Patricia Mickley  
Steve Royer
- 23 - Synnove Johnson
- 26 - Stephanie Christmas  
Sherrie Wilson
- 27 - Dawn Barber  
Helene Hughes  
Miranda Weidner
- 28 - Robert Gryder  
Tama Howell  
Steena Johnson  
Cassandra Maddox Staples  
Carol Stock
- 29 - Floyd Bice

**SOUPER BOWL LUNCHEON**

Sunday, February 12  
11:30 a.m.

Our Holy Trinity Youth are sponsoring a luncheon featuring homemade soups and chili. Contributions will be received for the Lutheran World Hunger Appeal on this Super Bowl Sunday as our youth participate in the nationwide *Souper Bowl* hunger service project held each year. Please make reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall or call the church office.



**PARISH NURSE EDUCATION SERIES**

Sunday, February 12  
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.  
in the Fellowship Hall

***Area Transportation Options and Other Helps for Aging in Place***

Speakers:

Kenneth Young, Director of Transportation, Central Virginia Alliance for Community Living, Inc.  
Vickie Craig, Public Relations Coordinator, Central Virginia Alliance for Community Living, Inc.  
Lisa Anderson, Paratransportation Dispatcher, Greater Lynchburg Transit Company



Transportation becomes an important consideration as we age and plan pro-actively for community living. Some people become physically unable to drive. Others simply no longer want the responsibility of maintaining a privately owned vehicle. This program will inform you of transportation alternatives in the community, how they function, and how to access them. We will also discuss other services that help people remain in their homes as they age. Come and learn for yourself or for those you love.

Please make reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall.

**HOLY TRINITY FINE ARTS SERIES**

Sunday, February 12  
4:00 p.m.

**TRIO NICHE**

*a fortepiano trio*  
Susan Via, violin  
Sarah Glosson, flute  
Tom Marshall, fortepiano

Music of Haydn, Mozart, Abel, and Bréval



**NEW BIBLE STUDY TO BEGIN**

Our Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study will begin a four-session exploration of the Book of James on February 14, from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m., in the Parlor. Study books are available for purchase in the church office for \$5.00 each.

Ministers: *The People of Holy Trinity*

Organist-Choirmaster: *J. William Greene*  
Parish Nurse: *Gail Midkiff*

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