

# THE BEACON

January 24, 2024

## WINTER SEMINAR

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

### ***THE PASSION OF JESUS: The Way and The Kingdom***

Both the Kingdom of God and the Way center in God. Both are personal and political and seeking change in the world. Both are about seeking transformation of ourselves and of our humanly constructed world. According to biblical scholar Marcus Borg in these video lectures, Jesus of Nazareth's underlying message might be 'love God and change the world.'

**January 24 – Part 1**

**January 31 – Part 2**

**February 7 – Part 3**

A light supper will be served. Please make reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall.

## SERMON DISCUSSION GROUP

The next Sermon Discussion Group will meet Thursday, January 25, at 11:00 a.m., in the Parlor. We will discuss several previous Sunday sermons, copies of which will be provided in advance. Please contact the church office to request the reading materials.

## 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.

## PASTOR'S INFORMATION CLASS

Sunday, January 28  
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.



## 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.



## INTERNATIONAL DINNER

Sunday, January 28, 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.

## 2023 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Contribution statements for 2023 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 28, 2024

*The Lessons: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28*  
*The liturgical color for Sundays after the Epiphany is green. A coffee hour follows each service.*

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

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

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

**The Second Mountain: The Quest for a Moral Life**

PART III: Marriage - The Maximum Marriage/The Stages of Intimacy I/The Stages of Intimacy II  
The Marriage Decision/Marriage: The School You Build Together

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

**2:00 P.M. - PASTOR'S INFORMATION CLASS**

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

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

## THE WEEK OF JANUARY 28 - FEBRUARY 3

<u>MONDAY,</u>	9:15 A.M.	- STRENGTH AND BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS
	9:50 A.M.	- CHAIR YOGA CLASS
	6:00 P.M.	- YOUTH BIBLE STUDY & DINNER (Youth House)
	7:00 P.M.	- BIBLE STUDY - <i>Seeing the Bible as Your Story</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 Passion of Jesus: The Way and The Kingdom</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>Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week</i>
<u>FRIDAY,</u>	9:15 A.M.	- STRENGTH AND BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS
	9:50 A.M.	- CHAIR YOGA CLASS
	11:00 A.M.	- BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP - <i>Eye of the Heart: A Spiritual Journey into the Imaginal Realm</i>
<u>SATURDAY,</u>	10:00 A.M.	- ALTAR GUILD

## IN THE CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

Hospitalized at Lynchburg General is **Vivian Lazo**. . . . Recuperating from outpatient surgery are **Pam Martin** and **Barbara Wright**.  
. . . Our sympathy to **Louise** and **Jerry Martin** on the death of Louise's sister; and, to **Tom Adams** on the death of his mother.

## BLOODMOBILE REPORT

Thanks to all who helped make last Saturday's Red Cross Bloodmobile a success. Forty-four units of blood were collected, which has the potential to impact 132 lives! Our appreciation to **Cindy Kauppi**, coordinator; and, to the following for donating blood and/or working at the bloodmobile: **David Barney, Bob Bashore, Les Beebe, Wilma Beebe, Don Carter, Elizabeth Clarke, Susan Ebling, Barb Garman, Ted Garman, Alan Kauppi, Ula Kauppi, Esther Keene, Ann Kreft, Susan Manion, Mary McCarthy, Bob Nunley, Kay Nunley, Karen Pollok, Mary Rowland, Bruce Royer, Stephen Royer, Susan Royer, Jeff Schneider, Sally Schneider, Tom Schwab, Lucy Slagle, Julie Taylor, and April Whalen.**

## THANK YOU

- Thanks to **Lucy Slagle**, coordinator; **Helene Hughes, Ann Kreft**, and **Chris Pickle** for preparing and serving our Third Sunday Program supper. Thanks to **ALL** who helped clean afterwards.
- Thanks to **Bruce Royer** for work at the Youth House.
- *Thank you for the opportunity to attend the "Dream Extravaganza" ELCA Youth Conference in New Orleans. The information learned, relationships formed, and spiritual enrichment made for a very wonderful experience.*

Susan Williams

## ANNUAL REPORTS

Committee and Task Group chairs are asked to submit their 2023 annual reports to the church office by **January 31**.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The 2024 Altar Flower Calendar is available on the hallway bulletin board next to the church office. Flowers are needed for **February 25, March 17, March 24, April 7, April 14, April 21, and April 28**. 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.



**CHILDREN’S and YOUTH MINISTRIES**  
**THE WEEK OF JANUARY 28 - FEBRUARY 3**

**Sunday, January 28**     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.  
Bring your friends!



**Monday, January 29**     6:00 p.m. -     Youth Bible Study & Dinner (Youth House)

**NEW VIDEO DISCUSSION TO BEGIN**

Our Thursday Discussion Group begins a new six-week series, “Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner’s Guide to Holy Week,” February 1, at 11:00 a.m., in the Parlor.

**NEW FRIDAY BOOK DISCUSSION**

Our Friday Book Discussion Group will begin *Eye of the Heart: A Spiritual Journey into the Imaginal Realm* by Cynthia Bourgeault, on February 2, from 11:00 a.m. - noon, in the Parlor. Books are available for purchase in the church office for \$14.00.

**BISHOP MILTON TO VISIT HOLY TRINITY**

We look forward to welcoming Virginia Synod Bishop Phyllis Blair Milton to Holy Trinity on Sunday, February 4. She will be preaching at both worship services that day. Bishop Milton was elected to office at the 2023 Virginia Synod Assembly and installed last October.

**WORLD HUNGER LUNCHEON**

Sunday, February 4  
11:30 a.m.

Our Holy Trinity Youth are sponsoring a luncheon featuring homemade soups and chili one week before the Super Bowl this year due to our Mardi Gras Jazz Brunch on February 11. Contributions will be received for the Lutheran World Hunger Appeal 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.



**TABLE TALK**

The next session of *Table Talk* will be held Tuesday, February 6, from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., in the Parlor. In keeping with the tradition of Martin Luther when he would gather around the table for theological discussions, participants may bring their beverage of choice to enjoy during the class. *Together By Grace: Introducing the Lutherans* is our theme this year and the next class explores “Faith Active in Love.”



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

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|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 - Emerson Kelly    | 9 - Kevin Arp        | 20 - Maria Roberts       |
| 2 - Tyler Miller     | Sharon Johnsen       | 22 - Patricia Mickley    |
| 3 - Greg Farmer      | 10 - Jeff Fleck      | Steve Royer              |
| 4 - James Bost       | 11 - Kathy Moreland  | 23 - Synnove Johnson     |
| Chuck Hybl           | 12 - Colin Adams     | 26 - Stephanie Christmas |
| 5 - Thomas R. Schwab | Hazel Francis        | Sherrie Wilson           |
| 6 - Cindy Kauppi     | Mary Ann Lippincott  | 27 - Dawn Barber         |
| Lindsay Maddox       | Jenifer Massie       | Helene Hughes            |
| 7 - Christy Lose     | 13 - Jacob Tyree     | Miranda Weidner          |
|                      | 14 - Leslie Morris   | 28 - Robert Gryder       |
|                      | 16 - Sally Schneider | Tama Howell              |
|                      | 17 - Kris Owen       | Cassandra Maddox Staples |
|                      | 18 - Bob Bashore     | Carol Stock              |
|                      | Chris Kelly          | 29 - Floyd Bice          |
|                      | Tom Schuler          |                          |
|                      | 19 - Bruce Cheatwood |                          |
|                      | Bob Howell           |                          |

**MARDI GRAS JAZZ BRUNCH**

Sunday, February 11  
11:30 a.m.

**LIVE MUSIC and DELICIOUS CATERED BRUNCH**

Join us as we feast before the fast of Lent begins.  
Enjoy the great food, fellowship, and live music.  
The suggested contribution is \$5 per adult and children are free.

Please make reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall.



PARISH NURSE EDUCATION SERIES

Sunday, February 11  
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.  
in the Fellowship Hall



**Vaccinations for Adults and Children:  
An Update on Requirements and  
a Discussion of Vaccine Controversy**

Speaker:  
Lisa Barber, RN, Nursing Supervisor  
Central Virginia Health District

Vaccines have long been regarded as the greatest triumph in public health. Before systematic vaccination, communicable diseases such as polio, measles, mumps, and whooping cough caused many deaths, and significant cases of disability. People were fearful of these diseases and welcomed the coming of vaccines that prevented them. But with the success of vaccines, Americans in the previous two generations have not witnessed the ravages caused by these diseases. This and other societal factors have caused vaccination rates to decline and the result has been outbreaks of previously eliminated or nearly eliminated communicable diseases. Our speaker will give us an update on current vaccine requirements for adults and children and the latest on COVID-19 and flu vaccinations. She will discuss some of the issues behind declining rates of vaccination, the dangers caused by declining rates and ways providers and we as citizens can address this problem.

Please make reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall.

**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**February 14**

*We begin the forty-day penitential season of Lent  
with the centuries-old traditions of Ash Wednesday.  
Three worship opportunities are available that day.*



**12:10 p.m.**

Brief Spoken Service of Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes

**5:30 p.m.**

Brief Spoken Service of Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes

**7:00 p.m.**

Sung Service of Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes

**CAN HOUSE ASSISTANCE NEEDED**

We are in need of people to assist in maintaining our Habitat for Humanity Can House and to transport the aluminum cans to the recycling center during weekday business hours once per month on average. This ministry is not only one way we care for creation through recycling, but it also raises money for our next Habitat house. Please contact **Carole Royer** (384-3488) for additional information.

**MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS NEEDED**

Holy Trinity is responsible for delivering Meals on Wheels every Wednesday and every Friday. We could use more Friday volunteers. Meal pickup is at 11:00 a.m. at Virginia Baptist Hospital. The route takes about an hour to an hour-and-a-half. Would you be willing to commit to delivering once a month? Please contact **Susan** and **Peter Manion** (plsemanion@gmail.com) to learn more. Join our team of dedicated people and meet some wonderful Meals on Wheels recipients!

**CANDLE TRIBUTES**

The 2024 Candle Calendar is available on the hallway bulletin board next to the church office. Candle sponsors are needed **March 24, March 31, April 7, April 14, April 21, and April 28**. 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.

**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. 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*

Director of Youth and Campus Ministries: *Susan H. Williams*

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