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## January 2012

### Singing Alleluias in the New Year!

The holidays are drawing to a close. This weekend we will be ringing in 2012. We may bask in the holiday spirit a day or two longer but soon it will be time to head back to school, back to work, back to our ordinary routines.

After the shepherds found Jesus in the manger, after the magi followed the star to Bethlehem, they went back to their ordinary routines, back to their flocks, back to their own country. It wasn't until thirty years later that the implications of that night in Bethlehem begin to take shape in the words and deeds of an itinerant carpenter from Nazareth.

Scripture doesn't tell us what happened to the shepherds and the wise men after they worshipped the baby Jesus. We don't know if any of them ever saw Jesus again or knew what became of him. We do know, however, that their encounter with the Christ Child moved them deeply. Matthew tells us that when the star stopped over the place where Jesus was, the wise men were "overwhelmed with joy." Luke tells us that the shepherds returned to their flocks "glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen."

My hunch is that the source of their joy was not the round of holiday parties in 4 B.C.E. but their encounter with a mystery, to borrow a phrase from C.S. Lewis, with "deeper magic from before the dawn of time." This encounter did not change the realities of their existence; they went back to their ordinary routines. ***Rather, what their encounter with Jesus changed was them.*** They came face to face with the glory of God in the infant Jesus and, having had this encounter with the divine, I suspect they became more sensitive to the mystery of God in the world around them.

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This is the source of joy, the experience of God's presence, the experience of God-with-us.

My prayer for all of us is that we may encounter Jesus in many and perhaps surprising ways in 2012 and that, like the wise men and the shepherds, we will grow ever more sensitive to the mystery of God in our lives. Let us go into the new year singing alleluias for all that we have heard and seen!

Pastor Margrethe

*Later*

*after the angels,  
after the stable  
after the Child,  
they went back . . .  
as we always must,  
back to the world that doesn't understand  
our talk of angels and stars  
and specially not the Child.  
We go back complaining that it doesn't last.  
They went back singing praises to God!  
We do have to go back,  
but we can still sing the alleluias!*



From *Kneeling in Bethlehem* by Ann Weems. Copyright 1987. Used with permission of Westminster John Knox Press.

## Faith Outside the Box

January's book for discussion is "A New Kind of Christianity: Ten Questions That Are Transforming the Faith" by Brian D. McLaren.

We meet on Monday, January 16 and 30 at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room to discuss Brian McLaren's book.

John Bowen and Ray Meyer, coordinators

## 2012 OFFERING ENVELOPES—

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It will save us the postage required to mail them.

Your use of these envelopes for all of your contributions is **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** as it makes the counting and recording process much easier and more accurate.

Thank you!

## FORUM SCHEDULE

**Jan 1: at 9 a.m.**—Lightning Strikes: One Couple's Experience. Ever wonder what it would be like to be hit by lightning? Come see a short documentary on the recent experience of two Arlington residents out walking and being struck by lightning. They survived after extended stays in the ICU, Burn Center, and Washington Hospital Center. Their luck, pluck, and love comes through strongly. Jerry Barney and Vincent Gaito co-producers.

**Jan 8:** Eli Hernandez, Assistant Director for Outreach, Luther Immigration and Refugee Service. See Pastor Margrethe's article on p. 5.

Ray Meyer, Forum Coordinator

# PARISH NEWS

## IN MEMORIAM



Remember in Prayer: Celeste Cronenberg and family at the death of husband and father William on November 25, 2011. Bill and Celeste were charter members of Holy Trinity, part of the team sent by Faith Lutheran Church to start a new congregation. Bill was instrumental in building both the old and the new sanctuary and the connecting offices and meeting rooms. He spent so much time at the church that Celeste used to tease him saying he should have a cot here!

**CONGRATULATIONS!** Ray and Jane Sparnon have a granddaughter born on December 20, 2011. Her name is Shannon and she weighed 5 lbs, 6 ozs.

New baby for the Elliott family—Sierra Reid Elliott was born on 11/25/2011.

**Creator of the Stars of Night  
Special Epiphany Worship Event!**  
Complete your holiday celebration with a special Epiphany *Prayers Around the Cross* service on Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm, here at Holy Trinity.

*The Pastors and Staff of Holy Trinity wish you and your families a healthy and prosperous new year!*

**Come Pray with Us!**  
Join us on Saturday morning, January 14<sup>th</sup>, to pray for Holy Trinity and its participation in God's mission. We meet at 9:00 am in the Library.



## Save the date!

We are hosting the Hypothermia Shelter for seven nights from Sunday, February 26 to Saturday, March 3, 2012. Listen to your heart – how is the Holy Spirit urging you to participate? Please mark your calendar now – signups will begin this month! Coordinator is Deb Haynes (ladybogus@cox.net).

**Looking Ahead—Congregational Camp in May 2012!**  
Holy Trinity is planning a congregational camp from Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at Caroline Furnace. We will have more details later, but it is not too early to save the date!

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# HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH LIBRARY NEWS



## NEW YEAR! NEW BOOKS! NEW MEDIA!

There's a lot that is new going on in your church library the first month of 2012. First, we have a new media shelf, filled with DVDs for your edification and viewing pleasure. The media shelf is right below the "Faith Outside the Box" shelf. And, we have new books, thanks again to members of the congregation (Barrett Swink (from Dotti) and Genie Davis). Below you will find the list of the new DVDs and the new books. The DVDs will be on the media shelf and the books will be on the shelf above the computer. Come check them out!

### DVDs

1. "The Life of Apostle Paul" with Rick Steves. DVD Biography
2. "The Heart of Christianity," a Faith and Reason Video. DVD 248.2
3. "Understanding the Roman Catholic Church." DVD 264
4. "The Man Who Planted Trees." Animated. DVD Fiction
5. "Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Pacifist, Nazi Resister." A Documentary film by Martin Doblmeier. DVD Biography
6. "Reining in the Storm – One Building at a Time" A film by Dave Eckert. DVD 628
7. "Ready to Forgive: An African Story of Grace." DVD 179.9
8. "The Life of Apostle Peter" with Rick Steves. DVD Biography
9. "Introducing Jesus of Nazareth." DVD 232
10. "The Story of the Twelve Apostles." DVD 225.92
11. "Understanding Fundamentalism." DVD 291
12. "Introducing the Old Testament." DVD 221
13. "The Lutheran Story" produced by the ELCA. Five programs that celebrate our Lutheran heritage: Opening the Door to Luther; The Morning Star of Wittenberg: The Life of Katie Luther; Glory to God Alone: The Life of J.S. Bach; Lutheran Roots in America; and The Story of the ELCA. DVD 284.1

### Books

1. "The Shack: A Novel" by William Paul Young. Fiction
2. "Love Wins: A Book About Heaven, Hell, and the Fate of Every Person Who Ever Lived" by Rob Bell. 234
3. "Moses, the Prince, the Prophet: His Life, Legend, & Message for our Lives" by Rabbi Levi Meier. 222
4. "The Calling of Emily Evans" by Janette Oke Fiction
5. "A Bride for Donnigan" by Janette Oke. Fiction
6. "Heart of the Wilderness" by Janette Oke. Fiction
7. "Roses for Mama" by Janette Oke. Fiction
8. "Too Long a Stranger" by Janette Oke. Fiction
9. "A Woman Named Damaris" by Janette Oke. Fiction
10. "The Bluebird and the Sparrow" by Janette Oke. Fiction
11. "They Called Her Mrs. Doc" by Janette Oke. Fiction
12. "A Gown of Spanish Lace" by Janette Oke. Fiction
13. "The Measure of a Heart" by Janette Oke. Fiction
14. "Drums of Change: The Story of Running Fawn" by Janette Oke. Fiction

Mary Bowen, HT Librarian

## EDUCATION NEWS

### **Speaker from Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services**

Join us for Adult Forum on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, as we welcome the Rev. Eli Hernandez, Assistant Director for Outreach with Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services.

Experienced in congregational ministry, refugee resettlement, and leadership development, Pastor Eli brings a wealth of expertise to Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service's mission of welcome. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Management and Urban Ministry from Eastern Nazarene College and is a candidate for a Masters in Organizational Strategic Leadership from Belhaven University. Pastor Eli's seminary training is from Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary, Seminario Evangelico de Puerto Rico and he is an Alumnus of the DeVos Urban Leadership Initiative and Arrow Leadership Ministries. Eli is also an active board member of the National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference which is the largest Latino-led faith based justice movement in America. He is known for speaking with inspiration, humor, relevance, practicality, conviction and substance.

### **Food for Body and Soul—2012**

Resolve in 2012 to spend some time studying God's word! Join us after our 11:00 a.m. worship service for Bible Study and a light lunch from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

**The Book of Philippians Beginning on January 15**, Pastor Jane leads a four week course from the Book of Faith series on Philippians. This letter of St. Paul, which he wrote from prison, is perhaps the most tender and personal of the epistles. The love and joy permeating this letter make it particularly suitable for reflection during the season of Epiphany.

**Sowing Tears, Reaping Joy Beginning on February 19**, Casey Cook and Pastor Margrethe will lead a seven-week Kerygma course on the music and scripture of the Brahms Requiem Mass. This study, *Sowing Tears, Reaping Joy*, highlights a number of themes appropriate to the season of Lent.

Each of our Adult Education classes has a resource book.

Any donations to offset the cost of these materials will be deeply appreciated!

### **Hearty Thanks to the HTLC Children and Youth!**

Our young people did a marvelous job of presenting the Christmas story in word and song during our special service on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

Hearty thanks as well to Lori Wicks and Lynn Tedesco for directing this year's program. Our Sunday school teachers also deserve special recognition for their outstanding work with our young people.

Thank you, thank you, all who helped to make this year's Christmas Pageant and Worship Service a very special event!



**Searching for Home**  
**Epiphany Day Retreat for Women**  
**Saturday, January 7th, 8:30 am to 5:30 pm**  
**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**

As the holidays approach, our thoughts turn to home. Books, songs, and movies flood us with idealized images of family life even though reality is often very different. How do we reconcile our messy, sometimes turbulent lives with these elusive fantasies of home?

On Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, the women of Holy Trinity are invited to spend a day reflecting on the theme of home in relationship to the Epiphany stories. The day will begin with breakfast and reflection on *The Story of the Other Wise Man* by Henry Van Dyke beginning at 8:30 am.

We will conclude with a special *Epiphany Prayers Around the Cross* Worship at 4:30 pm that will be open to everyone. Please invite your family, partners, and friends to join you for this beautiful and meditative service.

**It is not too late to join us.** Cost is \$15 for the day. Talk to Pastor Kleiber if you have any questions.

**The Story of the Other Wise Man**

Would you like to attend the Epiphany Retreat but don't think you have the time to read the book?

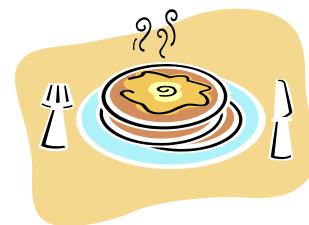
**Fear not!**

*The Story of the Other Wise Man* is a small book well under 100 pages. You can read it in an evening.

It is available for free on iBooks and Kindle. Paper copies are available on Amazon from \$5 and up.

You may also wish to rent the 1985 movie version, *The Fourth Wise Man*, with Martin Sheen. (The movie is 72 minutes long.)

**Breakfast with Santa** A thousand thanks to everyone who helped with Breakfast with Santa! We estimate that between 125 to 150 parents, children and grandparents enjoyed a hot breakfast, holiday crafts and, best of all, a chance to visit with Santa Claus! A special thanks to Terri Fleck for organizing the event and to Brian Fleck for cooking breakfast!



# C O U N C I L   N E W S

Advent is a time of hope, as we wait to celebrate the birth of the Christ child. It's a time to put things in perspective and re-commit to spreading the Gospel, before we return to our normal routine after the holidays.

The Council has much on its plate for the rest of this fiscal year, including house sales, the new organ, a stewardship campaign, building computer/sound system upgrades, a new website, hypothermia week, and the usual busy programs of educational and youth programs. It would be overwhelming, if it were not for the many members of the congregation who contribute their time and energy to keep things moving along. New people on the Council, as they develop a wider appreciation of the many activities and programs that go on here, are amazed by how the efforts of our staff and volunteers make it all happen.

Your Council thanks all of you for your contributions and support. We look forward to accomplishing more great things together in our mission of following Jesus and serving as a light to the community and the world. Merry Christmas and best wishes for the new year.

John Bowen, Council President

## **Thrivent Choice**

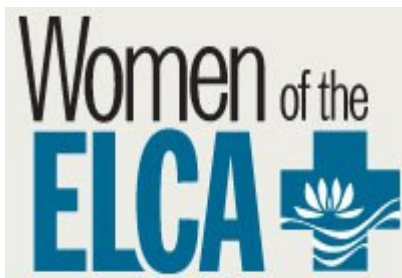
Many thanks to the HTLC Thrivent members who have directed dollars to Holy Trinity activities through the Thrivent Choice program! **Your HTLC Thrivent Choice contributions for the past six months provided \$1,590 for our congregation's Breakfast with Santa Event! Thank you!**

For the first two quarters of 2012, unless you designate otherwise through Thrivent, your Thrivent Choice contributions will help Holy Trinity's Luther League go to the July 2012 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

If you are a Thrivent member who is not participating in the Thrivent Choice program, please consider making Holy Trinity a beneficiary of Thrivent Choice. You can sign up on-line for Thrivent Choice at [www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice).

Thank you for your support through Thrivent!





# HT WOMEN OF THE ELCA

## Executive Committee

Member-at-Large—Leona Badger 703-573-1708  
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Joy Wells 703-560-2596

Lydia Bible Study—Judy Baker 703-237-8717

Naomi Bible Study—Marcia Ihnen 703-979-5570

Secretary—Eugenia Davis 703-573-0678

Thanks all who attended the Advent Concert and Cookie Reception and participated in the offering. We packed 40 bags of leftover cookies for Food for Others on Dec 11. Holy Trinity Women have a fund that will be donated to one of Holy Trinity's benevolences such as the Hypothermia Shelter or the Pastors' Good Samaritan Fund. The final decision on this allocation will be made at the Executive Committee meeting on Monday, January 9.

Please join Holy Trinity Women on Sunday, January 27, as we celebrate Blankets+ Sunday. Check the weekly bulletins for more information on this program.

## **Bible Study, Fellowship, and Service Opportunities**

This year's Bible study "To Follow and Serve: The Gospel of Mark" is found in the Women of the ELCA publication "Gather", a copy of which can be found in the HT Library. January's lesson "Confessing Christ" is based on Chapters 8 and 9 of Mark's Gospel. All women are invited to join one of the Bible Study Groups at the three regularly scheduled times and places listed below.

**Bible Study Groups**—HT WELCA Bible Study Groups meet as follows this month:

**Miriam**—Monday, January 16, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., Bible Room.

**Lydia**—Thursday, January 26, 10:00 a.m. to noon, Fellowship Hall.

**Naomi**—Sunday, January 29, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., Bible Room.

**Book Club**—On Saturday, January 7, the Book Club will be hosting breakfast for the Epiphany Day Retreat then joining the discussion of "The Story of the Other Wise Man" by Henry Van Dyke. (See Pastor Margrethe's article on page 6.) On February 4, we will meet at the church to discuss "The Snow Leopard" by Peter Matthiessen. March is poetry month; be choosing a candidate from among your favorite poems to share at this meeting.



If you are not already on the list to receive notices of books to be discussed and meeting dates and locations, contact Mary Newton at [newtonmm@live.com](mailto:newtonmm@live.com) to be added to the e-mail list. The Book Club also sponsors Fair Trade coffee and chocolate sales from the shelves in the Narthex.

**Knitting and Crochet Ministry**—Mark your calendar to join us in the Bible Room at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 21, and to bring a friend.



**Needlecrafters**—Needlecrafters regularly meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in Rothenberg Hall to work on their own quilting, knitting, or sewing or craft projects. Contact Judy Baker for more information.

**Prayer Chain**—To start a request or to be added to the Prayer Chain, contact Marcia at [mcihnen@aol.com](mailto:mcihnen@aol.com) or 703-979-5570.

**Sunshine**—Sandra Lee, Sunshine Secretary, asks that members help by submitting names of members or friends who would benefit from receiving a greeting. Please contact Sandra at 703-830-1791 or [leeassociates@aol.com](mailto:leeassociates@aol.com).

**ALTAR GUILD:** On Saturday, January 14, we will un-decorate the church. Please join us at 9:00 a.m. to pack away the wreaths and trees until next year.

**Welcome**

### **GREETER TRAINING**

Want to make a difference?

Please consider joining our greeter team and contribute to the vital ministry of hospitality here at Holy Trinity. We will hold a training session on hospitality with an emphasis on the role of the greeter on Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. Join us and help out with this important ministry!

Please contact Jeri Hesson, our greeter coordinator, at (571) 228-5612 or [jerihesson@gmail.com](mailto:jerihesson@gmail.com).

We look forward to seeing you!

**WELCOME**

**Organ Update:** The rebuilt Holy Trinity pipe organ was used on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, minus the reeds. Below is the console shortly after it was hoisted up into the loft. The remaining pipes will be installed in January and the voicing of the pipes hopefully complete by the end of the month. Voicing involves regulating the tonal quality of a pipe versus tuning, which regulates the pitch.

Below: Holy Trinity's organ as of December 4, 2011 (photo by Casey Cook)



**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Treasurer's Report  
For month ended November 2011  
2011-2012 Mission Spending Plan \$495, 013**

	<b>Current Month</b>	<b>Year-to-Date</b>	<b>Prior YTD</b>
<b>Budgeted Income</b>	<b>\$41, 251</b>	<b>\$206, 255</b>	<b>\$209, 500</b>
<b>Actual Income</b>	<b>\$28, 899</b>	<b>\$149, 248</b>	<b>\$166, 662</b>
<b>Income Over (Under) Budget</b>	<b>(\$12, 352)</b>	<b>(\$57, 008)</b>	<b>(\$42, 838)</b>
<b>Budgeted Expenses</b>	<b>\$39, 816</b>	<b>\$206, 255</b>	<b>\$209, 500</b>
<b>Actual Expenses</b>	<b>\$38, 061</b>	<b>\$189, 401</b>	<b>\$186, 086</b>
<b>Expenses (Over) Under Budget</b>	<b>\$1,754</b>	<b>\$16,855</b>	<b>\$23,413</b>
<b>Actual Income less Actual Expenses</b>	<b>(\$9, 162)</b>	<b>(\$40,153)</b>	<b>(\$19,424)</b>



### **Gift Cards for Families of Deployed Military**

Thanks and blessings to everyone at Holy Trinity who contributed to buy Walmart gift cards for our military families. During our Veterans Day/ Remembrance Day service, we collected \$300 and sent 30 gift cards to the 116th Infantry Brigade Combat Team in Staunton, VA. The Family Readiness Group coordinator welcomed them and

promised to give them out to families of the deployed at their holiday dinner.

This all began with a conversation I had with the Reverend John Weatherly of St. Mark's Episcopal in Alexandria. Rev. Weatherly is a retired Navy Chaplain who had deployed with his troops to Bosnia and Iraq during the wars. Recently, I asked him about other ways we could support combat troops. He told me that, before the holidays, the Chaplains like giving out Walmart gift cards, especially to the younger troops with kids. He said they mail the cards right back to their families, so that they can buy what they need for Christmas.

After consultation with the council, we dedicated the offering from the Veteran's Day vespers service to purchase the gift cards.

We originally intended to send the cards to a unit in Iraq. But the unit was no longer accepting any mail because THOSE TROOPS WERE COMING HOME!! So Rev. Weatherly gave my name to Chaplain Sprouse in Afghanistan who said the turn-around time was too long to receive the gift cards and then send them back home. But he understood that we wanted to help the families of the deployed, so he forwarded my email to the Family Readiness Group Leader in Staunton.

The Group Leader said it was like a prayer being answered. She said, "We are actually hosting a family dinner for the deployed families on December 10<sup>th</sup> and this will be a good time to distribute the cards." She added, "It is quite a donation and will be greatly appreciated." I told her we were honored to give this gift!

Eleanore Marcey, Coordinator for Veterans Support

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Dave Badger, Stewardship Secretary

**THANK YOU THANK YOU**

Thank You's for a busy time at Holy Trinity.....



The Advent Event is one of many events the Fleck family helps to organize each year. A hearty meal was enjoyed by all after completing several holiday crafts (practice for the Breakfast with Santa).

December began with Breakfast with Santa. Without the help of all the elves (Brian & Terri Fleck, Jean Strandlie, Gloria Hviding), plus many others, this community event would not have evolved into the great program we host each year.

The first Sunday in Advent, Brent Stone produced a chancel drama with the help of Asa Meyer, Gracia, Reuben and Jill Luoma-Overstreet and Alex Stone, reminding us that God is the potter of our lives.

The Advent Concert once again brought out the talents of so many members as all the vocal choirs and handbell choirs performed for an evening of music prior to the delicious cookie event. This, along with so many of our activities, requires hours of dedication and volunteer work.

Decorating the church was under the advisement of Genie Davis who invited Robin LeMunyon to lend her artful eye to the process. There were many helping hands. If you haven't done this before, you've missed a great church family event. Sign up next year.

The Bishop's Eucharist was hosted at HTLC this year and, once again, Genie Davis stepped in and gathered a wonderful team to help with a luncheon that was enjoyed by all the rostered members of the synod who attended (approximately 60 members).

The Children's Christmas Pageant was a great hit. It takes many hands to produce, costume, do set design and gather all our youth in one place. There were innumerable sheep, angels and shepherds. We are truly blessed!

To the altar guild, ushers, acolytes and music support staff, we all offer our thanks for a great year and a beautiful Christmas season.

*Pastor Jane*

**Thank you!**

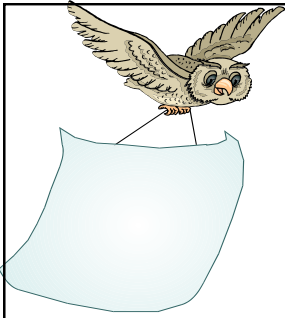
Thank you from Pastors Jane and Margrethe for all the candy, cookies and other gifts you shared with us at Christmas.



We appreciate your love and support.

Thank you once again for the lovely Christmas Concert. The talents of the church and the young people is just amazing - each group has their own special appeal. The evening was so enjoyable - not to mention the cookies - Thank you HT bakers. Thoroughly enjoyed it all.

*Susan Richmond*



## OWLS NEWS

We had a good turn out at the December potluck in spite of heavy rain. It was nice to see everyone. We celebrated the birthdays of Pastor Jane (Dec. 8) and Dave Badger (Dec. 23) with a delicious Norwegian raspberry cake made by Gloria Hviding.

After lunch and cake, we assembled bags for distribution to homeless and transient people who knock on the church door. Already Joan has given out several bags and people are very grateful.

January birthdays will be celebrated at a potluck luncheon on Wednesday, January 4. Bring a friend and bring ideas for activities during our monthly potlucks. In addition, we need your suggestions for possible day trips. Questions, call Leona Badger ([703-573-1708](tel:703-573-1708)) or Jean Strandlie ([703-354-5610](tel:703-354-5610)).

Jean Strandlie, OWLS Publicity

### Please Let the Church Office Know When....

- A member of your family is admitted to the hospital, so that visits can be made.
- Your group or committee plans to have a meeting, OR cancel a meeting, so that it can be put on the calendar and bulletin.
- A member of your family graduates.

- Wedding plans are being made.
- Any changes in your life/family — address, phone, email — so that church records can be kept current.
- A death occurs in your family.
- The church can be of help in any way.

**You may contact the office at  
(703) 532-6617 or  
[admin@htluther.org](mailto:admin@htluther.org)**

# SNAHT

**Sunday Night At Holy Trinity**

**January 8, 22, 29—Children's Choir, Praise Band, Trinity Ringers, Luther League & Dinner in Fellowship Hall**

**January 15— No SNAHT**

**January 15—Snow tubing after the late service**



## JANUARY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

**Altar Guild:** Anne Kress & Jeri Hesson

**Assisting Ministers:** Terry Bathen, Charles Luoma-Overstreet, Anne Simmons, Deb Haynes, Tracy Green, Craig Davis, Jeri Hesson, John Grutzik, [**Coordinator:** Terry Bathen]

**Lectors:** Jeri Hesson, Beth Search, Heidi Merkel, Rick Watkins

**Ushers:** Derek Daniels  
[**Coordinators:** (9:00) Linda Williams, (11:00) Paul Halpern]

**Greeters:** Jeri Hesson, Ursula Ermert-Jones, Carol Sukow, Kathy Tighe, Jean Strandlie, Lynn Tedesco, Jean Crowder, Terri Fleck  
[**Coordinator:** Jeri Hesson]

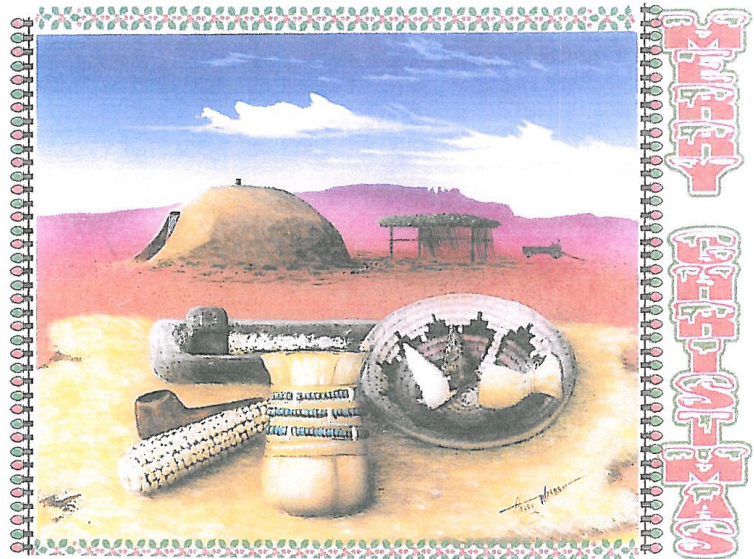
**Acolytes:** [**Coordinator:** Lori Wicks]

From the Navajo  
Mission School:

*Good tidings to you and  
your kin! May you have  
a Happy New Year!*

*Thank you for  
supporting our  
student.*

*Merry Christmas,  
Lenora Gray*



*Thank you so much  
for the lovely &  
delicious Christmas  
cookies that I'm  
enjoying!*

*Love in Jesus,  
Gladys Copperthite*

Sisters and Brothers of Holy Trinity,  
We are so encouraged by your  
support. Your gift allowing us to assist  
campers will be especially important in this  
coming year.

May the Spirit be clearly among you this  
season and in the coming year.



Peace in Christ <><

*Pastor Wayne Shelor*  
Caroline Furnace Camp &  
Retreat Center

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</b> 9:00 Forum <b>10:00 Holy Communion</b>	2	3 Meals on Wheels	4 11:30 OWLS Potluck 6:00 Tai Chi 7:30 Christus Bells 7:30 AA Meeting	5 6:00 Miriam's Kitchen 10:00 AI-Anon 7:30 Christus Choir rehearsal	6	7 8:30 Women's Epiphany Retreat ( Breakfast with WELCA Book Club) 4:30 Prayer Around the Cross
8 <b>9:00 Holy Communion</b> 10:10 Sunday School 10:10 Forum <b>11:00 Holy Communion</b> 11:30 Vietnamese Worship 5:30 SNAHT Dinner 6:00 Luther League	9 6:30 Parents of Multiples 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 WELCA Cmte Meeting 7:30 Church Council Meeting 8:30 AA Meeting	10	11 10:00 Needlecrafters 11:00 EggCrafters 6:00 Tai Chi 7:30 Christus Bells 7:30 AA Meeting	12 6:00 Miriam's Kitchen 10:00 AI-Anon 7:30 Christus Choir rehearsal	13	14 9:00 Prayer Time 10:00 Greeter training 5:30 Trinity Troop
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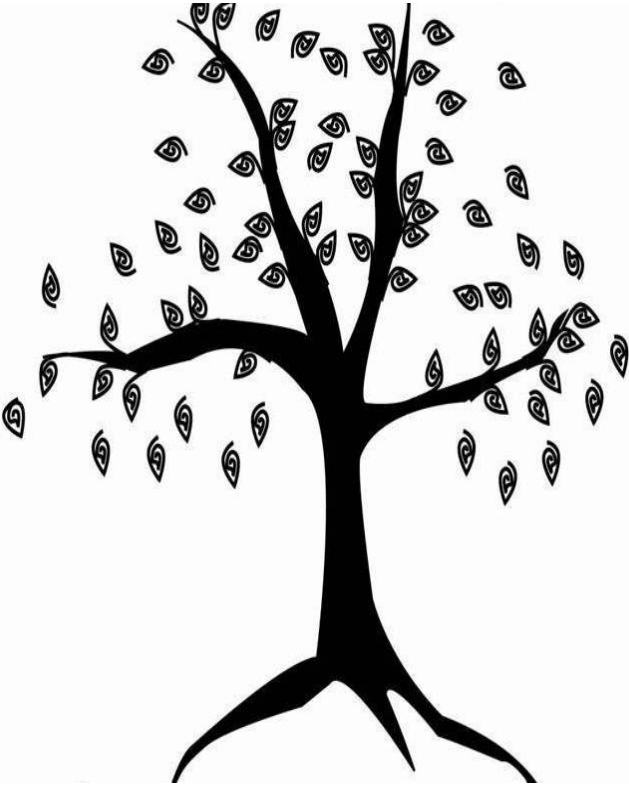
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| <b>January 1</b>   | <b>New Year's Day worship service 10 a.m.</b>   |
| <b>January 7</b>   | <b>Women's Epiphany Retreat at HT 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.<br/>Prayers Around the Cross 4:30 p.m.</b> |
| <b>January 14</b>  | <b>Greeter Training at HT 10:00 a.m.</b>  |
| <b>January 16</b>  | <b>MLK Holiday—church office closed</b>   |
| <b>January 21</b>  | <b>Together in Mission Synod Event 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.</b>   |
| <b>January 29</b>  | <b>WELCA Blankets+Sunday</b>  |
| <b>February 11</b> | <b>Jazz Coffee House</b>  |
| <b>February 20</b> | <b>President's Day—church office closed</b>   |
| <b>February 21</b> | <b>Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper</b>  |
| <b>February 22</b> | <b>Ash Wednesday</b>  |
| <b>February 26</b> | <b>Hypothermia Week begins at Holy Trinity</b>  |