

The Trumpet

Trinity Lutheran Church

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Guided by
the Holy Spirit,
Trinity Shows & Tells
God's Love in Word & Deed
with ALL!

Pilgrimage Ponderings

25 years ago this month I stood among a congregation filled with people who had supported, encouraged, affirmed, and nurtured me all my life. In that context I responded to 4 questions regarding my willingness to live within the expectations of ordained ministry with the phrase, "I will and I ask God to help me." The questions ranged from aligning myself theologically with the teaching and confessions of the Lutheran tradition, acknowledging that the call was of God to serve God's people, maintain a personal discipline of prayer, scripture study, and participation in the practice of confession and receiving of the sacraments, and diligently offer a witness to Christ in the world. At the time I had no idea how important it was to recognize a dependence on God's help in fulfilling those promises. I now know that seeking God's help in fulfilling those promises was the most important act of the entire event.

Personally that has included 4 calls, 2 marriages, 1 divorce, 2 children, a changing world, who knows how many funerals, baptisms and marriages I have officiated, in addition to meetings and worship services, visits and miles traveled. It has all combined to prove that it is only by God's help that I celebrate 25 years of ordained ministry on December 5, 2018. In fact, making it this far is all God's doing, and I'm just along for the ride. God has been faithful and steadfast in the help. I'll admit that when I began this adventure of ordained ministry I did so with the expectation that my faithfulness was essential in responding to God's call. That perception was naïve and self-absorbed. Little by little, as the Holy Spirit is wont to do, I have been shaped over the past 25 years to understand that God's faithfulness and steadfast presence has been the compelling force moving me into a greater awareness that this work is always about God - what God has done, is doing and will yet do. And, though on occasion I joke about being a long-haul truck driver or baker of cookies, I can't imagine my life any different than it has been.

When I consider the future I realize trusting God's ongoing work, that "asking God to help" is the most important part of that future. The church, as most of us have n it, has changed dramatically in the past 25 years, and it will likely change even more dramatically in the next decade. But God promises to help those who call out in faith, longing for intervention. Hence I cling, ever more tenaciously, to a couple of foundational scripture verses: Matthew 28:20b, in which Jesus says to his disciples "I am with you always, even to the end of the age;" Romans 8:28, "All things work together for good to those who love God and are called according to his purposes;" Romans 8:38-39, "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Let's celebrate God's faithfulness together, with joy and thanksgiving, for coming to our help in the gift of Jesus, the crucified, risen and ascended Lord. We will share in worship and fellowship as follows:

Worship on December 9, 2018 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 509 Center St., Bryan. We will welcome Bishop Beaudoin as our guest celebrant and preacher. A Fellowship Luncheon (Pizza, Salad and Ice Cream Sundaes) will be enjoyed at Noon at First Lutheran Church, 210 N. Cherry St., Bryan.

God's blessings of Advent Hope, Christmas Joy and New Year Peace!

Pastor Mary Beth

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Winter Worship Schedule
Sundays 10:00am
Sunday School 9:00am
Saturdays 6:00pm



Poinsettia Sale
sign-up sheet
in narthex

Children's
Christmas Program
December 16, 2018



January 1, 2019
Happy New Year



January 20, 2019
Congregations Annual Meeting

Worship Focus for December

December 1 & 2 First Weekend of Advent

Advent is about the "coming days." God's people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a "righteous Branch to spring up for David." The Thessalonians awaited "the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints." Our Lord's contemporaries hoped for the time "to stand before the Son of Man." With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of our Lord in word and supper.

December 8 & 9 Second Weekend of Advent

Forerunners and messengers advance the advent of our God. While John the baptizer's voice in the wilderness may be the principal focus of the day, Malachi's prophecy could as easily herald the coming Lord Jesus as forerunner of the Lord of hosts. Finally all the baptized are called to participate in the sharing of the gospel. In so doing we prepare the way for the coming of the Lord and assist all flesh in capturing a vision of the "salvation of God."

December 15 & 16 Third Weekend of Advent

The presence of the Lord "in your midst" in the wonder of the holy supper is cause for singing. The nearness of the Lord in prayer, in every circumstance, is cause for rejoicing. The coming of one "more powerful" than John, even with his winnowing fork in his hand, is good news—and cause for exultation—for us who are being saved. Great joy is the tone for the third Sunday of Advent.

December 22 & 23 Fourth Weekend of Advent

Cradle and cross are inextricably connected on the fourth Sunday of Advent. Between a lovely tribute to the little town of Bethlehem and the blessed virgin Mary's magnificent song of praise, the letter to the Hebrews reminds us in no uncertain terms that Christ's advent is for "the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." It is the kind of tension in which the church always lives as when in the holy communion—with high delight—"we proclaim the Lord's death."

December 30 First Sunday of Christmas

On the first Sunday of Christmas we find the boy Samuel and the boy Jesus, both in the temple, both growing in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and humankind. We too have returned to the house of God "to sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God," who has gifted us with a savior. As the festival continues, "let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts." It is Christmas, still.

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Advent 2018

Advent & Christmas at Trinity

Saturday, December 1 - "Warnings That Work" is the theme for the message. We will kick-off the Advent season acknowledging that God longs for trust in the midst of uncertainty. The readings reinforce that, and the hymns put us on the edge of our seats in anticipation of a new thing about to occur. Worship at 6 p.m.

Sunday, December 2 - "Hanging of the Greens" Join us for this participatory worship service as we prepare the sanctuary for the Christmas holiday season. Dress in comfortable clothes, and be ready to share in the joy of readying our space for the coming of Jesus. Worship with Holy Communion is at 10 a.m.

Saturday, December 8 - The 2nd Weekend in Advent worship will be at 6 p.m. and the readings will remind us that God's purpose in coming is reconciliation and restoration. Worship with Holy Communion is at 6 p.m.

Sunday, December 9 - The 2nd Sunday in Advent and 25th Anniversary of Pastor Mary Beth's Ordination Celebration Worship. Bishop Daniel Beaudoin will serve as the guest preacher for this joint service of the Williams County ELCA Parish, hosted by Trinity at 10 a.m. Song and scripture will remind us that this journey of faithfulness relies on God's guiding and our joyous participation in the inbreaking of Jesus' reign. The congregation is invited to a celebration meal at First Lutheran at Noon - Pizza, Salad and Dessert.

Saturday, December 15 - The 3rd Weekend in Advent and Worship with Holy Communion at 6 p.m. "Joy in the Journey" is the theme for the message. The readings emphasize some of the dualisms that exist for those longing for God's full reign in Christ. Easy isn't part of the vocabulary of the faithful, but worthwhile is.

Sunday, December 16 - Trinity's Sunday School Children will share the message of Good Tidings of Great Joy for All People as they tell the Christmas story. Worship with Holy Communion will be at 10 a.m. Come and be blessed by the witness of the youngest members of the congregation.

Saturday, December 22 & Sunday, December 23 - The 4th Weekend in Advent "The Why in the Way" is the theme. Saturday worship at 6 p.m. and Sunday worship at 10 a.m. Christmas is nearly upon us - and the question begs to be asked, "Why does God come to earth?" Join us to explore that query.

Christmas at Trinity 2018

Monday, December 24 - Christmas Eve - Both the "Family-friendly" Worship at 4:30 p.m. and the Candlelight Service at 10:30 p.m. will celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the first singing of "Silent Night, Holy Night" with the theme "Silent, Holy, Calm, Bright." Share in the joy and hope for all people as God's best and most precious gift of Jesus is celebrated in song, scripture, prayer and proclamation. Holy Communion will be served at both services.

Tuesday, December 25 - Christmas Day - Trinity will host the 11th annual Christmas Day Luncheon open to the public. A full meal of turkey, ham, and all the fixin's will be served in Weiblen Hall from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Opportunities to share a dessert or side dish or serve are posted on the kiosk in the narthex.

Saturday, December 29 - NO SERVICE

Sunday, December 30 - 1st Sunday after Christmas - Service of Lessons and Carols. Come and sing the songs of the season (we are only on the 5th day by now) and hear readings which echo incarnation hope. 10 a.m. worship with Holy Communion.

Saturday, January 5 & Sunday, January 6, 2019 - Epiphany will be celebrated at both services (6 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. on Sunday) The Magi's arrival and wise words of caution changed the course of the Holy Family - who speaks wise words to us, and what is our response? Holy Communion will be shared.





One special birthday celebration to add to the joy of the birth of Christ in December... On the 9th Merle Griffis, 106 Taylor Drive, West Unity, 43570 celebrates his 88th birthday. We extend our very best wishes to Merle.



Thanksgiving and Christmas Offerings

The Thanksgiving and Christmas Offering Designation determined by council will be to the parking lot loan. Your generous support is very much appreciated. Thank you!



Our Christmas Poinsettia sale has begun. We have ordered 16 small (\$11.00 ea) and 8 large (18.00 ea). If you would like to purchase a poinsettia, see the sign-up sheet on the kiosk in the narthex. Select your size, color and state in honor or memory of... Payment envelopes are provided on the kiosk.

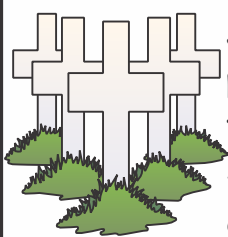


Sincere thanks to the following people who have served faithfully for the past 3 years on church council - your leadership through this transition into parish ministry embodied vision and faith. May God continue to bless you as you serve the church in various other ways: Steve Fireovid, Ashley Rice, Jim Hitchcock, Pam Bishop, and Keke Darrow.

A word of gratitude and welcome to the leaders recently elected church council members: Martha Eickhoff, Steve Krill, Kim Reed, Cindy Riter, Buddy Rossow, and Brooke Taylor. These individuals will be installed on January 5 & 6, 2019.

10th Annual Christmas Dinner

Plan to join us on Tuesday, December 25, for our 10th annual Christmas dinner. We will serve from 11:30-1:00pm. If you are interested in working at the dinner or bringing a salad or dessert, please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex.



Sincere Christian sympathy and prayerful support to the following...

The family of Editha Williams with her death on November 1st. Editha was 89.

The Steve Fireovid family with the death of Michele's father, Albert Ray Shaffer on November 5th. He was from Hebron, Ohio and was 80 years old.

The family of Marlene Reed with her passing on November 7th. Her funeral was here at Trinity on November 12th. Marlene was 81.

The family of Doris Carlin who passed away on November 11th. Doris was 92.

**"Rest eternal, grant them, O Lord:
and let light perpetual shine upon them"**

Thank you

Thank you to Bonnie & Chris Staup for installing the new paper towel dispensers throughout the church.

Thank you Pastor Mary Beth for the many visits, comforting words, prayers and the beautiful funeral service. Thank you to Pastor Proctor and Deacon Wise too. Thank you Judy Lewis for the wonderful music at the service. Thank you members of Trinity for all the beautiful cards, prayers and memorials. To everyone that provided food or helped serve the luncheon - thank you.

Jean, Rob & Bill Goodlive

Trinity Lutheran Church, Thank you for letting us have Eli's 1st birthday party in Weiblen Hall. He had a blast.

Jacqueline & Eli

DECEMBER ASSIGNMENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACOLYTE</u>	<u>PROJECTION</u>	<u>SOUND</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>Lay Leader</u>
Sunday December 2	Aiden Moore	Mike Bever	Jim Helbig	team 3 Floyd Taylor	Keith Day
Sunday December 9	Eyon Frederick	Rob Goodlive	Tom Smith	team 4 Rob Goodlive	Jean Wise
Sunday December 16	Eli Schlade	Rhonda Fackler	Rick Taylor	team 5 Tom Smith	Gene Schubert
Sunday December 23	Molly Hess	Joe Whisler	Paul Vargo	team 1 Doug Johnson	Lynnette Diaz
Christmas Eve Family Christmas Eve Candlelight	Ava Moore Rachel Fireovid		Joe Whisler Henry Burklo	4 Rob Goodlive 3 Floyd Taylor	
Sunday December 30	Trinity Slabaugh	Paul Vargo	Jim Helbig	team 2 Henry Burklo	Steve Fireovid



DECEMBER BIBLE VERSE

All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies. Psalm 25:10

DECEMBER ALTAR GUILD

Connie Elegeer
Lynnette Diaz

December Baptism Birthdays

3 Annie Kerr	12 Florin Helf	18 Caitlin Kelley	25 Emily Rose
3 Julia Kerr	12 John Weller, Jr.	18 Brent Plummer	25 Haley Spangler
7 Bonnie Underwood	14 Amanda Johnston	19 Carolyn Walsh	25 Sierra Rose
8 Randy Elegeer	15 Carol Gilmer	19 Jewell Kerr	25 Cheyenne Rose
8 Edwin Hulbert	17 James Hitchcock	19 Barbara Gotshall	26 Tom Baird
9 Ruth Wieland	17 Roger Chappuies	20 Jaydan Deel	26 Ethan Deel
9 Terry Kuehne	17 Joyce Chappuies	21 Lynnette Diaz	27 Leslie Goshia
9 Ellen Noneman	18 Lisa Whitman	24 Amy Missler	30 Editha Williams
9 Paul Diaz			

November Attendance & Offerings

Date	Attendance	Offering
Budgeted Need \$4,037.08		

11/3 Saturday Worship	36	
11/4 Sunday Worship	76	\$4,859.50
11/10 Saturday Worship	33	
11/11 Sunday Worship	80	\$4,002.00
11/17 Saturday Worship	32	
11/18 Sunday Worship	80	\$5,347.00
11/25 Sunday Worship	83	n/a
Avg Attendance November 2018	105	

Other Income for November

Media	30.00
Pay for Ed Clinker Music	30.00
parking lot fund	30.00
Thanksgiving foundation	750.00
memorials	3925.00
cemetery	2230.00
Joint Parish - 1st Lutheran	250.00
Joint Parish - St. Peters	1385.82
25th dinner donation	2771.64
catechism retreat	100.00
poinsettia	565.00
reimburse general/worship	29.00
	40.00



December 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship w/ HC	3 6:30 Prayer Shawl	4	5 6:30pm Catechism 7:00pm Bell Choir	6	7 Pastor's Day Off	TLMM Nativity Set-up 1 6:00pm Worship w/ HC Happy Birthday 8  Merle Griffis (88) 6:00pm Worship w/ HC
9 9:00am Choir Practice 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship w/ HC	10 7:00pm Council	11 12:30 - 4:00pm LWR Mission Quilters 7:00pm Dartball - away vs Wauseon	12 6:30pm Catechism 7:00pm Bell Choir	13	14 Pastor's Day Off	15 6:00pm Worship w/ HC supper club
16 8:20am Chime Choir 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship w/ HC Children's Program 	17	18	19 5:30-6:30 Midwk Manna 6:30pm Catechism 7:00pm Bell Choir	20	21 Pastor's Day Off	22 6:00pm Worship w/ HC
23 9:00am Sunday School 9:10am Choir Practice 10:00am Worship w/ HC	24 4:30pm Family Service 10:30pm Candlelight Service	25 11:30-1:00pm Christmas Dinner <i>Merry Christmas</i>	26	27	28 Pastor's Day Off	29 NO SATURDAY SERVICE
30 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship w/ HC	31 New Year's Eve					

2019



2019 has been designated by Bishop Daniel Beaudoin as "The Year of Scripture." He is hopeful that the entire Northwestern Ohio Synod will read through the bible in a year. So, the Take 5 for Faith installments through 2019 will provide the daily readings, which though lengthier than previous Take 5 readings, will guide us through the entire bible together as a congregation and synod.

The year's scripture verse is, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Psalm 119:105. We will be using that verse as a call to hear the word of God each week before the reading of the scripture lessons in worship.

Take 5 for Faith

5 Minutes - 5 Steps - Everyday!

1. Think about and share your Highs and Lows of the Day.
2. Read the passage.
3. Reflect on its meaning.
4. Pray for Family, Friends, Community.
5. Bless yourself & others.

Dec 1 - Nehemiah 9:26-31
 Dec 2 - Psalm 25:1-10
 Dec 3 - Numbers 17:1-11
 Dec 4 - 2 Samuel 7:18-29
 Dec 5 - Isaiah 1:24-31
 Dec 6 - Malachi 3:5-12
 Dec 7 - Malachi 3:13-18
 Dec 8 - Malachi 4:1-6
 Dec 9 - Malachi 3:1-4
 Dec 10 - Isaiah 40:1-11
 Dec 11 - Isaiah 19:18-25
 Dec 12 - Isaiah 35: 3-7
 Dec 13 - Amos 6:1-8
 Dec 14 - Amos 8:4-12
 Dec 15 - Amos 9:8-15
 Dec 16 - Isaiah 12:2-6
 Dec 17 - Numbers 16:1-19
 Dec 18 - Numbers 16:20-35
 Dec 19 - Micah 4:8-13
 Dec 20 - Jeremiah 31:31-34
 Dec 21 - Isaiah 42:10-18
 Dec 22 - Micah 4:1-5
 Dec 23 - Micah 4:6-8
 Dec 24 - Psalm 96
 Dec 25 - Luke 2:1-20
 Dec 26 - 2 Chronicles 24:17-24
 Dec 27 - Proverbs 8:32-36
 Dec 28 - Isaiah 54:1-13
 Dec 29 - 1 Chronicles 28:1-10
 Dec 30 - 2 Chronicles 1:7-13
 Dec 31 - 1 Kings 3:5-14

Jan 1 - Gen. 1-3
 Jan 2 - Gen 4-7
 Jan 3 - Gen 8-11
 Jan 4 - Gen 12-15
 Jan 5 - Gen 16-18
 Jan 6 - Gen 19-21
 Jan 7 - Gen 22-24
 Jan 8 - Gen 25-26
 Jan 9 - Gen 27-29
 Jan 10 - Gen 30-31
 Jan 11 - Gen 32-34
 Jan 12 - Gen 35-37
 Jan 13 - Gen 38-40
 Jan 14 - Gen 41-42
 Jan 15 - Gen 43-45
 Jan 16 - Gen 46-47
 Jan 17 - Gen 48-50
 Jan 18 - Ex 1-3
 Jan 19 - Ex 4-6
 Jan 20 - Ex 7-9
 Jan 21 - Ex 10-12
 Jan 22 - Ex 13-15
 Jan 23 - Ex 16-18
 Jan 24 - Ex 19-21
 Jan 25 - Ex 22-24
 Jan 26 - Ex 25-27
 Jan 27 - Ex 28-29
 Jan 28 - Ex 30-32
 Jan 29 - Ex 33-35
 Jan 30 - Ex 36-38
 Jan 31 - Ex 39-40



We begin 2019 with one birthday in January. On the 16th, Lou Mollett, Hillside Country Living #606, 09876 Co. Rd. 16, turns 89. Congratulations to this very special member!!!!



REMINDER: Trinity's Weather Cancellation/Closure Policy is that if Williams County or the City of Bryan are on a Level 1 Travel Advisory, programming at

the church will continue as planned with the exception of the Saturday evening worship service. Those who are expected to attend committee meetings, catechism classes, rehearsals, etc. should do so at their discretion. **Saturday evening worship, for the sake of the general congregation which usually attends, will be cancelled under a Level 1 Travel Advisory.** Level 2 Travel Advisory acknowledges road conditions that could be hazardous to all travelers, so at a Level 2, ALL ACTIVITIES AT THE CHURCH are CANCELLED INCLUDING SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL. Level 3 Travel Advisory allows only emergency personnel to be on the roads, therefore, the church will be closed.

To see or hear about closures, watch any of the major Toledo television stations, (Channel 11, 13 and 24,) Fort Wayne's Channel 15, or listen to WBCL, WBNO, WLZZ radio stations. Pastor Mary Beth tries to get that information posted and broadcast as soon as a decision is made regarding weather related church cancellations or closure.



January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		 1 Happy New Year	2 6:30pm Catechism	3	4 Pastor's Day Off	5 TLMM take down nativity scene 6:00pm Worship w/ HC Council Installation
6 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship w/ HC Council Installation	7 6:30pm Prayer Shawl	8 12:30 - 4:00pm LWR Mission Quilters 7:00pm Dartball - home 1st Lutheran	9 6:30pm Catechism	10 send reminder for church council	11 Pastor's Day Off	12 6:00pm Worship w/ HC
13 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship w/ HC	14 7:00pm Council	15  Happy Birthday Lou Mollett (89)	16 6:30pm Catechism	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Sawmill Creek Jan 17, 18 & 19 </div>		19 6:00pm Worship w/ HC supper club
20 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship w/ HC Annual Meeting	21	22 Deadline for February Trumpet 7:00pm Dartball - away vs Wesley	23 5:30-6:30 Midwk Manna 6:30pm Catechism	24	25 Pastor's Day Off	26 6:00pm Worship w/ HC
27 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship w/ HC	28	29	30 5:30-6:30 Midwk Mann 6:30pm Catechism	31		



Wise Words

Even before Thanksgiving is over, our culture rushes into Christmas. But in the church a very special season lives quietly between our November turkey and Christmas candlelight services.

Advent.

The season of Advent, which comes from the Latin word *adventus* meaning "coming" or "visit," begins four Sundays before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve.

During Advent, we prepare for and anticipate the coming of Christ. We remember the longing of Jews for a Messiah and our own longing for, and need of forgiveness, salvation and a new beginning. Even as we look back and celebrate the birth of Jesus in a humble stable in Bethlehem, we also look forward anticipating the second coming of Christ as the fulfillment of all that was promised by his first coming.

How can you celebrate Advent?

- Worship the Lord at special Advent services. Wednesday night Advent services will be held on Dec 5, 12, and 19 at 7 pm at St. Peter's.
- Read an Advent devotional.
- Focus on presence, not presents. Secular culture sends a strong message that suggests what you buy represents who you are. This is false, which is vital to remember at this time of year. Remember your baptism and find peace and comfort in your identity as a child of God.
- Say "no." You have countless parties, activities and obligations at your fingertips during Advent. From the get-go don't overcommit or pressure yourself to show up at every event. Instead, choose those that are most nourishing to you and your family.
- Use Christmas Cards as prayer reminders. As Christmas cards arrive during December, place them in a basket in a noticeable area. Once a day, pull out one card and pray for that person or family together. Keep the Christmas card basket out all year and pray regularly for other families.

An inspirational Advent season and a wonderful Merry Christmas to you all from Bill and me. God bless you and your family with peace and joy for the years to come.

Jeanie

Worship Focus for January

January 5 & 6 Epiphany of Our Lord

Epiphany means "manifestation." On this day we celebrate the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles—that is, to all nations. Some Christian traditions celebrate three great epiphanies on this day: the magi's adoration of the Christ child, Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River, and his first miracle, in which he changes water into wine. The word and sacraments are for us the great epiphany of God's grace and mercy. We go forth to witness to the light that shines brightly in our midst.

January 12 & 13 Baptism of Our Lord

The Baptism of Our Lord cannot help but recall our own and all baptismal blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as daughters and sons, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire." On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of the beloved Son of God in bread and wine.

January 19 & 20 Second Weekend after Epiphany

The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of the glory of God to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at the baptism of Jesus—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people "as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride." By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.

January 27 & 28 Third Weekend after Epiphany

The glory of the Lord is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of the glory of God. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.

January Assignments

DATE	ACOLYTE	PROJECTION	SOUND	USHERS	LAY LEADERS
January 6	Sarah Vollmer	Buddy Rossow	Tom Smith	team 3 Floyd Taylor	Martha Eickhoff
January 13	Noah Diaz	Mike Bever	Rick Taylor	team 4 Rob Goodlive	Gary Arnos
January 20	Eli Schlade	Rob Goodlive	Paul Vargo	team 1 Doug Johnson	Joe Whisler
January 27	Aiden Moore	Rhonda Fackler	Joe Whisler	team 2 Henry Burklo	Chris Staup

Annual Congregational Meeting



2018 - The Year in Review Annual Meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 20, 2019. It will take place during worship, following an abbreviated service. We will consider the accomplishments of 2018, and the challenges ahead in 2019, all while giving thanks to God for the continuing goodness, grace and call to serve Jesus together through Trinity. Following the service and meeting, lunch will be shared in Weiblen Hall. Please bring a dish to share. Ham, beverages and table service will be provided.

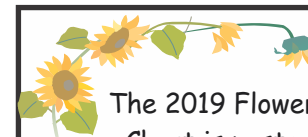


January Baptism Birthdays

1	Tatum Queen	21	Mathew Wieland
1	Jodi Tinkel	22	Martha Eickhoff
8	Robert Wieland	22	Stephanie Gearig
10	Jason Newcomer	23	Jackie Uran
10	Sean Vargo	23	Ethan Langham
11	Zac Rosendaul	24	Casey Karnes
12	Bradley Johnston	24	Emily Knight
15	Steve Mantel	25	Brock Plummer
17	Barbara Roan	26	Melinda Hess
18	Peggy Vermillion	27	Bruce Krill
20	Brett Whisler	30	Bradley Nester

January Altar Guild

Peg Vermillion
Cindy Riter
Marsha Kirkpatrick



The 2019 Flower Sign-up Chart is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.