



Holy Trinity

Lutheran Church

DECEMBER 2018
Advent & Christmas Issue

Mission Initiative: Giving Hope, Joy, Love and Peace



Thanks to everyone who signed up and purchased many of the requested gift items on our Angel Tree.



The deadline for donations is Wednesday, December 12.

Questions? Contact Kristi Poreda at KAP@vwi.com



Gifts of Hope touches the lives of thousands of people—locally and globally.

HT's Gifts of Hope coordinators are Linda Bathen, assisted by Beth Search.

Stop by their table in the narthex after worship on Sundays throughout Advent.

Visit www.giftsofhopedc.org/



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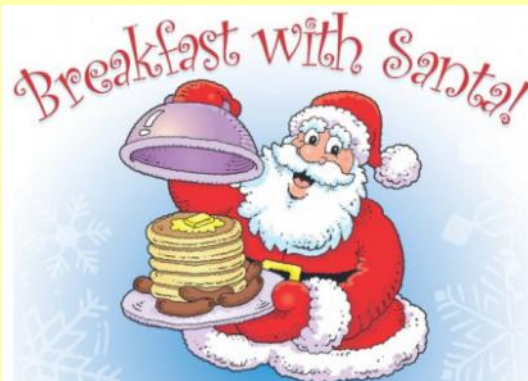
Saturday, December 1
and
Sunday, December 2
8 am to 1 pm
Narthex

Your purchase of fair trade products is part of a sustainable and prosperous cycle of empowerment for artisans around the world.

You and your family are invited to join us!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

- ◆ 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- ◆ Arts & Crafts Activities
- ◆ Take your child's photo with Santa
- ◆ Shopping opportunity (Fair Trade Products)
- ◆ FREE! (donations gratefully accepted)



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Pastor's Peace

After eating refried beans at every meal for almost a week I knew what I wanted for dinner the first night I came back from El Salvador: BURGER! I had the monthly Church Council meeting later that night, so Emma and the kids came to meet me after work in Falls Church for *Elevation Burger*. Emma knew my stomach was a bit “messed up” from my trip and cautioned me to take it easy, but I already decided: the special with everything. We ordered our food and got settled at a table.

I stood up and walked over the drink machine. I pressed the icon for water and filled up four cups. As I stood there watching each cup fill with water, I had this realization that the water was clean, safe to drink, and abundant. This seems so obvious now, but after a week of carefully sanitizing my hands, brushing my teeth with bottled water and filling my water-bottle with “safe drinking water” I was overcome with a feeling of thankfulness for the accessibility of clean water.

I returned to the table, gave each person their cup of water, and then started to reflect on the comfort that comes with our context. I breathed in the smell of the food cooking, appreciated the safety of the restaurant environment, and the freedom to walk the streets outside. My reflection ended as the waiter arrived with our food and my focus centered around the love for family and being back with them safe and sound. We folded our hands and thanked God for our food. Amen.

Reflecting back on that experience, and now looking forward to the season of Advent, I am reminded of the

need for hope. While in El Salvador I heard many stories of people looking for hope from fellow Christians outside their country, and I also heard stories of people looking for hope and attempting to seek opportunities elsewhere via a caravan. We are all people who are dependent upon hope.



This December, I ask you not only to take a moment and thank God for the little things we take for granted daily like clean water, safety and family, but also to be an agent of hope. More specifically, this year churches in the Metro DC Synod celebrate 25 years of the Gifts of Hope program. Gifts of Hope provides anyone the opportunity to offer a little bit of hope to the ministries and agencies that do so much good and hopeful work both locally and globally. You can stop by the Gifts of Hope table in the narthex on Sunday mornings during Advent or visit www.giftsofhopedc.org.

In closing, I thank God for you. I thank God the story and life of Jesus has touched your heart and inspired you to be an agent of love and hope in the world. Thank you for being that little light wherever you are: home, work, neighborhood, etc. I look forward to celebrating this special time of their year with you and your family.

Peace be with you,

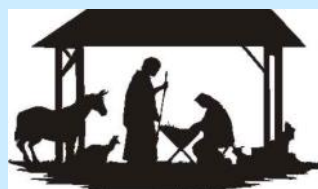
Pastor Mike

Advent and Christmas Eve Worship



December 2	Advent 1
December 9	Advent 2
December 16	Advent 3 (Christmas Pageant)
December 23	Advent 4

December 24 Family service at 4 p.m.
Candlelight service at 7 p.m.
Candlelight service at 9 p.m.



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Council News

If you attended the recent congregational celebration, you know that council has been busy this year tending to:

- personnel matters, with Vice President Lori Wicks leading work to update Holy Trinity's personnel policies and all of the HT employee job descriptions
- property issues, including interior and exterior repair from water damage in the Sunday school supers office (see photos at R).

We are also working to set new goals for the growth and mission of our congregation in the coming year and, as always, welcome any suggestions you may have.

But in the midst of this busy time of year, we encourage you to take advantage of the many opportunities at Holy Trinity to give back—to our church community and to the community where we live and serve our neighbors!

- ◆ Our annual Breakfast with Santa event comes early this year on December 1st, but is always a good way to start the holiday season with Santa, food and fun activities.
- ◆ It will again include an opportunity to purchase gifts for family and friends from Fair Trade Winds, who will have a table set up in the Narthex on December 1 and 2 between 8 am and 1 pm.
- ◆ The Advent Cookie Concert is also coming up soon, at 7 p.m., on December 9th, and cookie bakers are still needed! If you'd rather eat than bake, please join Holy Trinity's talented musicians for a festive concert followed by ALL the cookies.

Opportunities to give to our community also abound!

- ◆ The fifth and sixth grade Sunday school class is collecting new and gently used clothing for Gifts for the Homeless and will deliver them this weekend.
- ◆ The Gifts of Hope table is in the narthex after worship during Advent, staffed by Linda Bathen and Beth Search.
- ◆ And we are once again participating in the FACETS Angel Tree program—to participate, sign up on the poster in the Narthex and take a card from the tree before Wednesday, December 12th.

On behalf of your church council, I wish you a blessed and joyful holiday season!

Mary Minette

Council President



2018-19 CHURCH COUNCIL OFFICERS and MEMBERS

President: Mary Minette
Julie Davis
Scott Sherard

Vice President: Lori Wicks
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Seth Clark

Treasurer: Joe Kile
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Stewardship Note— All contributions for the year 2018 **MUST** be received in the church office or, if mailed, **must be postmarked by December 31, 2018.**

All contributions received after this date, even if the check is dated in 2018, will be recorded as received in 2019.



Corey's Corner *by Vicar Corey Bergman*

How does one become a Vicar?



I've been able to tell this story in some places but not in others. I figure wanting to become a Pastor in this day and age isn't the most common of things, so for this newsletter issue, I've decided to tell the brief story of how I felt my

calling, and all the ways it's pulled me to and fro until I ended up among the wonderful people of Holy Trinity.

My call to ministry starts what feels like a long time ago. I was in 10th grade and had just been confirmed at my home church. I don't know if it was because I wasn't paying attention, or that I just didn't hold onto any of the knowledge passed onto me in my three years in confirmation, but I left the program with so many questions, and like I had missed a lot of the things I just said I believed in. So I joined a mentoring group where High School Youth who had just finished going through confirmation would be partnered with a group of young girls and boys who were just starting their journey. Side note—I attended a very large church growing up that had around 100 youth in confirmation at any given time is my guess. Anyway, I took this as an opportunity to go through confirmation again really, and even though I didn't get any more information from the program, I did learn a lot more about myself and faith in general during the 3 years that I participated in the TIM Team mentoring program. The people I ended up learning from were my fellow TIM Teamers and the youth Pastor who took the time to wrestle and question things with me as we all worked together.

It was because of my involvement in the TIM Team program that, as a high school senior, I was invited to lead an educational session during one of the retreats

the confirmation program went on every year. This one in particular was officially called the "Relationship Retreat", but for the students it was simply the "Sex Retreat". The name came out of the fact that this is the time when the Church talked to its 9th graders about relationships; not only with God but with each other, and sometimes more specifically with people they are attracted to. The session I led was on being in a relationship with your enemy. I took clips from Harry Potter and Draco Malfoy's relationship and related them to Jesus' call to pray for our enemy and turn the other cheek. Nothing all that remarkable happened during my sessions; outside of kids having honest discussion about what this all meant, and how it related to their lives. But as I was leaving the camp to go home on Sunday morning I felt something. I would like to think it was the presence of the spirit, but all I know is that for some reason I didn't want that to be the last time I was in front of people talking about faith; in fact, I was suddenly consumed by the idea that I should be doing this for the rest of my life as my vocation.

Now my idea of what ministry is and what my ministry will look like has changed over the years, but I've never lost that connection to the young man sitting in his car on the way home from camp wanting to work in God's Church. During college, I kept coming back to my home church to work as an intern with youth and lead VBS programs, even though it wouldn't really help me with a career in my poli-sci major. And every year, that summer job would feed my spirit and keep me wanting more; therefore, in my Senior year of college I started applying to Seminaries—and the rest I'll leave for next quarters' newsletter, so stay tuned.

Peace,

Vicar Corey



Join in the fun every Tuesday at 10 a.m., in Rothenberg Hall.—mainly music is a weekly, hour-long program for children (infants, toddlers, Pre-K) and their parents/caregivers that includes 30 minutes of interactive music and play, along with 30 minutes of relaxed fellowship and snacks. mainly music is offered in mini-sessions of 3-5 weeks or full 10-week sessions.

Cost is only \$5 per class and you may pay-as-you-go or purchase a 10-class "punch" card, which allows for flexibility to attend over multiple sessions. Walk-ins are also welcome. **If you have questions or would like more information, contact Vicar Corey at vicarcory@holyltrinityfallschurch.org.**



Invite a Friend

Advent Concert and Cookie Reception Sunday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m.



Invite family members, neighbors and friends to this annual musical treat of seasonal favorites, featuring Holy Trinity's vocal and handbell choirs.

Special musicians, soloists, sing-alongs

Our talented vocal and handbell ensembles under the direction of Joshua Brown and Jeremy Cochran, accompanied by pianist/organist Greg Bloy.

Following the Concert, all are invited to proceed downstairs to Fellowship Hall for our always popular Cookie Reception. This fabulous reception is always a treat, with beautiful holiday décor and dozens and dozens of delicious cookies.

Women of the ELCA Many thanks to all of our volunteer bakers, and our reception hosts, Holy Trinity's Women of the ELCA (HTWELCA).



Donations of cookies are needed and are welcome anytime—up to and on December 9
Please deliver them to the kitchen or contact office@holyltrinityfallschurch.org.

Getting Connected

MEET—LEARN—FELLOWSHIP

Listed below are some of our monthly gatherings. All are welcome to attend.

If you are interested in joining us or have questions, please contact office@holyltrinityfallschurch.org

- ♦ **Needlecrafters—Wednesday, December 12** at 10:00 a.m., in Rothenberg Hall.
- ♦ **OWLS—First Wednesday** at 11:30 a.m., in Fellowship Hall. Fun, food & fellowship and celebration of birthdays!
- ♦ **Men's Breakfast—First Saturday** at 8:30 a.m. Held at a local restaurant near Holy Trinity.
- ♦ **Women's Book Club—First Saturday** at 8:30 a.m. **In December, we are meeting on Saturday, the 8th.** Location varies between Holy Trinity or a member's home. If you are interested in joining us, please contact coordinator Linda Beaty at linda.beaty@writeme.com

Join us Thursday Mornings at Mosaic for Stories and Songs



Parents/caregivers and their children (infant—Pre-K) gather on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m., in the meeting room in the Mosaic District. We sing fun songs, do silly finger plays, read interactive stories and move to music. We end with a prayer and a time for visiting.

The children enjoy being together and having fun while interacting with songs and stories, and so do we!

If you want to join us or are interested in more information, please contact Pastor Mike, Vicar Corey or Karen Davis.



Getting Connected

During our 70th anniversary year, we are featuring Holy Trinity's history by decades.

GROWING AND SERVING: 1960-1980.

In January of 1963, Pastor Yost accepted a call to another mission, and in April of 1963, Reverend William L. Nies was installed as pastor of Holy Trinity. The new (and current) sanctuary was dedicated on February 21, 1965. The large chancel window over the altar, depicting the Holy Trinity, a gift from an anonymous donor, was dedicated in 1965. The clerestory windows, depicting the apostles, were dedicated in 1966. A new pipe organ was dedicated in 1966; funding was available for only one third of the pipes, but ranks of pipes were gradually added until the organ was completed in May, 1982. The hand bell program began in 1975. Holy Trinity's membership grew in the early 60's; in 1964 there were 640 members and four choirs. To help with the growing membership, a Vicar program was initiated in 1967. By 1970 the need for additional staff could not be filled by interns, and Douglas Langholz was installed as Assistant Pastor in September of 1970. In 1969, the Falls Church Community Services Council was started, to help low-income families. It began as a vision of Orville Splitt, a layman at Holy Trinity, and Pastor Nies, who were aware of the needs of the poor and disadvantaged in the Falls Church area. They

believed that churches working together could provide services that otherwise would not be available. In June of 1969 eleven churches responded to that call, and the Falls Church Community Service Council was born. The original program offered emergency transportation, food and housing assistance. This organization continues today to help area residents.

In February 1970 the church experienced a break-in and vandalism resulting in thousands of dollars' worth of damage. Over 54 Holy Trinity members (including current member Genie Davis) donated over 145 hours of their time to help with the clean-up and repair.

In 1971 Holy Trinity held one of its largest Vacation Bible School sessions, with over 400 children attending. In 1972 Holy Trinity sponsored a missionary to New Guinea and in 1973 began sponsorship of Reverend Richard Wangen as missionary in Brazil.

To mark its 25th anniversary, in May of 1974, Holy Trinity held an opening service at Jefferson Theater and a parade from the theater to the church. Sunday School students and other church members carried signs and banners as they marched. In September of that year, as part of the 25th anniversary celebration, a group of 25 Holy Trinity members visited Germany and Switzerland on a Reformation Heritage Tour. In November of 1974 Pastor Nies accepted a call to another church and Pastor Langholz became our Senior Pastor.

HOLY TRINITY 1948-2018

PASTORS

Edward F. Yost; Pastor 1948-1963

William L. Nies; Pastor 1963-1974

Douglas Langholz; Assistant Pastor 1970-1975
Pastor 1975-1980

Stephen DeGweck; Assistant Pastor 1975-1978

Steven Swonger; Assistant Pastor 1978-1982

Larry Shoberg; Interim Pastor 1980-1981

Larry M. Cantu; Pastor 1981-2000

Arnold Holgersen; Associate Pastor 1983-1987

Jason Burns; Youth Pastor 1984-1987

Craig Endicott; Associate Pastor 1988-1998

Ralph Piper; Pastor Emeritus 1990-1998

Jennifer Zima; Assistant Pastor 1998-2002

William Zima; Assistant Pastor 1998-2002

John W. Bengston; Interim Pastor 2001-2002

Brent Thalacker; Interim Pastor 2002

Douglas Ryniewicz; Pastor 2002-2006

Jane Halpern; Associate Pastor 2003-2007
Pastor 2007-2015

Jim Heinemeier; Interim Associate Pastor 2006-2007

Margrethe Kleiber; Assistant Pastor 2008
Associate Pastor 2010-2012

Thomas Montgomery; Interim Pastor 2015

Michael Gutzler; Pastor 2015-present

Krista Vingelis; Pastor of Youth and Family
Ministry 2017-2018

VICARS

Donald McCash 1966-1967

Timothy Nehis 1967-1968

Richard Gilbert 1968-1969

Richard Browder 1969-1970

Kelli Shepard 1993-1994

Tyson Wood 1994-1995

Douglas Ryniewicz 1995-1996

Jeff Lindsay 1997-1998

Scott Seeke 1998-1999

Gerard Johnson 1999-2000

Laura Johnson 2008-2009

Daniel G. Shantu 2009-2010

Suzanne M. Stierwalt 2013-2014

Daniel Rinehart 2016-2017

Cory Bergman 2018-



Getting Connected

From our Knitting Ministry—Now that winter is here, it is time to bring out the knitting needles and crochet hooks while you sit by the fire. Holy Trinity has a knitting and crochet ministry that you can be a part of. Put your skills to use while you enjoy your favorite hobby.

Members of our knitting ministry enjoy making:

- prayer shawls for people with serious illness
- eye cloths for the clinic in El Salvador
- premie hats for the newborns at the hospitals
- scarves and hats for kids at Graham Road School
- baby blankets for baptisms at Holy Trinity



You can join us on the second and fourth Wednesday morning of the month but you can also join in the ministry from home. If you can't be at Holy Trinity for the meetings, you can work at home on a winter evening. Patterns are available in the narthex for several of the projects. Most are very simple and great for a beginner or as a simple carry-along project. We also have yarn that can be used for projects. See Alfie Rulis, Leona Badger or Genie Davis for more information or to answer your questions.

OWLS will meet December 5 for potluck Fellowship Hall at 11:30 a.m.



Bring a friend—after lunch, we will have a Christmas sing-a-long and good conversation. If you have any old greeting cards that you would like to donate to St. Jude's Children's Ranch, bring those along. We will continue to collect them until Leona returns in the spring. They will then be mailed to the Ranch where they will be made into new cards.

From last month's OWLS potluck: Celebrating those with birthdays in November: L-R Jeanette, Jean, Peggy, Genie (seated)



PRAYER CHAIN: Marcia Ihnen
mcihnen@aol.com

To start a request or to be added to the Prayer Chain, please contact Marcia.



SUNSHINE SECRETARY: Sandra Lee
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If you know of someone who is celebrating a special occasion, having health concerns or mourning the loss of a loved one, please contact Sandra.



CANDLE & FLOWER DEDICATIONS: Visit the charts outside the HT nursery and sign up to commemorate a special occasion or to remember a loved one. Suggested donation: \$35 for flowers and \$15 for candles.

Email Me—Are you receiving our weekly electronic announcements? Be sure to stay in the loop on all of the HTLC news. Complete a blue "Email Me" card from the narthex or contact the church office at office@holylrinityfallschurch.org



Getting Connected

Remember to spread the word to everyone you know about our Annual Advent Concert and Cookie Reception on Sunday, December 9. In the Sanctuary, the musical 'magic of the season' starts at 7:00 p.m., featuring our choral and bell choirs and some special guests. Immediately following the concert, Fellowship Hall is transformed into 'cookie heaven'; with beautifully decorated tables piled high with cookies of all types. Thank you to the HT Women of the ELCA for hosting the reception.



Concerts at Holy Trinity—October 27—

Thank you so much to everyone who made it out to the first performance of our 2018-2019 Concert

Series: BBQ and Bluegrass night! We had a great crowd — along with great food, great music, and great fellowship—it doesn't get much better than that!

If you want to learn more about the band, Two Ton Twig, head over to <https://www.twotontwig.com/>.

If you're interested in ordering some of your local pitmaster Karl's delicious grub from Old Dominion BBQ & Bacon Co., make sure to head on over to <https://olddombbq.com/>.

A very special thank you to everyone who helped set up, clean up, and provide the little extras that made an unforgettable dinner for all who came! See you at the next event in our Concerts at Holy Trinity series!



Josh Brown, Director of Music



Josh Brown



WELCOME! Greeter Laura Daugherty



Pulled BBQ Chicken along with delicious sides and desserts!



Concerts at Holy Trinity

*Free Concerts at Your Community Church
All are Welcome!*

BBQ and Bluegrass featuring Two Ton Twig	Saturday, Oct. 27, 2018 BBQ from 6–7:15 pm (limited to first 100 guests) Concert at 7:30 pm
Advent "Cookie" Concert by Holy Trinity Choirs	Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018 7:00 pm
Jazz Coffee House featuring Adrian Duke & Friends	Saturday, Feb. 23, 2019 7:00 pm
Jeremy Filsell, Organist International Concert Artist	Date TBD
Mosaic Harmony Interfaith Community Choir Unifying the World — One Song at a Time	Saturday, June 22, 2019 7:00 pm

For more information, visit
www.holytrinityfallschurch.org/music



Growing in Faith

LEARN—SHARE—GROW

All are welcome to attend.

If you are interested in joining us or have questions, please contact the church office.

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study—8:45 in HT Library—What is the Holy Spirit up to? Study what the Spirit was doing in Acts, and discern what it may be doing today in your life and church. Adult Bible Study, led by Deacon Deb Haynes, requires no prior knowledge – bring your curiosity and get to know the Spirit. **Note: No Bible Study on Sunday, December 30.**



Adult Forum—Sundays at 8:45 a.m., in Rothenberg Hall. All are welcome to join us.

December 9: Choir Director Josh Brown will be joining us to discuss the music program and our ongoing concert series.

Watch the bulletin for weekly topics. Coordinator is Jeffrey Taylor (jfry.taylor@yahoo.com)

Women's Bible Study Groups—Miriam/Lydia meets offsite on the **third Friday** of December for lunch celebration. **Naomi** Circle members will decide their December date and meeting location. Refer to the Sunday bulletin.



Faith Outside the Box will not meet during December. We will meet on Monday, January 28, at 7 p.m., in the Youth/Community Room to discuss "Learning to Speak God from Scratch: Why Sacred Words are Vanishing -- and How We Can Revive Them" by Jonathan Merritt. All are welcome to join us.

RIC News—The Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Committee meets the third Sunday of each month after church in the Youth and Community Room. **Our next meeting will be at 11:30 a.m., on December 16.** Please join us as we explore ways to be more welcoming to members of the LGBT community.



Holy Trinity offers Sunday School for all ages during the Christian education hour

Children aged 7 and under are invited to gather in the Sanctuary with their parents for a musical opening at 8:45 a.m. Following the opening, kids aged 4-7 are encouraged to attend Sunday school class in Fellowship Hall, while younger children and their parents are invited to attend a devotional led by Pastor Mike.

A separate musical opening followed by grade-level Sunday school instruction will begin at 8:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall for youth in 3rd through 6th grade.

A Confirmation class is offered in Fellowship Hall for youth in grades 7 and 8, while High School students enjoy topical discussions in a laid-back atmosphere in the youth room. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Martha Kile or the church office.



ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US ON SUNDAYS

- 8:45 Sunday School (pre K—high school)
Adult Forum
Adult Bible Study
- 10:00 Worship
- 11:15 Coffee Fellowship
- 5:00 Worship at Mosaic (Caboose Commons)



Our Christmas Pageant is Sunday, December 16 at 10 a.m.



Serving Our Neighbor

Graham Road Elementary School—A thank you—from Christine, Graham Road's Science Night Coordinator September 18, 2018

Thank you so much for your support with Graham Road's Family Science Night last night. This was the first time that we've had Family Science Night and it was very successful.

The students and families were highly engaged and that was in thanks to you and your role in it.

Photo: HT member and Graham Road volunteer Wilma Dublin



BUILDING PUENTES (Building Bridges) OUR LATE FALL MISSION INITIATIVE (thru Nov 25)

To assist our brothers and sisters in Puerto Rico as they continue to recover and rebuild from last year's devastating hurricane, Holy Trinity—through the D. C. Metro Synod—is partnering with Santisma Trinidad to provide sports equipment for their youth program.



Pastor Mike and Vicar Corey set up a wish list display in the sanctuary with a card for each item requested.

Holy Trinity parishioners answered the call and all of the cards were taken and every item was purchased.

We thank Pr. Leila Ortiz (from the D.C. Metro Synod) for personally taking some of our donations to Puerto Rico.

On Wednesday, November 28, Pastor Mike mailed the remaining items (3 large boxes) to Santisma Trinidad.



HELPING ONE ANOTHER



A few of the ways that our Sunday School classes are helping to Serve Our Neighbors:

- Winter clothing donations for the D. C. area homeless
- For Lutheran World Relief, filling 'flood buckets' with supplies to assist those impacted by natural disasters

Our Members Are in the News—check it out on our bulletin board in the narthex

- ◆ **Leona Badger** is featured for her volunteer work at the Knox Food Pantry [FCS Annual Fall 2018 Newsletter]
- ◆ **Deb Haynes** is featured as Lamb Center Assistant Director of Case Management [Lamb Center Newsletter, *Hope & A Future* (Thanksgiving 2018)]





Serving Our Neighbor

Congratulations to Pastor Krista Vingelis on officially receiving a call. Here is a note from Pastor Krista:

"Please thank the Holy Trinity congregation on my behalf for their generosity, support and love. Please share with them that on September 16th the people of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church in Lovettsville, VA, voted to call me as their pastor and I accepted. I will be starting on October 1st and am working out the details of my installation service. I hope that anyone able to join us would come celebrate with us. I will be helping them to redevelop their children's ministry, expand their community outreach and provide leadership in preaching and worship. In all avenues, being able to incorporate the arts is something we both look forward to."

NOTE: Pastor Krista was officially installed on Sunday, November 4.

The members of Holy Trinity wish Pastor Krista the best in her new parish.



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Lovettsville, VA 20180



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

**From Gracia Luoma-Overstreet—
Young Adults in Global Mission**

Dear friends and family,

Thank you so much for your ongoing support. My second newsletter talks a little bit about my typical day here and the work I do! There will be times when there is no blog—I will be without wifi when I travel to in Uruguay. However, my blog is linked below if you're interested in keeping up with some of my adventures (my blog is different from my newsletters). <https://graciayagm.wordpress.com/>

Abrazos, Gracia Luoma-Overstreet

Thankoffering Sunday was November 18
and, thanks to your generosity,
we received over \$800!
Thanks from the Women of the ELCA!

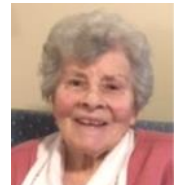


FACETS Thanksgiving Donations
This year we provided grocery gift
cards for FACETS' clients.
Thank you for your support!

Milestones

New members—The following were welcomed on October 28 into the Holy Trinity community of faith: Solomon Muin, Garmai Jarry and Jireh Muin; David, Ellis, David and Christopher Popelier; Kimberly Boeckman and Christopher Silvia; Travis Reznik and Lisa Taylor

In Memoriam—Long time HT member Ann Elmquist passed away on Thursday, November 8, at Goodwin House in Alexandria. A memorial service was held on November 17 at Goodwin House and burial will be at a later date in Lonsdale, MN. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church or Goodwin House Alexandria (4800 Fillmore Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22311).



Jerry Artman, Dave Badger, Gerald Barney, Christina Bertrand, Derek Daniels, Rorik Ebbesen, Grace Froemling, Lawson Gutzler, Sarah Haynes, Theresa Hoyt, Amy Loar, Helen Myhre, Rob Nichols, Donald Pavlet, David Popelier, Rob Young



Ray & Phoebe Meyer
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Please note: The church office will be closed for Christmas on Tuesday, December 25 and Wednesday, December 26. We are also closed on New Year's Day, January 1.



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A Reconciling in Christ
Congregation



2018-2019 AT A GLANCE

September

3—Labor Day holiday
(Church Office closed)
9—70th Anniversary
10—Council meeting
15—Merrifield Fall Festival

October

6—Octoberfest @ HT
7—Animal Blessing (TBD)
8—Columbus Day holiday
(Church Office closed)
Council meeting
28—Reformation Sunday

November

4—All Saints Day
Daylight Savings ends
12—Church Office closed for
Veteran's Day holiday
12—Council meeting
18—Fall Congregation mtg
22—Thanksgiving Day
26—Christ the King Sunday

December

1—Breakfast with Santa
1,2—Fair Trade Shopping
9—Advent Concert/cookies
10—Council meeting
16—Christmas Pageant
24—Xmas Eve @ 4, 7, 9 p.m.
25—Christmas Day
(Church office closed)
30—Lessons/Carols 10 a.m.

January 2019

1—Church Office closed
7—Council meeting
14—MLK holiday
(Church Office closed)

February

11—Council meeting
19—President's Day holiday
(Church Office closed)
23—Jazz Coffee House

March

2—9 Hypothermia Week
3—Blanket Sunday
6—Ash Wednesday
10—Daylight Savings begins
11—Council meeting

April

8—Council meeting
14—Palm Sunday
18—Maundy Thursday
19—Good Friday
21—Easter Sunday
22—Church Office closed
26-28—WELCA Retreat

May

5—Youth Sunday
12—Mothers Day
13 Council meeting
19—Music Sunday
27—Memorial Day Holiday
(Church Office closed)

June

July

4—Independence Day
holiday (office closed)

August