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Trinity Messenger

December 2022 Issue 3

*I am sending my messenger before you, who will prepare your way before you.. Matt.
11:10*

Congregation Meeting Report

At the annual congregational meeting December 4:

- Elected Christy Boos to a second term on the Congregation Council
 - Elected John Fuehrer, Lisa Garrett, Bill Spitzer, and John Weiss to first terms on the Congregation Council
 - Elected Peggy Dean and Norm Wangman as the congregation's 2023 voting members to the conference and synod assemblies
 - Approved the recommended change to the congregation Constitution permitting electronic congregational meetings if in-person meetings cannot be held
 - Approved the proposed 2023 Ministry Support Plan of \$382,522.00
 - Expressed thanks and appreciation to Natale Benigno, Michelle Cable, and Tina Morgan who are concluding terms on the Congregation Council
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This Week At Holy Trinity: December 11-17

Sunday, December 11	
Advent 3	
9:00am	Sunday Worship
10:00am	Adult Forum
10:00am	Coffee Hour After Worship
11:00am	Adult Lunch Bunch
Monday, December 12	
10:00am	Women's Prayer Group
6:30pm	Yoga
Tuesday, December 13	
3:30pm	Trini Mini
7:00pm	Bell Choir
Wednesday, December 14	
6:00pm	Bell Ensemble
6:30pm	Mazon: Middle & High School
6:45pm	Senior Choir Rehearsal
7:30pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday, December 15	
3:30pm	Trini Mini
7:00pm	Yoga
7:00pm	Thursday Worship
Saturday, December 17	
7:30am	Walking Group

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Office Hours: Dec. 12-16

We recommend you call the office prior to stopping in to ensure hours have not changed.

Day	Sue	Pastor
Monday	8:00AM- 4:00PM	9:00AM- 12:30PM
Tuesday	8:00AM- 4:00PM	9:00AM- 12:30PM
Wednesday	8:00AM- 4:00PM	9:00AM - 12:00PM
Thursday	OFF	9:00AM- 12:30PM
Friday	8:00AM-Noon	OFF



Watching or Listening to Worship Services

To watch live:

Go to

<https://holytrinitylutheranchurchephreatapa.sermon.net/main>

click on *Now Playing*

click on *Tune in Live*

To watch a recording of the service:

click on *Now Playing*

click on *Play Video*

To Listen Live on a telephone:

call (717) 733-4134

Once the church message begins dial 7001. If that does not work, try 7001#.

Call five minutes before the service begins and wait.

Please remember to mute your phone during the service or remain silent during the service.

NOTE: We will be live streaming the Wednesday Advent Evening Prayer services.



ELM Homeless Support Initiative

As usual, when asked to step up, the members of Holy Trinity responded in caring and giving fashion. The ELM initiative to provide underwear and socks to the homeless who are taking advantage of the showers provided by Refresh Lancaster has been a huge success . . . so successful, in fact, that the folks from Refresh Lancaster are now telling us that the need for underwear and socks is no longer as urgent as the need for thermal wear. The box marked ELM will remain in the back of the church, and while we'll still accept donations of underwear and/or socks, any donation for warm clothing as we approach the colder weather will be greatly



We invite everyone to join us Sunday, December 18 to go **Christmas caroling** to some of our shut-ins (as time permits). We will gather in the social hall at 1:00PM.

Special Advent sessions for Tuesday Mazon

(preschool and elementary ages) will be held Tuesdays December 6 & 13 from 6:00-6:45 Pm upstairs in Donna's classroom.

Reminder
Advent Evening Prayer begins Nov. 30 @ 7:30PM

Deadline for 2022 Contributions
All in-person or mailed contributions intended for 2022 records must be **received** by December 25. Online contributions will be credited if received by December 31.



Notes of THANKS

As we both go through significant medical issues, we want to thank our Holy Trinity family for encouraging and supporting us. The many cards are appreciated, and the prayers are felt. We also appreciate the visits by Donna, and communications from the Pastor. The road ahead is still long, but we believe we are pointed in a good direction, and that God will help us through these challenging medical issues.

Carl & Sue Rentschler

My sincere thanks and appreciation to all who continue to remember me with cards and notes. To the youth group for their words of love and encouragement and to Donna and Pastor Mark for visits and communion. I feel truly blessed!!

Kathryn Sweigart

Dear Holy Trinity,

We are so grateful to the congregation of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church for supporting Milagro House. The recent gift of \$1,302.37 will go far in supporting our mission to provide education, housing and support to women and their children who would otherwise be experiencing homelessness. The mothers who come through our doors have made a commitment to improve their lives and build a brighter future for their families through education. With your support they are able to focus on meeting their educational goals, while living in the safe and supportive environment found at Milagro House. We simply would not be able to serve women and children of Milagro House, or impact their lives so significantly without the generosity of our supporters. We are extremely grateful. With gratitude,

Kristy Gismot, Director of Funding and Sustainability



November 6th Stewardship Brunch
Over 55 people attended!



November 27th Adult Forum to review
the 2023 Ministry Support Plan and
discuss "What should happen next?"



Our hearts are full as our younger
Mazon class gathered Tuesday
December 6 for a lesson about St.
Nicholas. Donna gave the kids an
assignment - do one kind thing for
someone today. Let's all be sure to do
that homework!



December 4 Cookie Exchange and
Game Day with almost 20 attendees
and a dozen different cookies shared in
fellowship

Looking for more information not included in this week's newsletter?
Be sure to checkout our website!

Thanks for reading! Have a great week ahead!

