



# The Trinitarian

*Trinity welcomes all to a community in Christ;  
serving others, growing in faith,  
living in hope, and reaching out in love.*

January 2018

## **Boundaries Rearranged: A Reflection on Epiphany (January 6)**

A collision is taking place in the story of the magi coming to offer their gifts to Jesus. It is a collision we know well. It is the collision between outsiders who have something to gain and tight-fisted insiders who feel as though they have something to lose.

Have you ever noticed the contrast between the magi and Herod? The magi travel from afar to open their treasure chests, and presumably their hearts, to this new Christ. Herod's heart lurches and clenches and he has a tight-fisted temper tantrum at the prospect of sharing his power with anyone new, let alone some infant sought by strange astrologers!

Epiphany is about worlds colliding and boundaries being rearranged so that people who otherwise have nothing in common become one body. Many a Lutheran church sign reads, "All are welcome." Conceivably, "all" includes magi from the east, shepherds, Herod, young parents, newborn babies—you name it.

"All are welcome" sounds great, unless you're Herod. Unless you have something to lose by making room; unless the arrival of new folks, new traditions, or newness in general might mean that you have to share your power, your privilege, and your status.

Epiphany reveals two truths. The first is that God really means business when God says that all are welcome. God is all about a manger scene that's full of unlikely characters, full of unsuspecting worlds colliding and becoming the community of God. The second truth is that while God brings outsiders in, Herod stands in like a placeholder for all of us, revealing our propensity to become tight-fisted, selfish, and hostile when our privilege or status is challenged.

Luckily for us, God goes ahead and makes room for the outsider despite our protest.

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## **Mar-Lu-Ridge Summer Camp 2019 "Transformed Community!"**

Mar-Lu-Ridge (MLR) offers residential programming for ages 6-17, as well as Day camp for ages 6-10. The camp is ACA accredited, and the staff is faith-filled and enthusiastic. MLR offers traditional and specialty camps to meet all interests. Open House dates: March 17 & May 19. Join us as we explore what it means to be "Transformed Community!" Romans 12:2

Contact Mar-Lu-Ridge with questions:  
mlr@mar-lu-ridge.org 800.238.9974

**It's time to De-decorate!**

**All are welcome.**

**Saturday, January 12, 10:00 am**

Please join us to move from Christmas to Epiphany!

## **Congregation Council Highlights**

**December 11, 2018**

- Trinity's overall financial status appears very sound, and better than many others according to Pr Kern.
- Church Building Use agreements are being reviewed by the Council, Council President, and Pastor Kern.
- Ongoing church office technology needs are also under consideration.
- Last year's flood damage repairs should be completed soon. Tile work is finished and looks very good. All expenses appear to be covered.



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## COFFEE HOUR NEWS

We considered making coffee hour "coffee only" for a few months to give the regular coffee hour hosts a break, but after our congregational meeting several people told me they would volunteer for coffee hour and another committed to hosting once a month so let's keep our wonderful tradition going. Coffee hour is a very important part of our hospitality ministry, a time for fellowship, and for greeting friends and visitors. Whatever you choose to serve when you host is entirely up to you. We'll be happy to help new volunteers learn how everything works and where our supplies are kept. Maybe you would like to partner with a "veteran" for a few Sundays.

We are going to have potluck coffee hour on the first Sunday of each month. We still need hosts to make and serve the coffee, but hopefully many of you will bring coffee hour items and help with the serving and clean-up. We hope to involve more people with coffee hour and participating in the potluck Sundays will give everyone an opportunity. A-L one month and M-Z the next, starting on January 6. There is a sign-up sheet on the coffee hour table or give me a call or send an email to sign up or for any questions.

Thanks and Happy New Year!

Lynn B  
Parish Life Team

## Rides to Church

Have you missed Trinity events because you lacked transportation? Trinity has missed you too and the following members of the congregation would like to provide you with a ride to Trinity events:



- 20886 Carol B
- 20850 Marilyn C
- 20850 Margaret F
- 20854 Peggy & Dick J
- 20854 Miriam M
- 20853 Nancy N

Zip codes are provided to aid in finding a driver close to you. Do not hesitate to call. If you would like volunteer to drive, call Dick J.

## How can I support a good mission?

### Nominate it for a Trinity Mission Endowment Award!



The Mission Endowment Committee looks to the congregation for recommendations of organizations to receive awards in spring 2019. Each year the Mission Endowment Fund generates income, which is used to enhance the mission outreach of Trinity apart from the operating budget. By sustaining the annual awards, the fund is a gift that keeps on giving!

Mission Endowment Fund awards are made in three categories:

1. Special (non-budgeted) projects of Trinity Lutheran Church – our congregation
2. Special ministries in the community
3. Special benevolence – supporting mission of the church beyond our congregation

Submit nominees to the church office (office@trinityelca.org), or place this form in the offering plate, or return it to the church office. Nominations are due by January 27.

I nominate: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Annual Reports Due January 15



Committee Chairs, Choir Directors, Church Officers, Youth Leaders, Financial Reports. The deadline for your Annual Report to the congregation is due in the church office on January 15. Thank you for your prompt response.

## Men's Group

The January meeting of Trinity Men's Group will be held Wednesday, January 9, at Dick J's house starting at 1 p.m.



Please let Dick know if you are planning to attend.

# YOUTH NEWS

## Super Bowl Sub Sale Sunday, Feb 3

\$7.00 each. Order your fresh made subs!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Total # subs ordered \_\_\_\_\_

Pick up after: (check one) \_\_\_\_\_ 8:15 service  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday School \_\_\_\_\_ 10:45 service

Condiments	Turkey			Ham			BLT		
# of subs									
Mayonnaise									
Oil									
Mustard									
Chipotle Mayo									
Cheddar									
Swiss									
Provolone									
Tomato									
Onion									
Pickles									
Lettuce									
<b>Buffalo Wings</b>	<b>Dressing choices:</b>								
<input type="checkbox"/> 6 (\$4) <input type="checkbox"/> 12 (\$8)	<input type="checkbox"/> ranch <input type="checkbox"/> bleu cheese								
<b>Salad</b> <input type="checkbox"/> (\$7.00)	<b>Dressing choices:</b>								
	<input type="checkbox"/> bleu cheese <input type="checkbox"/> caesar								
	<input type="checkbox"/> balsamic vinaigrette <input type="checkbox"/> ranch								

**Please place completed order form in offering plate.  
 Proceeds help send Trinity youth to the  
 2019 Youth Mission Trip.**

**Jr. Youth Group (Grades 1-5) - January 5** - We will meet for some fun and games from 1-3 pm. Please let Anita know if you will be there!

**High School Gathering (Grades 9-12) - January 6** - We will gather for some video game fun from 3-6 pm in the youth room.

**Youth Group - (Grades 6-12) – January 13** - Emmanuel Bethesda is coming over to Trinity for a friendly game of Capture the Flag! We will gather at 6 pm for dinner, and we will finish up at 8 pm. Please let Anita know if you will be playing!

## Youth Group, Looking Ahead ...

- Jr. Youth Group – February 9
- Youth Group – February 10
- Youth at Bethesda Health and Rehab – February 17
- Kids Morning Out – February 23
- Cook-off – February 24
- Tilden Project – March 1

### BIGGER Than a Building! (2015-2018)

As of **December 23**, the amount received for the original BTAB! Mission Appeal is **\$461,228.12**. We are around \$18,000 short of the pledged amount. Have you fulfilled your pledge for the original BTAB! Mission Appeal? This appeal runs from 2015-2018, so there's only a few more weeks left! Please make sure you fulfill your total 3-year pledge amount by the end of December. Thank you.

### Pledges and Gifts

For the 2019 Living in Grace and Gratitude annual Stewardship Appeal, as of **December 20**, 44 family units have pledged \$186,636, and 48 adults and 10 youth have turned in their Time & Talent forms. If you have not yet pledged, Pledge Cards and Time & Talent Forms are available in the church office or from ushers on Sunday. Completed cards and forms may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office, Attn: Financial Secretary. Thank you.



As of **December 16**, for the new 3-year **BIGGER Than A Building! 2 (BTAB! 2) Mission Appeal (2019-2021)**, 32 family units have pledged \$272,020. We need everyone's pledge to meet our goal of \$350,000 to pay off our mortgage for the new building and refurbishments to Trinity. Pledge cards and envelopes are available from the ushers. If you have not yet pledged, place your pledge card in the offering, or mail it to the church, Attn: Financial Secretary. Thank you.





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## January Highlights

- January 1 Church Office Closed
- January 5 Jr. Youth Group Gathering
- January 6 High School Youth Group Gathering
- January 12 Church De-Decorating
- January 15 Annual Reports Deadline





**Every Sunday: Child Care 8:00 am -- 12:15 pm**

**Fellowship/Coffee Hour after each service**

**1st Sunday of every month is ELCA HUNGER Offering Sunday**

# January 2019

## Outreach - Ecumenism

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																	
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		Jan 6 – Epiphany	Jan 13 – Baptism of Our Lord	Jan 20 – Epiphany 2C	Jan 27 – Epiphany 3C
<b>Acolyte</b>	8:15 10:45	Matthew B Colin G	TBD Anjali A	Matthew B Vincent M	TBD Anusha A
<b>Assist. Min.</b>	8:15 10:45	Nancy N Miriam M	Jonah W Nalini A	John B Jim K	Jerry B Leslie C
<b>Children's Church</b>	8:15 10:45	Margaret F Nicholas C	Anita S Jane R	Anita S Anita S	Margaret F David C
<b>Greeters</b>	8:15 10:45	Donna & Steve S Matthew & Tamara C	Jane R, Eric S Trevor H	Keith & Lily C Diana M	Dan & Rob S Susan S
<b>Lector</b>	8:15 10:45	Sarah M Leslie C	Nancy N Nicholas C	John B Greg F	Jerry B Sarah G
<b>Ushers</b>	8:15 10:45	Ross A, Mike J David C, Henry C	Thor & Nancy N Paul D, Robert P	Steve & Donna S Margaret & Greg F	Ross A, Mike J Rich G, Patricia S
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	8:15 10:45	Keith & Lily C TBD	TBD Christine B	TBD	Margaret F Lynn & Bud B
<b>Altar Custodians</b>	8:15 10:45	Noralynd Patricia S			
<b>Tellers</b>		Lynn & Bud B	Greg & Margaret F	Annie A, Mina	Thor N, Diana M
<b>Bulletin Assembly (Prior Thurs)</b>		Noralynd	Dick J	Diana M	Diana B

## Remember in Your Prayers

### .. the church

#### our synod & bishops

Bishops Elizabeth Eaton & Richard Graham

#### our missionaries

Stephen Deal & Marta Giron, Cent. America

#### our congregation

Trinity Church

### ... the nations

Afghanistan, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Indonesia, Korea, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Liberia, Libya, Mexico, Myanmar, Namibia, Palestine, Somalia, Spain/Cataluña, Sudan, Syria, Ukraine, United States, Venezuela, Yemen, Zimbabwe

### ... the sick and suffering

#### nursing/rehabilitation center

Philip T, *Manor Care Potomac*

John W, *Sunrise of Rockville*

#### home

Diana B      Jean B      Tigist G

Susan K      James T      Chris T

James V      Margo W

#### family and friends\*

Kim D and family, *friend of Sunhee P*

Diane M, *friend of Margaret F*

Debra P, *sister of Thomas K*

Natalie S, *mother of Dan S*

Ruth W, *grandmother of Christine B*

*\*For family and friends, prayer requests will be kept on the list for four weeks. After four weeks, please complete another card.*

## JANUARY

### Birthdays

7 Charles M  
8 Chloe D  
9 Karin H  
11 Alex T  
12 Nancy M  
14 Laurel C  
15 Keith C  
Elizabeth W  
16 Nalini A  
Carol H  
17 Brian L  
Leander R  
21 Kirsten M  
24 Robyn K  
26 Cavin N  
27 Lee Ann W  
28 Linda H  
Topher S  
29 Martha R  
31 Jim L  
Anita S

### Baptismal Days

1 Robert C  
1 Paul D  
Marilyn G  
Rob S  
12 Christine B  
14 Anne D  
17 Jim K  
20 Lois F  
25 Henri H  
Susan S  
27 Angela B

### Wedding Anniversaries

14 Kirsten & David M

### Ordination Anniversary

17 Roger B

