

HOLY TRINITY

Evangelical Lutheran Church

ECHOES NEWSLETTER

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Staff

The Rev. Dr. Dan Selbo,
*Bishop of the North American
Lutheran Church*

Mrs. Jacqueline Smith, *B. Mus.
M. Mus., Director of Music*

Mrs. Deborah Mumford,
Office Administrator

Worship Services

Saturday at 5 p.m.

Sunday at 9 a.m.

*(Sunday Church School
at 10:30 a.m.)*

Holy Communion

Saturday evening, Sunday morning
& Festival Days

*Deadline for submission of material
for the Echoes Newsletter is 9 a.m.
the 15th of each month*

From the Pastor

Dear Ambassadors,

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation . . . Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.” (2 Cor. 5:17-20)

“Happy New Year!” is a phrase that by now, you have said and heard so many times, you might be getting tired of it. “Yea, sure, happy new year,” you might say with a smug, “another new year with COVID and politics, and still no new pastor and . . .

Life can be discouraging, even as we face a new year. Yet, we are people of the New Covenant. We are people of New Life, we are people of the New Creation in Christ. St. Paul is encouraging the people of Corinth to be reconciled in Christ Jesus. That is a good message for us today as we face a new year.

Who knows what the new year will bring? But one thing we can be certain of is that God knows and God will lead us by the Holy Spirit into the life and ministry and mission to which He has called us. We know for certain that God loves us. We just celebrated the greatest God could give: His own Son, Jesus, to be our Savior and Redeemer. Therefore, as St. Paul reminds us, “We are ambassadors for Christ.”

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Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Mission Statement

We proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, making disciples and serving in His name.



Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers have been presented to the Glory of God by the people of Holy Trinity. Altar Flowers must be ordered no later than the Tuesday afternoon preceding the Sunday they are presented. They may be ordered through the Church Office (215-659-2642). You may pay by placing \$20.00 in a small white pew envelope checked, "Altar Flowers." If you know it, indicate your envelope number.

From the Pastor

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No matter what happens, no matter what comes, we are a New Creation in Christ. We have Good News to proclaim and live. We are sent for a purpose: to show and speak of and share the Love of Christ. We have the Holy Spirit and the reconciliation to God in Christ. In this new year ahead of us, let us live, proclaim, and demonstrate the love of Jesus in our homes, our neighborhoods, our workplaces and schools.

As a congregation, when we live in love and forgiveness, and peace with each other, we will share that reconciling love of Christ. To do that, we must be constantly meeting together for worship and Bible Study and serving in the Name of Jesus. Do not neglect your participation in the ministry of the Gospel at Holy Trinity. Continue to support this congregation with your offerings, your prayers, your support, and your presence. We can only live that New Creation as we are constantly fed with God's Word and Sacraments along with the others of the Body of Christ.

We have been abundantly blessed. Let us share those blessings as we live together in this new year in the reconciling love of Christ.

In Christ,

Pastor Larry Guenzel





Healing Prayer Ministry

Prayer cards are available in a basket on the Altar in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd. Fill out your prayer requests and members of the Healing Prayer Ministry will pray for your needs. If you leave your contact information, a team member will contact you.



† Women's Prayer Group

The Holy Trinity
Women's Prayer Group
the **3rd Monday**
of each month.

We gather at **7:30 pm**
in the room over
Rosemary Hinkle's garage.
(See church directory for
phone # and address)
This space offers privacy.
Coffee, tea, and dessert
are served!

Every woman is welcome,
come as you are able.
Questions contact Rosemary
@

Rosemaryhinkle@comcast.net

2022 Schedule

Resumes Jan. 17, 2022

Feb. 21 March 21

April 18 May 16

June 20

Prayer List



One of the beautiful aspects of Christian Fellowship is that we can share one another's concerns through prayer.

Please pray for the following:

Please pray for the following individuals & their families: *(we cannot add last names or initials)* The families of the members Holy Trinity together with those they love, including: Carol, Chris, Didi, Dolores, Ed, Gene, Helen, Jackie, Jen, Linda, Lisa, Nancy, Rich, Ruth, Samantha.

*** We encourage you to bring us your prayer requests for individuals and families in 2022.**

Please pray for the following families:

All of the families of Holy Trinity, together with those they love and pray for; especially we pray for: Ganther, Hamilton, Lusigne, Necker, Panzo, Rush, Shinn, Williams.

Please pray for the following petitions:

That God would bless and protect all members of Holy Trinity, together with those they love and pray for.
That God would guide each of us to grow in grace & that He would please send workers into the Harvest.
For all who are chronically ill and/or shut-in.
For all who struggle with addiction to drugs and alcohol.
For the sick and the grieving.
For all congregations of the NALC.
For all travelers and for the dying.
For the military and their families.
The unemployed, the underemployed & the uninsured, especially those in our own families.
All Caregivers, rescue workers, doctors, nurses, firefighters, EMTs,
For the members of the Mekane Yesus Lutheran Church in Ethiopia, and for the Nifas Silk Congregation.
For our sister congregations: Nifas Silk in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and First Lutheran in Kirkland Illinois.
For all Christians who are being persecuted for the faith throughout the world.
For the victims of rains, wildfires, earthquakes and hurricanes and for favorable weather and an abundance of crops.
For all in financial difficulty that they may be totally restored.
For all those suffering from racial injustice, bigotry, and oppression in our nation and in the world.



Our Christian Sympathy to
Georgia, Sarah, John
and the entire Zieger family
on the death of
David Zieger, December 21, 2021
Beloved husband, father, and grandfather.

Psalm 112:6

“For the righteous will never be moved;
they will be remembered forever.”

Memorials have been received



In Memory of...

Paulette Ischinger
Pastor Alvin Shiffer
Mr. and Mrs. Robert & Margaret Stoeffler
Mr. Robert Ronald Stoeffler
Mr. Carl A. Musse
Katherine Cook
Mr. and Mrs. Warren B. & Doris E. Shinn
Mr. Mark Freas
Mr. Paul Hendricks
Mrs. Margaret Phipps
Miss Virginia Gregg
Mrs. Louise R. Shiffer



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP IS AVAILABLE LIVE ON YOUTUBE (TheHTLConline) OR OUR WEBSITE HOLYTRINITY.NET OR OUR FACEBOOK PAGE. JOIN US AT 9 AM.

Treasurer's Report

November 30, 2021 (For the Year 2021)

	Holy Trinity Ministries	Wider Church
Year to date received for current income	\$ 301,867.35	\$ 60,486.33
Carry over from 2020	\$ 10,949.08	\$ 41,199.10
Expenses paid to date	\$ 334,568.72	\$ 56,841.36
Surplus/(Deficit) 2021	(\$ 21,752.29)	\$ 44,844.07

LUTHER QUOTES:

"Lord Jesus, You are my righteousness, I am Your sin. You took on what was mine; yet set on me what was Yours. You became what You were not that I might become what I was not."

"Before every great opportunity God gave me a great trial."

"Prayer is a strong wall and fortress of the church; it is a goodly Christian weapon."

"A Christian is never in a state of completion but always in a process of becoming."

Support Us

Please consider a gift of appreciated securities to Holy Trinity as you do your tax planning for this year. You may direct questions about how to do this to Alan Hinkle @ alanhinkle@comcast.net

Keep in your prayers the following individuals serving in the armed forces:

Christopher Biehl
Michael Boerner
Conor Gowton
Shaun Hall
Eric Henderson
CJ Hess
Nathan Quinlan
Vikas Shah
Jonathan Skilton, MD
Jeremy Zar

Please remember your Church in your will.



NOTES OF THANKS

December 2021



Dear Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church,
Just this month we received another generous gift from your congregation. We deeply thank you for remembering us and for your continued support of our ministry in State College.

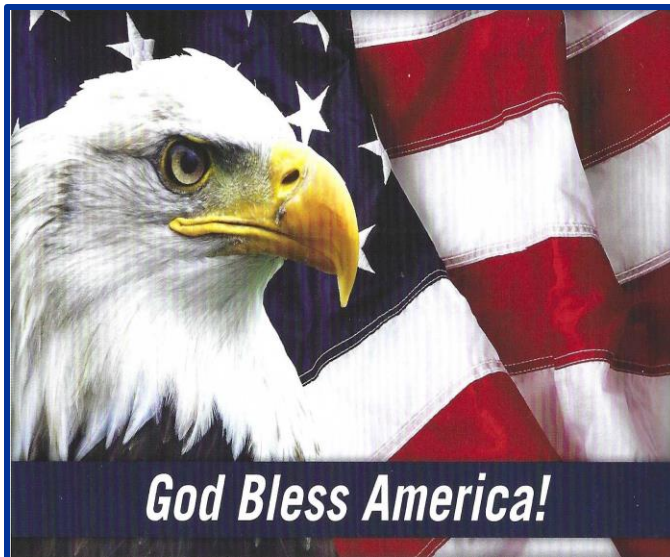
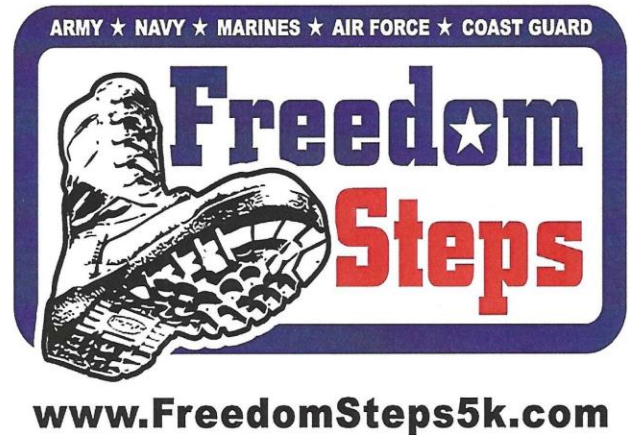
In Christ,
Pastor Logan Wilmoth



Dear Members of the Sewing Group,

Thank you so much for your donations once again to Freedom Steps. Lois, the scarves are wonderful and will be sent out in our next shipment! It is people like all of you that help keep our mission alive. Thank you again. God bless you and have a happy and blessed New Year!

Sincerely,
The Freedom Steps Committee



Dear Wonderful Knitters,

We thank you so much for the Military Prayer Shawls. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and prayers! God bless you and God bless America.

Linda Frezza

Thank You
for your
kindness &
generosity





NOTES OF THANKS (cont...)

Dear Holy Trinity Family,

THANK YOU! We thank you, the brothers and sisters in Christ, at Holy Trinity for your greeting cards, your spoken blessings, and your generous gift to us at Christmas. We have been blessed by our participation in the life and ministry of the Gospel at Holy Trinity. You are a very special congregation, filled with the gifts of the Spirit and the love of Jesus.

Although Larry is stepping down as Interim Pastor, we will continue to be part of this loving parish as members and friends. May God bless you and the mission of Holy Trinity in this new year.

In Christ,

Larry and Ginny Guenzel



Pastor's Retirement

Pastor Guenzel will retire (again) as of January 3, 2022. He was asked to serve as Interim Pastor for six months starting June 15, 2020 but the term stretched out to 18 months.

For the month of January we will have a number of retired pastors serving each weekend as "supply pastors". During the month of January, the Congregation Council, with the guidance of our Central Atlantic Mission Region Dean Dan Schaeffer, will seek either a new Interim Pastor or continue with "supply pastors" until a new pastor is called. If we do not get another Interim, Pastor Guenzel will be leading services one weekend a month.

Please continue to pray for our Council, our Dean, the Call Committee, and our new pastor (known only to God).





NOTES OF THANKS (cont...)



"With joy, you will draw water from the wells of salvation."—Isaiah 12:3

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
2086 Parkview Ave
Abington, PA 19001-1136

Dear Friends,

We are so thankful for your partnership in 2021! You enabled Water Mission to serve more than 1.2 million people with safe water and the hope of God's love. Together, we brought best-in-class safe water, sanitation, and hygiene solutions to our global neighbors in rural communities, refugee settings, and disaster areas.

With your support, lives are being transformed. I'm excited to share the enclosed reports about how the Lord is working mightily in this hurting world through your gifts and prayers. I hope you are encouraged as you read about the impact of your generosity on those in desperate need.

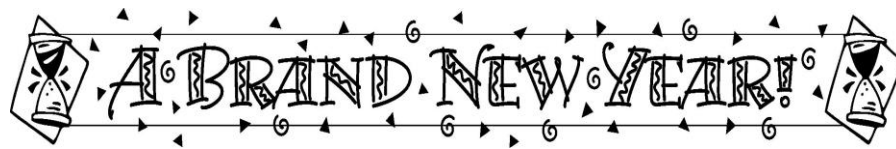
Maria, a grandmother in Honduras, is one of these people. After fleeing hurricanes with her grandkids, she feared COVID-19 and waterborne illnesses in the crowded shelter. Your generosity delivered emergency safe water systems, hygiene kits, and a sense of relief that the family would survive the harrowing ordeal. Your heart for serving others also brought great comfort to thousands of parents like Gladys, a widow in Peru. She and her six young daughters are safer now because they have access to safe water and a home latrine.

On behalf of the hundreds of thousands of men, women, and children that you impacted in 2021 with safe and Living Water, thank you.

Blessings,

Ken Garber
Partnerships Manager
(301) 606-6746
kgarber@watermission.org

*Dear Friends at Holy Trinity,
Thank you for blessing us in this
ministry of bringing safe water and the
hope of Christ to those in great need!
Ken*



Is Just Beginning!

Mark your calendar and be sure to join us

Sunday, January 30, 2022

directly after the service at 10:30 a.m.

for our Annual Congregational Meeting
Items of Business: Reports, Budget, Elections,
Item from the NALC

Now more than ever we invite your participation

Join the conversation- make your voice heard!

Pray about playing an active role
in the life of Holy Trinity in 2022!

- Your Church Council -

AT THE



Annual Meeting

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

The first item of business will be the adoption of Rules of Procedure. This adoption of Rules of Procedure has always been done at the outset of every denominational or synodical convocation (LCA, ELCA, or NALC).

This adoption needs only a simple majority and is done to make the meeting run smoothly. Among other things, The Rules of Procedure say that Holy Trinity's Annual Meeting will be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, that all speeches will be limited to three minutes, and that anyone can present a resolution but that this resolution must be presented in writing to the Committee on Reference and Counsel **by 3:00 p.m.** on the Monday immediately prior the Annual Meeting, **Monday, January 24th**. At the time each resolution is presented to the Annual Meeting, Reference and Counsel will advise the Annual Meeting as to whether or not the resolution should be adopted.

Copies of these Rules of Procedure & Forms for Resolutions are available in the Narthex.



Living Liturgy

The Peace

In the liturgy, the peace is a bridge between the Word and the Sacrament of the Altar. As the *Lutheran Book of Worship notes on the Liturgy* state, “The peace which enables people to live in unity and the spirit of mutual forgiveness comes only from Christ, whose Word has been proclaimed. Without the intention to live in such unity, participation in the sacramental celebration is a mockery. (Mt. 5:23-24; 1 Cor. 11).”

Since the time of the early church, the peace has been shared after the intercessory prayers, before the offering. The peace is thus both a response to the Word which has been proclaimed, and a preparation for the Eucharistic meal which will now be shared. The reconciliation and mutual forgiveness expressed in the peace are vital as we prepare to receive the body and blood of our Lord.

In the Service Book and Hymnal (1958), the sharing of the peace was simply between the pastor and people. The Pastor says: “The peace of the Lord be with you always,” to which the people responded: “and with thy spirit.” This was followed immediately by the Agnus Dei (Lamb of God).

With the LBW (1978), at the time of “The Peace” the rubrics state: “*The ministers and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*” Sharing the peace is therefore not really a time to engage in ordinary conversation and pleasantries – it is a time to extend God’s peace to one another in the name of our Lord. Nor is it a time to walk away from your place in the pew to greet a fellow worshiper across the aisle or several pews in front or behind. It is not to be a disruptive social time of the worship.

Before the pandemic, people were accustomed to shaking hands. The Pandemic put an end to this. Currently, worshipers simply turn to each other and express the peace of the Lord. Many of the folk wave to each other with a smile. These are all appropriate ways of expressing the Peace of the Lord.

As we face the future, we might be sensitive about shaking hands at “the peace” and even after the Divine Service is concluded. Because of this, we might refrain from offering the hand at this time.

As we share the Peace of the Lord with each other in the Divine Service, let us remember that in Christ, we are people of the Peace of the Lord and let us live in peace with our families, our neighbors, co-students and co-workers, as we live out the days of the week ahead of us.

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” John 20:19

**The Social Ministry Committee of
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**



Freedom Steps Collection

If anyone knows of someone in the military deployed overseas
Please have them contact Cindy Biehl at cindybiehl@msn.com
or call (267) 475- 5435 and we will add them to our list.

There is a need for donated FULL SIZE items such as:

- Tooth brushes & toothpaste
 - Shampoo & conditioner
 - Body wash & deodorant
 - Body Lotion
 - Foot & body powder
 - Baby wipes & sunscreen
 - Non-perishable food & snacks
 - Such as Twizzlers, meat sticks, drink mixes,
 - Microwave mac -n- cheese, microwavable meals.
 - In addition, small toys, games & crafts
- as well as books & magazines are always welcome

The cost of shipping packages is anywhere from \$700 - \$1,000
so we are always grateful for monetary donations!



There is a box in the Narthex that is checked before the shipments are made.
We do shipments ever couple of month
So donations & names are always welcome!

*We wish you and your family a Blessed New Year
Remember your Library offers you many
book selections to enrich your spiritual life.*

Your Library Staff

Jeanne, Linda, Noreen, Karen, and Sandy

CHURCH LIBRARY

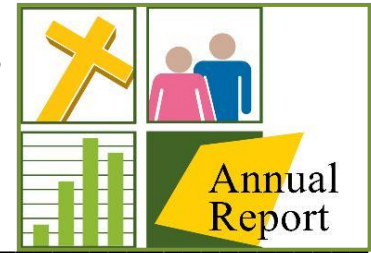
"Love the Lord your God with all your mind."



REMINDER TO

All Committee Chairpersons & Other Group Leaders

Please submit your Annual Reports
to the Church office by
Monday, January 3, 2022



All are welcome to attend the 2022 Budget Meeting

Sunday, January 23rd at 10:30 AM

Q & A with Alan Hinkle, Chairperson of Finance Committee

during Pastor Larry's Fellowship Hall SS Class

Copies of the Annual Report will be available.

**A LOOK
at the
BUDGET**

The Annual Congregational meeting is Sunday, Jan. 30th

Immediately following Worship service at **10:30 am**

There is **NO Sunday School**. Please make every effort

to attend this important meeting. Make your voice heard.



Annual Meeting

Lutheran Church Women's Circle Bible Study



JANUARY CIRCLES

The Weapons We Fight With: Prayer & the Sword of the Spirit

*“Take...the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God.
And pray in the Spirit on all occasions.” (Ephesians 6:17-18)*

In spiritual warfare, Christians are armed not with “the weapons of the world” (2 Corinthians 10:4), but with weapons that God has given us, which have “divine power to demolish strongholds.” Worldly weapons can be unreliable and ineffective, and war can be chaotic, desperate, and in some fights, no one truly wins. Our battles are not the fights of this world. Because we belong to the Lord, we know that we can be strong in the Lord (Ephesians 6:10).

In this session, we’ll look at two powerful weapons God has provided for our victory: prayer and the sword of the Spirit -- the Word of God.

Here are the circle times and dates as well as leader with contact information. Do not hesitate to contact a Circle leader to find out more about an individual Circle.

Ruth Circle – **Sunday, January 9 at 11:30 am** in the SS Peter & Andrew Study
Leader: Katie Beyer (215) 572- 6864 kbeyer0403@gmail.com

Miriam Circle – **Monday, January 10 at 12:30 pm** in the SS Peter & Andrew Study
Leader: Sandy Schmidt (215) 657-5065 sandyschmidt19001@yahoo.com

Eve Circle – **Thursday, January 13 at 7:30 pm** in the SS Peter & Andrew Study
Leader: Sue Tolton (215) 659-7054 suetolton@comcast.net

Hannah Circle – **Sunday, January 16 at 10:30 am** in the SS Peter & Andrew Study
Contact: Deb Mumford (267) 210-1789 debssam@msn.com



Join the Lutheran Church Women on our Annual Retreat
WHEN: Friday, April 1 through Sunday, April 3, 2022
WHERE: Mother Boniface Spirituality Center
 3501 Solly Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19136
RETREAT LEADER: Dr. Sheryl Vasso
TOPIC: TBA

Dr. Sheryl Vasso was our retreat leader in 2019 and was wonderfully engaging! Dr. Vasso has been associated with Cairn University for 22 years beginning her career there as Director of Student Life, followed by Dean of Students, and now Chair of the Master of Science and Education program which has spread to Germany and Hong Kong.



A graduate of St. Joseph's University with a B.S. and an MAT from the College of New Jersey, Sheryl earned her Doctorate of Education at Immaculata University.

Mark your calendars for April 1 - 3 and join us for the entire weekend or just for the day whatever works for your schedule - we are flexible and would love for you to join us!

Giant Gift Cards – A great way to shop!

Whether you are purchasing for yourself or as a gift the LCW makes it easy and convenient!

Plus our program is a wonderful fundraising tool as the LCW receives a 5% cash back for each card sold!

This money goes to our scholarship fund which is utilized to offset the cost of any LCW related function for any church women who may want to attend but need financial assistance.



See Joy Alderfer for purchase or orders.
(215) 672 - 2042 or email her alderfer42@comcast.net



Youth Group Gathering Sunday, January 16th 5 ~ 7 PM

Let's face it ~ we know, that you know, that we know
There is NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY, JANUARY 17TH

So come hang out, play games, enjoy a meal and help us plan for the upcoming Youth Sunday and other 2022 service projects and a few fun outings together! As always, please invite your friends ~the more the merrier!

Start the New Year with Daily Bible Reading

Start the New Year with the Word of God. We talk a lot about reading the Bible, but how many of us do read the Holy Bible daily? The beginning of the new year is a good time to begin daily Bible Reading. One suggestion is to go to the NALC website for a daily Bible reading at:

<https://thenalc.org/daily-readings-archive/>.

Another website with daily Bible Reading plans is: <https://www.biblegateway.com/reading-plans/>. You can also purchase editions of the Bible that are divided into daily selections of Old Testament, Psalm, Proverbs, and New Testament. This method will get you through the Bible in a year. One of these editions, The One Year Bible ESV Paperback can be found on <https://www.christianbook.com/page/bibles/translations/esv> on Amazon.com. Whatever daily plan you use, get started now. You will be blessed as you read God's Word every day.





January Worship Assistants Schedule



January 2

Usher 3	Acolyte Sherry Breslin	Communion Assistants Eric Gregg, Linda Borkowski
	Crucifer Ken Tredinnick	
Stream Team Charlie Tolton	Lector Sat Karen McGovern	
	Sun Suzanne Brown	

January 9

Usher 4	Acolyte Charlie Tolton	Communion Assistants Frank Ganther, Allan Shikhvarg
	Crucifer Jim Necker	
Stream Team Frank Ganther	Lector- Sat Karen McGovern	
	Sun Nancy Ischinger	

January 16

Usher 5	Acolyte Becca Nilsen	Communion Assistants Tony Quici, Suzanne Brown
	Crucifer Ryan Schied	
Stream Team Rob Ischinger	Lector-Sat Karen McGovern	
	Sun Linda Borkowski	

January 23

Usher 1	Acolyte Michael Mutashobya	Communion Assistants Deb Mumford, Dave Tolton
	Crucifer Matthew Gregg	
Stream Team Ryan Schied	Lector- Sat Karen McGovern	
	Sun Kile Smith	

January 30 **YOUTH SUNDAY**

Usher 2	Acolyte Julia Gregg	Communion Assistants Ryan Schied, Kelly Darreff
	Crucifer Sherri Gregg	
	Lector - Sat Karen McGovern	
Stream Team Charlie Tolton	Sun Matthew Gregg	

If you cannot serve please contact someone on the list for that particular service team and find a replacement.
 If you cannot find a replacement simply contact the office (215) 659-2642 or email Deb at secretary@holyltrinity.net

Called to *Serve*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Special Dates: New Year's Day, Jan. 1, 2022 Epiphany, Jan. 6, 2022 Baptism of our Lord, Jan. 9, 2022 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Jan. 17, 2022						1  5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
2 Christmas 2 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult	3	4	5	6 Epiphany 10:00 Bread of Heaven  7:30 AA	7	8 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
9 Baptism of our Lord 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 11:30 Ruth Circle 	10 12:30 Miriam Circle	11	12	13 10:00 Bread of Heaven 7:30 Eve Circle	14 7:30 AA	15 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
16 Epiphany 2 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 10:30 Hannah Circle 5 - 7 PM Youth Group	17 OFFICE CLOSED MLK Jr. Day 	18 7:00 Evangelism	19	20 10:00 Bread of Heaven 6:30 Handbell Choir	21 7:30 AA	22 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
23 Epiphany 3 9:00 Holy Communion 10:30 Sunday School Pre-K thru Adult 10:30 Budget Meeting In Fellowship Hall	24	25 7:00 Stewardship	26 7:30 Worship & Music meeting	27 10:00 Bread of Heaven 6:30 Handbell Choir	28 7:30 AA	29 5:00 Holy Communion 7:00 AA
30 Epiphany 4 YOUTH SUNDAY No Sunday School Congregational Meeting	31					



"Like the cold of snow in the time of harvest is a faithful messenger to those who send him, for he refreshes the soul of his masters." Proverbs 25:13