

THE BEACON

January 17, 2018

BREAKFAST LECTURE SERIES

A light breakfast is served at 7:00 a.m., followed by the program from 7:15 - 7:45 a.m.
Matins (Morning Prayer) follows at 8:00 a.m.

DOUBT: A Sign of Faith & Life

January 19 - *The Gift of Doubt*
January 26 - *Losing My Faith*

February 2 - *Keeping Faith Awake*
February 9 - *The Idolatry of Certainty*

HOLY TRINITY BLOODMOBILE

Saturday, January 20
12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

The need for blood is very great.

Please make donor reservations online by going to www.RedCrossBlood.org. Enter the Sponsor Code HTLC. Once the site is accessed, set up a brief profile (username, password, etc.). Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email.

COME GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE.

SERVANT OUTREACH PROJECT

Our January outreach project is a canned food drive for the Rivermont Area Emergency Food Pantry. Grocery bags, complete with an attached suggested shopping list, are available in the narthex. We are asked to please fill and return the bags during the month of January. Monetary contributions are also encouraged. Special envelopes are available on the narthex desk.

PASTOR'S INFORMATION CLASS

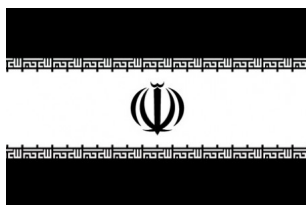
Sunday, January 21, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
in the Parlor

This class is designed for those who would like to learn more about Martin Luther and the Lutheran Church. Join us for an overview of Lutheran Church history, theology, liturgy, the church year, ecclesiology, and life at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Please speak with Pastor Roberts for additional information.



THOMAS MASS

The next *Thomas Mass* will be held Sunday, January 21, at 5:00 p.m. This service of Holy Communion is in the context of a meditative liturgy which has its roots in the Finnish Lutheran tradition. Included in this worship experience is the opportunity for informal movement between various stations for meditation and prayer.



THIRD SUNDAY PROGRAM

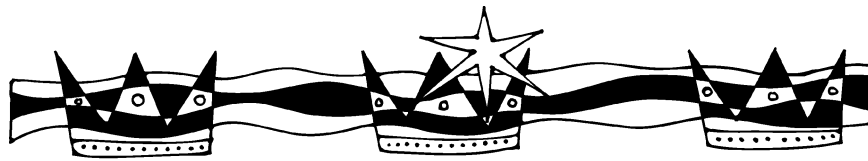
January 21, at 6:00 p.m.

IRAN: PAST AND PRESENT

Guest Speaker: Mitra Nafissian-Rash
Senior Program Officer, Legacy International

Iran, also known as Persia, is the second largest country in the Middle East based on land mass, and is an important participant on the world stage because of its geographical location and geopolitical activities. Our speaker, a native of Persia, will provide some historical context to explain the Iran of today, both internally as well as within the global community.

A light supper will be served at 6:00 p.m., followed by the program at 6:30 p.m.
Please make supper reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall.



Third Sunday After The Epiphany

January 21, 2018

8:30 A.M. - SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

9:30 A.M. - SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL for all ages

ADULT EDUCATION

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Days of Awe and Wonder:
How to Be a Christian in the 21st Century

- Facing Today's Challenges: An Interview
- The Heart and Soul of Christianity

(Parlor)

Leader: Pastor Roberts

FAITH AND BIBLICAL WITNESS

Luther: Gospel, Law, and Reformation



The Captivity of the Sacraments

(Community Room)

Leader: Jürgen Pest

10:30 A.M. - SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lessons: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

The liturgical color for the Sundays after the Epiphany is green. A nursery is provided from 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Ushers: 8:30 a.m., Jim Wiley, Jerry Johnson, David Jones, Wayne Kulm, Paul Ulmer, Tonda Ulmer; 10:30 a.m., Edith Beck, Steve Elam, Eric Kenny, Karen Kenny, Mitch Overstreet, Nancy Overstreet, Susan Royer. **Altar Guild:** Margie Lippard & Norma Glass. **Acolytes:** 8:30 a.m., Lisa Romanzak; 10:30 a.m., Eric Kauppi. **Crucifers:** 8:30 a.m., Lisa Romanzak; 10:30 a.m., Samantha Elam. **Lectors:** 8:30 a.m., Maria Roberts; 10:30 a.m., Bruce Gerlich & Margie Lippard. **Assisting Ministers:** 8:30 a.m., Barb Garman; 10:30 a.m., Mary Ann Lippincott. **Greeters:** 8:30 a.m., Janet Romanzak & David Royer; 10:30 a.m., Cheryl Gerlich & Stacy Cravens. **Communion Assistants:** 8:30 a.m., Paul Ulmer; 10:30 a.m., Marjorie Huiner. **Coffee Hour:** 8:30 a.m., Heather & Bruce Royer; 10:30 a.m., Carla & Joe Fedeler. **Beacon Assistants (January 24):** Marsha Johnson, Harvey Huiner, Anna-Liisa Rosner, Carol Poftak. **Bulletin Folders (January 26):** Jill & Eddie Grubbs.

11:45 A.M. - JUNIOR YOUTH (grades six - eight; at Youth House)

2:00 P.M. - PASTOR'S INFORMATION CLASS

5:00 P.M. - THOMAS MASS

6:00 P.M. - THIRD SUNDAY PROGRAM

THE WEEK OF JANUARY 21 - 27

<u>MONDAY,</u>	10:00 A.M. - STRENGTH AND BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS
	7:00 P.M. - BIBLE STUDY - <i>Star Wars in the First Century: A Study of the Book of Revelation</i>
<u>TUESDAY,</u>	8:00 P.M. - COMPLINE (Prayer at the Close of the Day)
	1:00 P.M. - BIBLE STUDY - <i>Acts</i>
<u>WEDNESDAY,</u>	5:40 P.M. - HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
	12:10 P.M. - SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
	5:30 P.M. - WINTER SEMINAR - <i>Speaking Christian: Redeeming Christian Language</i>
<u>THURSDAY,</u>	7:00 P.M. - ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL
	9:00 A.M. - PARISH NURSE AVAILABLE (until 10:00 a.m.)
	11:00 A.M. - SERMON DISCUSSION GROUP
<u>FRIDAY,</u>	5:30 P.M. - DINNER & HOLY COMMUNION at The Summit
	7:00 A.M. - BREAKFAST LECTURE SERIES - <i>Doubt: A Sign of Faith & Life</i>
	8:00 A.M. - MATINS (Morning Prayer)
	10:00 A.M. - STRENGTH AND BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS
	11:00 A.M. - BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP - <i>"The Soul in Paraphrase:"</i> <i>Some Thoughts on Religion and Poetry</i>
	6:00 P.M. - SENIOR YOUTH LEAVE FOR WINTER CELEBRATION

IN THE CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

Hospitalized and released is **Dot Tester**. . . Congratulations to **Sally Schneider** who was recognized as Preservationist of the Year by the Lynchburg Historical Foundation.

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Our sympathy to her family.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

We are reminded that regular use of offering envelopes assists the financial secretaries with their record keeping. Those who give electronically are reminded of the special offering envelopes throughout the year. All are encouraged to use the \$5.00 initial offering envelope to help defray the cost of the envelopes.

LUTHER HERITAGE TOUR OPEN FOR REGISTRATION

Our Holy Trinity Luther Heritage tour for adults, which will be August 1 - 13, is now open for registration. A deposit of \$250 per person holds your seat. Please see Pastor Roberts for additional details.

CHILDREN'S and YOUTH MINISTRIES THE WEEK OF JANUARY 21 - 27

Sunday, January 21

9:30 a.m. - Sunday Church School (ages three - grade twelve)

11:45 a.m. - Junior Youth (grades six - eight; at Youth House)

*Join us for games and a devotion
on identifying what matters when talking to others.*

Friday, January 26

6:00 p.m. - Senior Youth leave for Virginia Synod's *Winter Celebration*
Meet at Holy Trinity.

HOLY TRINITY HISTORY AVAILABLE

Our newly-published Holy Trinity history is available for \$10 per copy in the church office.

MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION

each Wednesday, from 12:10 - 12:30 p.m.

*Join us for a time of spiritual nourishment as we gather for
quiet reflection, prayer, the Word, and the Meal.*



2018 ALTAR FLOWERS

The 2018 Altar Flower Calendar is now available in the narthex. Flowers are needed **January 28, February 4, 18, and 25**. The cost of altar flowers is \$77 per week for two vases. Payment for altar flowers should be made to *Holy Trinity*. There are no delivery fees or sales tax. Please contact **Susan Barney** (907-1244 or skwbarney@gmail.com) with any altar flower questions you may have.

CANDLE TRIBUTES

The 2018 Candle Calendar is now available in the narthex. The cost is \$20 per week, with checks made payable to *Holy Trinity*. Please note "Candle Fund" on the memo line. Please contact the church office with any questions.

SPEAKING CHRISTIAN: Redeeming Christian Language

by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan

Wednesdays, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall

Explore the "surplus of meaning" behind some of the more important words in the Christian language and how Christian language can be reclaimed, redeemed, and liberated from distorted meanings.

January 24 - *Mercy / Righteousness / Sacrifice*

January 31 - *The Lord's Prayer*

Please make supper reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall.

SERMON DISCUSSION GROUP

Our next sermon discussion group will meet Thursday, January 25, at 11:00 a.m., in the Parlor. We will discuss several previous Sunday sermons, copies of which will be provided in advance. Afterwards, those who desire may bring a bag lunch and enjoy lunch together in the Fellowship Hall. Please make reservations in the narthex by January 21 so that the reading material can be distributed in advance.

TIME TO RENEW KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS FOR FOOD PANTRY

Help feed those who are hungry in our community by enrolling in the Kroger Community Rewards program. If you are **already enrolled** in this program, **Kroger requires that you must RENEW YOUR ENROLLMENT EACH YEAR**. Register your Kroger Plus card number at krogercommunityrewards.com. The NPO number for the Rivermont Area Emergency Food Pantry is 81014. You can also enroll by calling 1-800-576-4377 and select option 3. Use your Kroger Plus card or enter your telephone number on every shopping trip and a percentage of your purchase total goes to support the food pantry.

SINGLES FELLOWSHIP

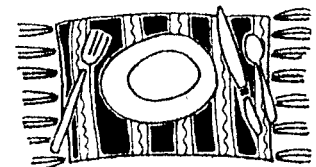
The Holy Trinity Singles Fellowship Group will meet for lunch Sunday, January 28, at 12:00 p.m., at The Depot Grille on the riverfront. Please make reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall.

INTERNATIONAL DINNER

Sunday, January 28, at 6:00 p.m.

Join us for an evening of great congregational fellowship and delicious food!

Dust off the cookbooks and prepare a dish – or purchase prepared food – for this smorgasbord of international cuisines. Participants are asked to bring appetizers, salads, entrees, breads, and desserts representative of other countries. You may also bring beverages of your choice. Punch will be provided.



Please make reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Committee and Task Group chairs are asked to submit their 2017 annual reports to the church office by January 31.

THANK YOU

- Thanks to **Nancy Beasley, Glenn Busch, Don Carter, Harvey Huiner, Sheila Krull, Edie Leamon, Susan Manion, Louise Martin, Mary McCarthy, Karen Pollok, and Lisa Taylor** for assisting in the Food Pantry.
- Thanks to **Dr. Grace Newton** for a very informative presentation in our Parish Nurse Education Program Series.

SOUPEL BOWL LUNCHEON

Sunday, February 4
11:30 a.m.

Our Holy Trinity Youth are sponsoring a luncheon featuring homemade soups and chili. Contributions will be received for the Lutheran World Hunger Appeal on this Super Bowl Sunday as our youth participate in the nationwide *Souper Bowl* hunger service project held each year. Please make reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall or call the church office. A special Lutheran World Hunger Appeal offering envelope is included in our envelope packets.



WORLD HUNGER APPEAL

All are encouraged to make a contribution to the Lutheran World Hunger Appeal in the coming weeks. A special Hunger Appeal envelope is included in our envelope packets for that purpose on February 4 – Souper Bowl Sunday. The Lutheran World Hunger Appeal responds to poverty in the United States and around the world by addressing root causes through relief, development work, education, and advocacy. Approximately 75% of funds are distributed internationally and 25% domestically.

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14



We begin the forty-day penitential season of Lent with the centuries-old traditions of Ash Wednesday. Three worship opportunities are available that day.

12:10 p.m.

Brief Spoken Service of Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes

5:30 p.m.

Brief Spoken Service of Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes

7:00 p.m.

Sung Service of Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes

LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICES EDUCATIONAL EVENT

The Lutheran Family Services Lynchburg Day Support Center, located on Old Forest Road, is having an educational event Friday, February 16, at 2:00 p.m., for Holy Trinity members and friends to learn more about their ministry. The presentation and tour of the facility will be approximately one hour. Please make reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall.

CAROLINE FURNACE LUTHERAN CAMP

Caroline Furnace Lutheran Camp, a Virginia Synod ministry, is now accepting reservations for the summer season. Camping programs are offered for youth in grades one through twelve. Check out the camp schedule and register at www.carolinefurnace.org. An early bird registration discount is available until March 1.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY CAN HOUSE

All are reminded of the Can House, located in the courtyard just outside the Fellowship Hall, where *aluminum* cans may be recycled. Cans are redeemed for money that will be used to construct Habitat for Humanity homes. Please remember that **only aluminum cans** are accepted. Generally, if the can requires a can opener or attracts a magnet, it is not aluminum. We are asked not to put plastic bottles, metal cans, and other non-aluminum recyclables in the bin since this requires additional sorting before the cans are transported for recycling. Thanks for your cooperation.



INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

We are reminded of the following information in the event of inclement winter weather.

- * Please call the church office for the latest schedule information. Any changes or cancellations will be available on the church voice mail system and on the "Weekly Calendar" link at www.holytrinitylynchburg.org.
- * Weekday education activities at Holy Trinity are canceled any day that Lynchburg City Schools are closed because of the weather. Music rehearsals may be held if road conditions improve later in the day. Participants in music groups will be notified if a rehearsal will be held.
- * Sunday cancellations will be determined by 7:00 a.m. that morning. The information will be placed on the church voice mail system, on the "Worship Schedule" link at www.holytrinitylynchburg.org, and communicated to Lynchburg/Roanoke television stations. Please consult the "Closings" listings on the television station web sites for the quickest information.

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