

# ***THE BEACON***

January 15, 2025

## **WELCOME**

We welcomed **Noah Joseph Davis** into our fellowship last Sunday through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Noah is the son of Katie and Graeme Davis.

## **WEDNESDAY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

Our monthly Wednesday Children's Ministry will be held January 15, from 5:30 - 6:45 p.m. A light supper and a variety of learning and creative activities are provided for children from age three through grade five.

## **NEW VIDEO DISCUSSION TO BEGIN**

The Thursday Discussion Group begins the "Living the Questions" series Thursday, January 16, from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., in the Parlor. These presentations feature acclaimed scholars and theologians who strive to create an environment in which participants can interact with one another in exploring what's next for Christianity.



## **HOLY TRINITY BLOODMOBILE**

Saturday, January 18, from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter HTLC to schedule an appointment.

Streamline your donation experience and save time by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](https://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to complete your pre-donation reading and history questions on the day of your appointment.

***Give blood. Help save lives.***

## **INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**

Church Council members and officers for 2025 will be installed Sunday, January 19, during our morning worship services.

## **SERVANT OUTREACH PROJECT**

Our January outreach project is a school supply drive for enCircle's new Lynchburg Minnick School that opened in downtown Lynchburg last August. The enCircle (formerly Lutheran Family Services of Virginia) Minnick Schools help students ages five to twenty-two who have experienced challenges in public schools reach their academic, behavioral, vocational, and developmental goals. Minnick Schools are licensed by the Virginia Department of Education as private day schools and now serve students in the Bristol, Grundy, Harrisonburg, Lynchburg, Roanoke, Wytheville, and Wise regions. The following supplies are needed: pencils, notebooks, crayons, construction paper, inexpensive calculators, glue sticks, hand sanitizer, paper towels, and facial tissues. Please place items in the narthex outreach basket.

## **THOMAS MASS**

Our next *Thomas Mass* will be Sunday, January 19, 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. Join us for this service, especially if work, sports, or travel schedules prevent your participation on Sunday morning.

## **THIRD SUNDAY PROGRAM**

January 19, at 6:00 p.m.

### **Centra Health: An Overview of a Regional Nonprofit Healthcare System**

Guest Speaker: Richard Tugman  
CEO, Centra Health



Centra Health CEO Richard Tugman will share his insights on evolutions in healthcare, the needs and challenges for Central Virginia based on input from patients and other key stakeholders, and how Centra is investing in modernization and improvements to better care for you and your families today, and well into the future.

We will begin with a light supper at 6:00 p.m., followed by the program at 6:30 p.m.

Menu: Asian dinner (alpha gal friendly), rice, salad, beverages, dessert

Please make reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall.



# SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 19, 2025

*The Lessons: Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; I Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11*  
*The liturgical color for the Epiphany season is green.*

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

**9:30 A.M. - SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL**

**ADULT EDUCATION**  
**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**  
(Parlor)

***The Heart of Christianity***

Born Again: A New Heart

**10:30 A.M. - SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION with LIVESTREAM**

**12:00 P.M. - INTERMEDIATE YOUTH** (grades three - five)

**4:00 P.M. - JUNIOR and SENIOR YOUTH** (grades six - twelve)

**5:00 P.M. - THOMAS MASS**

**6:00 P.M. - THIRD SUNDAY PROGRAM**

## THE WEEK OF JANUARY 19 - 25

<u>MONDAY,</u>	9:00 A.M.	- CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED (Martin Luther King Day)
	9:30 A.M.	- STRENGTH AND BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS
	9:30 A.M.	- CHAIR YOGA CLASS
	5:30 P.M.	- SENIOR YOUTH BIBLE STUDY (Youth House)
	7:00 P.M.	- CONNECTING WITH GOD - <i>An Enneagram Study</i> (via Zoom)
<u>TUESDAY,</u>	1:00 P.M.	- BIBLE STUDY - <i>The Gospel According to Luke</i>
	5:40 P.M.	- HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
	7:00 P.M.	- CHURCH COUNCIL
<u>WEDNESDAY,</u>	12:10 P.M.	- SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
	7:00 P.M.	- ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL
<u>THURSDAY,</u>	9:00 A.M.	- PARISH NURSE in office (until 10:00 a.m.)
	11:00 A.M.	- DISCUSSION GROUP - <i>Living the Questions</i>
<u>FRIDAY,</u>	9:00 A.M.	- STRENGTH AND BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS
	9:30 A.M.	- CHAIR YOGA CLASS
	11:00 A.M.	- BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP - <i>Jesus' Alternative Plan</i>
	6:00 P.M.	- YOUTH DEPART FOR WINTER CELEBRATION VIRGINIA SYNOD RETREAT

## IN THE CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

Hospitalized at Lynchburg General are **Carl Saunders, Paul Kluender, and Lisa Mays**. . . .

Our sympathy to **Martha Johnson** on the death of her brother Eric Kjseth.

## LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

Lutheran Disaster Response is working with the Southwest California Synod and Pacifica Synod to assess the needs of people impacted by the California wildfires. Sparked by dry conditions, strong winds, and a limited water supply, these fires have destroyed homes and businesses and have led to injuries and loss of life. Even as these fires still burn, Lutheran Disaster Response is there to support the families and communities that will be rebuilding their lives. In addition to prayers, monetary gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response are used in full (100 percent) to assist those directly impacted by this disaster, addressing immediate needs amid the destruction and assisting with recovery efforts for months and years to come. Please make checks payable to *Holy Trinity Lutheran Church* and indicate "California Wildfires."

## 2024 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Contribution statements for 2024 have been mailed. We are asked to please review the statements for accuracy, contact **Parish Administrator Carol Dee Robertson** with any questions, and file the statements with other financial and tax records. Anyone needing a corrected or replacement statement is asked to contact the church office before January 31.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The 2025 Altar Flower Calendar is available on the hallway bulletin board next to the church office. Flowers are needed for **January 19, January 26, February 2, and February 23**. The cost of altar flowers is \$90 per week for two vases. Payment for altar flowers is requested *before the selected date* and should be made payable to *Holy Trinity*. There are no delivery fees or sales tax. Please contact the church office with any altar flower questions you may have.



## CHILDREN'S and YOUTH MINISTRIES – THE WEEK OF JANUARY 19 - 25

- Sunday, January 19**      9:30 a.m. - Sunday Church School (age three - grade five)  
12:00 p.m. - Intermediate Youth (grades three - five)  
Helping Others  
Meet at the Youth House to work together providing food for the hungry in our community, We'll make our own lunch and have a time for devotions.
- 4:00 p.m. - Junior & Senior Youth (grades six - twelve)  
Join us at the Youth House where we will work on a mission project for those in need.  
We'll also have time for discussion and games.
- Monday, January 20**      5:30 p.m. - Youth Bible Study (grades nine - twelve; at the Youth House)
- Friday, January 24**      6:00 p.m. - Depart for *Winter Celebration* Synod Youth Retreat at Eagle Eyrie (grades nine - twelve; return Sunday at noon)



### YOUTH BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

“Searching...” is a study for teens in grades nine through twelve. We will be looking at the path of Jesus the Christ and what this means in our lives today. Barb Garman and Susan Williams will lead the group on Mondays, beginning January 20, from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the Youth House.

### CANDLE TRIBUTES

The 2025 Candle Calendar is available on the hallway bulletin board next to the church office. Candle sponsors are needed **February 9, March 9, March 16, March 23, and March 30**. The cost is \$20 per week, with checks made payable to *Holy Trinity Lutheran Church*. Please note “Candle Fund” on the memo line. Please contact the church office with any questions.

### 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.

### PASTOR'S INFORMATION CLASS

Sunday, January 26  
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.



### INTERNATIONAL DINNER

Sunday, January 26, 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.



### BRUNSWICK STEW FOR SALE

There is still Holy Trinity Brunswick Stew available. The cost is \$10 per quart. Proceeds support our Program Development Fund. Please pay in the church office.

### ANNUAL REPORTS

Committee and Task Group chairs are asked to submit their 2024 annual reports to the church office by **January 31**.



### CONCERT

Sunday, February 2  
4:00 p.m., in the Nave

#### **The Lighter Side of Bach: *An Evening in the Coffee House***

with strings, flute, and soloists  
featuring

*The Coffee Cantata*

and

*Capriccio on the Departure of the Beloved Brother*

## WORLD HUNGER APPEAL

All are encouraged to make a contribution to the Lutheran World Hunger Appeal in the coming weeks. The 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. Please indicate *World Hunger Appeal* on your check or envelope.

### WINTER SEMINAR - "EMBRACING THE DIVINE FLOW"

Our Fall & Winter Seminar Series resumes Wednesday, February 5, at 5:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. The theme of the video presentations is "Embracing the Divine Flow: Exploring Trinitarian Spirituality" with Richard Rohr. We begin with a light supper at 5:30 p.m., followed by the program at 6:00 p.m. Please make supper reservations in the narthex or Fellowship Hall.

#### February 5

Living In the Divine Flow of the Trinity  
Embracing Our Humanity and Spirituality

#### February 12

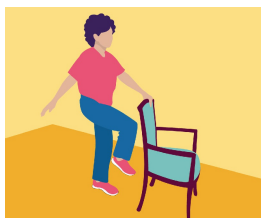
Trinitarian Love and the Transformed Cross  
Embracing the Depth of God's Love and Suffering

### THANK YOU

Thanks to the following **Altar Guild** and **Usher Association** members for removing the Chrismon tree from the nave and storing the Chrismons: **Terri Campbell, Don Carter, Kim Hall, Patty Kauppi, David Jones, Mitch Overstreet, Karen Pollok, Mike Rooney, and Rob Taylor.**

### **KICK OFF A HEALTHY NEW YEAR AND JOIN THE FUN!**

We are currently offering two exercise classes twice weekly on Monday and Friday mornings. Each class is led by Christine Euhus, a registered yoga teacher through Yoga Alliance and an instructor at the YMCA for over ten years.



**Strength and Balance** class meets from 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. and focuses on strengthening the body core and improving balance and overall well-being.

**Chair Yoga** class meets from 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. and focuses on practicing a gentle form of yoga done sitting in a chair or standing using the chair for support. Everyone is welcome, but it is especially appropriate for those with limited mobility. Benefits of yoga include improved flexibility, better concentration, increased strength, and reduced joint pain.

The cost for either Strength and Balance OR Chair Yoga is \$20.00 per month.  
The combined cost for both classes is \$35.00 per month.

Join one or both of these enthusiastic groups and begin improving your strength, balance, and flexibility AND enjoy the fellowship and support of your fellow exercisers!

### HOLY TRINITY OFFICE and STAFF EMAIL ADDRESSES

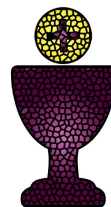
All are asked to **update email address books** and **contact lists** to reflect the following addresses for staff and parish-related inquiries:

office@holytrinitylynchburg.org	-	emails intended for Carol Dee Robertson or for general office and administrative matters
dennis@holytrinitylynchburg.org	-	emails specifically intended for Pastor Roberts
susan@holytrinitylynchburg.org	-	emails intended for Susan Williams and all inquiries regarding youth and children's events
greene1204@comcast.net	-	emails intended for Organist-Choirmaster Bill Greene
luther.church@icloud.com	-	emails intended for Parish Nurse Gail Midkiff

### **MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION**

each Wednesday ✚ 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.***



### 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 at [www.holytrinitylynchburg.org](http://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 shared by email, placed on the church voice mail system, at [www.holytrinitylynchburg.org](http://www.holytrinitylynchburg.org), and communicated to Lynchburg/Roanoke television stations. Please consult the "Closings" listings on the television station web sites.

Ministers: *The People of Holy Trinity*

Organist-Choirmaster: *J. William Greene*  
Parish Nurse: *Gail Midkiff*

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